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**52ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE
SOCIETY FOR VECTOR ECOLOGY
FORT COLLINS, COLORADO
SEPTEMBER 15 – 19, 2024**

SUNDAY – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024

8:00 – 12:00 VECTOR-BORNE DISEASE OUTBREAK
SIMULATION WORKSHOP (PRE-
REGISTRATION REQUIRED)

Angela Pelzel-McCluskey, Stephanie Brault, and Sarah
Speth

Colorado State University, Diagnostic Medical Center
(DMC) Room 101

2:00 – 5:00 REGISTRATION (SALON FOYER)

2:00 – 3:00 JOURNAL OF VECTOR ECOLOGY EDITORIAL
BOARD MEETING (WINDSOR/SALON)

3:00 – 5:00 BOARD MEETING (WINDSOR/SALON)

MONDAY – SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

8:00 – 8:30 **WELCOME**

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8:30 – 9:30 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Vector Ecology in an Age of Global Change

Ben Beard, cbbo@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control,
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9:30 – 10:00 REPORTS FROM INTERNATIONAL SOVE REGIONS:

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10:00 – 10:30 **BREAK – SPONSORED BY CENTRAL LIFE SCIENCES**

ASK THE EXPERT DISPLAY
– LEADING EDGE ASSOCIATES

10:30 – 12:00 **SYMPOSIUM 1: THE COMING PLAGUES**

Moderators: **Paula Lado Henaise**
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10:30 – 10:45 Diseases All Around: Manatee County (FL) Mosquito Control District's Response to Locally Transmitted Malaria and Dengue in Sarasota and Hardee Counties in 2023

Christopher Lesser
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Manatee County Mosquito Control District, Ellenton, FL

10:45 – 11:00 The emerging global threat of African horse sickness
Marion England marion.England@pirbright.ac.uk The Pirbright Institute, Woking, UK

11:00 – 11:15 Japanese Encephalitis virus surveillance on U.S. Army installations in the Republic of Korea: virus genotype shift, insecticide resistance and the efficacy of countermeasures

Craig Stoops craig.a.stoops.civ@health.mil BDAACH, Camp Humphreys, Republic of Korea.

11:15 – 11:30 La Crosse encephalitis in NC: eco-epidemiological studies make the case for serious public health and mosquito control interventions

Brian Byrd bdbyrd@wcu.edu Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC

- 11:30 – 11:45 Ten years and nearly ten thousand triatomines from 28 states and 5 countries: updates on the Kissing Bug Community Science Program
Sarah Hamer shamer@cvm.tamu.edu Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 11:45 – 12:00 Are tick-borne diseases a threat in the Texas Panhandle?
Bianca Rendon bianca.rendon@ttu.edu Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 12:00 – 1:30 **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**
- 1:30 – 3:30 **SYMPOSIUM 2: COOL SH*T YOU SHOULD KNOW**
- Moderators: **Lee Cohnstaedt**
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- 1:30 – 1:45 Current status of metatranscriptomic studies in hematophagous disease-transmitting vectors
Christina McCarthy mccarthychristina@gmail.com
Universidad Nacional de la Plata, La Plata, Argentina
- 1:45 – 2:00 BugOut Wolbachia, an Incompatible Insect Release Programme in the British Virgin Islands: Data-driven support for a community driven project
Johanna Ohm johm@verily.com Verily Life Sciences, San Francisco, CA
- 2:00 – 2:15 Call of the Wilds: ticks at a free-ranging exotic wildlife conservation center
Risa Pesapane, pesapane.1@osu.edu The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2:15 – 2:30 National network of research resources for vector-borne diseases

