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Research Interests

I am the Krishtalka Director of the Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum at the University of Kansas (KU). My program advances biodiversity collections infrastructure and data science services, including technical and social innovations that integrate biodiversity knowledge robustly and with broad-based societal impact. My academic training is in evolutionary biology and insect systematics, with a focus on the plant-feeding beetle lineage of weevils (Coleoptera: Curculionoidea). At Arizona State University (ASU), I led the creation of the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Biorepository. I am the principal investigator of the iDigBio Symbiota Support Hub, which sustains more than 1,2002 live-managed collections and 90 million global occurrence records.

Education

2003-2005	Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellow, National Center for Ecological Analysis and Synthesis, University of California at Santa Barbara, CA.
1999-2005	Ph.D. in Systematic Entomology, Cornell University, NY.
1999	Graduate Research Fellow, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama.
1996-1999	M.Sc. in Biology, University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica.
1996	Graduate studies in Systematic Botany and Ecology, University of Ulm, Germany.
1993-1996	Prediploma in Biology, University of Hamburg, Germany.
Languages	English, German, Spanish (fluent); French, Latin, Vietnamese (proficient).

Academic Appointments

2024-present	Krishtalka Director, Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum (BI/NHM), KU.
2024-present	Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology (EEB), KU.
2024-present	Professor of Practice, School of Life Sciences (SOLS), ASU.
2021-2024	Virginia M. Ullman Professor of Ecology, SOLS, ASU.
2021-2024	Co-Leader of the Genomics, Evolution and Bioinformatics Faculty Group, SOLS, ASU.
2019-2024	Director of Biocollections, SOLS, ASU.

2017-2021	Professor, SOLS, ASU.
2015-2024	Director of the Biodiversity Knowledge Integration Center (BioKIC), SOLS, ASU.
2012-2018	Lead Coordinator of Natural History Collections, SOLS, ASU.
2011-2024	Curator of Insects, SOLS, ASU.
2011-2017	Associate Professor, SOLS, ASU.
2008-2011	Director of Invertebrate Collections, Department of Biology, University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez (UPRM), Puerto Rico.
2006-2011	Curator of Entomology, Department of Biology, UPRM.
2006-2011	Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, UPRM.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2014	Systematics and Biodiversity Editorial Board: Outstanding Paper for 2013 Award.
2014	Global Biodiversity Information Facility U.S. Delegation: Ebbe Nielsen Prize Nomination.
2007	The Coleopterists Society: Jean Theodore Lacordaire Prize, Best Published Paper Based Upon a Doctoral Dissertation.
2004	National Science Foundation, Entomological Society of America Competition: XII International Congress of Entomology Travel Grant.
2003-2005	Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Postdoctoral Training Fellowship: Research in Information Technology for the Science Environment for Ecological Knowledge Project (SEEK).
1999-2000	German National Merit Fund: Doctoral Student Scholarship.
1999	Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI): Short-Term Research Fellowship.
1998	Organization for Tropical Studies (OTS): Research Fellowship (La Selva).
1997	University of Costa Rica Graduate School: Best Grade Point Average in Basic Sciences.
1996-1998	German National Merit Fund: Graduate Student Fellowship.
1996-1997	German Academic Exchange Service: Integrated Foreign Studies Scholarship.

SELECT RESEARCH GRANTS

I. CURRENT

USDA ARS NACA 58-8042-3-066 and 58-8062-3-011 **Oct 2023 – Sep 2029**
Symbiota Portal for the ARS Collection of Entomopathogenic Fungal Cultures (ARSEF) and U.S. National Fungus Collections
Role: Principal Investigator $190,000 (100% recognition)

NSF DEB 2434644 **Jan 2025 – Dec 2028**
Collaborative Research: PurSUiT: The final frontier of vertebrate taxonomy: documenting the diversity of cryptobenthic coral reef fishes in the Indo-Pacific.
Role: Principal Investigator (KU subaward) $36,831 (100% recognition)

NSF BCS 2421343 **Jan 2025 – Dec 2027**
Interdisciplinary approaches to comparative ethnoentomology and linguistics in endangered language communities.
Role: Principal Investigator (KU subaward) $45,326 (100% recognition)

USDA ARS NACA 58-2080-5-028 **Aug 2025 – Aug 2027**
Integration of Data for the U.S. National Pollinating Insect Collection into the USDA Biocollections Symbiota Portal
Role: Principal Investigator $32,605 (100% recognition)

NSF GEO CI RISE 2324690 **Nov 2023 – Oct 2026**
Collaborative Research: GEO OSE Track 1: Community-driven enhancement of information ecosystems for the discovery and use of paleontological specimen data.
Role: Co-Principal Investigator $83,103 (50% recognition)

NSF DBI 2223878 **Sep 2022 – Aug 2026**
Collaborative Research: Digitization and enrichment of U.S. herbarium data from tropical Africa to enable urgent quantitative conservation assessments.
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU award) $159,490 (100% recognition)

NSF DBI 2027654 **Sep 2021 – Aug 2026**
iDigBio Phase 3: Sustaining the digitization, mobilization, accessibility, and use of biodiversity specimen data in U.S. museum and academic collections.
Role: Principal Investigator (KU subaward) $2,568,801 (50% recognition)

II. COMPLETED

NSF DBI 1724433 / Battelle Memorial Institute **Aug 2018 – Nov 2025**
National Ecological Observatory Network, NEON Biorepository operations (ASU subaward).
Role: ASU Principal Investigator (until Jun 2024) Awarded: $9,995,500 (100% recognition)
KU Academic Leader (until Nov 2025) Awarded: $110,045 (100% recognition)

USDA ARS NACA 58-8020-2-006 **Oct 2022 – Sep 2025**
Developing a collection management system for the USDA United States National Herbarium.
Role: Principal Investigator $192,042 (100% recognition)

NSF DBI 2101913 **Sep 2021 – Aug 2024**
Collaborative Research: Digitization TCN: Extending Anthophila research through image and trait digitization (Big-Bee).
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU award) $171,235 (50% recognition)

NSF DBI 2101913 **Sep 2021 – Aug 2024**
Collaborative Research: Digitization TCN: Extending Anthophila research through image and trait digitization (Big-Bee).
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU award) $171,235 (50% recognition)

NSF DBI 2001394 **Sep 2020 – Aug 2024**
Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: Building a global consortium of bryophytes and lichens: Keystones of cryptobiotic communities.
Role: Co-Investigator (ASU award) $344,385 (33% recognition)

USDA APHIS PPQ T00-23-0083 **Jul 2023 – Jul 2024**
Improving the identification capacity of hyperdiverse *Anthonomus* weevils (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) from Mexico, the United States, and Canada.
Role: Principal Investigator $91,359 (100% recognition)

NSF DEB 1754731 **Jul 2018 – Jun 2024**
Weevils of Sonora: Discovering species distributions and historical patterns of symbiont associations.
Role: Principal Investigator $613,248 (100% recognition)

NSF OAC 2118240 **Oct 2021 – Sep 2023**
HDR Institute: Imageomics: A new frontier of biological information powered by knowledge-guided machine learning.
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU subaward) $138,190 (100% recognition)

USDA APHIS PPQ T00C068 **Jul 2022 – Jul 2023**
Improving the identification capacity of hyperdiverse *Conotrachelus* weevils from Mexico, the U.S., and Canada.
Role: Principal Investigator $80,817 (100% recognition)

NIH R21 AI164268-01 **Jun 2021 – May 2023**
Intelligently predicting viral spillover risks from bats and other wild mammals.
Role: Postdoctoral Mentor (PI Nathan Upham, ASU) $432,564 (0% recognition)

NSF DBI 1702516 **Sep 2017 – Aug 2022**
Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: Using herbarium data to document plant niches in the high peaks and high plains of the Southern Rockies – past, present, and future.
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU subaward) $119,024 (50% recognition)

