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This edition of the *Newsreel* carries the sad news of the passing of Dr. Eddie Wayne Shell, one of the almost-mythical faculty members and leaders of the early days of the Fisheries program at Auburn. He will be missed by all.

We also have news that Renee Beam has decided to retire after a 37 year career at North Auburn. We wish Renee a long and happy retirement.

Last month, *Newsreel*, congratulated several students on completing their graduate degrees. This month, we welcome six new graduate students to the School and wish them well in their studies.

Keep letting us know what is happening.

Joe Tomasso
Professor & Director (and Newsreel editor!)





PASSING

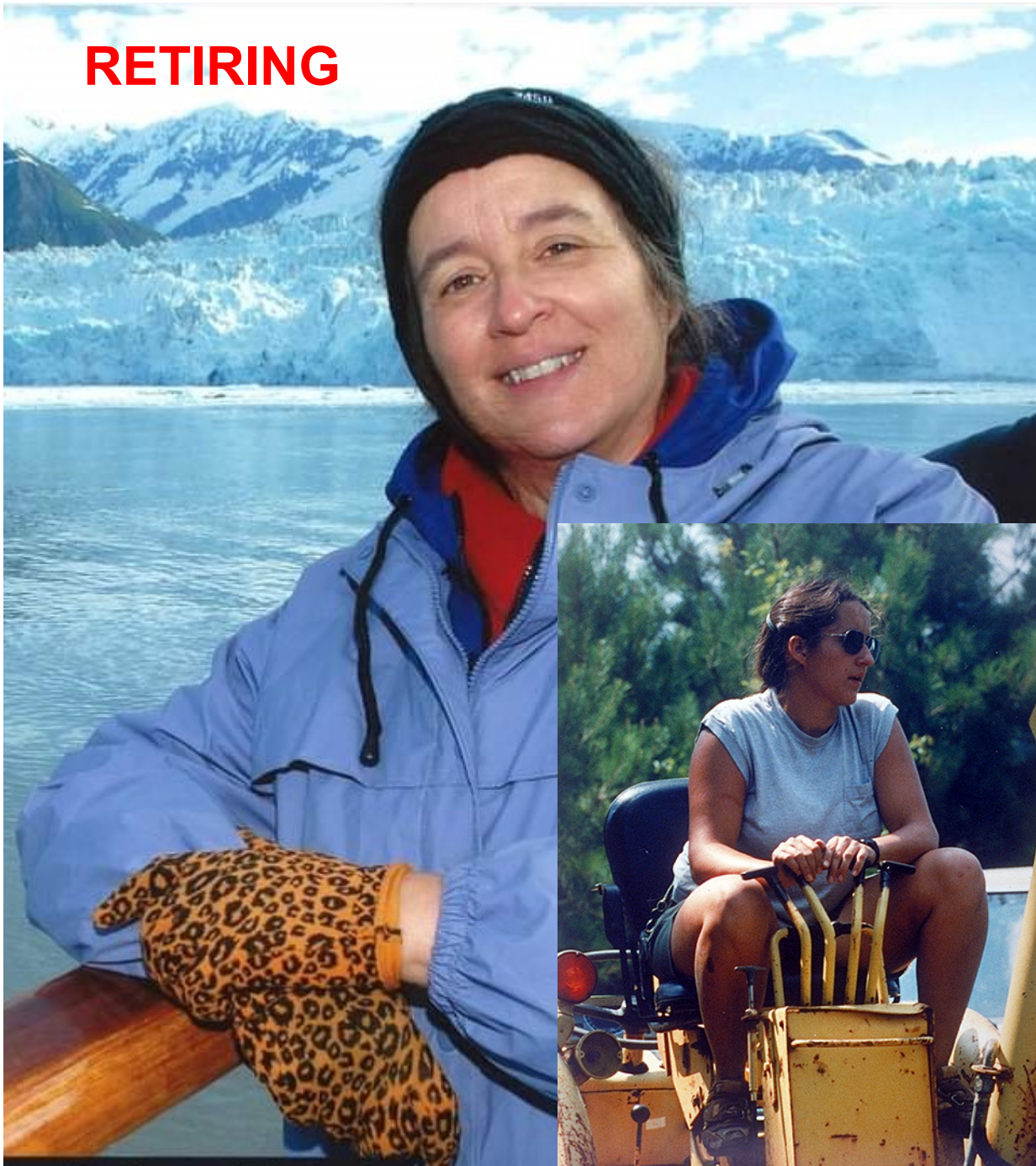
The SFAAS family has lost one of its great members. **Dr. Eddie Wayne Shell** died on May 14, 2021 from complications following a stroke.

