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RESEARCH AREAS

Insect Agroecosystem Ecology, Ecoinformatics, Insect-Microbe Symbioses, Integrated Pest Management, Horticultural Entomology, Field & Row Crop Entomology, Microbial Ecology, Agricultural Sustainability, Biological Control

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Entomology, University of Arizona, 2015

Graduate Interdisciplinary Programs, minor Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Thesis: Population dynamics and genomics of *Rickettsia* infecting the whitefly *Bemisia tabaci*

Committee: Martha (Molly) Hunter, Diana Wheeler, Wendy Moore, Jeremiah Hackett

BSc. Hons. Genetics, The University of Queensland, 2006

School of Integrative Biology – Valedictorian, High Distinction, Dean’s Commendation for High Achievement

Advanced Studies Program in Science (2003 – 2005) and Enhanced Studies Program in Chemistry (2012)

Thesis: Can *Wolbachia* mediate iron homeostasis in insects? Understanding the population invasion paradox

Committee: Scott O’Neill, Jeremy Brownlie, Karyn Johnson, Sassan Asgari

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

14. **Cass BN**, Grafton-Cardwell EE, Rosenheim JA (2019) Resistance of fruits from a mandarin cultivar to feeding by fork-tailed bush katydids. Journal of Economic Entomology. 112(6): 2861–2871
13. Mueller TG, Kahl HM, **Cass BN**, Grafton-Cardwell EE, Rosenheim JA (2019) Differential impacts of citrus thrips across sweet orange and mandarin species. Journal of Economic Entomology. 112(6):2767–2773
12. **Cass BN**, Hack LM, Grafton-Cardwell EE, Rosenheim JA (2019) Impacts of fruit-feeding arthropod pests on oranges and mandarins in California. Journal of Economic Entomology. 112(5):2268–2277
11. Banks HT, Everett RA, Murad N, White RD, Banks JE, **Cass BN**, Rosenheim JA (2018) Optimal design for dynamical modeling of citrus red mite populations. Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering. 15(4):993-1010
10. **Cass BN**, Himler AG, Bondy EC*, Bergen JE, Fung SK*, Kelly SE, Hunter MS (2016) Conditional fitness benefits of a *Rickettsia* bacterial symbiont in an insect pest. Oecologia. 180(1):169–179
9. Gebiola M, White JA, **Cass BN**, Kozuch A, Harris LR, Kelly SE, Karimi J, Giorgini M, Perlman SJ, Hunter MS (2016) Cryptic diversity, reproductive isolation and cytoplasmic incompatibility in a classic biological control success story. Biological Journal of the Linnean Society. 117(2):217–230
8. **Cass BN**, Yallouz R, Bondy EC*, Mozes-Daube N, Horowitz AR, Kelly SE, Zchori-Fein E, Hunter MS (2015) Dynamics of the endosymbiont *Rickettsia* in an insect pest. Microbial Ecology. 70(1):287–297
7. **Cass BN**, Mozes-Daube N, Isur-Kruh L, Bondy EC*, Kelly SE, Hunter MS, Zchori-Fein E (2014) Bacterial endosymbionts in field-collected samples of *Trialeurodes* sp. nr. *abutiloneus* (Hemiptera: Aleyrodidae) Research in Microbiology. 165(2):77–81
6. Penz T, Schmitz-Esser S, Kelly SE, **Cass BN**, Müller A, Woyke T, Malfatti SA, Hunter MS, Horn M (2012) Comparative genomics suggests an independent origin of cytoplasmic incompatibility in *Cardinium hertigii*. PLoS Genetics. 8(10):e1003012
5. Li X, Bai S, **Cass BN** (2012) Accord insertion in the 5’ flanking region of CYP6G1 confers nicotine resistance in *Drosophila melanogaster*. Gene. 502(1):1–8
4. Degan PH, Leonardo TE, **Cass BN**, Hurwitz B, Stern D, Gibbs RA, Richards S, Moran NA (2010) Dynamics of genome evolution in facultative symbionts of aphids. Environmental Microbiology. 12:2060–2069
3. International Aphid Genomics Consortium (2010) Genome Sequence of the Pea Aphid *Acyrtosiphon pisum*. PLoS Biology. 8(2):e1000313