NSF STS 1827996 **Aug 2018 – Jul 2021**
Productive ambiguity in classification.
Role: Co-Investigator (PI Beckett Sterner, ASU) $158,162 (15% recognition)

USDA APHIS PPQ T00C087 **Jun 2019 – May 2021**
Augmentative biological control of the coffee berry borer.
Role: Principal Investigator (external PI Sangmi Lee, ASU) $140,983 (100% recognition)

NSF DBI 1756327 **Mar 2018 – Feb 2021**
CSBR: Natural History: Building a specimen-based Biologia Centrali-Americana for weevils: Improved access to the Charles W. and Lois B. O'Brien Collection.
Role: Principal Investigator $497,809 (100% recognition)

NSF DBI 1601659 **Jul 2016 – Jun 2020**
Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: Lepidoptera of North America Network: Documenting diversity in the largest clade of herbivores.
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU award) $186,570 (100% recognition)

NSF DBI 1601697 **Sep 2016 – Aug 2019**
Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: The Mid-Atlantic Megalopolis: Achieving a greater scientific understanding of our urban world.
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU subaward) $88,409 (100% recognition)

NSF DBI 1410069 **Aug 2014 – Jul 2018**
Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: The key to the cabinets: Building and sustaining a research database for a global biodiversity hotspot.
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU subaward) $107,609 (100% recognition)

USDA APHIS PPQ 14-8130-0438-CA **Aug 2014 – Jul 2017**
Cooperative Agreement: Identification and curation of rangeland grasshopper and Mormon Cricket pests and associated non-target organisms from the grasshopper and Mormon Cricket ecosystem.
Role: Principal Investigator $260,249 (100% recognition)

NSF DBI 1410683 **Jun 2014 – May 2017**
Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: Documenting the occurrence through space and time of aquatic non-indigenous fish, mollusks, algae, and plants threatening North America's Great Lakes.
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU subaward) $105,972 (100% recognition)

NSF EF 1207107 **Jul 2013 – Jun 2016**
Digitization TCN: Collaborative Research: Southwest Collections of Arthropods Network (SCAN): A model for collections digitization to promote taxonomic and ecological research.
Role: Principal Investigator (ASU award) $284,3131 (100% recognition)

NSF DEB 1155984 **Jul 2011 – Jun 2016**
CAREER: Systematics of eustyline and geonemine weevils: Connecting and contrasting Caribbean and Neotropical mainland radiations.
Role: Principal Investigator $639,747 (100% recognition)

NSF DEB 1258154 **Apr 2013 – Mar 2016**
ARTS: Systematics of the darkling beetle genus *Eleodes:* Integrating morphology, DNA, and biodiversity informatics to resolve a taxonomically impeded genus.
Role: Co-Investigator (PI Aaron Smith, ASU) $458,104 (40% recognition)

NSF DBI 1342595 **Mar 2013 – Dec 2014**
Collaborative Research: ABI: Innovation: The Global Names Architecture, an infrastructure for unifying taxonomic databases and services for managers of biological information.
Role: Principal Investigator (succeeding David Patterson, ASU) $285,090 (100% recognition)

USDA ARS 58-1275-1-335 **Oct 2011 – Jul 2014**
Specific Cooperative Agreement: Systematic research support for economically important insects.
Role: Principal Investigator $110,000 (100% recognition)

Howard Hughes Medical Institute - Undergraduate Science Program **Aug 2008 – Jul 2011**
ROLE-MODEL: Research oriented laboratory enhancements by module development for laboratories.
Role: Co-Investigator (PI Nanette Diffoot-Carlo, UPRM) $1,400,000 (15% recognition)

NSF DBI 0749434 (UPRM) **Mar 2008 – Feb 2011**
BRC: A new infrastructure for invertebrate biodiversity Research in Puerto Rico.
Role: Principal Investigator $318,292 (75% recognition)

NSF DEB 0641231 (UPRM) **Apr 2007 – Mar 2009**
Towards a systematic and evolutionary synthesis of the Neotropical *Exophthalmus* genus complex (Coleoptera: Curculionidae: Entiminae).
Role: Principal Investigator $174,755 (100% recognition)

SELECT INSTITUTIONAL AND PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT

2025-2027 **KU Tom and Jann Rudkin Natural History Museum Fund.** $1,000,000.
Dyche Hall new accessible entrance and Panorama taxidermy specimen improvements.

2024-2026 **KU Tom and Jan Hardy Panorama Improvement Fund.** $2,000,000.
Dyche Hall Panorama improvements in the KU Natural History Museum.

2023-2032 **ASU Foundation / Robert A. Johnson Biodiversity Research Scientist Fund.**
100,000 pinned insects and $870,750 anticipated, in support of ant diversity research.

2023-2026 **ASU Foundation / Shirley Tucker Lichen Herbarium Research Fund.** $355,000.
Awarded to the ASU Biocollections (Dr. Frank Bungartz, Collections Manager), to provide research support for curation of ASU Lichen Herbarium.

2018-2022 **ASU Office of the President Special Initiative Fund.** $300,000.
Biodiversity Data Science Initiative. Co-Principal Investigator with Beckett Sterner.

2017-present **ASU Foundation / Charles W. and Lois B. O'Brien Insect Systematics Endowment.**
1.25 million pinned insects and $1.500 million donated to date. $2.5 million anticipated.

2014-2018 **ASU Office of the President Special Initiative Fund.** $300,000.
Creation of the Biodiversity Knowledge Integration Center (BioKIC).

2012-2017 **Virginia M. Ullman Foundation.** Role: Principal Investigator. $250,000.
Arizona Biocollections and Biodiversity Informatics Center. Award to offer in-person and virtual collections education and outreach experiences.

2012-2015 **ASU / Smithsonian Institution Partnership.** $256,500.
An extensible strategy to integrate biodiversity data repositories and evolving research and outreach goals at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

PUBLICATIONS

Google Scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=qiIpsToAAAAJ
Summary, Jan 2025: Citations **2,739** H-index **29** I10-index **67**

Trainees: [U] undergraduate; [G] graduate student; [P] postdoctoral; [S] staff and other trainees.

I. PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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85. Yule KM, Gilbert EE[G], Husain AP, Johnston MA, Rocha Prado L, Steger L, **Franz NM.** Designing biorepositories to monitor ecological and evolutionary responses to change.
Preprint in Zenodo: DOI 10.5281/zenodo.3880411

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IV. Significant Online Products

2025-present **Kansas Biodiversity Portal**
https://ks.symbiota.org/portal/
Role: Initial portal lead. This Symbiota portal is designed to support a broad spectrum of collections communities with Kansas-based occurrence records and derivative data.

2025-present **Nā Kai 'Ewalu Data Hale**
https://na-kai-ewalu.symbiota.org/
Role: Shared support through KU Symbiota Service Center. This Symbiota portal is the first to be contracted and led by an Indigenous biodiversity data community.

2024-present **KU Symbiota Service Center**
https://biodiversity.ku.edu/symbiota
Role: Service Center lead. KU successor to ASU Recharge Center.

2023-2024 **BioKIC Services ASU Recharge Center**
https://services.biokic.asu.edu/

Role: Recharge Center lead. Developed in collaboration with the ASU W.P. Carey School of Business, BioKIC Services provides fee-based, sustainability-conducive services for Symbiota and NEON Biorepository clients.

2018-2024 **Charles W. O'Brien and Lois B. O'Brien Insect Collections**
https://ecdysis.org/collections/misc/collprofiles.php?collid=2
https://ecdysis.org/collections/misc/collprofiles.php?collid=3
Role: Collections curator. 77,000 occurrences; 2,500 images.

2018-present **Weevils of Sonora**
https://scan-bugs.org/portal/checklists/checklist.php?cl=102
Role: Lead checklist author (editor). 2,500 occurrences; 300 species.

2016-2020 **Libraries of Life – 3D Augmented Reality Collection Specimen Card Sets**
Role: http://www.libraries-of-life.org/
Role: Principal investigator of the project award (LepNet).