- Anna Powers** akp7@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, CO
- 2:30 – 2:45 WHO Global Policies, Strategies, and Normative Guidance for Control of Dengue
- Rajpal Singh Yadav** rajpal@yadav.cloud World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland
- 2:45 – 3:00 TBD
- 3:00 – 3:15 When ticks bite! Tick-bites and their contribution to alpha-gal syndrome (AGS)
- Paulina Maldonado** lpmaladonado@arizona.edu University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 3:15 – 3:30 Texas ranches: a nidus for Trypanosoma cruzi transmission among wildlife, dogs, and triatomines
- Rachel Busselman** rbusselman@cvm.tamu.edu Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 3:30 – 3:45 **BREAK – SPONSORED BY VESERIS**
- ASK THE EXPERT DISPLAY**
- LEADING EDGE ASSOCIATES**
- 3:45– 5:15 **SYMPOSIUM 3: VECTOR ECOLOGY**
- Moderators: **Risa Pesapane**
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- Anna Fagre**
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- 3:45 – 4:00 Towards a transboundary IMMP strategy using multidisciplinary vector surveillance
Filiz Gunay filizgunay@ufl.edu University of Florida, Vero Beach, FL
- 4:00 – 4:15 Sand Fly larvae are capable of positive chemotaxis: A proof of concept study using *Phlebotomus papatasi* as a model species
Alexandra Chaskopoulou achaskopoulou@ars-ebcl.org European Biological Control Laboratory, USDA-ARS, Thessaloniki, Greece
- 4:15 – 4:30 A field survey of larval development habitats of Culicoides midges in Colorado
Carly Barbera cbarbera@nd.edu University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IL
- 4:30 – 4:45 Optimizing environmental DNA (eDNA) methods for Culex mosquito surveillance in artificial container habitats
Megan Schierer megan.schierer@maine.edu University of Maine, Orono, MA
- 4:45 – 5:00 Malaria infection in the urban malaria vector *Anopheles stephensi* under variable humidity and temperature
Brandy St. Laurent bs744@cornell.edu Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 5:00 – 5:15 Bite Diary: revealing patterns and factors of human-mosquito contact in Florida using a smart phone app-based survey
Panpim Thongsripong thongsripong.p@ufl.edu University of Florida, Vero Beach, FL
- 6:00 – 8:00 **OPENING RECEPTION (PAVILLION) – SPONSORED BY VALENT BIOSCIENCES**

TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

8:15 – 12:00 **FIELD ECOLOGY DAY**

Coyote Ridge Trail hike to start ~9 am

This trail is considered “easy” with an elevation gain of 564 ft and is 4.1 miles long. The hike takes about 2 hours to complete.

Carpoolers will meet in front of the hotel at 8:15 am

Lunch is on your own

6:00 – 8:00 **GALA DINNER (SALON D)**

WEDNESDAY – SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

7:30 – 9:00 **BREAKFAST BUFFET AND POSTER SESSION**

P1 Repeated thermal shock events and their interaction with *Wolbachia* and dengue virus infections in *Aedes aegypti*
Suk Lan Ser sjs7721@psu.edu Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

P2 Using nanopore sequencing for mosquito species identification and confirmation
Linda Kothera lkothera@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, CO

- P3** Mosquitoes harvested from rice-fields as alternative protein ingredient in broiler feed: Insights from the first pilot study
Panagiota Tsafarakidou panag.tsafarak@gmail.com
USDA-ARS European Biological Control Laboratory,
Thessaloniki, Greece
- P4** Evaluating temporal and spatial *Borrelia burgdorferi* strain diversity in endemic vs newly established blacklegged tick populations in Michigan, USA.
Michelle Volk volkmic1@msu.edu Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- P5** Examining the heterogenous distribution of blacklegged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*) in the northern Lower Peninsula of Michigan
Arpita Nayak nayakar1@msu.edu Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
- P6** Synergizing Pyrethroid-treated Military Fabrics with Potassium Channel Blockers
Edmund Norris Edmund.norris@usda.gov USDA-ARS, Gainesville, FL
- P7** Passing it down: *Culex tarsalis* ovary scRNA-Seq reveals markers for studies of arbovirus vertical transmission
Hunter Ogg hunter.ogg@colostate.edu Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- P8** IPM Working Group: Mosquito BEACONS – Biodiversity Enhancement And Control of Non-native Species
Michael Riles mriles@central.com Central Life Science, Panama City Beach, FL

