

NCCC 212: Small Fruits National Graduate Student and Post-Doc Mixer October 28, 5-6:20 PM EDT

(4-5:20 Central, 3-4:20 Mountain; 2-3:20 Pacific)

Zoom: <https://ncsu.zoom.us/j/91994623882?pwd=WmFLMXI2akVFVIU2MU8xOE53b0xBUT09>

Hosts: Chris Gunter, Gina Fernandez and Mark Hoffmann

Agenda:

5:00 – 5:25 PM: What is expected from early career professionals in academia?

- [Gerald Holmes](#)
Director of Cal Poly Strawberry Center, San Louis Obispo, CA
- [Bernadine Strik](#)
Professor and Fruit Crop Extension Specialist, University of Oregon, Corvallis, OR
- [Amanda McWhirt](#)
Assistant Professor and Small Fruits Extension Specialist, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.
- [Lauren Redpath](#)
PhD Student, NC State

5:25 – 5:45 PM: What is expected from early career professionals in industry

- [Carlos Iglesias](#)
former Head of NA Wheat Seed Development Unit, Syngenta, Minnetoka, MN
Director of Plant Breeding Consortium, NC State University, Raleigh, NC
- [Mike Schwieterman](#)
Head of Flavor and Nutrition, Plenty – The Flavor Farmers, Watsonville, CA

5:45 – 6:05 PM: Entrepreneurship:

- [Ricardo Hernández](#)
Starting your own business
Co-Founder of SIGs and Grafted Growers LLC, Raleigh, NC
- [Greg Bohlen](#)
What makes a business attractive for investors?
Co-Founder of Union Grove Venture Partners, Chapel Hill, NC
Venture Capital Investor
Investor in companies such as Beyond Meat, Angies List and Illumitex;

6:05 – 6:15 PM: Looking for a job? *Open Academia Positions in Breeding and Production*

6:15 – 6:30 PM: Q+A with all participants and exchange of contact information