2015-2024 **Biodiversity Knowledge Integration Center (BioKIC)**
https://biokic.asu.edu/, https://github.com/BioKIC
Role: Center director, project leader, website coordinator, blog contributor.

2014-2018 **Euler Project - Reasoning over Taxonomies**
https://github.com/EulerProject
Role: Principal domain scientist; software design, testing and application.

2013-2017 **Taxonbytes – from Specimens to Language, Logic, and Learning**
https://web.archive.org/web/20190621192234/http://taxonbytes.org/
Role: Website developer and manager, principal blogger (225 blog posts).

2012-present **Weevils of North America**
https://scan-bugs.org/portal/checklists/checklist.php?cl=1
Role: Lead checklist author (editor). 6,700 occurrences; 1,300 species.

2012-2024 **Arizona State University Hasbrouck Insect Collection**
https://ecdysis.org/collections/misc/collprofiles.php?collid=1
Role: Collection curator. 200,000 occurrences; 21,000 images.

2012-present **Symbiota Software Platform and iDigBio Symbiota Support Hub** (since 2021)
Symbiota Homepage: https://symbiota.org/
Symbiota Docs: https://docs.symbiota.org/
Symbiota GitHub: https://github.com/Symbiota
GBIF Publisher: https://www.gbif.org/publisher/96710dc8-fecb-440d-ae3e-c34ae8a9616f
GBIF Participant: https://www.gbif.org/participant/429
GBIF Network: https://www.gbif.org/network/0479d6b2-a4f4-4307-8346-0b80e8c88c66
Role: Principal investigator (academic leader), service planning and provision.

The Symbiota Support Hub at ASU sustains 65 portal installations, 90 million occurrences, 46 million images, 1,240 live-managed collections, 940 snapshot collections, 5,800 users.

Major portals include: African Herbaria, Algae Herbarium Portal, All Asia Vascular Plants, Big Bee Library, Consortium of California Herbaria, Consortium of Pacific Herbaria, Consortium of Vertebrate Collections, Ecdysis, Gabon Biodiversity, GLOBAL (bryophytes and lichens), Great Lakes Invasives Network, Guatemala Biodiversity, InvertEBase, MycoPortal, NEON Biorepository, Pacific Island Land Snail Biodiversity Repository, Paleobotany, Paleo Data Portal, Panama Biota (including Smithsonian

Tropical Research Institute), Red de Herbarios Mexicanos, SCAN, SEINet, SERNEC, Southern Rocky Mountain Herbaria, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Weevil Portal.

2010 **Southern Plant Diagnostic Network – Weevil Workshop Images**
https://www.ipmimages.org/collections/viewcollection.cfm?id=69682
Role: Workshop organizer, instructor, coordinator of image creation and publication.

PRESENTATIONS

I. INVITED COLLOQUIA AND SEMINARS

37. **Invited Seminar, New Generation Society of Lawrence** – Lawrence, KS. April 2025. "Reimagining the Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum".

36. **Invited Presentation, BioNexus, Nexus Informatics Conference, Data Management Session** – Kansas City University, Academic Center, Kansas City, MO. April 2025. "Empowering biodiversity knowledge communities".

35. **Invited Presentation, GAAB Spring 2025 Meeting, KU Geology Associates Advisory Board** – University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. April 2025. "New directions for the KU Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum".

34. **Invited Seminar, Friday Ecology Seminars, Kansas Biological Survey & Center for Ecological Research** – University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. February 2025. "Advancing ecological research through Symbiota open-source software".

33. **Invited Seminar, Penn State Department of Entomology Seminar Series** – Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. January 2025. "Designing biodiversity knowledge communities".

32. **Invited Presentation, Philosophy in Systematics: Past, Present and Future** – XLI Annual Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society, UNAM, Mexico City, Mexico. August 2024. " From "explanatory accounts of cladistic practice" to current work on phylogenetics and classification: a personal account".

31. **Invited Presentation, Everything that Is Old Becomes New: Comparative Genomics and Museum Specimens** – Annual Meeting of the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. July 2024. "Advancing social designs for biorepository and biodiversity data services in comparative genomics"

30. **Invited Presentation, Paving the Way for Continental Scale Biology: Technology, Techniques, and Teamwork for Connecting Research Across Scales** – NASEM, National Academies Sciences Engineering Medicine – Webinar Series. August, 2023. "The Symbiota software project: Advancing the integration of biodiversity collections and long-term ecological research data".

29. **Invited Presentation, iDigBio Workshop, Assembling Continental Biotas from the Cretaceous of Gondwana** – Denver Museum of Nature and Science, CO. November 2022. "Symbiota developments for fossil collections".

28. **Invited Presentation, Antarctic Biorepository NSF Workshop, Virtual Conference** – University of Alaska Fairbanks, AK. February 2022. "Overview of the NEON Biorepository as an example of an NSF funded repository".

27. **Invited Presentation, NSF/AIBS International Workshop Series.** How Does Sharing Genetic Sequence Data Impact Biodiversity Science – Virtual Event. November 2021. "Enabling large-scale

ecological research with open genetic data – NEON Biorepository".

26. **Keynote Address, 3rd Annual Digital Data Conference** – Yale University, New Haven, CT. June 2019. "De-centralized but global: Redesigning biodiversity data aggregation for improved engagement and impact".
25. **Invited Presentation, Information & Library Science Colloquium Series** – Indiana University, Bloomington, IN. April 2019. "Discover, monitor, publish, disagree, align: Advancing the social design of biodiversity data science".
24. **Workshop, The Future of Systematics in Data-Centric Biology** – Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA. October 2017. " Machine-scalable solutions for future taxonomy must begin with a philosophical recommitment to embrace trained judgment".
23. **Center for Biology and Society Conversation Series** – School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. October 2017. " The limits of synthesis for integrative biology".
22. **CIRSS Seminar, School of Information Sciences** – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL. February 2017. "Non-unitary syntheses of taxonomic and phylogenetic knowledge".
21. **Plenary Session, Practical Hacking On Identifiers at BiOSphere2 (PHOIBOS2) –** Biosphere2, Oracle, AZ. February 2016. "Identifying and aligning taxonomic concepts".
20. **School of Life Sciences Café Seminar** – Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. February 2016. "Tracking taxonomic meanings".
19. **Invited Presentation, Joint Annual Meeting, Entomological Societies of Canada and Québec** – Montréal, Canada. November 2015. "Logic resolution of the taxonomic variable for evolutionary and biodiversity information environments."
18. **Graduate School of Library and Information Science Seminar** – University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL. May 2015. "Overview of the Euler/X multi-taxonomy alignment toolkit reasoning and visualization capabilities".
17. **Workshop – Understanding Taxon Ranges in Space and Time** – University of California at Berkeley, Global Change Biology, Berkeley, CA. October 2014. "Tracking taxonomic change across classifications and phylogenies".
16. **The Meaning of Names: Naming Diversity in the 21st Century** – University of Colorado, Boulder, CO. September 2014. "Explaining taxonomy's legacy to computers – how and why?"
15. **Third International Tenebrionoidea Symposium** – Tempe, AZ. August 2013. "Constructing a Coleoptera Anatomy Ontology – how and why".
14. **Museo de Historia Natural Tomás Romay** – Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. February 2012. "Sistemática, evolución, y biogeografía de los gorgojos Entiminae del Caribe".
13. **School of Life Sciences Seminar** – Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ. December 2010. "Systematics of acalyptine flower weevils, with comments on the taxonomic concept approach".
12. **Symposium on Biodiversity, Taxonomy and Systematics in the 21st Century** – UNAM, Mexico. October 2010. "Revisionary taxonomy in the age of computer ontologies".
11. **Department of Entomology Seminar** – University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ. May 2010. "Systematics and evolution of acalyptine flower weevils: from associations to homology".
10. **Seminario, Escuela de Biología** – Universidad Autónoma de Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. June 2008. "Sistemática e historia natural de los gorgojos Neotropicales; y Entomología en la UPRM".