- P9** Progress and highlights from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Tick Surveillance Program: 2018 through 2023.
Erik Foster owm1@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, CO
- P10** Oral delivery of a modern-day systemic acaricide formulation for pathogen vector management on white-tailed deer in Connecticut
Scott Williams scott.williams@ct.gov Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, New Haven, CT
- P11** An integrative framework for tick management: the need to connect wildlife science, One Health, and interdisciplinary perspectives.
Karen Poh karen.poh@usda.gov USDA-ARS, Pullman, WA
- P12** Circadian flight activity and vertical stratification of hemorrhagic disease vectors
Vilma Cooper-Montenegro
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- P13** Gene regulation and chromatin changes in *Aedes aegypti* following blood meal acquisition: Insights from CUT&RUN analysis
Zeyad Arhouma zkrahuma@rams.colostate.edu
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- P14** Sweetening the deal: Development of a novel toxic sugar bait for managing insecticide resistant mosquitoes
Alexandra Bauer bauer.a@ufl.edu University of Florida, Vero Beach, FL

- P15** Prevalence and diversity of *Borrelia* species in ixodid ticks and wildlife from coastal Georgia: a project proposal
Taylor Pearson tap14550@uga.edu University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- P16** Saccharine ceratopogonids: Determining sugar-source associations of *Culicoides* biting midges (Diptera: Ceratopogonidae)
Chip Markwardt tlmark19@ksu.edu Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS
- P17** Life history traits of male *Aedes aegypti* are influenced by exposure to microbes derived from natural larval sites
Luis Martinez Villegas martinezvillegas.1@osu.edu Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- P18** Microbial melees in mosquitoes: Bacterial type VI secretion systems revealed in the Mosquito-Associated Isolate Collection (MosAIC)
Holly Nichols hlnichols@wisc.edu University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- P19** Public health command, east's collaborative role in the global public health network in characterizing and preventing emerging tick-borne diseases
Alexandra Spring Alexandra.r.spring.civ@health.mil Army Public Health Command, Fort Meade, MA
- P20** A rodent and tick bait for concurrent control of white-footed mice (*Peromyscus leucopus*) and blacklegged ticks (*Ixodes scapularis*), the respective pathogen host and vector of Lyme disease spirochetes.
David Poche davidp@genesislabs.com Genesis Laboratories, Wellington, CO

- P21** The effect of larval density on adult *Culicoides sonorensis* size and susceptibility to infection with bluetongue virus
Bethany McGregor Bethany.mcgregor@usda.gov
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- P22** Simulated larval control in mesocosms leads to overcompensation in the yellow fever mosquito
Nicole Scavo Nicole.a.scavo@gmail.com Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- P23** Toward a transboundary IMMP strategy using multidisciplinary vector surveillance
Filiz Gunay filizgunay@ufl.edu University of Florida, Vero Beach, FL
- P24** *Ae aegypti* and other mosquito species cohabitating in the Chekwouputoi cave, Uganda
Austin Mejia Austin.mejia@colostate.edu Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- P25** Incriminating vectors of deer malaria (*Plasmodium odocoilei*) in a Florida deer farm
Morgan Rockwell morganrockwell@ufl.edu University of Florida, Vero Beach, FL
- P26** Genetic and landscape connectivity of disease-causing Blacklegged ticks during range expansion in the midwestern U.S.
Dahn-young Dong ddong22@wisc.edu University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI
- P27** Evaluation of regional surveillance of West Nile virus and St. Louis encephalitis virus in the panhandle of Texas
Sierra Lewis sierra.lewis2023@gmail.com Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX

- P28** Whole genome and mitogenome analysis of *Ixodes* spp. throughout the United States
Jacob Cassens casse090@umn.edu University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- P29** Kissing bugs in Delaware: *Typanosoma cruzi* prevalence and human blood feeding across the land use types
Alexander Kelley arkelley@udel.edu University of Delaware, Newark, DE
- P30** Evaluation of larvicidal efficacy, *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* and (S)-methoprene, on *Culex tarsalis* populations in Lubbock County, Texas, USA
Melissa Clawson meclawso@ttu.edu Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- P31** Understanding the immune response to bluetongue virus infection in ruminant hosts: a model-based analysis
Abhijit Majumder amajumde@nd.edu University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN
- P32** Building a comprehensive insecticide resistance testing program in an integrative mosquito management district in St. Johns County, Florida
Connor Kuppe ckuppe@amcdf.org Anastasia Mosquito Control District, St. Augustine, FL
- P33** Investigating diurnal patterns and weather influence on *Dermacentor* ticks in Colorado
Savanna Schroth scroths@colostate.edu Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- P34** Refining mathematical models to better predict non-systemic transmission of tick-borne pathogens

