

# Krystle Hickman

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## About Me

Conservation photographer and TEDx Speaker originally from Omaha, Nebraska. Recognized for creating strong emotional narratives through public speaking and photography.

## Education

**Northwest High School**  
Diploma  
Omaha, NE, USA

## Links

**Native Bee Portfolio**  
[BeeSip.com/Portfolio](https://BeeSip.com/Portfolio)

## Social Media

[Instagram.com/BeeSip](https://Instagram.com/BeeSip)  
[Facebook.com/BeesipOnline](https://Facebook.com/BeesipOnline)  
[Twitter.com/BeeSipOnline](https://Twitter.com/BeeSipOnline)

## Skills

Melittology  
Bee Taxonomy  
Public Speaking  
Creative Writing  
Photoshop  
Drawing  
Photography  
Lightroom  
Premiere Pro  
After Effects

## Work Experience

- Natural History Museum OCT 2024 – PRESENT  
Los Angeles  
**MUSEUM ASSOCIATE**  
  
Writing research papers/articles, identifying native bees, and leading community science based native bee research.
- UC Davis MAR 2023 – PRESENT  
Remote  
**SENIOR PRODUCER-DIRECTOR**  
  
Working with UC ANR capturing high-quality images and videos.
- BeeSip JAN 2016 – PRESENT  
Los Angeles  
**CONSERVATION PHOTOGRAPHER/GUEST  
SPEAKER/LECTURER**  
  
Through artful photography works to increase awareness of native bee populations and their ecosystems. Motivational speaking as well as talks on photography and ecology.
- TEDxUCLA APR 2018  
Los Angeles  
**SPEAKER**

## Academic and Professional References

**Dr. Keng-Lou James Hung**, University of Oklahoma  
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## Grants

**Hickman, K.** 2023. "To Save the Bees We Must Get to Know the Bees." National Geographic Explorer  
URL: <https://news.mongabay.com/2021/10/can-we-save-the-bees-absolutely-lets-start-with-the-natives-commentary/>

## Publications

**Hickman, K.** March 2023. "Native Bees and Your Garden" Article, *Pacific Horticulture*  
URL: <https://pacifichorticulture.org/articles/native-bees-and-your-garden/>

**Hickman, K.** October 2021. "Can we save the bees? Absolutely. Let's start with the native species" Article, *Mongabay*  
URL: <https://news.mongabay.com/2021/10/can-we-save-the-bees-absolutely-lets-start-with-the-natives-commentary/>

## Articles in review and in preparation

**Hickman, K.** and Waltrous, K. 2024-2025. Raising *Halictus tripartitus* in a lab to discover the phenology of males. *TBD*

**Hickman, K.** and Portman, Z. 2024. *Perdita (Perdita) nasuta* (Hymenoptera: Andrenidae) male clypeus facial feature use. *Journal of Melittology*

## Invited guest lectures for undergraduate courses

Halsted, J., Herscovitch, P., & **Hickman, K.** May 2024. "Bee Lab: Micro Ecosystems" – ArtCenter of College and Design, Pasadena, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** January 2024. "The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees" – UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA

Lister, N., & **Hickman, K.** March 2023. "Native Bee Discussion" – Harvard University, Sherman Oaks, CA, USA

Chari, J., & **Hickman, K.** March 2023. "The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees" – College of the Canyons, Santa Clarita, CA, USA

Borders, B., & **Hickman, K.** February 2023. "Sustainable Action Research Project" – UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
[Webinar presentation]

**Hickman, K.** February 2023. "Micro Ecosystems" – ArtCenter of College and Design, Pasadena, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** June 2022. "What are Natives Bees?" – California State University Channel Islands, Santa Rosa Island Research Station, CA, USA

Halsted, J., Herscovitch, P., & **Hickman, K.** November and December 2021. "Bee Lab" – ArtCenter of College and Design, Pasadena, CA, USA