9. **Biology Seminar** – Universidad de Puerto Rico, Río Piedras, PR. August 2006. "Evolution of pollination and seed predation in Neotropical derelomine flower weevils".

8. **Primate Life-History Databank: Setting the Agenda** – Wenner-Gren Foundation, New York, NY. September 2005. "Long-term taxonomic resolvability in the Primate Life-History Databank".

7. **Invited Presentation, Biennial Meeting of the Systematics Association, New Taxonomy Conference** – Cardiff, United Kingdom. August 2005. "The SEEK project: new concepts and tools to support biodiversity research and taxonomy".

6. **EcoLunch Series, National Center of Ecological Analysis and Synthesis** – Santa Barbara, CA. October 2004. "The SEEK project: new concepts and tools to support meta-analyses and taxonomy".

5. **Entomologists' Meeting, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History** – Santa Barbara, CA. September 2004. Evolution of derelomine flower weevils".

4. **Jugatae Entomology Seminar** – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. August 2004. "Systematics of derelomine flower weevils".

3. **Keynote Address, Annual Meeting of the Coleopterists Society** – Fort Lauderdale, FL. December 2002. "Natural history of derelomine flower weevils systematized".

2. **Seminario, Escuela de Biología** – Central University of Venezuela, Maracay, Venezuela. June 2002. "Biología reproductiva de Cyclanthaceae y de los Curculionidae asociados".

1. Bambi Seminar, Barro Colorado Island – Smithsonian Tropocal Research Institute, Panama. August 1999. "Pollination in Cyclanthaceae".

II. CONTRIBUTED PAPERS AND POSTERS (PAST 3 YEARS)

Totals: 127 presentations (62 as primary presenter; 34 by trainees)
49 posters (11 as primary presenter; 30 by trainees)

Trainees: [U] undergraduate; [G] graduate student; [P] postdoctoral; [S] staff and other trainees.

176. Fisher M, Orellana Arévalo KS[P], Gilbert E, **Franz N,** Pearson K, Wilt L, Salikov N, Walker L, Post G. "Leveraging new Symbiota features to extend specimen data in existing biocollections". Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Portland, OR. November 2025.

175. Gilbert E, **Franz N,** Sterner B. "Enhancing provenance and interoperability in biodiversity informatics through decentralized aggregation: the Symbiota model". Living Data 2025, Bogotá, Colombia. October 2025.

174. Krimmel E, Karin T, Little H, Walker L, Lawrence A, Mansur A, Millhouse A, Gilbert E, **Franz N,** Simpson C. "Planning for community-driven enhancement of information ecosystems to facilitate the discovery and use of paleontological specimen data". Living Data 2025, Bogotá, Colombia. October 2025.

173. Orellana KS[P], Gilbert E, Pearson K, Post G, Fisher M, **Franz N.** "Portales Symbiota para la integración de información de biodiversidad en Latinoamérica". Living Data 2025, Bogotá, Colombia. October 2025.

172. Sedran-Price C, Jennings LL, **Franz NM,** Hutchings L, Hudson M, Raymond M, Dias AF, Siri SRA, Hætta MJ, Axelsson P. "Embedding Indigenous data governance in global biodiversity infrastructure". Living Data 2025, Bogotá, Colombia. October 2025.

171. Karim T, Krimmel E, Little H, Walker L, Lawrence A, Mansur A, Millhouse A, Gilbert E, Post G, Salikov N, Wilt L, **Franz N,** Simpson C. "Facilitating the discovery and use of paleontological specimen data via community-driven enhancement of information ecosystems". Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America, Denver, CO. October 2025.

170. Kunkel D, Ellwood ER, Bentley A, et al. (18 co-authors, including **Franz NM**). "BIOFAIR Data Network: Building an Integrated, Open, Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable Data Network". Botany 2025, Palm Springs, CA. August 2025.

169. Pearson K, Gilbert E, Yost J, **Franz NM.** "Enriching and improving access to herbarium specimen data using new tools in online Symbiota data portals". Botany 2025, Palm Springs, CA. August 2025.

168. Schmidt HH, Linan AG, Pearson K, et al. (14 co-authors, including **Franz NM**). "Digitization and enrichment of U.S. herbarium data from tropical Africa to enable urgent quantitative conservation assessments". Botany 2025, Palm Springs, CA. August 2025.

167. Walter LJ, Pearson K, Gilbert E, Yost J, **Franz NM.** "The SEINet network of herbarium specimen data". Botany 2025, Palm Springs, CA. August 2025.

166. **Franz NM,** Hileman L, Cartwright P, Chan KO. "Designing scalable community-driven infrastructure to support biodiversity genomics". University of Kansas Center for Genomics 4th Annual Research Symposium, Lawrence, KS, May 2025.

165. Barberá P, et al. (42 co-authors, including **Franz NM** & Gilbert EE[G]). "Digitization and enrichment of U.S. herbarium data from tropical Africa to enable urgent quantitative conservation assessments". XX International Botanical Congress Madrid 2024, Madrid, Spain. July 2024.

164. **Franz NM.** "Sampling design, biorepositories and biodiversity data". The Missing Components in Genomics. Workshop. International Plant & Animal Genome Conference, PAG31, San Diego, CA. January 2024.

163. **Franz NM,** Gilbert EE[G], Husain A, Johnston MA, Liao R, Steger LD, Yule KM. "Opportunities with the NEON Biorepository". Research Insights in Semiarid Ecosystems, RISE 19th Annual Symposium, Tucson, AZ. October 2023.

162. **Franz NM,** Gilbert EE[G], Husain A, Liao R, Johnston MA, Pearson KD, Post G, Steger LD, Walker LJ, Yule KM. "Symbiota-based services for publishing genomic collections data". 4th International Global Genome Biodiversity Network Conference, Aguascalientes, Mexico. October 2023.

161. Gilbert E[G], **Franz N,** Pearson K, Sterner B, Yost JM, Orellana KS[G], Fisher MA, Walker LJ, Post G, Wilt L. "Symbiota 3.0: Exploration of historical and current methods of data sharing across a decentralized portal network and goals of extending interoperability globally". TDWG 2023, Biodiversity Information Standards Annual Meeting, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. October 2023.

160. Pearson K, Gilbert E[G], Orellana KS[G], Post G, Walker LJ, Yost J, **Franz N.** "Growth and evolution of the Symbiota portal network". TDWG 2023, Biodiversity Information Standards Annual Meeting, Hobart, Tasmania, Australia. October 2023.

159. **Franz NM,** Gilbert E[G], Husain A, Johnston A, Liao R, Rocha Prado L, Steger L, Yule. "The Symbiota software project: Advancing the integration of biodiversity collections and long-term ecological research data". Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR. August 2023.

158. Steger LD, Husain A, Liao R, **Franz N,** Yule K. "Exploring the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Biorepository small mammal collections, samples and data". 13th International Mammalogical Congress, Anchorage, AK. July 2023.

157. **Franz N,** Yule K, Gilbert E[G], Husain A, Johnston A, Liao R, Rocha Prado L, Steger L. "Open discussion: the NEON Biorepository infrastructure model". 7th Annual Digital Data Conference: Leveraging Digital Data in Service to Conservation, Ecology, Systematics, Phylogenetics, and Novel Biodiversity Research, Tempe, AZ. June 2023.

156. Walker L, Fisher M, **Franz N,** Gilbert E[G], Pearson K, Post G, Orellana S[G], Yost J. "What is Symbiota?" 7th Annual Digital Data Conference: Leveraging Digital Data in Service to Conservation, Ecology, Systematics, Phylogenetics, and Novel Biodiversity Research, Tempe, AZ. June 2023.

