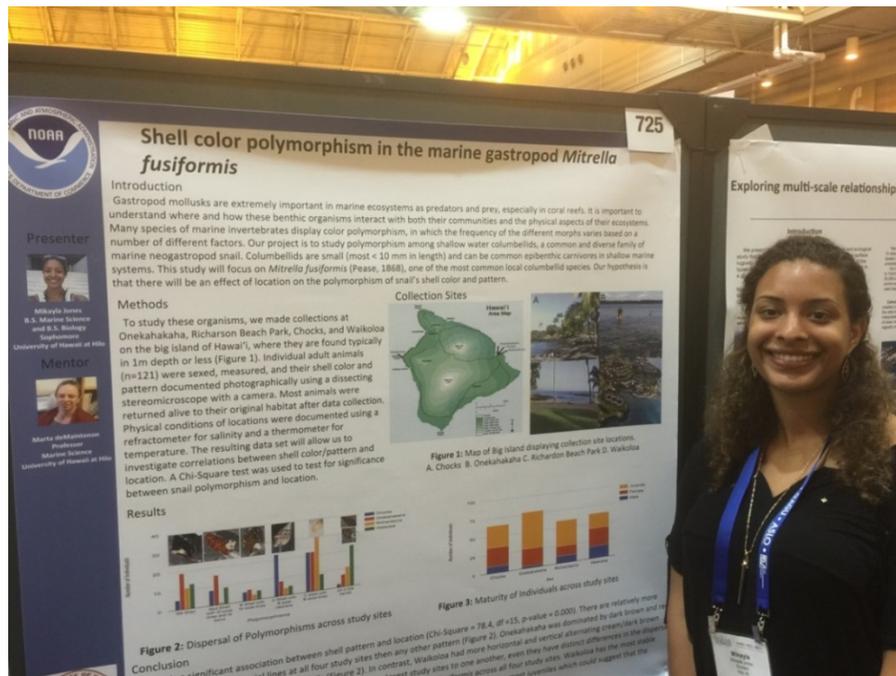


EPP/MSI Students Present Research at ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting, February 2016

Last month, three EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholars presented research conducted during their summer internship with NOAA at the ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting. The ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting was held at the Ernest M. Morial Convention Center in New Orleans, Louisiana, from February 21-26th, 2016. The annual meeting was co-sponsored by the American Geophysical Union, the Association for the Sciences of Limnology and Oceanography (ASLO), and The Oceanographic Society, and attracts thousands of marine scientists and students from around the world.

Mikayla Jones (Marine Biology Major; University of Hawaii at Hilo) presented a poster on research conducted on shell color polymorphism in the marine gastropod, *Mitrella fusiformis*, while Jim Freed (Marine Biology Major; University of California; Santa Cruz) presented a poster on the deep-sea coral image catalog he developed during his internship for the Northeast Pacific. Kenya Bynes (Marine Environmental Science Major; Hampton University) also presented a poster on fisheries stock assessment, research also conducted during her summer internship at NOAA.

In addition to the EPP/MSI Undergraduate Scholars, 11 undergraduate and graduate students from the NOAA Living Marine Resources Cooperative Science Center (LMRCSC) presented at the conference; including students from the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; Hampton University; Delaware State University; and, Oregon State University. The ASLO Ocean Sciences Meeting afforded students the opportunity to expand their knowledge, network and share research findings with leaders in the field of marine science.



EPP/MSI USP Class of 2015 Scholar Mikayla Jones presenting her poster on shell color polymorphism of a marine gastropod. (Photo Credit: Todd Christenson)



EPP/MSI USP Class of 2015 Scholar Jim Freed presenting his poster about the deep-sea coral image catalog he developed for the Northeast Pacific. (Photo Credit: Todd Christenson)



EPP/MSI USP Class of 2015 Scholar Kenya Bynes explaining stock assessments to Dr. Spinrad, the NOAA Chief Scientist.