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- P35** Ecological determinants of tick distribution and disease risk in Northern Colorado
Sabrina Gobran sabrina.gobran@colostate.edu
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- P36** Developing thermal profiles to better understand and predict house fly (*Musca domestica*) activity
Travis Rusch travis.rusch@usda.gov USDA, Manhattan, KS
- P37** Impact of slope, aspect, and elevation on the distribution and abundance of *Dermacentor andersoni*
Brooke Shenkenberg bshenky2001@gmail.com
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- P38** Arboviral surveillance in St. Johns County, northeast Florida: Comparing two commonly utilized surveillance methods
Steven Peper speper@amcdf.org Anastasia Mosquito Control District, St. Augustine, FL
- P39** Evaluating pollen quantity by flower-visiting mosquitoes
Nalany Richson nr15837@uga.edu University of Georgia, Athens, GA
- P40** Assessing the impact of genetically engineered mosquito ingestion by several mosquito predators
Claire Egan cmegan@ucdavis.edu University of California, Davis, CA
- P41** Patterns of West Nile virus prevalence and levels in northern Colorado raptors

Catalina Puska cpuska@colostate.edu Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

- P42** Expanding the mosquito teaching collection of Colorado State University in consideration of shifting ranges and emerging pathogens
Anna Hartwick anna.hartwick@colostate.edu Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- P43** Evaluating the efficacy of *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (BTI) in mosquito populations in northern Colorado
Logan Lowe logan.lowe@colostate.edu Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- P44** Evaluating active and passive tick surveillance techniques across northern Colorado
Lawson Dawe lawson.dawe@colostate.edu Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- P45** Prospects for an effective canine vaccine against the brown dog tick, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*
Sri Jyosthsna Kancharlapalli mwm7@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
- P46** Utilizing drone technology to control red imported fire ant predation on the endangered Florida grasshopper sparrow
Piper Reynolds piper@leateam.com Leading Edge Aerial Technologies, Daytona, FL
- P47** 2024 RaHP Vec Utah aerial adulticide efficacy
Jessica Larsen jessicalarsen17@hotmail.com RaHP Vec, Fort Collins, CO

- P48** Susceptibility of the ferret (*Mustela putorius furo*) to infection by *Ehrlichia chaffeensis*
William Nicholson wnicholson@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
- P49** Survey of *Ixodid* ticks and rickettsial pathogens collected at state parks in north and central Georgia
Alexandria Harris alexharris2781@gmail.com Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Atlanta, GA
- P50** Assessing susceptibility of adult mosquitoes to pyrethroid insecticides in Larimer County, CO
Sofia Christensen sofia.christensen2@gmail.com Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
- P51** Assessing the impact of community science tick stations at trailheads on the knowledge, attitudes, and practices of natural area visitors in Colorado
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- P52** Phenology and pathogen risk presented by tick and *Tabanid* vectors in Ohio agriculture
Benjamin Zeiger zeriger.17@buckeyemail.osu.edu Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- P53** Attributing the efficacy of a spatial repellent against *Aedes*-borne diseases to entomological mechanisms
Alex Perkins tperkin1@nd.edu University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN
- P54** A spatial, agent-based model to explore mechanisms of bluetongue virus persistence at the interface of domestic and wildlife animal populations

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P55 Comparative evaluation of an inexpensive mosquito trap for surveillance of invasive *Aedes* and *Culex* mosquitoes in southern California

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P56 A low-cost light trap for the surveillance of phlebotomine sand flies and mosquitoes

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P57 Phenology and wildlife host associations of hard ticks, *Rickettsia*, and *Borrelia* species in east Texas