155. Yule K, Gilbert E[G], Husain A, Johnston A, Rocha Prado L, Steger L, **Franz N.** "Expanding biodiversity occurrences for ecological collections". 7th Annual Digital Data Conference: Leveraging Digital Data in Service to Conservation, Ecology, Systematics, Phylogenetics, and Novel Biodiversity Research, Tempe, AZ. June 2023.

154. Pearson K, **Franz N,** Gilbert E[G], Orellana S[G], Post G, Rocha Prado L, Walker L, Yost J. "Symbiota tools to support Digital Specimen curation". SPNHC 2023, Annual Meeting of Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections, San Francisco, CA. May 2023.

153. Yule K, Gilbert E[G], Husain A, Johnston A, Liao R, Rocha Prado L, Steger L, **Franz N.** "Tips and tools for managing digital biodiversity specimens (featuring Symbiota)". SPNHC 2023, Annual Meeting of Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections, San Francisco, CA. May 2023.

152. Palmrose-Krieger C[U], **Franz N,** Lee S. "Big-Bee: Trait digitization to advance buzz ecology and taxonomy research". ASU SOLS Undergraduate Research Symposium, Tempe, AZ. April 2023.

151. Pandey J et al. (12 co-authors, including **Franz NM**). "Kick-off webinar and discussion on the need for a specimen management plan requirement". Biodiversity Collections Network (BCoN) and the U.S. Culture Collection Network (USCCN), Online Webinar. February 2023.

MENTORING

I. POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCHERS (9 TOTAL, 1 CURRENT)

2025-present **Samanta Orellana Arévalo, Ph.D.** – KU Biodiversity Institute Postdoctoral Researcher.

2022-2024 **Matthew F. Jones, Ph.D.** – ASU SOLS Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow.
* Obtained an Assistant Professor position at Arizona State University in 2024.

2021-2024 **Salvatore S. Anzaldo, Ph.D.** USDA APHIS – Systematics of weevils attacking avocado.
* Obtained a research entomologist position at the National Museum of Natural History.

2021-2022 **Prashant Gupta, Ph.D.** BioKIC – Biodiversity Data Science Initiative.
* Obtained a Data Engineer position at Amazon.

2020-2022 **Nathan S. Upham, Ph.D.** BioKIC – Biodiversity Data Science Initiative.
* Obtained an Assistant Professor position at Arizona State University.

2019-2021 **Atriya Sen, Ph.D.** BioKIC – Biodiversity Data Science Initiative.
* Obtained an Assistant Professor position at the University of New Orleans.

2015 **Matthew L. Gimmel, Ph.D.** BioKIC – Coleoptera Anatomy Ontology.
* Obtained an Endowed Curator position at the Santa Barbara Natural History Museum.

2013-2017 **Guanyang Zhang, Ph.D.** NSF CAREER – Systematics of eustyline and geonemine weevils. * Obtained a Postdoctoral Researcher position at the University of Florida.

2012-1014 **Aaron D. Smith, Ph.D.** NSF ARTS – Systematics of the darkling beetle genus *Eleodes*.
* Obtained an Assistant Professor position at Northern Arizona University.

II. Ph.D. Students (Chair; 11 total, 1 current + 3 co-chaired)

2020-present **Caleb A. Powell.** Co-Chair. Advancing AI applications with synthetic specimen images.

2019-present **Evan S. Waite.** Systematics of North American Carabidae (Coleoptera).

2019-present **Charles Wallace.** Co-Chair. Decision-making in biological classifications.

2021-2025 **Ángel L. Robles Fernández.** Co-Chair. Modeling zoonotic diseases.
URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/202355

2020-2025 **Alexis Cortés Hernández.** Systematics of Tanymecini (Coleoptera: Curculionidae).

2015-2025 **Edward E. Gilbert.** Decentralized biodiversity data integration through Symbiota.
URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/201594

2019-2024 **Samanta Orellana Arévalo.** Systematics of Anthribidae (Coleoptera).
URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/198222

2015-2022 **Brian H. Reily.** Systematics of *Pachnaeus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae).
URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/171426

2014-2019 **M. Andrew Jansen.** Evolution of the *Curculio* rostrum (Coleoptera: Curculionidae).
URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/157410

2013-2019 **Salvatore S. Anzaldo.** Systematics of Conoderinae (Coleoptera: Curculionidae).
URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/157762

2013-2018 **M. Andrew Johnston.** Systematics of Amphidorini (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae).
URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/156871

III. External Ph.D. Students (Committee Member; 4 total, 0 current)

2019-2022 **Yi-Yun Cheng.** Ph.D. Committee, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Agreeing to disagree: Applying a logic-based approach to reconciling and merging multiple taxonomies.

2012-2017 **Shizhuo Yu.** Ph.D. Committee, University of California at Davis.
Enhancing taxonomy alignment with region connection calculus reasoning.
ISBN 978-0-355-45198-6.

2012-2014 **Mingmin Chen.** Ph.D. Committee, University of California at Davis.
Reasoning about queries and constraints. ProQuest # 1665572038.

2011-2015 **Julio C. Lazcano Cara.** Ph.D. Committee, University of Puerto Rico Río Piedras.
The reproductive biology of *Zamia* (Cycadales: Zamiaceae) in Puerto Rico: Implications for patterns of genetic structure and species conservation".

IV. M.Sc./M.A. Students (Chair; 12 total, 2 current)

2025-present **Omotayo Agunbiade,** Museum Studies Capstone Project. Biodiversity data publishing.

2025-present **Valeria S. Rodríguez Parra.** Systematics of *Peltophorus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae).

2025-present **Madeline M. Shaw.** Systematics of *Mitostylus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae).

2022-2023 **Daniel Moses.** Fossilized Miocene midge galls from Washington and Idaho.

2018-2025 **Brennan T. Hays.** Southwest U.S. insect population trends based on NEON data.

2018-2023 **Katherine M. Arguez.** Systematics of *Rhyssomatus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/187447

2012-2014 **M. Andrew Jansen.** Phylogenetic revision of *Minyomerus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). URL: https://keep.lib.asu.edu/items/152772

2010-2012 **Andrés H. Vélez-Bravo.** UPRM. Systematics of Nyctiborinae (Blattaria: Ectobiidae). URL: https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11801/472

2010-2012 **Augusto L. Montoya Giraldo.** UPRM. Revision of *Argentinomyia* (Diptera: Syrphidae). URL: https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11801/209

2009-2012 **Laura M. Vásquez-Vélez.** UPRM. Phylogeny and revision of *Pselaphomorphus* (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Pselaphinae). URL: https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11801/133

2008-2011 **Anyimilehidi Mazo-Vargas.** UPRM. Phylogeny and phylogeography of *Exophthalmus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). URL: https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11801/273

2008-2011 **Juliana Cardona-Duque.** UPRM. Revision of *Azotoctla* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). URL: https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11801/474

2007-2010 **Jennifer C. Girón Duque.** UPRM. Revision and phylogeny of *Apodrosus* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). URL: https://hdl.handle.net/20.500.11801/481

V. Undergraduate Honors Students (3 total, 0 current)

2019 **Chad S. Hauck.** Co-Chair. The diversity and history of the plants in the alleyways of Tempe. URL: https://hdl.handle.net/2286/R.I.52893

2014 **Samantha L. Hauserman.** Cocladogenesis – a thesis in three parts. URL: https://hdl.handle.net/2286/R.I.22788

2012 **Dustin H. Daniel.** An interactive key to the genera of entimine weevils of Arizona. URL: http://mx.speciesfile.org/projects/85/public/site/asu/home

VI. Undergraduate Research Students (ASU & KU; 187 cumulative)

2026 (1) Tegan Von Der Heyde.

