

Adam H. Sparks

experience

- 2016–Present **University of Southern Queensland** Toowoomba, QLD, Australia Associate Professor
Conduct research with the Centre for Crop Health to help farmers address disease problems with summer crops in QLD and NSW
- 2012–2015 **International Rice Research Institute** Los Baños, Philippines Scientist I
Develop tools and strategies for farmers to use in addressing rice diseases
- 2011–2012 **International Rice Research Institute** Los Baños, Philippines Post-Doctoral Fellow
Linked botanic epidemiology models to GIS tools for mapping model output
- 2009–2010 **Kansas State University**, Manhattan, KS, USA Post-Doctoral Research Associate
Developed and refined predictive Fusarium head blight models for wheat
<http://www.wheatcab.psu.edu/>
- 2002–2004 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, Lincoln, NE, USA Research Technologist
Managed maize and soybean plant pathology extension field research
- 2000–2003 **University of Nebraska-Lincoln**, Clay Center, NE, USA Research Technician
Managed maize and sorghum plant pathology extension field research
- 1999–2000 **Purdue University**, West Lafayette, IN, USA Assistant Director
Coordinated training events for Purdue Diagnostic Training and Research Center
- 1997–1999 **Purdue University**, West Lafayette, IN, USA Research Technician
Managed soybean and canola production research studies

education

- 2009 **Ph.D. Plant Pathology** Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, USA
Epidemiology and Ecology of Plant Pathogens
Dissertation: *Disease risk mapping with metamodels for coarse resolution predictors: global potato late blight risk now and under future climate conditions*
- 2007 **Post Graduate Certificate** Geography Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, USA
Geographic Information Science
- 2000 **B.Sc. Agronomy** Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, USA
Soil and Crop Management

publications

peer-reviewed

- Decision tools for bacterial blight resistance gene deployment in rice-based agricultural ecosystems
S G Dossa, A H Sparks, C M Vera Cruz, R Oliva
Frontiers in Plant Science 6.305 (May 2015). DOI: 10.3389/fpls.2015.00305
- Spatial modelling of rice yield losses in Tanzania due to bacterial blight and leaf blast in a changing climate
C Duku, A H Sparks, S Zwart
Climatic Change (Dec. 2015). DOI: DOI:10.1007/s10584-015-1580-2

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skills

GIS
modelling
agricultural statistics

- Farmers' preference for rice traits: Insights from farm surveys in Central Luzon, Philippines, 1966–2012
A G Laborte, N C Paguirigan, P F Moya, A Nelson, A H Sparks, G B Gregorio
PLOS ONE e0136562 (Aug. 2015). DOI: DOI:10.1371/journal.pone.0136562
- Climate change may have limited effect on global risk of potato late blight
A H Sparks, G A Forbes, R J Hijmans, K A Garrett
Global Change Biology 20 (2014) pp. 3621–3631. DOI: 10.1094/PDIS-04-11-031
- A review on crop losses, epidemiology and disease management of rice brown spot to identify research priorities and knowledge gaps
M K Barnwal, A Kotasthane, N Magculia, P K Mukherjee, S Savary, A K Sharma, H B Singh, U S Singh, A H Sparks, M Variar, N Zaidi
European Journal of Plant Pathology 136.3 (2013) pp. 443–457. DOI: 10.1007/s10658-013-0195-6
- Taking transgenic rice drought screening to the field
A C M Gaudin, A Henry, A H Sparks, I H Slamet-Loedin
Journal of Experimental Botany 63.2 (2012) pp. 695–709. DOI: 10.1093/jxb/ers313
- An economic assessment of the impact of mango pulp weevil on the agricultural sector of Palawan, Philippines
J D Mckinley, A H Sparks, V O Pede, B Duff
The Philippine Agricultural Scientist 95.3 (2012) pp. 286–292
- Complexity in climate-change impacts: an analytical framework for effects mediated by plant disease
K A Garrett, G A Forbes, S Savary, P Skelsey, A H Sparks, C Valdivia, A H C van Bruggen, L Willocquet, A Djurle, E Duveiller, H Eckersten, S Pande, C Vera Cruz, J Yuen
Plant Pathology 60.1 (2011) pp. 15–30. DOI: 10.1111/j.1365-3059.2010.02409.x
- International agricultural research tackling the effects of global and climate changes on plant diseases in the developing world
Serge Savary, Andrew Nelson, Adam H. Sparks, Laetitia Willocquet, Etienne Duveiller, George Mahuku, Greg Forbes, Karen A. Garrett, David Hodson, Jon Padgham, Suresh Pande, Mamta Sharma, Jonathan Yuen, Annika Djurle
Plant Disease 95.10 (2011) pp. 1204–1216. Scientific Societies. DOI: 10.1094/PDIS-04-11-0316
- A metamodeling framework for extending the application domain of process-based ecological models
A H Sparks, G A Forbes, R J Hijmans, K A Garrett
Ecosphere 2.8 (2011) art90. DOI: 10.1890/ES11-00128.1
- Beyond yield: plant disease in the context of ecosystem services.
M R Cheatham, M N Rouse, P D Esker, S Ignacio, W Pradel, R Raymundo, A H Sparks, G A Forbes, T R Gordon, K A Garrett
Phytopathology 99.11 (2009) pp. 1228–36. DOI: 10.1094/PHYTO-99-11-1228
- Ecology and epidemiology in R: disease forecasting
P D Esker, A H Sparks, L Campbell, Z Guo, M Rouse, S D Silwal, S Tolos, B Van Allen, K A Garrett
The Plant Health Instructor (2008). DOI: 10.1094/PHI-A-2008-0129-01
- Ecology and epidemiology in R: spatial analysis
A H Sparks, P D Esker, G Antony, L Campbell, E E Frank, L Huebel, M N Rouse, B Van Allen, K A Garrett
The Plant Health Instructor (2008). DOI: 10.1094/PHI-A-2008-0129-03
- Ecology and epidemiology in R: modeling plant disease progress over time
A H Sparks, P D Esker, M Bates, W Dall'Acqua, Z Guo, V Segovia, S D Silwal, S Tolos, K A Garrett
The Plant Health Instructor (2008). DOI: 10.1094/PHI-A-2008-0129-02
- Ecology and epidemiology in R: modeling dispersal gradients
P D Esker, A H Sparks, G Antony, M Bates, W Dall'Acqua, E E Frank, L Huebel, V Segovia, K A Garrett
The Plant Health Instructor (2007). DOI: 10.1094/PHI-A-2007-1226-03

