

## Lab Personnel (photos are on pages 5 to 14)

### Current graduate students:

- Yifan Cai**, BS (China Agricultural University, China), 2015-  
**Ruvini Mathangadeera**, BS (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka), MS (Texas Tech University, USA), 2015-  
**Inosha Wijewardene**, BS (University of Pune, India), MS (Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka), 2015-  
**Thubaraki Balasubramaniam**, BS (University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka), 2018-  
**Zhiyuan Liu**, BS and MS (China Agricultural University, Beijing, China), 2018-  
**Rakshya Pokrel**, BS (Nepal), 2019-  
**Haoran Xu**, BS (Henan Agricultural University, China), MS (Sichuan Agricultural University, China), 2019-

### Current undergraduate researcher:

- Kasen Jessing**, Texas Tech University, 2020-

### Current visiting scholars:

- Dr. Guoxin Shen**, Professor from Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, (2011-).  
**Dr. Shiping Su**, Associate Professor from Gansu Agricultural University, Lanzhou, Gansu (2019-).

### Former graduate students *(there were 17 Ph.D. students and 10 master students graduated from Dr. Zhang's laboratory, and their names are listed below in order of the most recent graduation).*

- Jennifer Smith**, BS (Texas Tech University, USA), MS (Texas Tech University, USA), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2013-2018). Jennifer is currently greenhouse manager at Texas Tech University.  
**Nardana Esmaili**, BS (Isfahan University, Iran), MS (University of Tehran, Iran), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2012-2018). Nardana is currently living in Ohio.  
**Maheshika Herath**, BS (University of Colombo, Sri Lanka), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 2014-2018). Maheshika is currently living in Australia.  
**Xunlu Zhu**, BS (Sichuan Agricultural University, China), MS (Sichuan University, China), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2010-2017). Dr. Zhu is current a postdoc at Texas Tech University.  
**Li Sun**, BS (Sichuan University, China), MS (Sichuan University, China), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2010-2016). Dr. Sun is a scientist at the Foundation for Embryonic Competency of Reproductive Medicine of New Jersey.  
**Neelan Mishra**, BS (Mohanlal Sukhadia University, India), MS (Gorakhpur University, India), M. Tech (Indian Institute of Technology, India), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2010-2016). Neelan is currently an assistant professor in India.  
**Saranya Ganapathy**, BS (VIT University, Vellore, India), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, co-advised with Drs. Shan Bilimoria and Megha Parajulee, 2008-2015). Saranya is a scientist in India.

**Jian Chen**, BS (Zhejiang University, China), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2008-2014). Dr. Chen is now a research associate at Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri.

**Qiang Gu**, BS (Sichuan University, China), MS (Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 2007-2014).

**Yinfeng Zhu**, BS (Henan University, China), Ph.D. (Institute of Genetics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2007-2013). Dr. Zhu is now a research associate at University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Rongbin Hu**, BS (Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China), MS (Institute of Genetics, Chinese Academy of Sciences, China), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2006-2012). Dr. Hu is now a research associate at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

**Sundaram Kuppu**, BS (University of Calicut, India), MS (Indian Institute of Technology, India), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2005-2011). Dr. Kuppu is now a research associate at University of California at Davis.

**Manoj Banjara**, B.Tech (Kathmandu University, Nepal), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 2008-2010).

**Yiyan Wang**, BS and MS (Tongji Medical School, Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 2006-2008).

**Vijaya S. Pasapula**, BS (Acharya N. G. Ranga Agricultural University, India), MS (Texas A&M), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2003-2008). Dr. Passapula is a biostatistician for TAKE SOLUTIONS INC, Princeton, New Jersey.

**Jinhua Luo**, BS (Zhongshan University, China), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2002-2008). Dr. Luo now works as a research associate at Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock, Texas.

**Xiaoyun Qiu**, BS (Zhejiang University, China), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 2005-2008). Xiaoyun worked as a research scientist with Bayer CropScience in Lubbock, Texas from 2008 to 2012. She is now an associate professor at Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, China.

**Sujatha Venkataramani**, BS (University of Madras, India), MS, Pondicherry University, India), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2000-2006). Dr. Venkataramani did her postdoc research at the University of Chicago, and now she is a scientist at Machaon Diagnostics Inc., Oakland, California.

**Guoxin Shen**, BS and Ph.D. (in Agronomy from Zhejiang University, China), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2003-2006). Dr. Shen is now a professor at Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, China.