2. Brownlie JC, **Cass BN**, Riegler M, Witsenburg JJ, Iturbe-Ormaetxe I, McGraw EA, O'Neill SL (2009) Evidence for metabolic provisioning by a common invertebrate endosymbiont, *Wolbachia pipientis*, during periods of nutritional stress. *PLoS Pathogens*. 5:e1000368
1. McMeniman CJ, Lane RV, **Cass BN**, Fong AWC, Sidhu M, Wang Y, O'Neill SL (2009) Stable introduction of a life-shortening *Wolbachia* infection into the mosquito *Aedes aegypti*. *Science*. 323(5910):141–144

*mentored undergraduate researcher

EXTENSION PUBLICATIONS

2. **Cass BN**, Grafton-Cardwell EA, Rosenheim JA (2019) Resistance of 'Tango' mandarin fruits to fork-tailed bush katydids. *Citrograph*. 11(1):58–61
1. **Cass BN**, Grafton-Cardwell EA, Rosenheim JA (2018) A "Big Data" Approach for Pest Management in Mandarins. *Citrograph*. 10(1):62–65

RESEARCH GRANTS

co-Principal Investigator Citrus Research Board – Pest Management (2020-2022)	\$180,000
co-Principal Investigator Department of Pesticide Regulation – Pest Management (2018-2020)	\$239,888
co-Principal Investigator Citrus Research Board – Pest Management (2017-2019)	\$150,000
Arizona Board of Regents Doctoral Research Grant (2012)	\$5,000
Center for Insect Science Graduate Research Stipend (2010)	\$500
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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record: **Introductory Biology Labs**, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, University of Arizona, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, 50 students per semester, freshman level.

Teaching Assistant: **Insects and Culture**, Department of Entomology, University of Arizona, Spring 2014, 100 students, freshman level for non-biology majors.

Teaching Assistant: **Genetics**, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, Fall 2010, 100 students, senior level.

Teaching Assistant: **Gentle Intro to R/RStudio** Department of Entomology & Nematology, University of California, Davis, Winter 2019, 12 students, senior level research scholars program.

FELLOWSHIPS

P.E.O. International Peace Scholarship (2008 and 2009)	\$10,500
University of Queensland Academic Excellence Award (2006)	\$6,000
Smart Women, Smart State Award (2005)	\$2,500
Australian Federal Government Students Prize (2002)	\$2,000
R. F. Chapman Prize for Outstanding Graduate Student in Insect Science (2013)	\$1,500
Carruth Scholarship for Outstanding Graduate Student in Entomology (2014)	\$500

TRAVEL & COMMUNICATION AWARDS

H.E. Carter Travel Award for Graduate Interdisciplinary Program students (2012)	\$600
University of Arizona Institute of the Environment Travel Grant (2012)	\$500
University of Arizona Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Award (2012)	\$500
Center for Insect Science Travel Award (2011)	\$500
Entomology Society of America Child Care Grant (2018)	\$400
Arizona Student Union Textbook Scholarship (2010)	\$500
International Wolbachia Meeting Communication Award, 2 nd place (2012)	\$100

Entomology Society of America Meeting President's Prize, 2nd place SysEB category (2015) \$50

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

Postdoctoral Scholar, Entomology & Nematology (full-time, 2016 – present) and Center for Population Biology (associate, 2017 – 2018) University of California, Davis; Advisor: JA Rosenheim

Research Assistant, Entomology, University of Arizona (part-time, 2011 – 2015) Advisor: MS Hunter

Research Specialist, Integrative Biology, The University of Queensland (full-time, 2007) Advisor: SL O'Neill