Dr. Shell earned his BS and MS degrees in Fisheries & Allied Aquacultures from Auburn in 1952 and 1954, respectively. He then earned a PhD in Fisheries from Cornell University.

In 1959, he began a 35-year career as a faculty member at Auburn. From 1973 to 1994 he served as chair of the Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures.

His full obituary can be found at [Eddie Wayne Shell Obituary - Visitation & Funeral Information \(frederickdean.com\)](https://frederickdean.com/obituary/eddie-wayne-shell)

RETIRING



Renee Beam is retiring after 37 years on the SFAAS staff. Renee earned a BS from Southampton College and her MAq from Auburn.

She began her career with AU as a student assistant in North Auburn. Over time, she became a full-time employee and moved through several titles. For the past several years, she has been responsible for many of the administrative and compliance activities that go with operating our large and complex facility.

In retirement, Renee plans to travel, continue decorating cookies, and do all the things she has been putting off.



NEW MS STUDENT

Helen Montague will join Ian Butts' lab this summer. She holds a BS in Biology from Birmingham-Southern College.

Her thesis project will be to standardize fertilization techniques for the production of hybrid catfish using cryopreserved sperm.

Her goal is to work as a conservation biologist, aiding in the restoration of endangered fish populations.

NEW MS STUDENT



Beatriz Oliveria will join Allen Davis' lab this summer. She is from Itu, Sao Paulo, Brazil and holds a BS in Animal Science from the State University of Matto Grosso do Sul.

While an undergraduate, she worked on animal health aspects of intensive fish production.

Her goal is to have a career in research and teaching.



NEW MS STUDENT

Allison Wise will soon join Tim Bruce's fish health lab. Allison is from the Mississippi Delta with roots in Texas and France.

For her thesis topic, she will investigate co-infections in cultured warmwater fish species.

After her MS, she plans to earn a PhD and pursue a research career in infectious diseases of aquatic animals.



NEW MS STUDENT

Samuel Krebsbach will soon join Kevin Wang's aquatic chemistry lab. Samuel is completing his undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin, Stevens Point.

For his thesis topic, he will study the degradation of PFAS.

After his MS, he would like to help develop remediation techniques for environmental contaminants such as PFAS.

NEW MS STUDENT



Ansley Hamid will soon join Kevin Wang's aquatic chemistry lab.

For her thesis topic, she will study microplastics in the environment.

After completing her MS, she would like to become a wildlife biologist or park ranger.



NEW MS STUDENT

Nate Steffensmeier will soon join Rusty Wright's and Dennis DeVries' river passage program.

For his thesis topic, he will study the effects of dams on some aspect of fish movement in rivers.

After his MS, he would like to pursue a career as a fisheries management biologist.



SYMPOSIUM AWARD

Kaelyn Fogelman recently won the best oral presentation award at the AU Student Research Symposium in the category of university-wide graduate students in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

The topic of her paper was the use of aerobic scope to evaluate the the thermal tolerance of aquatic invertebrates.

Kaelyn is seeking a PhD under the direction of Jim Stoeckel.

After completing her degree, she hopes to obtain a postdoctoral appointment and eventually a faculty appointment where she can continue studying the stress physiology and ecology of freshwater invertebrates.



SYMPOSIUM AWARD

Aya Hussain Elseadawy recently won the best oral presentation award in the College of Agriculture section of the AU Student Research Symposium.

The topic of her paper was the relationship between aerobic scope and thermal tolerance in white-legged shrimp held in low salinities.

Aya is seeking a PhD under the direction of Allen Davis and Jim Stoeckel.