# CURRICULUM VITAE Jaimie Kenney

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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# **EDUCATION**

University of California, Riverside

July 2018-Present

Department of Entomology

Ph.D. Candidate

Research focus: Diversity & biology of psyllids & associated plant pathogens in natural plant communities

**Eastern Washington University** 

B.S. Biology, Minors in Chemistry and Environmental Science June 2018
B.A. Spanish, Minor in German, Magna cum laude June 2012

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Cornell University** 

Plant Pathology/Plant-Microbe Biology Summer Research Scholar May-July 2017

Advisor: Dr. Marc Fuchs

Research Focus: Role of a single amino acid of grapevine fanleaf virus in symptom expression

**Eastern Washington University** 

Disease Ecology Senior Capstone Research April-November 2017

Advisors: Dr. Suzanne Schwab & Dr. Krisztian Magori

Research Focus: Diversity of fungal needle endophytes of *Pinus ponderosa* 

Plant Ecology Research Assistant July-August 2016

Advisor: Dr. Rebecca Brown

Research Focus: Effects of dam removal on plant communities on the Elwha River, Washington

Ecotoxicology Research Assistant April-October 2016

Advisor: Dr. Joanna Joyner-Matos

Research Focus: Effects of heavy metal contamination on Hyalella azteca in the Chain Lakes of Idaho

## **TEACHING & MENTORING**

University of California, Riverside

Undergraduate Honors Research Project Mentor

USPARC Undergraduate Research Project Mentor

Undergraduate Honors Research Project Mentor

Undergraduate Honors Research Project Mentor

Martin Luther King High School Science Fair Research Project Mentor

July 2019-March 2020

Department of Entomology Teaching Assistant

ENTM 010 - Natural History of Insects (for non-STEM majors) Spring & Fall 2020

5 discussion sections (~30 students each)/quarter

ENTM 127 - Insect Ecology Winter 2022 & 2023

3 discussion sections(~30 students each) & one guest lecture/quarter

University Teaching Certificate Program Graduate

Fall 2022-Winter 2023

Graduate-level seminar (GDIV 301) & practicum (GDIV 302) in university-level pedagogy

**Eastern Washington University** 

Department of Chemistry, Tutor 2017-2018

Department of Biology, Teaching Assistant

BIOL 172 - one laboratory section (~30 students) Fall 2016

Program Leading to University Success, Study Group Facilitator 2016

German & General Chemistry

English Language Institute, International Peer Advisor 2012

Academic Success Center, German & Spanish Tutor 2011-2012

Escuela Oficial de Idiomas, Navalmoral de la Mata, Spain

North American Language and Culture Ambassadors Program 2012 -2013

Assistant English Teacher

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Byrd, D, Tran, M, **Kenney, J**, Wilson Rankin, E., Mauck, K. The aphid, Myzus persicae, acquires chloroplast DNA during feeding on host plants. Submitted to Environmental Entomology, May 2023.

Shates, T, Gebiola, M, Helo, A, Aung, O, **Kenney, J**, Malmstrom, C, Mauck, L Introduced, crop-associated viruses negatively affect native perennial hosts and are prevalent in preserved plant communities. Submitted to Phytobiomes May 2023; in review.

Higbee, C, McPeck, R, Clinkenbeard, J, Davies, G, **Kenney, J,** Shultz, A, Nezat, C, Joyner-Matos, J. Amphipods (*Hyalella azteca*) could serve as a sentinel for metal contamination in recreationally-important lakes in Idaho (USA). Submitted to Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry September 2022; in review.

Antolinez, CA, Youngblood, R, **Kenney, J**, Mauck, K, Rivera, MJ. Flight performance of the potato psyllid (*Bactericera cockerelli*) is negatively affected by 'Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum' infection. *Journal of Insect Behavior* 36, 59–67 (2023).

**Kenney, J,** Grandmont, M-E, Mauck, KE. Priming melon defenses with acibenzolar-S-methyl attenuates infections by phylogenetically distinct viruses and diminishes vector preferences for infected hosts. *Viruses* 12, 257 (2020). <a href="https://doi.org/10.3390/v12030257">https://doi.org/10.3390/v12030257</a>

Osterbaan, LJ, Choi, J, **Kenney, J**, Flasco, M, Vigne, E, Schmitt-Keichinger, C, Rebelo, AR, Cilia, M, and Fuchs, M. The identity of a single residue of the RNA-dependent RNA polymerase of *Grapevine fanleaf virus* modulates vein clearing symptoms in *Nicotiana benthamiana*. *Molecular Plant-Microbe Interactions*, 32, 790–801 (2019). https://doi.org/10.1094/MPMI-12-18-0337-R

Mauck, KE, **Kenney, J,** and Chesnais, Q. Progress and challenges in identifying molecular mechanisms underlying host and vector manipulation by plant viruses. *Current Opinion in Insect Science*, 33, 7-18 (2019). https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cois.2019.01.001

#### **POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Kenney, J,** Gebiola, M, and Mauck, KE. A preliminary look at the population structure of *Bactericera cockerelli* on crop vs. native host plants in California. Oral presentation delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America, Apr. 2023.