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P58 Efficacy of factor permethrin-treated military uniforms in reducing mosquito biting rates under semi-field conditions

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P59 Field evaluation of the Biogents BG-Pro trap and the CDC Miniature light trap for the collection of host-seeking mosquitoes in Kennesaw, Georgia, USA

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P60 Hybridization of *Ixodes scapularis* behavioral phenotypes: observations of offspring behavior and survival

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P61 Single nucleotide polymorphism detection using ddRAD-Seq of *Culex quinquefasciatus* and *Aedes aegypti* specimens

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P62 Acquisition of *Borrelia burgdorferi* sensu stricto by *Haemaphysalis longicornis* nymphs during interrupted feeding

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P63 Factors associated with historical West Nile virus activity in northern Colorado

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9:00 – 10:30 **SYMPOSIUM 4: VECTOR GENETICS AND WILDLIFE**

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- 9:00 – 9:13 New genome for the biting midge *Culicoides sonorensis*
Phillip Shults Phillip.shults@usda.gov USDA-ARS,
 Manhattan, KS
- 9:13 – 9:26 Metagenomic sequencing to determine risks of human
 pathogens from pastured cattle in Arkansas
Cameron Osborne cjosbo@uark.edu University of
 Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
- 9:26 – 9:39 Genome-wide sequencing and oviposition dual choice
 experiments unravel the phenotypic basis of local
 adaptation in the major malaria vector *Anopheles*
gambiae
Marilene M. Ambadiang mae.marie1995@yahoo.com
 University of Yaounde, Yaounde, Cameroon
- 9:39 – 9:52 Microsatellites and single nucleotides reveal speciation
 within the *Amblyomma maculatum* group
Henry Deese hdeese@arizona.edu University of
 Arizona, Tucson, AZ
- 9:52 – 10:04 Exotic Tick Records for Florida: A Summary of
 Opportunistic Reporting
Denise Bonilla denise.l.bonilla@usda.gov USDA-
 APHIS, Fort Collins, CO
- 10:04 – 10:17 Natural history of *Amblyomma maculatum* sensu lato, a
 newly recognized vector of *Rickettsia parkeri* rickettsiosis
 in the Southwestern United States
Tammi Johnson tammi.johnson@ag.tamu.edu Texas
 A&M University, College Station, TX
- 10:17 – 10:30 Ectoparasites as Ecosystem Health Indicators: Bat and
 Bugs as a Blueprint
Anna Fagre anna.fagre@colostate.edu Colorado State
 University, Fort Collins, CO
- 10:35 – 12:35 **SYMPOSIUM 5: STUDENT SYMPOSIUM**

Moderator: **Ayat Abourashed**
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- 10:35 – 10:47 Understanding leishmaniasis transmission through analysis of single blood fed sand flies
Patrick Huffcutt Patrick.huffcutt@nih.gov National Institutes of Health, Rockville, MD
- 10:47 – 10:59 Tick abundance in increasing concentrations of Eastern Redcedar (*Juniperus virginiana*) encroached areas in Western and Central Oklahoma
Jozylyn Propst jozlyn.d.kizer@okstate.edu Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
- 10:59 – 11:11 Impacts of antiplasmodial expression on the mosquito microbiota
Marisa Guido guidom@duq.edu Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 11:11 – 11:23 Survival of *Amblyomma maculatum* and *Amblyomma americanum* on commonly used types of home flooring
Afsoon Sabet sabet.17@osu.edu The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 11:23 – 11:35 The microbial community of five Culicoides midge species harbor microbes that could be targets for the development of paratransgenic and biological control approaches
Amanda Ramirez amanda.ramirez@ttu.edu Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
- 11:35 – 11:47 Larva ecology and geospatial distribution of *Anopheles gambiae* s1 (Diptera: Culicidae) in Osun State, Nigeria
Lateef Busari lateef.busari@pgc.uniosun.edu.ng Osun State University, Osogbo, Nigeria
- 11:47 – 11:59 Assessing zoonotic risk of bovine fascioliasis and schistosomiasis at the wildlife-livestock interface around Lake Mburo National Park, southwestern Uganda

