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Associate Professor

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic History

Present Rank	Associate Professor
Recommended Rank	Full Professor
Allocation of Effort	75% research, 20% teaching, 5% service
Tenure Status	Tenured
Graduate Faculty	2015-Present
Highest Degree	PhD (Yale University, 2011)

Education

2011	Ph. D. – Yale University	Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology
2008	M. S. – Yale University	Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology
2006	B. S. – Brigham Young University	Integrative Biology

Professional Experience

2020–Present	Associate Professor	University of Georgia – Crop & Soil Sciences (Athens, GA)
2015–2020	Assistant Professor	University of Georgia – Crop & Soil Sciences (Athens, GA)
2012–2015	Postdoctoral associate	Cornell University (Ithaca, NY)
2006–2011	Graduate research assistant	Yale University (New Haven, CT)
2007–2007	Graduate research intern	Bristol-Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals (Wallingford, CT)
2005–2006	Undergraduate research assistant	Brigham Young University (Provo, UT)

Awards

Jan 2024	Student Career Success Influencer Award 2023	University of Georgia Career Center
Jul 2022	Nomination – William Terrell Distinguished Professor	UGA College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences
Mar 2019	Nomination - 40 under 40	Georgia Trend Magazine
Nov 2018	New Innovator in Food and Agriculture Research Award	Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research
Jul 2015	Travel Awards for Early Career Professionals	Phytobiomes Conference 2015

Instruction

Instructor of Record

BING 8960	Advanced Software Carpentries	3 credits
	• Summer 2025	
CRSS 8010	Research Methods and Design in Crop Science	3 credits
	• Fall 2016 • Fall 2018 • Fall 2020 • Fall 2022 • Fall 2024 • Fall 2025	
PBGG 8860	PBGG Student Communication Seminar	1 credit
	• Spring 2022 • Spring 2023 • Fall 2023 • Spring 2024 • Fall 2024 • Spring 2025 • Fall 2025	

PBGG 8861	PBGG Student Research Seminar	1 credit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2022 • Spring 2023 • Fall 2023 • Spring 2024 • Fall 2024 • Spring 2025 • Fall 2025 	
PBGG 8874	Genomic selection	1 credit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2017 • Spring 2019 • Spring 2021 • Spring 2023 • Spring 2025 	
PBGG 8875	Genome-wide association in plants	1 credit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring 2017 • Spring 2019 • Spring 2021 • Spring 2023 • Spring 2025 	

Guest Lectures

30 Jun 2025	Plant Breeding Practicum – Maize (PBGG 6000)
24 Jun 2024	Plant Breeding Practicum – Maize (PBGG 6000)
16 Apr 2024	Genome-wide Association (CRSS 8872)
6 July 2023	Plant Breeding Practicum – Maize (PBGG 6000)
22 Feb 2023	Rigor and Reproducibility in Research (CBIO 8500)
Fall 2022	PBGG Student Research Seminar (PBGG 8861)
Fall 2022	PBGG Student Communication Seminar (PBGG 8860)
6 July 2022	Plant Breeding Practicum – Maize (PBGG 6000)
30 Jun 2022	Rigor and Reproducibility in Research (CTEGD Lunch & Learn)
12 Apr 2022	Genome-wide Association (CRSS 8872)
13 July 2021	Plant Breeding Practicum – Maize (PBGG 6000)
19 Feb 2021	Rigor and Reproducibility in Research (CBIO 8500)
Spring 2021	PBGG Student Research Seminar (PBGG 8861)
Spring 2021	PBGG Student Communication Seminar (PBGG 8860)
17 Sept 2020	Genome-wide Association (CRSS 8872)
24 May 2019	Plant Breeding Practicum – Maize (PBGG 6000)
20 & 27 Mar 2019	Reproducibility in Research (CTEGD Lunch & Learn)
13 Feb 2019	Maize Domestication (FYOS 1001)
6 Mar 2018	Genome-wide Association (CRSS 8820)