2023 (20) Sarah Ahmed, Alana Boots, Zachary Boyd, Arely Castillo, TrayVaughn Erickson, Iran Esquivel, Mine Gulmen, Zainab Kadhim, Jacob Kerwin, Christina Palmrose-Krieger, Piper Preuss, Sophia Ream, Carina Rodriguez, Leah Saddiddin, Nikita Salikov, Sarah Snider, Minjee Sohn, Ethan Wright, Jordyn Yochheim, Ramisa Zaman.

2022 (18) Emily Allan, Laura Boyer, Zachary Byrd, Vivian Bui, Tibet Ergul, Ashlee Greenier, Aryan Gupta, Jacob Kerwin, Kelsey Krall, Gilma De Leon, Linh Nghiem, Jordan Patterson, Carina Rodriguez, Giavonna Sabatini, Sarah Snider, Ethan Wright, Jordyn Yochheim, Austin Zumbuhl.

2021 (15) Zachary Byrd, Tibet Ergul, Ashlee Greenier, Marry Haddad, Savage Hess, Jacob Kerwin, Elena Palka-Flores, Sophia Ream, Marcus Reid, Carina Rodriguez, Michele Tan, Ethan Wright, Jordyn Yochheim, Luisa Zamora Chavez, Austin Zumbuhl.

2020 (19) Melanie Abramson, Maxime Bault, Savanna Benson, Ana Castro, Paris Christensen, Joshua Deib, Shreya Dubey, Emmy Gariepy, Luis Hernandez, Sophie Huard, Emma Knapp, Paulina Labesa, Elena Palka-Flores, Maya Peremislov, Stephane Presume, Eda Sezen, Jeffrey Sneed, Nathan Soliday, Vanessa Soto.

2019 (21) Katherine Barnes, Savanna Benson, Jamal Broussard, Klara Boules, Edgar Camberos, Courtney Curtis, Emmy Gariepy, Brennan Hays, Travis Hitchner, Trinity Johnson, Khalil

	Khalil, Rachel Kulich, Paulina Labesa, Avneet Nagra, Maya Peremislov, Luis Romero, Eda Sezen, Suraya Sidique, Cody Smith, Jeffrey Sneed, Benjamin Shockley.
2018 (14)	Edgar Camberos, Brennan Hays, Travis Hitchner, Trinity Johnson, Rachel Kulich, Charles Malm, Avneet Nagra, Maya Peremislov, Noah Redwood, Luis Romero, Benjamin Shockley, Sofia Soto, Ethan Stahura, Kelsie Wilder.
2017 (17)	Yasmin Aghili, Dylan Cooper, Boris Dimov, Chad Hauck, Brennan Hays, Travis Hitchner, José Martínez, Luc McConnell, Justin Nguyen, Luis Romero, Sarah Rydberg, Spencer Scott, Ethan Stahura, Zachary Stevens, Brian Takimoto, Don Tram, Sydney Wuerker.
2016 (11)	Dylan Cooper, Joseph Hunter, Zachariah Lott, Collin McMartin, John Nguyen, Shinji Otsuru, Sara Tanveer, Richard Thomas, Lester Villalobos Mendoza, Don Tram, Mary Walsh.
2015 (12)	Abigail Howell, Joseph Hunter, John Nguyen, S.M. Bukola Obayomi, Lin Pan, Pavithra Paravastu, Natalia Rahman, Ashley Sanders, Mohamad-Sari Sbai, Sara Tanveer, Richard Thomas, Lester Villalobos Mendoza.
2014 (12)	Usmaan Basharat, Kellie Elliott, Zhen Geng, Christopher Henny, Kody Holmes, Joseph Hunter, Lin Pan, Juyan Pourturk, Ashlee Prettyman, Chelsey Tellez, Andrea Walton, Kevin Wang.
2013 (17)	Usmaan Basharat, Omron Blauo, Kevin Demater, Hayley Dull, Soon Flynn, Jennifer Guzzardi, Evan Hook, Madalyn Karamooz, Catherine Mercado, Naomi Pier, Karin Ramirez, Michael Shillingburg, Sarah Shirota, William Sides, Chelsey Tellez, Daniel Vargas, Andrea Walton.
2012 (8)	Stephanie Delgado, David Fleming, Soon Flynn, Catherine Mercado, Joshua Persson, Naomi Pier, Michael Shillingburg, Sarah Shirota.
2011 (7)	Martha Camacho, Adam Cegla, Dustin Daniel, Harry Grissom, Gregory Lloyd, Don Quach, Stephanie Varelas.

VII. Mentored Trainee Awards and Honors

2025	Entomological Society of America, Student Competition for the President's Prize for a 10-minute oral presentation, SysEB: Biodiversity (1st place). Awarded to Evan Waite[G].
2023	The Coleopterists Society Council Membership. Awarded to K. Samanta Orellana.
2022	Entomological Society of America, Student Competition for the President's Prize for a 10-minute oral presentation, SysEB: Biodiversity (1st place). Awarded to Evan Waite[G].
2022	Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund. Awarded to Ángel Robles Fernández[G].
2017-2019	Entomological Society of America's President's Prize for a 10-minute oral presentation (1st place). Awarded to Salvatore AnzaldoG, Brian Reily[G], Evan Waite[G].,
2018-2019	ASU SOLS Thesis Completion Fellowship. Awarded to Salvatore Anzaldo[G], Andrew Jansen[G], Andrew Johnston[G].
2018	ASU The College Graduate Excellence Award. Awarded to Salvatore Anzaldo[G].
2018	ASU Graduate College Travel Grant. Awarded to Salvatore Anzaldo[G], Andrew Jansen[G], Brian Reily[G].
2018	ASU SOLS Travel Award. Awarded to Salvatore Anzaldo[G] (twice), Andrew Jansen[G], Brian Reily[G].
2018	Society for Systematic Biologists Mini-ARTS Award. Awarded to Salvatore Anzaldo[G].

2017	Harvard University MCZ Ernst Mayr Travel Award. Awarded to Salvatore Anzaldo[G].
2017	Canadian Museum of Nature Visiting Scientist Award. Awarded to Andrew Johnston[G].
2016	ASU EVO Ph.D. Program Summer Research Fellowship. Awarded to Andrew Johnston[G].
2016	USAID Research and Innovation Fellowship. Awarded to Edward Gilbert[G].
2015	ASU SOLS Undergraduate Research Grant. Awarded to Usmaan Basharat[U].
2015	ASU The College Undergraduate Summer Enrichment. Awarded to Joseph Hunter[U].
2015	ASU SOLS Undergraduate Research Program (SOLUR). Awarded to Zhen Geng[U].
2014	ASU SOLS Undergraduate Research Program (SOLUR). Awarded to Usmaan Basharat[U].
2014	Society for the Study of Evolution Undergraduate Diversity at Evolution Program. Awarded to Usmaan Basharat[U].
2007-2008	NSF Alianza para el Aprendizaje de Ciencias y Matemáticas Summer Research Program (AlACiMa). Awarded to Jennifer López[U], Diana Ruíz[U].
2006-2010	NSF Puerto Rico Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program (PR-LSAMP). Awarded to Jean Carlos Cruz[U], Freddie Irizarry[U], Christopher Molini[U] (twice).

INSTRUCTION

I. UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

BIOL 578 & 579: Entomology Lecture & Laboratory. Overview of the biology of insects, including morphology, evolution, classification, physiology, ecology, behavior, and conservation. Laboratory activities and field trips emphasize insect diversity, with emphasis on Kansas insect fauna, and field- and lab-based training in insect research methods. 4 credits combined; offered in the Fall of 2026.

BIOL 599 Senior Seminar: Biodiversity and Society. Discussion seminar focusing on the theme of biodiversity and society. Themes examine the relevance of understanding and managing biodiversity along different social dimensions (e.g., education, ethics, environmental and human health). 1 credit; offered in the Spring of 2025.

II. ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

BIO 189 Life Sciences Career Paths: Discover Insect Species. Introductory, first-year undergraduate student seminar focused on contextualizing the dimensions of biodiversity and empirical pathways to discovering and managing biodiversity knowledge and translating this knowledge into societal response actions, with an emphasis on insects. 1 credit; offered in the Fall of 2014, 2016, 2017.

