



# BioNews – December 2021



## Prof. Jeong awarded tenure

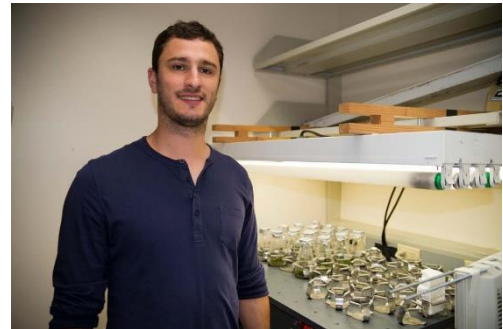
A mammoth congratulations to our own **Jeeyon Jeong**, who was recently recommended for tenure and promotion! This accomplishment is a much-deserved recognition of her years of outstanding scholarship, teaching and service to our students and institution. Amherst College, the Department of Biology, and the BCBP Program are all so lucky to have you, Jeeyon! We look forward to celebrating in person.

**Congratulations!**



## Prof. Augustine lands new position

Congratulations to Visiting Professor **Robert Augustine**, who just accepted a tenure-track position at Colby College, where he will be teaching courses in biochemistry and plant biology, and continuing his research on plant responses to stress. We will miss you, Robert, but we are so excited about your new position!



## Congrats 2022E grads!



Four of our amazing Bio majors graduated last week: **Grace Davenport**, **Monica Diaz**, **Daria Kim-Percy**, and **Felix Wu**. We look forward to hearing what comes next for each of you. Congratulations to you all!

## Jeong lab students present their work

Earlier this semester two students from the Jeong lab presented their work at the American Society of Plant Biologists Northeastern Section Virtual Conference. **Sara**

**Omer '23** gave a talk titled “Investigation of the *fpn3 vit1* Double Mutant” and **Maja Johnson '22** presented a poster titled “Investigating the Potential role of FPN3 in Mitigating Iron-induced Oxidative Stress.” Great job Sara and Maja!

### **Biology majors are co-authors on AGU presentation**

**Hannah Goldberg '22** and **Andrea Muñoz Ledo '22** were co-authors on a talk entitled “Aboveground and belowground traits suggest nutrient limitation of growth at treeline in Alaska’s Brooks Range,” which was presented at the American Geophysical Union by **Prof. Rebecca Hewitt** (ENST). Congrats to all of them!

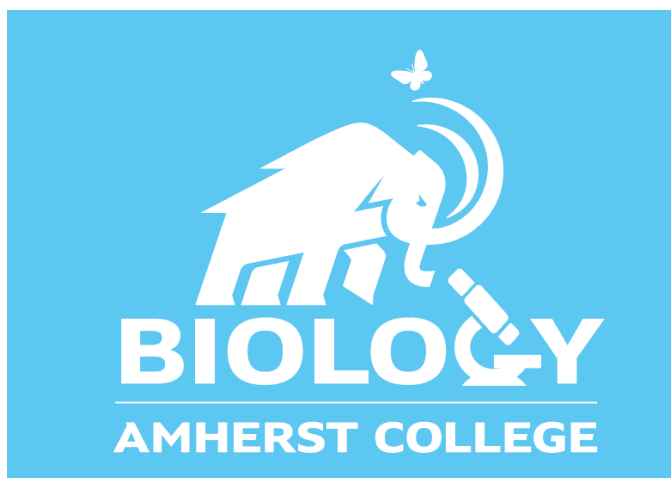
## **Alumni News**

One of our newest alums, **Monica Diaz '22E** starts her new position as a policy intern for the Audubon Society, where she will write policy briefs and develop outreach materials to support Audubon’s conservation objectives.

**Allan Phillips '20** recently started a Master’s degree program in Human Genetics and Genomic Data Analytics at the Keck Graduate Institute in Claremont, CA.

**Joanna Rifkin '09** recently started a position as lead geneticist at [ISPA Environmental Labs](#) in Toronto. She was also an author on two recent publications stemming from her research on morning glories at Duke University, one [here](#) and the other [here](#).

**Have a wonderful and safe winter break!**



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