**Venkata Kolli**, BS (Nagarjuna University, India), MS (Barkatullah University, India), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 2003-2006). He is now the Study Director of Toxikon Corporation, Bedford, Massachusetts.

**Zhehui Mao**, BS (Zhejiang University, China), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 2003-2006).

**Cixin He**, BS and MS (Zhejiang University, China), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 2001-2005). Dr. He did postdoc research at the Health Sciences Center of Texas A&M University in Houston from 2006 to 2008. He is now a statistical consultant at Eisai Inc., Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey.

**Savitha Narendra**, BS and MS (Bangalore University, India), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 1999-2005). Dr. Narendra did postdoc research at Penn State University with Dr. Nina Fedoroff, and now she is a scientist at Monsanto in St. Louis, Missouri.

**Trina Wainwright**, BS (Texas Tech University), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 2000-2002). Trina now works as a biology teacher in Dallas, Texas.

**Qingtian Li**, BS (Beijing Normal University, China), MS (Institute of Zoology, Chinese Academy of Sciences), **Ph.D.** (Texas Tech University, 1998-2002). Dr. Li now works as a research associate professor at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas.

**Allison Richey**, BS (Texas Tech University), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 1997-1999). Dr. Richey (MD) is now a physician in Texas.

**Minghua Liu**, BS (Sichuan University, China), MS (Shanghai Normal University), **MS** (Texas Tech University, 1995-1997).

**Former Texas Tech University/Howard Hughes Medical Institute (TTU/HHMI) fellow, NSF-REU undergraduate fellow, Honor College students:**

**Melody Rowland** (Texas Tech University, TTU/HHMI fellow), 1997-1998.

**Utah Nickel** (Hexdrix College, NSF-REU fellow), 1996.

**Philip Jarrett** (Texas Tech University, Honor College student), 2013-2015, Earl Camp Award recipient (top graduating senior in Biological Sciences).

**Lars Lindgren** (Texas Tech University, Honor College student), 2017-2020), Earl Camp Award recipient (top graduating senior in Biological Sciences).

**Christine Vu** (Texas Tech University, Honor College student), 2018-2020.

**Former postdoctoral fellows:**

**Juqiang Yan**, Ph.D. (1998-2005). Dr. Yan now works as a researcher at Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock.

**Guoxin Shen**, Ph.D. (2006-2009). Dr. Shen is now a professor at Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, China. Dr. Shen is also a visiting professor in our laboratory.

**Sundaram Kuppu**, Ph.D. (2011). Dr. Kuppu is now a scientist at University of California at Davis.

**Rongbin Hu**, Ph.D. (2012-2013). Dr. Hu is now a research associate at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Tennessee.

**Yinfeng Zhu**, Ph.D. (2013-2014). Dr. Zhu is now a research associate at University of Tennessee at Knoxville, Tennessee.

**Former visiting professors:**

**Dr. Longfu Zhu**, Professor from Huazhong Agricultural University of China, 2007-2008.

**Dr. Quanzhong Wu**, Associate Professor from Tarim University of China, 2010 and 2014.

**Dr. Chaoyue Hu**, Associate Professor from Tarim University of China, 2010 and 2014.

**Ms. Ruiqing Wang**, Associate Professor from Tarim University of China, 2010.  
**Dr. Wei Chen**, Associate Professor from the Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Anyang, Henan, China, 2013-2014.  
**Dr. Yongshan Zhang**, Professor from the Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Anyang, Henan, China, 2015.  
**Dr. Xiaojie Yang**, Associate Professor from Henan Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Zhengzhou, China, 2014-2016.  
**Dr. Yunlei Zhao**, Ph.D., Associate Professor from the Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Anyang, Henan, China, 2016.  
**Dr. Lei Zhang**, Associate Professor from the Institute of Cotton Research, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Anyang, Henan, China, 2015-2016.  
**Dr. Fuzhen Li**, Associate Professor from Zhejiang Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Hangzhou, China, 2015-2016.  
**Dr. Xiaowen Hu**, Professor from Lanzhou University, Lanzhou, China, 2016.  
**Dr. Feiyu Tang**, Professor from Jiangxi Agricultural University, Nanchang, China, 2016-2017.  
**Dr. Lihong Nie**, Associate Professor from Henan Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Zhengzhou, China, 2017-2018.  
**Dr. Wei Zhu**, Associate Professor from Henan Agricultural University, Zhengzhou, China, 2017-2018.  
**Mr. Muhammad Asif**, Assistant Research Scientist, Cotton Research Institute, Punjab, Pakistan. 2018.  
**Dr. Lishan Shan**, Associate Professor from Gansu Agricultural University, Lanzhou, Gansu, China, 2018-2019.  
**Dr. Yuehua Yu**, Associate Professor from Xinjiang Agricultural University, Wulumuqi, Xinjiang, China, 2018-2019.  
**Dr. Yanjun Ma**, Associate Professor from Gansu Agricultural University, Lanzhou, Gansu (2019-2020).  
**Dr. Qianqian Liu**, Associate Professor from Qingdao Agricultural University, Qingdao, Shandong, China, 2019.  
**Dr. Chunyan Wu**, Associate Professor from Jilin Agricultural University, Lanzhou, Gansu (2019-2020).  
**Dr. Jun Yang**, Associate Professor from Hebei Agricultural University, Lanzhou, Gansu (2019-2020).