Introduction to the R programming environment

K A Garrett, P D Esker, A H Sparks

The Plant Health Instructor (2007). DOI: [10.1094/PHI-A-2008-0129-02](https://doi.org/10.1094/PHI-A-2008-0129-02)

Writing teaching documents as a class project

K A Garrett, P D Esker, A H Sparks, L C Scharmann

The Plant Health Instructor (2007). DOI: [10.1094/PHI-T-2007-1226-01](https://doi.org/10.1094/PHI-T-2007-1226-01)

conferences/proceedings

Mapping Rice Diseases for Targeted Deployment of Resistant Varieties in India

Adam H. Sparks, Michael Noel

In Proceedings of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society 2015 Meeting (2015)

Modeling the impact of disease resistance on rice yields in the Philippines and Indonesia

A H Sparks, J Anaurio, C Duku, M Noel, D Raitzer

In Proceedings of the Australasian Plant Pathology Society 2013 Meeting (2013)

Spatial modelling of rice yield losses due to bacterial leaf blight and leaf blast in a changing climate

A H Sparks, C Duku, M Noel, S J Zwart

Acta Phytopathologica Sinica vol. 43.Supplement (2013)

Predisposition factors affecting brown spot disease development in rice

N F Magculia, A H Sparks

Phytopathology vol. 102:S4.74.7 (2012)

Putting information to use: Decisions at different scales

S Savary, A H Sparks, A Nelson, N McRoberts, P D Esker

Phytopathology vol. 102:S4.162 (2012)

Preventing what ails rice with a strategic, statistical, prescriptive model system

A H Sparks, S Savary, A Nelson

Phytopathology vol. 102:S4.113.7 (2012)

Income inequality and economic growth in the Philippines

G B Ballesefin, V O Pede, A H Sparks

The Conference Secretariat, 2011 PAEDA Biennial Convention (2011)

An economic assessment of the impact of mango pulp weevil on the agricultural sector of Palawan, Philippines

J McKinley, V O Pede, A H Sparks, B Duff

The Conference Secretariat, 2011 PAEDA Biennial Convention (2011)

Crop losses in highly populated areas: A global perspective

L Willocquet, A Nelson, A Sparks, A Laborte, S Savary

Phytopathology vol. 101:S223 (2011)

Metamodels for scaling potato late blight risk analysis in climate change scenarios

A H Sparks, G Forbes, R Hijmans, K Garrett

Phytopathology vol. 100:S121 (2010)

