

Student Seminar Day
22 September 2025
Genomics Auditorium

8:30-8:55 Continental Breakfast and Coffee (Genomics Lobby)

8:55-9:05 Welcome Remarks – Dr. Christiane Weirauch, Chair and Amy Murillo, ISAC Chair

Melissa Thayer, Master of Ceremonies

MORNING ORAL PRESENTATIONS
SESSION I (9:05 – 10:20)

- 9:05 **Teddy Adams**- *Oxycarenus hyalinipennis*: Newly described cotton seed bug predators
- 9:20 **Chris Allen**- Californian Honey Bees in a Global Genomic Context
- 9:35 **Alejandra Rocha**- Tracking down the enemy: Distribution and parasitoid associations of an emerging avocado pest (Lepidoptera: Gracillariidae: *Caloptilia*)
- 9:50 **Rattanan Chungswat** - The Development of a Lethal Harborage: A Low-Impact Management Tool for German Cockroach (Blattodea: Ectobiidae)
- 10:05 **M.C. Fox**- Phylogenomics and Natural History of Select Orthotylinae

10:20-10:30 Break

MORNING ORAL PRESENTATIONS
SESSION II (10:30 – 11:45)

- 10:30 **Jenni Garcia Quiceno**- The rhythm of biological control: Green Lacewings in Citrus Pest Management
- 10:45 **Bethany Johnson**- Cotton Seed Bug development on damaged seeds
- 11:00 **Leon Kataw**- Does Northern Fowl Mite Infestation Influence the Skin Microbiome of Laying Hens?
- 11:15 **Jun-Yin Lum**- Resistance profiling of German cockroaches across the continental U.S.
- 11:30 **Nagham Melhem**- Determination of Ecdysteroidogenic Tissues in *Aedes aegypti* Larvae

11:45-12:00 Break & Group Photo (Entomology Courtyard)

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch (Entomology Courtyard)

Poster Presentations
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POSTER SESSION I (1:00-1:40)

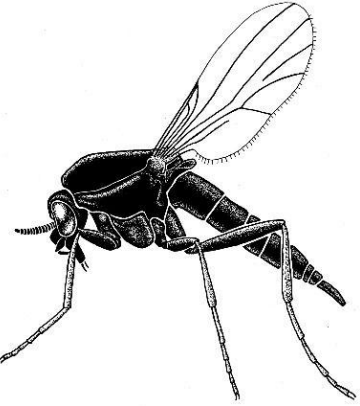
- Raquel Amrhein-Cervantes**- Varietal Susceptibility and Parasitoid Identification of an Emerging Avocado Pest
- Molly Barber**- Insect Communities Associated with Coastal Sage Scrub Mallows
- Ashley Bui**- Diversity of plant host associations of an introduced Fire Ant parasitoid (*Orasema minutissima*) (Eucharitidae:Chalcidoidea)
- Tzu-Chia Chen**- Description of a new species of subterranean termite in the genus *Reticulitermes* (Blattodea: Heterotermitidae) from Southern California
- Liam Grooms**- Worker Emergence Rates in Early Bumble Bees Colonies
- Blanca Guillén**- Diploid Male Frequencies in Bumble Bees of Anchorage, Alaska
- Jacqueline Holquinn**- Three’s a Crowd: The Burden of Multi-Parasite Infections in Laying Hens
- Daniella Lu**- Trends Within The Urban Flowering Plant Microbiome in Response to Temporal Variations

Poster Change out 1:40-1:45

POSTER SESSION II (1:45-2:30)

- Blanca Peto** - Regional Variation in Body Size of *Bombus vosnesenskii* Across California Landscapes
- Joshua Reger**- Host Crop's Impacts on *Amyelois transitella* (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae) Nutrition and Dispersal
- Yadira Romero Diaz**- Comparative Analysis of Bumble Bee Body Size in Alaskan Habitats
- Sarah Schroeder**- A phylogenetic framework for Phylinae (Hemiptera: Miridae)
- Emily Ta**- Behavioral Response of the German cockroach towards insecticidal gel baits (Blattodea: Ectobiidae)
- Mona Tran**- Analyzing *Bactericera cockerelli*'s sweet tooth: the role of gustatory receptor 1 (GR1) in sugar sensing behavior
- Veronica Tyts**- Untangling the evolution of the largest subfamily of plant bugs Mirinae (Hemiptera: Miridae)
- Sakshi Watts**- Unlocking Hive Communication: Exploring Acoustic Signals in Honey Bee Colonies

2:30-2:40 Break



Leon Kataw, Master of Ceremonies

AFTERNOON ORAL PRESENTATIONS
SESSION III (2:40 – 3:40)

2:40 Meghan Moore- Males support early nest development in bumble bees
2:55 Jorge Mora- Environmental Drivers of Plant–Pollinator Microbiomes
3:10 Mellisa Musekwa- Liquid, Composted or Dry-stacked? Unravelling the effects of manure treatment on pests in organic field crops
3:25 Thomas Nonacs- Exploring hybridization and introgression along a sharp climate gradient in Formica ants

3:40-3:50 Break

AFTERNOON ORAL PRESENTATIONS
SESSION IV (3:50 – 4:45)

3:50 Sushmita Arumugam Amogh- Hypergravity Exposure Disrupts Geotaxis and Activity in *Drosophila melanogaster*
4:05 Joelene Tamm- First occurrence of *Balcha indica* (Mani & Kaul, 1973) (Hymenoptera: Eupelmidae), parasitizing *Agrilus auroguttatus* Schaeffer, 1905 (Coleoptera: Buprestidae), in California
4:15 Melissa Thayer- Honing in on an invasive fig pest: Developing targeted monitoring for the black fig fly, *Silba adipata*
4:30 Ben van Raalte- Updating the Pest Management Strategic Plan for Melon Production in the US Southwest

5:00-7:00 Dinner Reception (UCR Botanic Gardens)

Welcome
New Entomology Graduate Students:

Teddy	Adams	Dr. M Hoddle
Joseph	Akologo	Dr. K Chandrasegaran
Winnifred	Aool	Dr. I Park
Melissa	Arellano	Dr. S Woodard
Kristi	Gladem	Dr. I Park
Bethany	Johnson	Dr. M Hoddle
Wenbo	Li	Dr. D-H Choe
Jina	Malone	Dr. B Baer
Bhawana	Regmi	Dr. E Rowen
Jordan	Reyes	Dr. K Chandrasegaran
Helen	Vo	Dr. Q McFrederick
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