### **Former visiting students:**

**Pei Hou**, Ph.D. student from the laboratory of Professor Yongsheng Liu of Sichuan University, China, 2007-2009.  
**Hua Qin**, Ph.D. student from the laboratory of Professor Yizheng Zhang of Sichuan University, China, 2007-2010.  
**Necla Pehlivan**, Ph.D. student from the Recep Tayyip Erdogan University, Turkey, 2013-2015.  
**Weijia Jiang**, visiting Ph.D. student from the laboratory of Professor Yun Zhao of Sichuan University, China, 2014-2016.  
**Yongping Wang**, visiting student from the laboratory of Professor Jinlin Zhang of Lanzhou University, China, 2018-2019.

**Lab photos since 1997:**

**1997 (Lab members)**



**1998 (Lab members)**





**2004 (Lab members)**



**2005 (Lab members)**





**2007 (Sundaram's wedding in Dallas)**



**2008 (Lab members)**





**2010 (Lab members)**



**2011 (Christmas party)**





**2011 (Sichuanese in my lab welcome Liao Zhi, a Wenchuan Earthquake survivor) (廖智姑娘是 2008 年汶川大地震的幸存者, 她在地震中失去了双腿)**



**2012 (Lab members)**



**2014 (May 5)**

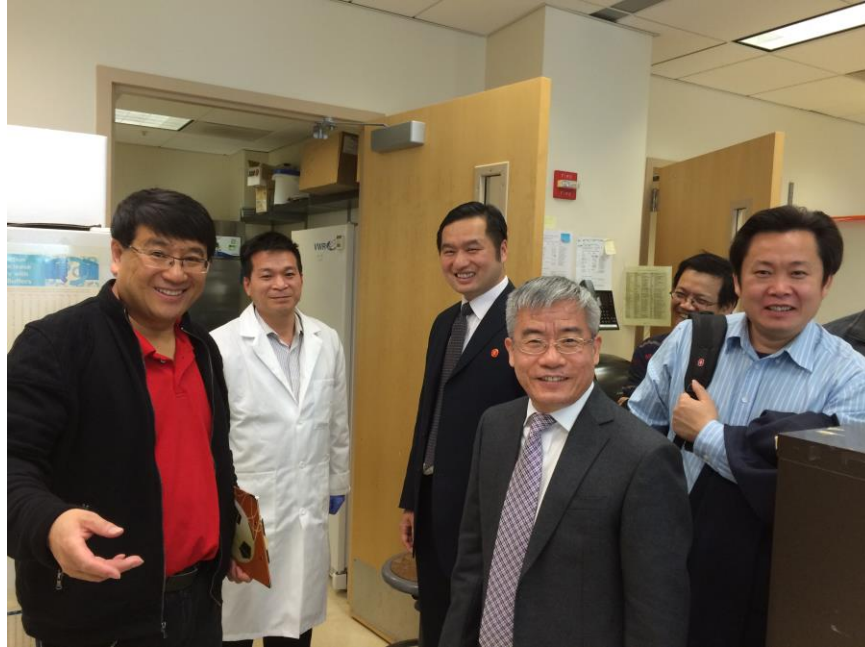


**2015 (New Year's Day)**

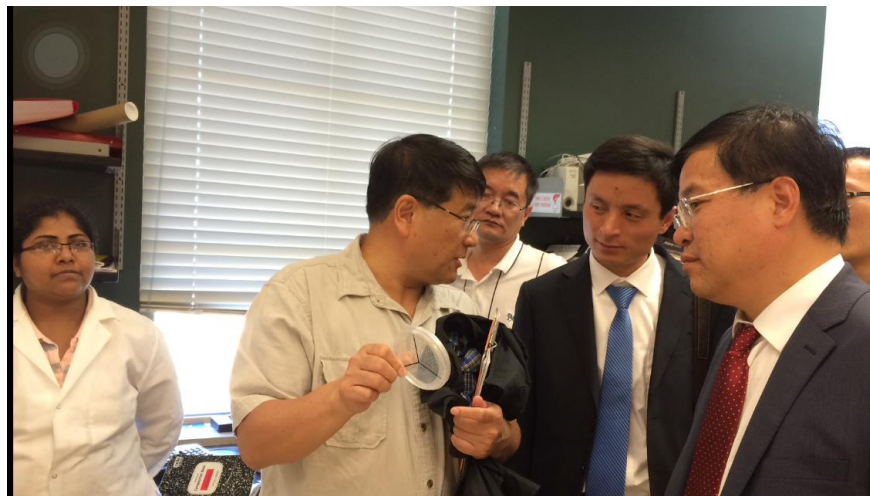




**2015 (Vice President Xianlong Zhang of Huazhong Agricultural University of China visited our laboratory) (华中农业大学副校长张献龙博士带团访问德州理工大学并参观我们实验室)**



**2015 (President Fuguang Li of the Institute of Cotton Research of Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences visited our laboratory) (中国农业科学院棉花研究所所长李付广博士率团访问德州理工大学并参观我们实验室)**





**2016, Goodbye to Dr. Xiaojie Yang (sitting in the middle)**



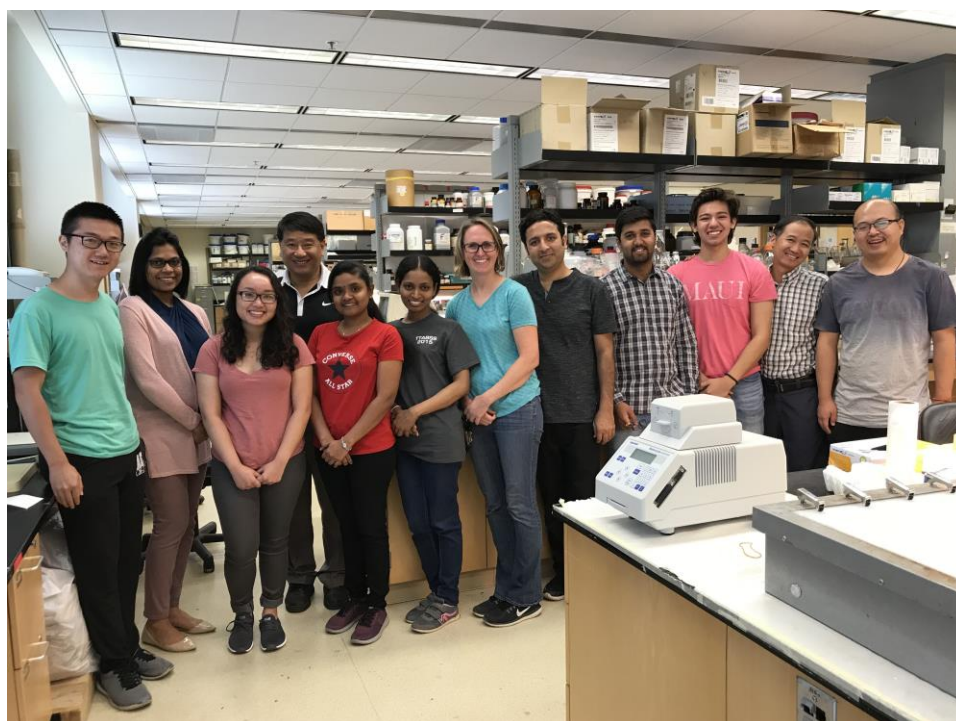
**2017, Spring Semester**



## 2018 New Year's party



## New lab members joined our lab in the fall semester of 2018





## 2019, Spring Semester



## 2020, Spring Semester