- Daisy Namirembe** namirembedaisy1212@gmail.com
Mbarara University of Science and Technology, Mbarara,
Uganda
- 11:59 – 12:11 Resisting resistance: Identifying Biochemical Biomarkers
for Pyrethroid Resistance in *Aedes aegypti* Mosquitoes
Carla-Cristina Edwards ccdwards@ucdavis.edu
University of California, Davis, CA
- 12:11 – 12:23 Tick ecology, pathogen prevalence, and distribution in
south Central Oklahoma on tribal and state-owned land
Meghan Gilliland meghan.gilliland@okstate.edu
Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
- 12:23 – 12:35 Mosquito-flower power: Determining how nectar contents
can influence mosquito vectors
Danica Shannon Danica.shannon@uga.edu University
of Georgia, Aiken, GA
- 12:35 – 1:45 **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**
- 1:45 – 3:45 **SYMPOSIUM 6: JOB MARKET
SURVEILLANCE: OPPORTUNITIES IN
VECTOR ECOLOGY AND CONTROL**
- Moderators: **Vilma Montenegro**
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- Mitchell Kirsch**
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- 1:45 – 1:50 Introduction
Vilma Cooper (Montenegro) and Mitchell Kirsch

- 1:50 – 2:00 Take a chance on yourself: Finding and exploiting your strengths
Mark Benedict mbenedict@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- 2:00 – 2:10 Where do I fit: My career path so far
Jennifer Gordon jennifer@buglessons.com Bug Lessons Consulting LLC
- 2:10 – 2:20 From Academia to Industry: Shaping vector control strategies with a researcher’s perspective
Casey Crockett casey.crockett@azelis.com Azelis Agricultural & Environmental Solutions
- 2:20 – 2:30 From science to service: The entomology and ecology team
Saul Lozano nkq3@cdc.gov Centers of Disease Control and Prevention
- 2:30 – 2:40 Navigating career pathways beyond academia
Whitney Qualls wqualls@amcdf.org Anastasia Mosquito Control District
- 2:40 – 2:50 Networking: Over a decade of connections
Michael T. Riles mriles@central.com Central Life Sciences
- 2:50 – 3:00 **Break**
- 3:00 – 3:45 **Q&A discussion**
- 3:45 – 4:00 **BREAK – SPONSORED BY CENTRAL LIFE SCIENCES**
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- 4:00 – 5:30 **SYMPOSIUM 7: EXPANDING THE VECTOR CONTROL TOOLBOX**
- Moderator: **Lyric Bartholomay**
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- 4:00 – 4:12 Partnering with Pest Management Professionals to Suppress Nymphal *Ixodes scapularis* (Acari: Ixodidae) in Wisconsin Backyards
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- 4:12 – 4:24 Expanding the toolbox for flea control and plague mitigation in rodent populations
David Eads deads@usgs.gov U.S. Geological Survey, Fort Collins, CO
- 4:24 – 4:36 The Southern California SIT Joint Pilot Project: Together Building a Foundation for X-ray Sterilized Male *Aedes aegypti* programs
Amber Semrow asemrow@ocvector.org Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, Garden Grove, CA
- 4:36 – 4:48 Incorporating Sterile Insect Technique into IPM toolbox to control invasive *Aedes* mosquitoes in the West Valley region of San Bernardino County, California
Michelle Brown, mbrown@wvmvcd.org West Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, Ontario, CA
- 4:48 – 5:00 Efficacy of Biogents CO₂ Generator Starter Kit as an Alternative to Dry Ice with Adult Mosquito Traps in Jacksonville, Florida
Sierra Schluep sschluep@ufl.edu NECE, Jacksonville, FL
- 5:00 – 5:12 The development of a kissing bug kill trap for surveillance and control of triatomines
Yuexun Tian yuexun.tian@ag.tamu.edu Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
- 5:12 – 5:24 Building a low-cost environmental chamber for the maintenance of all life cycle stages of *Ixodes scapularis* ticks

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5:30 – 5:45 **Business Meeting**