Research Assistant, Life Sciences, The University of Queensland (part-time, 2003 – 2005) Advisor: SL O'Neill

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Undergraduate research project mentor:

- S. Yokota, Entomology, University of California, Davis
- E.A. Bondy, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona, and Undergraduate Biology Research Program and Biomedical Research Abroad scholarship recipient full funding for 6-month research project at Griffith University, Queensland, Australia
- S.K. Fung, Pre-pharmacy, College of Health Sciences, University of Arizona

Journal reviewer:

- Ecology and Evolution (1 manuscript 2020)
- Microbial Ecology (1 manuscript 2018, 1 manuscript 2019)
- Environmental Entomology (1 manuscript 2017)
- Molecular Ecology (3 manuscripts 2016)
- Microorganisms (1 manuscript 2019)
- Neotropical Entomology (2 manuscripts 2016)

Elected student/postdoctoral scholar representative:

- Executive Committee of the Graduate Interdisciplinary Program in Entomology and Insect Science, University of Arizona (2010 – 2012)
- Entomology and Nematology Department Teaching Retreat, University of California, Davis (2018)
- Entomology Graduate Student Association, University of Arizona (2009 – 2012)

Seminar speaker host:

- Department of Entomology and Nematology, University of California, Davis (Winter 2017);
- Department of Entomology, University of Arizona (Fall 2009);
- Center for Insect Science (2010)

Judge:

- Student Competition, Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America Meeting in San Diego, CA (2019)
- Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grants (2009)

Volunteer:

- Virtual Posters, Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting in Reno, NV (2011)
- EIS Graduate Interdisciplinary Program information booth ESA Meeting (2010, 2011)

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

Invited speaker:

- Women in Education panel – Philanthropic Education Organization State Convention, AZ, USA (2009 & 2010)
- Science in Public Education panel – Science Works for the Smart State Conference, QLD, Australia (2002)
- Undergraduate international research – Biomedical Research Abroad Vistas Open (BRAVO) orientation (2011)

- Deciphering Research Literature in Insect Biology ENT198/25 Department of Entomology and Nematology, University of California, Davis (Winter 2019) Research Scholars Program in Insect Biology students critically discussed two of my authored manuscripts and interviewed me about the research and writing process
- Introduction to the University of California FRS001/6 University of California, Davis. First-year students interviewed me about the role of postdoctoral scholars in the university (2017)
- Women in Science for Gympie High – University of Queensland (2003)

Certified training & workshops:

- UCD Campus Mental Health Gatekeeper Training, Occupational Health Services (2017)
- UndocuAlly Program for Educators, UC Davis AB450 & Undocumented Student Resource Center (2017)
- Inclusive Mentorship Seminar 1 in partnership with the Student Disabilities Center (2018)
- Issues facing female scientists during conferences, Women in Life Sciences at Davis (2018)
- Mental health awareness and strategies, Women in Life Sciences at Davis (2018)
- Non-traditional academic careers, Women in Life Sciences at Davis (2018)
- Conference code of conduct and harassment, Women in Life Sciences at Davis (2017)
- Conflict resolution, Women in Life Sciences at Davis (2017)
- Impostor syndrome, GradPathways Training (2016)
- International student graduate assistants in teaching, University of Arizona (2009)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Conservation Volunteers Australia Yellow Crazy Ant Eradication Project with CSIRO and Dhimurru Aboriginal Land Management (remote-location ant surveyor; 2008)

Insect Festival – Life in Miniature (booth host, preparation, poster design; Arizona 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)

Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum – Meet the Beetles (booth host; 2010)

Insect Discovery Outreach Program, Workshop at Lamb's Gate Elementary School (workshop leader; 2009)

4-H Youth Development Entomology Workshop (workshop leader; 2010)

Molecular Biology Workshop at BASIS Middle School (instructor; 2010)

Insect Discovery Outreach Program – Donation of archived insect specimen teaching materials (three cases of identified insects and pinning supplies; 2015)

