EDITORIAL

The Plant Cell Welcomes Assistant Features Editors

We are pleased to introduce to our readers our new team of assistant features editors at The Plant Cell. These talented and energetic young scientists (see figure below) are passionate about plant science and dedicated to communicating the importance and fascination of plant science to a wide audience. They will work with Features Editors Nancy Eckardt, Kevin Folta, and Mary Williams to write articles, contribute blog posts, and create podcasts highlighting our authors and their work. These editors are helping us to highlight more research articles with In Brief summaries and are contributing interesting stories behind the science for our Medium publication, “Plant Cell Extracts” (https://medium.com/plant-cell-extracts). With their help, we will also begin a series of profiles of our editorial board members. We are delighted to be aided in this endeavor by Kevin, who spends most of his time as a researcher, professor, and department chair of the Horticultural Sciences Department at the University of Florida. In addition, this year we will be appointing teams of Chinese—and Spanish—language assistant features editors, who will help us to translate plain-language “Nutshell” summaries (see https://plantae.org/research/the-plant-cell/#nutshell) for a Plant Cell WeChat account and Spanish Twitter account. We welcome these editors to further promote the work published within our pages and communicate the value, importance, and fascination of plant science to the wider community.

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Emily Breeze is a research fellow at University of Warwick, U.K., in endoplasmic reticulum architecture and seed productivity.

Padraic Flood is a post-doc at the Max Planck Institute in Cologne, Germany, in population and quantitative genetics, photosynthesis, and natural genetic variation.

Margaret Frank is a post-doc at the Donald Danforth Center in St. Louis, Missouri, in developmental evolution, mobile signaling, and grafting.

Jenna Gallegos is post-doc at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, in synthetic biology and biotechnology.

Reza Hammond is a PhD candidate at the University of Delaware, in bioinformatics and computational biology.

Alex Harkess is a post-doc at the Donald Danforth Center in St. Louis, Missouri, in polyploidy, transposon dynamics, genome assembly, and small RNA evolution.

Alizée Malnoë is starting her research group at Umeå Plant Science Centre, Sweden, in photosynthesis and photoprotection.

Brook Moyer is a post-doc at Colorado State University in Fort Collins and a collaborator with the International Rice Research Institute, in molecular ecology and quantitative population genetics.

Diarmaid O’Maoiléidigh is a post-doc at the Max Planck Institute in Cologne, Germany, in reproductive plant development and gene regulation.

Sonali Roy is a post-doc at the Noble Research Institute in Ardmore, Oklahoma, in nitrogen fixation in legumes and analysis of small signaling peptides.

Patrice Salomé is a visiting researcher at the University of California – Los Angeles, in circadian rhythms, iron homeostasis, and retrograde signaling in plants.

Estee Tee is a PhD candidate at the Australian National University in Canberra, in chloroplast and stomatal signaling during drought stress.