Todd, M., Watson, E., & **Hickman, K.** October and November 2021. "The Wonderful World of Bees" – ArtCenter of College and Design, Pasadena, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** April 2021. "Conservation Studies: Community/Citizen Science Day" – West Los Angeles Community College, Culver City, CA, USA

## Invited guest lectures for primary and secondary school courses

**Hickman, K.** October 2023. "STEAM Days: Native Bees" – Los Altos High School, Los Altos, CA, USA

Prince, D., & **Hickman, K.** April 2021. "Earth Day Virtual Presentation" – Westridge School/Descanso Gardens, La Cañada Flintridge, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** April 2021. “Earth Day Virtual Presentation” – San Rafael Elementary School, Pasadena, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** February 2021. “Pen & Paper” – LPS Oakland R&D, Oakland, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** October 2020. “Macro Photography” – La Cañada High School, La Cañada Flintridge, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

## **Invited educational seminar presentations and outreach events**

**Hickman, K.** October 2024. “Conservation and Native Bees” – COP16: UN Biodiversity Conference, Cali, Valle del Cauca, Colombia

**Hickman, K.** October 2024. “Identifying Native Bees” – The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** October 2024. “Three Part Workshop on Native Bees” – The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** October 2024. “The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees” – The Hammer Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** October 2024. “Conservation and Native Bees: BioBlitz Special Program” – LA County Library, Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** April 2024. “Halictus tripartitus Bee Dorms” – Urban Nature Research Center/Natural History Museum, Los Angeles, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** April 2024. “Bee ID Workshop part 2” – Arlington Garden, Pasadena, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** April 2024. “Bee ID Workshop part 1” – Arlington Garden, Pasadena, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** April 2024. “The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees” – San Bernardino County Museum, Redlands, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** April 2024. “Nature Doesn’t Have To Be A Place You Travel To” – National Geographic Society Northern North American Leadership Workshop, Raleigh, NC, USA

**Hickman, K.** March 2024. “The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees” – Great Grow Along, Chicago, IL, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** January 2024. “GMRI’s Scientist To Go: Engage Youth in Science” – Portland, ME, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** October 2023. “Conservation and Native Bees: BioBlitz Special Program” – LA County Library, Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** October 2023. “The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees” – Descanso Gardens, La Cañada Flintridge, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** October 2023. “The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees” – Descanso Gardens, La Cañada Flintridge, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** September 2023. “The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees” – Laguna Beach Garden Club, Laguna Beach, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** June-July 2023. “Native Bee Photography” – Art Installation, Altadena Library, Altadena, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** June 2023. “Believing in Yourself and Your Goals” – Commencement Speech, Outward Bound Adventures, Burbank, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** March 2023. “Native Bees and Photography” – Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** March 2023. “The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees” – Sacramento CNPS, Sacramento, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** March 2023. “The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees” – Conejo Valley Audubon Society, Camarillo, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** January 2023. "Photographing Native Bees or ID" – Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** January 2023. "The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees" – Lorquin Entomological Society, Los Angeles, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** January 2023. "Native Bee Discussion" – Willow Springs Park, Long Beach, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** January 2023. "Photographing Native Bees or ID" – Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** December 2022. "Native Bees and Native Ecosystems – SALT Landscape Architects, Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** December 2022. "Increasing Awareness of Native Bee Species" – California Native Plant Society, Los Angeles, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** November 2022. "Bees and Bee Photography" – Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** October 2022. "Gardening to attract Natives Bees" – Compulsive Gardeners, Arcadia, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** October 2022. "The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees" – California Native Plant Society Conference, San Jose, CA, USA

**Hickman, K. & Williams, B.** July 2022. "Native Gardening" – Vielmetter Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** June 2022. "The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees" – Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** June 2022. "Don't Step on a Bee Day" – Arrow Senior Living, St. Charles, MO, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** May 2022. "Finding and Photographing Bees" – The Wild Yard's Project, Eagle Rock, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** March & April 2022. "The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees: three-part series" – Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** February 2022. "The A, Bee, Cs of Native Bees" – Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** February 2022. "Leaders in the Environment: Krystle Hickman" – County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks & Recreation, Alhambra, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** August 2021. "Bees and Macrophotography" – Mariposa Photo Club, Mariposa, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** July 2021. "Native Bees and the Crescent" – Los Angeles County Arboretum, Arcadia, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** August 2021. "Macrophotography Workshop" – Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley, CA, USA

