



## CONGRATULATIONS

To **Lindsay** and **Mark Schall** on the birth of their son, **Cooper Issac Schall**, on Friday, September 26th.

To **Rita Smith** on the birth of her grandson, **Nathan Ray Baird**, on Thursday, October 25th.

To **Dr. Barbara Christ** for being named a distinguished alumna at the University of Minnesota.

### ***WELCOME!***

**Dianne Taylor**, our new staff member for graduate and undergraduate programs.

**Guiselle Alvarado**, visiting Borlaug Fellow from Costa Rica, with **Dr. C. Peter Romaine**.

**Dr. Gang Ren**, new post-doc in **Dr. Yinong Yang's** program.

**Efren Remesal**, visiting graduate student from Spain with **Dr. Maria M. Jimenez-Gasco**.

**Dr. Latiffah Zakaria** of the Universiti Sains Malaysia who is spending a sabbatical leave in **Dr. David Geiser's** program.

## Student Achievements

**Li Guo** and **Rachel Melnick**, recently passed their Ph.D. candidacy examinations; **Jeffrey Kern** passed his final Master's exam on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Rachel Melnick** won the Graduate Student Award at the Northeastern Division American Phytopathological Society (APS) meetings in Cape May, New Jersey.

## Research Farm Tour & Lunch

On Thursday, September 6th, the Department of Plant Pathology Social Committee sponsored a tour of the Plant Pathology Research Farm at Rock Springs. Following the tour, participants enjoyed hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, and more. Many thanks to the Social Committee for making the event possible.



The Plant Pathology Research Farm "Tourmobile"

## Lee Schisler Receives Outstanding Alumni Award

**Lee Schisler (Ph.D. '57)** was honored as a 2007 Outstanding Alumnus of the Department of Plant Pathology and College of Ag Sciences at a reception held at the Nittany Lion Inn on October 19. Dr. Schisler retired from the department as professor emeritus in 1988.



**Lee Schisler** and his wife, **Lois**.

## Alma Rodriguez-Estrada Awarded the 2007 Dr. James W. Sinden Scholarship

**Alma Edith Rodriguez-Estrada** was recently awarded the 2007 Dr. James W. Sinden Scholarship by the American Mushroom Institute.



**Charles Brosius**, Penn State Trustee Emeritus, presents the 2007 Dr. James W. Sinden Scholarship Award to PPath graduate student, **Alma Edith Rodriguez-Estrada**.



PPath graduate students **Aaron Brown** (left) and **Steven Lee** were among the guests at the College of Agricultural Sciences Scholarship Banquet which took place at the Penn Stater on October 29, 2007.



**Happy Thanksgiving!!!**

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