BIO 345 Evolution. Introduction to concepts of evolutionary theory including phylogenetic analysis, adaptive and non-adaptive evolution, population genetics, and modern human evolution. The course entails lectures and activity-focused recitations. 3 credits; offered in the Summer of 2018, Online.

BIO 386 General Entomology. Up-to-date introduction to the morphology, evolution, classification, physiology, and ecological and behavioral interactions of insects with their environment. Lectures are complemented by weekly lab sections and optional field trips, based on which each student creates their own scientifically curated collection of at least 100 insect species (including a virtual collection option), identified to the level of family. 3 credits; offered in the Fall of 2012-2023 (except 2018).

BIO 498 Fundamentals of Tropical Biology and Tropical Research. Field-based course offered at Gamboa, Panama, in coordination with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute. Students are exposed

to topics and student-led research projects that broadly integrate tropical ecology, biodiversity, evolution, behavior, and physiology. 6 credits; offered in the Summer of 2014.

BIO 498 Discovering Biodiversity: Field to Database. Practical course focused on current methods in biodiversity documentation in the field and research collection; including concepts and practices needed to collect, process, digitize, publish, and analyze high-quality biodiversity data through open, standard-compliant information environments. 3 credits; offered in the Spring of 2016.

EVO 598 Seminar: Current Topics in Systematics. Graduate-level seminar focused on learning broadly and deeply about recurring issues and new trends of relevance to the field of biological systematics. Offered in the Spring of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2020, 2021, 2022; and in the Fall of 2014, 2015.

III. University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez

BIOL 4901/2	**Special Problems in Zoology**	2006-2011 – every semester
BIOL 4446	**Introduction to Entomology**	Spring 2007, 2008, 2010
BIOL 4925	**Undergraduate Seminar**	Spring 2006
BIOL 6015	**Insect Morphology**	Fall 2010
BIOL 6990	**Graduate Seminar**	Fall 2007
BIOL 6992	**Phylogenetic Systematics Lab**	Fall 2008
BIOL 6993	**Biological Nomenclature**	Spring 2007
BIOL 6994	**Biological Systematics**	Fall 2007, Spring 2010
CIBI 3032	**Biological Science for Non-Majors**	Spring 2006 (2 sections)
ZOOL 6058	**Insect Taxonomy**	Fall 2006, Spring 2009

IV. Additional Instruction

2021-2023 **ASU Biocollections Summer Scholars Program.**
Role: Co-lead, instructor. 3 Summers, 16 participants.

2014 **The Weevil Course II.** Southwest Research Station, Portal, AZ.
Role: Lead organizer and instructor.16 participants.

2012 **The Weevil Course.** Southwest Research Station, Portal, AZ.
Role: Lead organizer and instructor. 22 participants.

2012 **Taller de Cladística.** Museo de Historia Natural Tomás Romay, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba. Role: Lead instructor. 24 participants.

2010 **USDA Southern Plant Diagnostic Network Weevil Workshop.**
University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Role: Instructor. 28 participants.

2006 **SEEK Postdoctoral Workshop in Biodiversity Informatics.**
University of New Mexico, NM. Role: Instructor. 14 participants.

2001 **Coleoptera Parataxonomists Course.** Instituto Nacional de Biodiversity (INBio), Costa Rica. Role: Instructor. 35 participants.

Service

I. Institutional Service

2025-present Member, The Commons Advisory Team, The Commons, KU.
2025-present KU Symbiota Service Center Leader, BI/NHM, KU.

2024-present	Chair, Executive Committee, BI/NHM, KU.
2024-present	Member, Administrative Committee & PUB Committee, BI/NHM, KU.
2024-present	*Ex Officio* Member, Board of Advisors, BI/NHM, KU.
2023-2024	Leader, BioKIC Services Recharge Center, SOLS, ASU.
2021	Co-Chair, Evolution Instructor Search Committee, SOLS, ASU.
2019-2024	Co-Lead, Biosystems Focal Areas, Global Futures Laboratory, ASU.
2017-2018	Member, SOLS Director Search Committee, SOLS, ASU.
2016-2017	Member, Septennial Academic Program Review Committee, SOLS, ASU.
2013-2024	Member, EVO Ph.D. Program, SOLS, ASU.
2013-2018	Lead Coordinator, Natural History Collections, SOLS, ASU.
2011-2014	Associate Director, Revisions and Monography, International Institute for Species Exploration (IISE), ASU.
2011-2013	Member, Natural History Collections, SOLS, ASU.
2012-2013	Member, Ecosystem Conservation and Resilience Initiative Advisory Board, SOLS, ASU.
2011-2024	Member, Faculty of Genomics, Evolution and Bioinformatics Faculty Group, SOLS, ASU.
2009-2011	Leader, Informatics Committee, Department of Biology, UPRM.
2006-2009	Member, Computer and Field Station Committees, Department of Biology, UPRM.
2001	Coordinator, Jugatae Seminar Series, Department of Entomology, Cornell University.

II. External Service (Organizations, Projects)

2025-present	Member, Global Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF) Indigenous Data Governance Task Group.
2025-present	Board Member, Specify Collections Consortium.
2025-present	Supporting Member, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).
2023	Workshop Participant and Member, Samples and Processing Working Group. The Earth BioGenome Project: Meeting the Challenges to Complete Phase II Workshop. Lausanne, Switzerland.
2022-present	Collaborator, Earth BioGenome Project, U.S. Node Planning Group.
2021-2025	Member, Biodiversity Collections Network (BCoN) Steering Committee.
2021-present	Member, Integrated Digitized Biocollections (iDigBio) Executive Committee.
2021-2024	Extraordinary Member, National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) Science, Technology & Education Advisory Committee (STEAC).
2021-present	Elected Fellow, Willi Hennig Society.
2020-2025	Member, Ecological Forecasting Initiative Research Coordination Network.
2013-2019	Research Associate, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Balboa, Ancón, Panama.
2012-2018	Lead Domain Scientist, Euler/X Multi-Taxonomy Alignment and Explorer of Taxon TemConcepts Projects, University of California at Davis and University of Arizona.
2011-2015	Core Participant, Phenotype Ontology Research Coordination Network and Meetings, National Evolutionary Synthesis Center, Durham, NC, and Biosphere2, Oracle, AZ.
2009-2010	Councilor, The Coleopterists Society.
2008-2011	Core Participant, Research Coordination Network – CollectionsWeb.
2008	Invited Participant, Research Coordination Network – CollectionsWeb Workshop I, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
2006-present	Student Competition Judge and Session Moderator, Systematics, Evolution, and Behavior Section, Annual Meetings of the Entomological Society of America.
1999-present	Member, The Coleopterists Society, Entomological Society of America, Society of Systematic Biologists, Willi Hennig Society.