**Hickman, K.** November 2021. "What are Natives Bees?" – Los Angeles County Beekeepers Association, Los Angeles, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

**Hickman, K.** September 2020. "Poppy Hour: Native Bees with Krystle Hickman" – Theodore Payne Foundation, Sun Valley, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wqamSaJL5FI&t=1234s>

**Hickman, K.** August 2020. "Earth Share Episode 6" – Arlington Garden, Pasadena, CA, USA **[Webinar presentation]**

URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ErKkuidPPro>

Hickman, K. April 2018. "It's not about the sugar: art and self-discovery" – TEDxUCLA, Los Angeles, CA, USA  
URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCa3Ehgg6NQ>

## Media appearances and features

Santa Maria, Cara. July 2024. "Community Science with Krystle Hickman" Podcast, *Talk Nerdy*  
URL: [https://open.spotify.com/episode/6CyCddBBNBnMlrZcxf9dy4?si=yMKZY\\_JFQAKnv2Fih0NmUA](https://open.spotify.com/episode/6CyCddBBNBnMlrZcxf9dy4?si=yMKZY_JFQAKnv2Fih0NmUA)

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URL: <https://www.instagram.com/unbiodiversity>

Cher, Stephanie. April 2024. "How one woman fell in love with California's native bees" Article *Image5*  
URL: <https://imagine5.com/articles/how-one-woman-fell-in-love-with-californias-native-bees/>

Chapman, Erin. April 2024. "Photographer, Beekeeper Strive to Protect Coachella Valley Bees", *PBS Terra*  
URL: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jowk\\_A71-EU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jowk_A71-EU)

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URL: <https://open.spotify.com/episode/12l8VRyr8zPBqEDGg4Y0ZQ?si=IFh5DqwyR0iRn8pDE2x7jw>

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URL: <https://www.palmspringslife.com/photographer-beekeeper-strive-to-protect-coachella-valley-bees/>

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URL: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QY1fKiyWIMl>

Intagliata, Christopher. July 2023. "Nets, coolers and courage: A day in the life of a volunteer bee conservationist", *NPR*  
URL: <https://www.npr.org/2023/07/01/1180459184/bumble-bees-animals-survey-conservation>

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URL: <https://www.alieward.com/ologies/indigenoumelittology>

Spectrum News. April 2023. "LA Times Today: She quit her desk job to chase her passion — finding California native bees" News Story, *Los Angeles Time*  
URL: <https://www.latimes.com/00000187-bfb7-d3db-a5b7-fff725c90000-123>

Hawk, Michael. March 2023. "#66: Krystle Hickman's Quest to Raise Awareness about Native Bees" Podcast, *Nature's Archive*  
URL: <https://podcast.naturesarchive.com/2023/03/13/bees/>

Marantos, Jeanette. December 2022. "She quit her desk job to chase her passion: finding California native bees" Article, *Los Angeles Times*  
URL: <https://www.latimes.com/lifestyle/story/2022-12-15/california-native-bee-photographer-krystle-hickman>

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URL: <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-23/bumblebees-can-be-protected-as-fish-california-court-rules>

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URL: <https://thebeereport.substack.com/p/ira-has-20-billion-to-fix-farms-and>

Kelly, M. July 2022. "One More Thing..." Article, *The Bee Report*  
URL: <https://thebeereport.substack.com/p/growing-a-highway-for-uks-insect>

Kelly, M. May 2022. "One More Thing..." Article, *The Bee Report*  
URL: <https://thebeereport.substack.com/p/the-surprising-downside-of-nomowmay>

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