Anticipating and responding to biological complexity in the effects of climate change on agriculture

K Garrett, G Forbes, S Pande, S Savary, A Sparks, C Valdivia, C Vera Cruz, L Willocquet

IOP Conference Series: Earth and Environmental Science vol. 6.37 (2009)

Adapting disease forecasting models to coarser scales: Global potato late blight prediction

A H Sparks, G Forbes, K A Garrett

Phytopathology vol. 99:S122 (2009)

Adapting global disease forecasting models for readily available weather data sets in GIS

A H Sparks, K A Garrett, G A Forbes

In Proceedings of the 10th International Epidemiology Workshop (2009). Geneva, NY, USA

Regional predictions of potato late blight risk in a GIS incorporating disease resistance profiles, climate change, and risk neighborhoods
A H Sparks, R Raymundo, R Simon, G Forbes, K A Garrett
Phytopathology vol. 98:S149 (2008)

book chapters

Chap. Plant pathogens as indicators for climate change

Karen A. Garrett, Mizuho Nita, Erick D. De Wof, Paul D. Esker, Lorena Gomez-Montano, Adam H. Sparks
Letcher, Trevor M., Elsevier, "Plant Pathogens as Indicators of Climate Change", 2016

Chap. An introduction to key distributions and models for epidemiology using R

K A Garrett, P D Esker, A H Sparks
Stevenson, K and M Jeger, APS Press, Minneapolis, MN, "Exercises in Plant Disease Epidemiology", 2014

Chap. Cambio climático, enfermedades de las plantas e insectos plaga

K A Garrett, G A Forbes, L Gómez, M A Gonzáles, M Gray, P Skelsey, A H Sparks
Jiménez, E, "Cambio climático y adaptación en el Altiplano boliviano", 2013

reports

Evaluation of seed treatment for controlling seedling diseases and compatibility with Rhizobium inoculants, 2003.

L J Geisler, A H Sparks
Fungicide and Nematicide Tests 59:ST025

Evaluation of seed treatment fungicides for controlling soybean seedling diseases, 2003

L J Geisler, A H Sparks
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invited talks

- 2014 **Taking Sustainable Crop Protection From the Field to the Cloud**
4th International Rice Congress (IRC2014)
Bangkok, Thailand
- 2014 **Impact of Climate Change on Rice Diseases**
Workshop on the Impact of Climate Change on Crop Pests and Diseases,
and Adaptation Strategies for the Greater Mekong Sub – Region (GMS)
Hotel Continental Saigon,
Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- 2014 **Epidemiology and Disease Management of Rice Brown Spot:
Research Priorities and Knowledge Gaps**
66th Annual Indian Phytopathological Society Meeting
Indira Gandhi Krishi Vishwavidyalaya University,
Raipur, India
- 2013 **Biosecurity Risks in Southeast Asia Impacting on Human Food Supplies**
Pacific Environmental Security Forum
Australian Department of Defence (ADoD) and U. S. Pacific Command (US-
PACOM)
Sydney, New South Wales, Australia
- 2010 **Global Potato Late Blight Risk in Response to Climate Change, Possible Futures for a Historic
Disease**
Emerging Infectious Diseases in Response to Climate Change.
New York Academy of Sciences,
New York, New York, USA

extramural support

- 2013–2017 **PRISM** (Philippine Rice Information System) \$2,765,783
Component B – Crop Health Monitoring,
Co-PIs: A Nelson (IRRI) and G S Arida (PhilRice), E J P Quilang (PhilRice)
- 2013–2015 **Syngenta--IRRI Scientific Knowledge and Exchange Program** \$454,640
Phase II, Sub-Project 2 – Crop Health Management
- 2015–2017 **Identifying resistant rice germplasm to false smut using combined screening approaches
and understanding the mechanisms underlying rice resistance** \$653,914
Epidemiology and environmental characterisation of false smut,
Co-PI's: B Zhou (IRRI) and CM Vera Cruz (IRRI)

service to profession

currently reviewing for

Global Change Biology
European Journal of Plant Pathology
Climatic Change
Food and Energy Security

organizational service

2014–2015 **Crop and Environmental Sciences Division Seminar Committee Chair**

2015 **IRRI OCS Advisory Group Member**

professional certifications

PRINCE2 Foundation (2014) candidate number: P2R/009385 – HiLogic Pty Ltd.

professional affiliations

Australasian Plant Pathology Society (APPS)
American Phytopathological Society (APS)
International Society for Plant Pathology (ISPP)