

THE SFAAS “NEWSREEL”

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In this issue of *Newsreel* we announce the annual winners of the Swingle and Partridge awards. Congratulations to these five students. We wish them well in their studies and careers.

We also announce two new books. Two of our retired faculty members, Jack Snow (deceased) and Ron Phelps published a book on fish hatchery management. Another of our retired faculty members, Greg Whitis, converted Wayne Shell’s history of Auburn fisheries into a hardback version.

What is nearly absent from the *Newsreel* is news from our alumni! Please let us know what is going on. We would love to share it.

Joe Tomasso
Professor & Director (and Newsreel editor!)



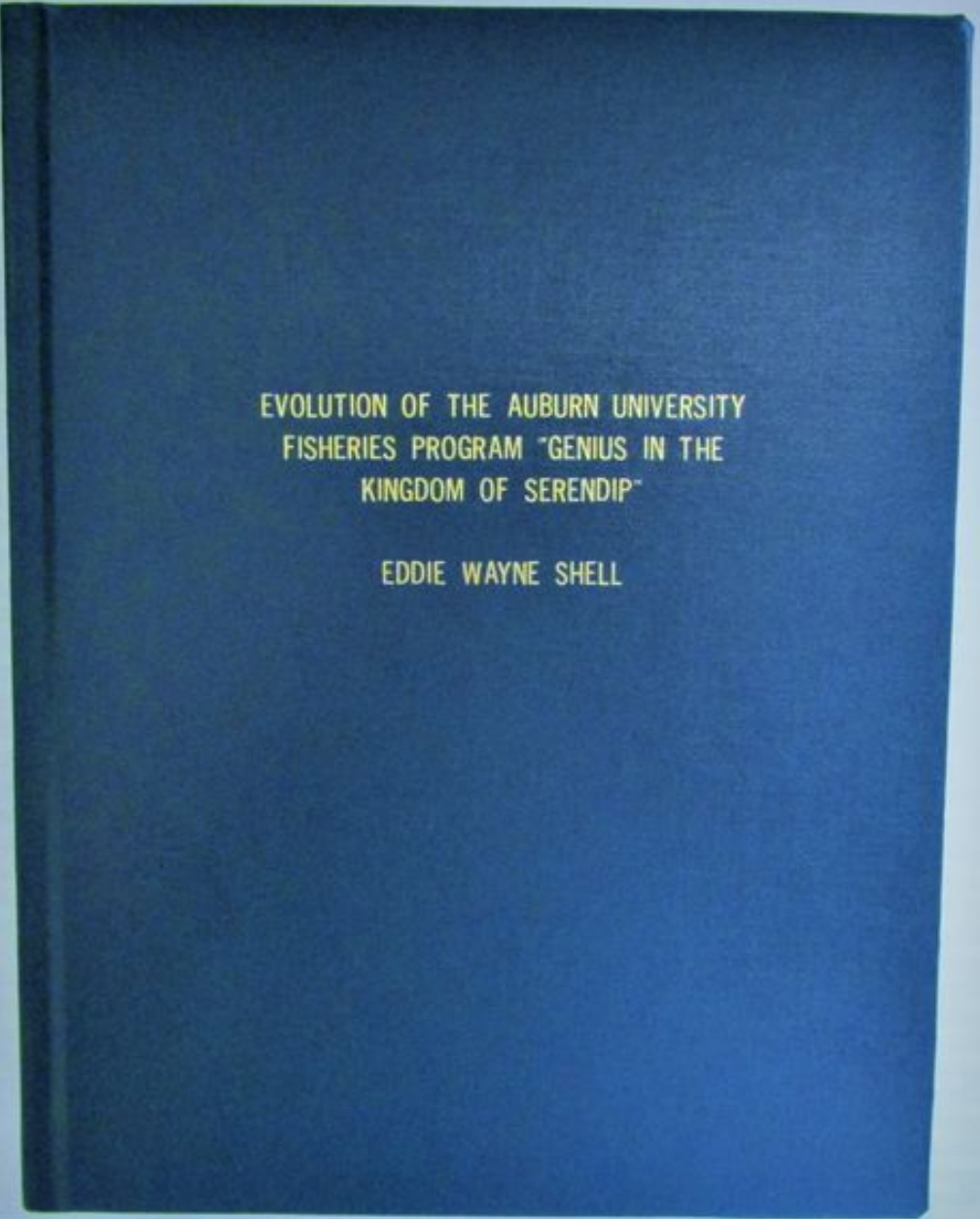
DR. SHELL'S BOOK IS NOW IN HARDCOPY!

Greg Whitis has worked with **EW Shell** to produce a hardback version of **Dr. Shell's** history of the Auburn Fisheries program.

