



Candidate for Assistant Professor of Subtropical IPM position:

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Date: Tuesday, February 14, 2023
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Format: In-Person Seminar & Virtual Access
Location: Entomology Large Conference Room 161

Zoom: 938 1040 4405
Passcode: 833289

Title:

“Eleven years of Dynamic Invasive Species Control Optimization Via Extension and Research: DISCOVERing community partnerships in agricultural and extension education”

Abstract:

Regardless of my affiliation, my constituents have always recognized the value of extension and/or research products that I deliver. I see research and extension as being essential to each other, as neither is viable without the other. I consider extension as an important process to disseminate knowledge and tools, and extension becomes successful when research is utilized by the end users. I am an eager extension speaker. I regularly accept offers to speak about the key results of my research and how to use this information for practical pest management purposes. Audiences have included growers, master gardeners, pest control professionals, and consortia of concerned homeowners. I also have experience developing informative and heavily trafficked web pages and organizing training workshops and field days. I have written over one dozen articles for industry and trade magazines. I am confident that my background and achievements reflect a level of contribution that would allow me to make an immediate impact in role that emphasizes grower education, outreach, and extension. I look forward to addressing main problems facing citrus, dates, avocados, and other subtropical fruits in CA as I work alongside renowned UC, CDFA, and USDA scientists. These partnerships will lead up to further funding and training opportunities. It is my hope that my efforts will serve as a catalyst to promote the wise use of our resources and instill the sense that we must be good stewards of IPM.