THURSDAY – SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

8:00 – 9:30 **SYMPOSIUM 8: NOVEL VECTOR CONTROL**

Moderators: **Brian Foy**
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8:00 – 8:14 Ivermectin-treated bird feed for control of West Nile virus transmission

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8:14 – 8:28 The Snack that Bites Back: Attractive Toxic Sugar Baits in the Intermountain West

Nathaniel Byers nate@slcmad.org Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District, Salt Lake City, UT

8:28 – 8:42 Exploring the Potential Impact of Transfluthrin Emanators on Malaria and Dengue Cases

Jason Richardson Jason.richardson@ivcc.com IVCC, Fort Collins, CO

- 8:42– 8:56 Evaluations of novel attractants, repellents, and traps at Anastasia Mosquito Control District of St. Johns County, Florida for public health vector control
Whitney Qualls wqualls@amcdfl.org Anastasia Mosquito Control District, St. Augustine, FL
- 8:56 – 9:10 Impacts of native Wolbachia infection on mosquito biology
Leena Salama l.salama@ufl.edu University of Florida, Vero Beach, FL
- 9:10 – 9:24 Artificial intelligence applied to vector identification and monitoring
Tristan Ford tristan@vectech.io Vectech, Baltimore, MD
- 9:24 – 9:29 Compositional analysis and larvicidal activity of nanoemulsified *Eucalptus globulus* (family: Murtaceae) essential oil against *Aedes aegypti*
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- 9:30 – 10:00 **BREAK – SPONSORED BY AZELIS A&ES**
ASK THE EXPERT DISPLAY
– LEADING EDGE ASSOCIATES
- 10:00 – 11:30 **MODELING AND FORECAST**
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- 10:00 – 10:15 How a hurricane impacted West Nile virus transmission in a desert
Jennifer Henke jhenke@cvmvcd.org Coachella Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District, Indio, CA
- 10:15 – 10:30 Integrating human behavior to understand the translation of tick hazard into risk: a socio-ecological approach
Pilar Fernandez pilar.fernandez@wsu.edu Washington State University, Pullman, WA
- 10:30 – 10:45 Estimated risk of human encounters with *Borrelia burgdoferi*-infected nymphal blacklegged ticks in the eastern United States
Karen Holcomb sne3@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Fort Collins, CO
- 10:45 – 11:00 Evaluating vector control strategies for dengue: A modeling assessment of alternative approaches
Maile Phillips ruu6@cdc.gov Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 11:00 – 11:15 Dengue forecasting models for the Americas
Talia Quandelacy talia.quandelacy@cuanschutz.edu University of Colorado, Aurora, CO
- 11:15 – 11:30 Spatiotemporal modeling of zoonotic arbovirus systems: Challenges and opportunities
Lindsay Campbell lcampbell2@ufl.edu University of Florida, Vero Beach, FL
- 11:30 – 1:00 **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**
- 1:00 – 4:30 **MULTISTATE MEETING**

Moderator: **Allison Gardner and Kristopher Silver**

- 1:00 – 1:20 Introduction by Allison Gardner and Kristopher Silver
- 1:20 – 1:40 Optimization of integrated tick management strategies
Megan Linske
- 1:40 – 2:00 Characterization of exosome cargoes of *Culex tarsalis* cells with West Nile virus
Xiufeng Zhang
- 2:00 – 2:20 Tick and tick-borne pathogen research at the University of Minnesota
Benjamin Cull
- 2:20 – 2:40 A One Health approach to detecting, predicting and preventing ticks in areas of range expansion
Risa Pesapane
- 2:40 – 3:00 Discovering factors influencing host-vector contact dynamics in mosquito-borne disease transmission
Panpim Thongsripong
- 3:00 – 3:20 Integrating One Health for improved mosquito detection, surveillance and control
Megan Schierer
- 3:20 – 3:40 Impacts of the microbiota on life history traits and immune defense of the yellow fever mosquito *Aedes aegypti*
Sarah Short
- 3:40 – 4:25 Discussion on multistate projects
- 4:25 – 4:30 **CLOSING REMARKS**

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