**Kenney, J,** and Mauck, K. Thinking outside the crop: what have we learned by studying psyllids and CLso in native nightshades? Invited oral presentation delivered at the Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Nov. 2022.

**Kenney, J,** and Mauck, K. Uncovering the hidden world of psyllids and *Ca*. Liberibacter solanacearum in California's native nightshades. Oral presentation delivered at the International Congress of Entomology, Helsinki, Finland, Jul. 2022.

**Kenney, J,** and Mauck, KE. Transmission & persistence of *Ca*. Liberibacter solanacearum in bluewitch nightshade, native perennial host of the potato psyllid vector in southern California. Oral presentation delivered at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America, Apr. 2022.

**Kenney, J,** and Mauck, KE. Monitoring potato psyllid visitation and persistence of Candidatus Liberibacter solanacearum infections in native, perennial nightshades. Oral presentation delivered at the Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Nov. 2021.

**Kenney, J,** Gebiola, M, and Mauck, KE. Uncovering the hidden world of psyllids and associated microbes in California's native nightshades. Oral presentation delivered at the Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Nov. 2020 (*virtual*).

**Kenney, J,** Wright, IM, Grandmont, ME, and Mauck, KE. A plant defense elicitor has virus-specific effects on vector attraction to host plants. Oral presentation delivered at the Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Nov. 2019.

**Kenney, J,** Wright, IM, Grandmont, ME, and Mauck, KE. A plant defense elicitor disrupts transmission-enhancing vector behavior. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America, Apr. 2019.

**Kenney, J**, R Hamby, and L Severance. Diversity of fungal needle endophytes of ponderosa pine. Oral presentation delivered at the National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Apr. 2018.

**Kenney, JR**, LJ Osterbaan, MF Fuchs. Role of a single amino acid of grapevine fanleaf virus in symptom expression. Invited to present poster at the Murdock College Science Research Conference, Nov. 2017.

**Kenney, J**, R Hamby, L Severance, S Schwab, and K Magori. Diversity of fungal needle endophytes of *Pinus ponderosa*. Poster presented at the Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Aug. 2017.

# FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

| Joshua Tree National Park Graduate Student Research Award                | February 2023 |
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| USDA-NIFA EWD Predoctoral Fellowship                                     | January 2022  |
| Box Springs Mountain Reserve Student Research Fellowship                 | January 2021  |
| Shipley-Skinner ReserveRiverside County Endowment Research Award         | June 2020     |
| NSF Graduate Research Fellowship: Honorable Mention                      | April 2020    |
| University of California Provost Research Fellowship Award               | February 2018 |
| Washington Native Plant Society Northeast Chapter Student Research Grant | April 2017    |
| Eastern Washington University NSF S-STEM Scholarship                     | May 2016      |
| Eastern Washington University Orland B. Killin Honors Scholarship        | May 2008      |

## **AWARDS**

Entomological Society of America Pacific Branch Meeting Student Competition for the President's Prize 2nd Place Student 10-Minute Paper Presentation April 2022

U.C. Riverside Entomology Teaching Assistant of the Year Award

April 2021

| Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting Student Competition for the Pr<br>2nd Place Student 10-Minute Paper Presentation                                     | resident's Prize<br>November 2020 |
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| Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting Student Competition for the Pr<br>2nd Place Student 10-Minute Paper Presentation                                     | resident's Prize<br>November 2019 |
| EWU Outstanding Graduating Senior in Biology   | June 2018                         |
| EWU Program Leading to University Success Facilitator of the Month Award   | June 2016                         |
| SERVICE  |                                   |
| USDA-NIFA AFRI Predoctoral Fellowship application workshop for UCR grad stud<br>Co-organizer & panelist  | lents May 2022                    |
| UCR Entomology Graduate Student Association  |                                   |
| Secretary  | 2019-2020                         |
| Website & Newsletter Committee Representative  | 2020-2021                         |
| Seminar & Special Lectures Committee Representative  | 2023-present                      |
| Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America   | 2019-2020                         |
| Co-organized Annual Meeting Student Career Fair (canceled due to COVID-19)   |                                   |
| UCR Entomology Outreach (over 250 hours) Little Entomologists Summer Camp Counselor (3rd-5th grade students)   | 2018-present                      |
| City of Riverside's 6th, 8th & 10th Annual Insect Fair: Chemical Ecology booth, pre<br>Damage' and 'Using iNaturalist.org to participate in community-based science. |                                   |
| 'Touch-a-Bug' hands-on learning experiences at various community events and in K-12 classrooms   |                                   |
| Washington Native Plant Society State Study Weekend Field Trip Leader  | May 2018                          |
| Cheney Middle School After school STEM mentor  | May 2017 & May 2018               |