RESEARCH ROTATIONS

Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Arizona (research project, 2009) Advisor: NA Moran

Entomology, University of Arizona (research project, 2008 – 2009) Advisor: X Li

Entomology, University of Arizona (research project, 2008) Advisor: MS Hunter

Institute for Molecular Bioscience, University of Queensland (research project, 2005) Advisor: JL Martin

Life Sciences, The University of Queensland (research project, 2004) Advisor: SL O'Neill

RESEARCH & EXTENSION PRESENTATIONS

Fruit Scarring by Thrips, Katydid and Earwigs in Mandarins and Oranges – Fall Citrus Meeting, Tulare, CA, USA (2019)

Fruit Scarring by Thrips, Katydid and Earwigs in Mandarins and Oranges – Demonstration Day, Visalia, CA, USA (2019)

Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA (Symposium, 2019)

Association of Applied IPM Entomologists Annual Meeting, Visalia, CA, USA (2018)

Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada (2018)

Citrus Thrips Field Day, Visalia, CA, USA (2018)

Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, USA (Symposium, 2017)

UC Davis Department of Entomology Seminar Series, Davis, CA, USA (Department Seminar, 2017)

Citrus Research Board & HLB External Review Meeting, Davis, CA, USA (2017)
Coordination of Integrated Pest Management Research and Extension/Educational Programs for the Western States and Pacific Basin Territories, ARDP Project Director Workshop, Irvine, CA, USA (2017)
International Congress of Entomology, Orlando, FL, USA (2016)
UC Davis Center for Population Biology Fall Seminar Series, Davis, CA, USA (Department Seminar, 2016)
Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, USA (2015)
7th International Wolbachia Conference, Ile d'Oléron, France (2012)
Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Reno, NV, USA (2011)
Center for Insect Science Hexapodium, Tucson, AZ, USA (2009, 2011)
Institute of the Environment Environmental Research Grad Blitz, Tucson, AZ, USA (2011)
Genetics Society of Australia, Brisbane, QLD, Australia (2006)
University of Queensland Undergraduate Research Conference, Brisbane, QLD, Australia (2004, 2005)

RESEARCH MEETING PARTICIPANT

Best Practices in R. Davis Institute for Data Science, UC Davis (2018);
Intro to Shell, Git, and R. Berkeley Institute for Data Science, UC Berkeley (2018);
Data Management Workshop. UC Agriculture and Natural Resources IGIS Statewide Program, UC Berkeley (2016)
Association of Applied IPM Entomologists Citrus Roundtable, Exeter, CA, USA (2017, 2016)
Department of Pesticide Regulation Symposium, Sacramento, CA, USA (2017)
9th Annual Graduate Student Symposium in Ecology, Davis, CA, USA (2016)
National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Summit on Data in Agricultural Science (via Webinar; 2016)
Entomological Society of America Pacific Branch Meeting, Tucson, AZ, USA (2014)
Center for Insect Science Hexapodium, Tucson, AZ, USA (2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014)
Undergraduate Biology Research Program Annual Conference, Tucson, AZ, USA (2013, 2012)
European Union Cooperation in Science and Technology (EU COST) Action FA0701 Meeting "Arthropod Symbiosis: from fundamental studies to pest and disease management", Ile d'Oléron, France (2012)
2nd Nematode-Bacteria Symbioses (NEMASYM) Research Coordination Network Meeting, Tucson, AZ, USA (2010)
Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, USA (2010)
Graduate and Professional Student Council 17th Annual Student Showcase, Tucson, AZ, USA (2009)
The Department of Primary Industries Revolutionary Science Forum, Brisbane, QLD, Australia (2007)
International Congress of Entomology, Brisbane, QLD, Australia (2004)

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

Entomological Society of America (2010, 2014 – present)
American Association for the Advancement of Science (2010 – 2013)
University of Arizona Insect and Arachnid Society (2011)

LANGUAGES

English (native speaker), Spanish (conversational)