

## SFA NewsBites

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### **September 20, 2021 - October 18, 2021**

- Dr. Glenda Pereira, has been appointed Assistant Extension Professor, Dairy Specialist with a partial appointment in the School of Food and Agriculture.
- Sue Ishaq will be presenting at the inVIVO Planetary Health virtual conference, Dec 1-7, 2021 (title TBA); the 2nd Rhode Island Microbiome Symposium, University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI, January 14, 2022 "Microbes at the nexus of environmental, biological, and social research"; American Society for Microbiology (ASM) Microbe 2022, Washington, DC (USA), June 9-13, 2022. "Field Work & DEI Part 1: Fostering Equitable Partnerships with the Communities in Your Field Work Location", and a special session on Microbes and Social Equity.
- Mary Ellen Camire, Avinash Patel, Suriya Lakshmi Balasubramaniam, and Balu Nayak publish paper online in Food Hydrocolloids.
- Samuel Akomea-Frempong published a paper with Denise Skonberg (co-author), Jen Perry (corresponding author), and Mary Ellen Camire (co-author) in a special issue of Foods.
- Jim Weber and Anne Lichtenwalner are part of a surgical implant research group at UMaine, and have learned that a Maine orthopedic implant manufacturing company, ALM Ortho, has submitted a proposal to license UMaine's patent on our intellectual property. They are also partnering with this company to co-submit a NIH SBIR proposal that would identify sub-licensees for the technology and fund additional R and D.
- Jade McNamara received an USDA NIFA Farm to School Service Learning Program grant.
- Robert Causey is piloting a research learning experience (RLE) class titled "Greener

Pastures. Practice, Policy, and Perception in Animal Agriculture".

### **Summer 2021 - September 19, 2021**

- Yanyan Li joins SFA as Assistant Professor in Nutritional Biochemistry (August 30, 2021).
- Karen Cliff promoted to Administrative Specialist CL3 in School of Forest Resources (August 14, 2021).
- Susan Sullivan promoted to Associate Dean of Instruction (August 1, 2021).
- Mona Therrien promoted to Associate Director of SFA (August 1, 2021).
- Dorothy Klimis-Zacas re-appointed Section editor of "Genes and cell metabolism" in Current Opinion in Clinical Nutrition and Metabolic Care
- Dorothy Klimis-Zacas and her team, past doctoral students Pangiotis Tsakiroglou and Natalie VandenAkker, have received a Maine Technology Institute Grant, Investment Level II "Wild Blueberry extract(s) promote wound healing: Innovation and development of non-fidelity prototypes".
- Pauline Kamath published 4 papers in the past year.