III. Event Coordination Service

2024-2025	Hosting Institution Leader, Sustainable Futures: Challenges and Opportunities for Modern Collections, 40th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC), University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.
2022-2023	Lead Host and Opening Speaker, 2023 iDigBio 7th Annual Digital Data Conference, hosted by the Rob and Melani Walton Center for Planetary Health (Global Futures Laboratory) and the ASU Biocollections (BioKIC), Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ.
2021-present	Monthly iDigBio Symbiota Support Group Virtual Session.
2020	Co-Organizer, Avenues into Integration: Communicating Taxonomic Intelligence from Sender to Recipient Session, Annual Meeting of the Biodiversity Information Standards Association (TDWG 2020), Virtual Conference.
2020	Co-Organizer, Taxonomically Intelligent Biodiversity Data: Taking Stock of Our Progress and Next Steps to Scale Up Implementation Session, iDigBio 4th Annual Digital Data Conference, Indiana University, Virtual Conference.
2019	Co-Organizer, Closing the Feedback Loop between Biodiversity Data and Decision Making Workshop, Global Futures Laboratory, ASU SkySong, Scottsdale, AZ.
2019	Co-Organizer, Using NEON Samples and Data in Biodiversity Research Workshop, Biodiversity Next 2019, Leiden, The Netherlands.
2018	Co-Organizer, Taxonomic Intelligence for Next-Generation Biological Data Discovery and Integration Workshop, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA.
2017	Co-Organizer, The Future of Systematics in Data-Centric Biology Workshop, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA.
2017	Leader, Workshop on Phylo-References, Sponsored by NSF FuturePhy and OpenTree projects, Duke University, Durham, NC.
2016	Organizer, Building the Biodiversity Knowledge Graph for Insects Symposium, XXV International Congress of Entomology (ICE 2016), Orlando, FL.
2016	Leader, Workshop on Tree-Data Integration for Phytophagan Beetles, Sponsored by NSF FuturePhy, OpenTree, and Arbor projects, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
2016	Co-Organizer, Introduction to Galaxy Workshop, SOLS, ASU.
2015	Co-Organizer, iDigBio Workshop, Managing Natural History Collections Data for Global Discoverability, Natural History Collections, ASU.
2013	Co-Organizer, Third International Tenebrionoidea Symposium, SOLS, ASU.
2012	Co-Organizer, All-Hands Meeting of the Southwest Collections of Arthropods Network (SCAN), SOLS, ASU.
2009-2010	Member, Organizing Committee of the 2011 Entomological Society of America – Southeastern Branch Meeting (ESA-SEB), Río Piedras, PR.
2007	Organizer, New Minds for Weevil Systematics Symposium, Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, San Diego, CA.
2004	Assistant Coordinator, Phytophaga Symposium, XXII International Congress of Entomology, Brisbane, Australia.

IV. Review Service (Manuscripts, Proposals)

2020	*Ad hoc* Reviewer, Montoya, Power of Position: Classification and the Biodiversity Sciences, MIT Press.
2019	*Ad hoc* Reviewer, Schuh & Brower, Biological Systematic – Principles and Applications, Third Edition, Cornell University Press.
2018-present	Academic Editor, PLoS ONE – Insect Systematics, Biodiversity Informatics.
2017-2023	Subject Editor, Biodiversity Informatics, Insect Systematics and Diversity, Entomological Society of America, Oxford Academic.
2016	Guest Editor, Special Issue on Semantics for Biodiversity, Semantic Web – Interoperability, Usability, Applicability, an IOS Press Journal.

2015-2017	Editor, Knowledge Representation in Systematic Biology, Taylor & Francis Group.
2012-2013	Subject Editor. Coleoptera, Annals of the Entomological Society of America.
2009-2017	Editorial Committee Member, Solenodon – Antillean Journal of Zoological Taxonomy.
2009-2012	Editor, Subject Area Coleoptera: Curculionoidea, Zootaxa.
2009-present	Member on 9 NSF proposal review panels; Biological Research Collections (BRC), Cyber-Innovation for Sustainability Science (CyberSEES), Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grants (DDIG, twice), Genealogy of Life (GoLife), Partnership to Advance Conservation Science and Practice (PACSP), Pathways to Enable Open-Source Ecosystems (POSE) Phase I, and Systematics and Biodiversity Science (SBS, twice).
2006-present	Approximately 30 *ad hoc* reviews of NSF proposals in the areas of systematics, ecology, evolution, open biodiversity data science, and AI/ML applications for biodiversity.
2001-2009	Editor, CURCULIO – International Newsletter for Curculionoidea Research. URL: https://www.coleopsoc.org/resources/beetle-newsletters-open-access-journals/curculio/
2001-present	*Ad hoc* manuscript reviewer (40 peer-reviewed journals).

Acta Biotheoretica, Biodiversity Data Journal, Biological Journal of the Linnean Society, Biology & Philosophy, BioScience, Boletín del Museo de Entomología de la Universidad del Valle, Canadian Entomologist, Caribbean Journal of Science, Cladistics, Coleopterists Bulletin, Diversity, Entomapeiron - Paleoentomology, Florida Entomologist, Insecta Mundi, Insects (MDPI), Invertebrate Systematics, Israel Journal of Entomology, Journal of Agriculture of the University of Puerto Rico, Journal of Science and Technology Education Research, Journal of Tropical Ecology, Methods in Ecology and Evolution, Molecular Biology and Evolution, Molecular Phylogenetics & Evolution, Paleontologia Electronica, PeerJ, PLoS Biology, PLoS ONE, Proceedings of the Entomological Society of Washington, Revista Brasileira de Entomologia, Revista de Biología Tropical, Revista de la Sociedad Entomológica Argentina, Semantic Web Journal, Smithsonian Contributions Open Monographs, Solenodon, Systematic Biology, Systematic Entomology, Taxon, ZooKeys, Zoologia Neocaledonica, Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society, Zootaxa.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

KU Biodiversity Institute & Natural History Museum (2024-present). My position as BI/NHM Director entails one or more outreach engagements on weekly basis serving a wide range of communities. Recent 2025 examples include contributions to the SPNHC 2025 collection tours, KU Staff Leadership Summit, Kansas State Fair, and Taste of Lawrence.

ASU Biocollections (2011-2024). Outreach and engagement were integral parts of translating my commitment to the ASU Biocollections into long-term strategic and everyday activities. In my functions as Curator of Insects, Director of the Biocollections, and Director of the Biodiversity Knowledge Integration Center, I played a central role in structuring the purpose of the collections and associated personnel around providing access to students, researchers, volunteers, and the general public (K to life-long learners). This scope of activities includes both in-person and virtually facilitated access. Starting in 2014 with our relocation to the Alameda Building, the ASU Biocollections have offered 20-40 themed or focused outreach events on an annual basis, reaching 1,000-3,000 in-person visitors. Our 3D-AR collection specimen apps and 60+ Symbiota portals reach a still larger virtual audience, with jointly more than 5,000 daily users.

The Love Bugs. In 2017-2019 our group contributed extensively to the content and production of the documentary *The Love Bugs* – https://www.thelovebugsfilm.com/ – which won 14 film festival awards and was entered into the competition for the 2021 Academy Awards – Best Documentary Short. The documentary features the history and significance of the Charles W. and Lois B. O'Brien Collections, and ASU's role in acquiring and reactivating this invaluable resource for research and education. More than 5

million global viewers have seen the 34-minute-long documentary which is now publicly viewable at https://www.pbs.org/pov/films/thelovebugs/.

ASU Biocollections Summer Scholars Program. Launched in the Summer of 2021, with continuing offerings in 2022 and 2023 to foster human-nature connections and provide hands-on biocollections experiences for undergraduates from underrepresented groups in STEM. For six weeks during the Summer, 4-6 funded scholars spent 20 hours each week working collaboratively in the ASU Biocollections and in the field with members of BioKIC. The program was twice formally assessed and deemed highly successful, resulting in the retention of 10/16 scholars as ASU Biocollections researchers and outreach program leads.

EXAMPLES OF MEDIA COVERAGE

2025	KU News. Hardy family provides $2 million gift to propel restoration of iconic KU Natural History Museum exhibit.
2023	ASU News. NSF, ASU continue partnership to house national biorepository.
2021	ASU News. ASU Biocollections grant fuels digitization of millions of specimen records.
2021	The State Press. Popularizing biophilia.
2019	ASU News. Volunteers explore passions at rapidly growing ASU Natural History Collections facility.
2018	ASU News. ASU receives multimillion grant from NSF to create a national biorepository.
2017	The Arizona Republic. Bitten by the collecting bug: Arizona couple's insect collection valued at $10 million will go to ASU.
2017	ASU News. Entomologist couple donates world-class insect collection to ASU.
2014	ASU News. ASU's Natural History Collections celebrate new home with grand opening.
2012	ASU News. ASU to digitize vast Southwestern arthropod collection.