



# RIVERSIDE

DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY  
ENTM250 Seminar Series

## Speaker:

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**Date:** Monday, January 26, 2026

**Time:** 4:00 pm - 4:50 pm

**Format:** In-Person Seminar & Virtual Access

**Location:** Genomics Auditorium 1102A

**Zoom:** 943 6687 2379

**Passcode:** 453393

## Title:

“The Entomological Profession and Insect Conservation: Needs, Opportunities & Strategies to Cultivate this Expanding Field”

## Abstract:

The entomological profession is incredibly broad and continues to grow with advances in technology and when new demands emerge. As we understand more about the impacts of widespread insect declines, new opportunities have arisen for entomologists to become engaged in the research and management of imperiled insect species. Species managers at the state and federal level rely on the expertise and knowledge of our entomological colleagues to help shape conservation strategy. Research on species taxonomy, distribution, life history, population ecology and threats assessment all help fill critical knowledge gaps as we plot the roadmap to species recovery. This path for insects and other invertebrates is often faced with many barriers unique to these taxa, despite wildlife conservation being an established profession for over a century. This seminar will explore the roles of conservation practitioners, the evolving process used to approach insect conservation, and how we rely on students, researchers and other partners to help shape this rapidly changing field of applied entomology.

*Refreshments will be served in the Entomology Building Courtyard at 3:30pm*