The book is 862 pages in length and features 72 pages of color and black and white photographs. It also includes a complete list of graduates from 1948.

A review copy is in Swingle 203. The book can be ordered from:

Gregorynwhitis.com



EVOLUTION OF THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY
FISHERIES PROGRAM "GENIUS IN THE
KINGDOM OF SERENDIP"
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Practical Hatchery Management of Warmwater Fishes

Jack Snow and Ron Phelps



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NEW BOOK

Jack Snow (retired / deceased) and **Ron Phelps** (retired) recently published ***Practical Hatchery Management of Warmwater Fishes.***

The 402-page book is based on the authors' experiences working worldwide with over thirty species.

The book is on display in the Swingle study lounge. Josh can check it out to anyone wishing to look it over.

<https://fisheries.org/bookstore/all-titles/professional-and-trade/55082c/>

DAVID PARTRIDGE MEMORIAL AWARD



Purpose: To help support MS students studying fisheries that exemplify David (MS '94)

PARTRIDGE AWARD WINNER NATHAN THOMPSON



Nathan Thompson is one of two **Partridge Award** winners this year.

Nathan is an MS student from Montrose, Colorado and currently studying the distribution and abundance of the Tallapoosa Bass in the Tallapoosa Drainage under the supervision of Steve Sammons and Terry Hanson.

He would like to work with native fishes as a state biologist or conservation biologist.



PARTRIDGE AWARD WINNER CHRISTOPHER ROTAR

Christopher Rotar is one of two winners of the **Partridge Award**. He is from Missoula, Montana and holds a BS from Gonzaga University.

Christopher is an MS student in fisheries management under the direction of Dennis DeVries and Rusty Wright.

His career goal is to obtain a research position with a state or federal agency where he can focus on long-term conservation of fishes within native ranges.



HOMER SCOTT SWINGLE MEMORIAL AWARD

***Presented to students
who exhibit academic
excellence, scholarship,
leadership & personal
integrity***



SWINGLE AWARD WINNER – BS LEVEL

Chris Smith is this year's recipient of the **Swingle Award** for BS students.

He is originally in from Dallas, but has made Auburn his adopted home.

Chris recently completed his BS and has started in our MS program working with Rusty Wright and Dennis DeVries (see later slide).

His career goal is to become a biologist in a state or federal agency.

SWINGLE AWARD WINNER – MS LEVEL



Matthew Gladfelter is this year's recipient of the **Swingle Award** for MS students.

He received his BS from the University of Glassboro in his home state of New Jersey.

He is conducting his research in Allen Wilson's lab on *Cyanobacteria*.

His career goal is to complete a PhD and go into academia.

SWINGLE AWARD WINNER – PhD LEVEL



Harsha Sameera Chathuranga Galkanda Arachchige is this year's recipient of the **Swingle Award** for PhD students.

He earned his BS from the University of Ruhuna in his home country of Sri Lanka, and holds a MS from our program.

He is completing his degree in Allen Davis' lab, studying the environmental ion requirements of shrimp.

His career goal is to be a research scientist in the field of aquaculture.



NEW MS STUDENT CHRIS SMITH

Chris Smith has joined Dennis DeVries' and Rusty Wright's labs as a co-advised MS student. He will be working in the broad area of how dams affect fish movement along the Alabama River, with the specific question(s) he will be asking yet to be determined.

Chris just recently received his BS in Fisheries from Auburn, following time spent working in the insurance industry. He received additional valuable experience working on several research projects during his undergraduate work here at Auburn.



NEW MS STUDENT DAVID PARDO

David Pardo has joined Luke Roy's lab at the Alabama Fish Farming Center. His thesis project will focus on shrimp culture in inland low-salinity water. Part of the work will be conducted at Auburn in Allen Davis' lab.

David holds a BS in Veterinary and Animal Husbandry Science from the University of Tolima in Colombia.

In South America, he worked with a number of commercial fish species.

JOURNAL ARTICLES CONTINUE POURING OUT OF SFAAS

The faculty, staff and students continue to publish original research at an impressive rate:

- 2020 — 77 journal articles
- 2019 — 71 journal articles
- 2018 — 78 journal articles



**SWINGLE 216 HAS BEEN
COMPLETELY RENOVATED**

One of the old P&D labs
has been completely
renovated. It will be
assigned to Tham Hoang,
our new toxicologist.

Evan Durland recently accepted a position as a geneticist for Nofima, a semi-private research group in Norway. He and his wife, Ylva, also had a son in May, August Newton Durland.

ALUMNI UPDATE

Evan completed his MS in Allen Davis' lab in 2007.

