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**Recent Highlights from the VERITAS Blazar Science and Observing Program** MATTHEW ORR, Iowa State University, VERITAS COLLABORATION — Blazars comprise the most abundant class of extragalactic sources detected at very high energies. The imaging atmospheric Cherenkov telescope VERITAS, an array of four 12m telescopes located near Tucson, Arizona, has detected 17 blazars. This number is steadily growing, in part thanks to improved source candidate identification through the utilization of the Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope. As it enters its fourth year, the VERITAS blazar observing program remains focused on the discovery of new sources, but with specific long term blazar-related science goals also at the forefront. This talk will highlight recent results from VERITAS blazar observations, including new source discoveries, results from multi-wavelength campaigns, and the scientific prospects for the growing population of intermediate-frequency peaked BL Lac objects, as well as large redshift high-frequency peaked BL Lacs, within the VERITAS blazar catalog.

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