

Cary Pirone



Cary received her B.S. degree at Maryland in 2000. She worked on starch accumulation in alfalfa subsequent to potato leafhopper injury for her honors thesis in Entomology. She also received a Senior Summer Scholarship and a Howard Hughes Fellowship during her time in the lab. The research resulted in a publication:

Pirone, C.L., L.C. Alexander, and W.O. Lamp. 2005. Patterns of starch accumulation in alfalfa subsequent to potato leafhopper (Homoptera: Cicadellidae) injury. *Environmental Entomology* 34: 199-204.

Cary always projected happiness to all in the lab, and she willingly shared food! She recently sent the following:

“After sadly parting ways with the Lamp lab members (and leafhoppers and alfalfa), I left Maryland for San Francisco. Over the next several years, I worked as a waitress to fund various overseas activities. These included a four month stay in Brazil working with a researcher of medicinal plants, half a year at the University of Hawaii learning about ethnobotany, a visit to a National Park in Malawi, and finally a bicycle ride across the US. I am currently finishing my PhD at Florida International University in Miami, where I have studied tropical plant pigments over the past 5 years.” (March, 2009)

She recently published part of her dissertation work in a highly regarded article in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society* on the discovery of an animal pigment in plants.