Workshop Instructor

23 Oct 2024	Software Carpentry: R for Reproducible Scientific Analysis	Fort Valley State University; Fort Valley, Georgia
26 Mar 2024	Software Carpentry: Git	UGA Libraries; Athens, Georgia
26 Sep 2023	Software Carpentry: Git	UGA Libraries; Athens, Georgia
15 May 2023	Data Carpentry: Genomics	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics; Athens, Georgia
16 May 2022	Data Carpentry: Genomics	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics; Athens, Georgia
2 Dec 2021	Capacity-Building Workshop: Association Mapping in Plants	Fort Valley State University; Fort Valley, Georgia
29 Oct 2021	Software Carpentry: R for Reproducible Scientific Analysis	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics; Athens, Georgia
5 Jan 2021	Software Carpentry: Git and Python	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics; Virtual
17 Jun 2020	Software Carpentry: R for Reproducible Scientific Analysis (Session B)	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics; Virtual
15 Jun 2020	Software Carpentry: R for Reproducible Scientific Analysis (Session A)	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics; Virtual
4 Dec 2019	Software Carpentry: Unix, Git, and Python	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics; Athens, Georgia
8 Mar 2019	Software Carpentry: R for Reproducible Scientific Analysis	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics; Athens, Georgia

Student Mentorship**Chair (Current)**

PhD 2025-	Alama, Leandro	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics (Transferred from Andy Paterson's lab)
PhD 2025-	Mangla, Hrithik	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Transferred from Nino Brown's lab)
PhD 2025-	Ployaram, Wiriyanat	UGA Department of Crop & Soil Sciences (Committee member since 2022; took over as chair in 2025 when Andy Paterson retired)
PhD 2024-	Behnke, Mary-Frances	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics

Chair (Prior)

PhD 2024	Corut, Kivanc	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics
PhD 2023	Aduragbemi, Amo	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Transfer to Texas A&M (family situation))
PhD 2023	Li, Hanxia	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics
PhD 2023	Schultz, Corey	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics
MS 2022	Griffis, Holly	UGA Department of Genetics
MS 2021	Rodman, Naomi	UGA Department of Crop & Soil Sciences (Incomplete)
PhD 2020-2025	Talamantes, Darrian	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics
PhD 2020	Johnson, Matthew	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics
MS 2020	Kovar, Lynsey	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics

Co-Chair (Prior)

PhD 2021	Voghoei, Sahar	UGA Department of Computer Science
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Committee Member (Current)

PhD 2025-	Avosa, Millicent	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Soraya Bertioli)
PhD 2025-	Myers, Zachary	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Josh Clevinger)
PhD 2025-	Upadhyay, Ashmita	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Josh Clevinger) (Functionally a co-chair)
PhD 2024-present	Santigo-Sosa, Damian	UGA Department of Marine Science (Adrienne Hoarfrost)
PhD 2024-present	Spittle, Jake	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Wayne Parrott & Zenglu Li)
PhD 2022-present	Maharjan, Namrata	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Soraya Bertioli)
PhD 2021-present	Pinchi Davila, Xiomy	UGA Department of Plant Pathology (Annie Chung)

Committee Member (Prior)

MS 2024-2025	Mangla, Hrithik	UGA Department of Crop & Soil Sciences (Andrew Patterson)
PhD 2024	Fernandez-Canela, Josue	UGA Department of Plant Biology (Jeff Bennetzen)
PhD 2024	Kwon, Khee-Man	UGA Department of Plant Pathology (Melissa Mitchum)
PhD 2024	Piri, Rebecca	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics (Kelly Dawe)
PhD 2024	Wright, Hallie	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Katrien Devos)
PhD 2023-2024	Newton, Carter	UGA Department of Plant Pathology (Li Yang) (Changed committee due to project changes)
PhD 2023	Bhattarai, Guarab	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Patrick Connor)
PhD 2023	Fleming, Zachary	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Esther van der Knaap)
PhD 2023	Miller, Mark	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Zenglu Li)
PhD 2023	Sapkota, Manoj	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Esther van der Knaap)
MS 2023	Wang, Li	UGA Department of Plant Pathology (Pingsheng Ji)
PhD 2022	Adhikari, Jeevan	UGA Plant Genome Mapping Laboratory (Andrew Paterson)
PhD 2022	Choi, Soyeon	UGA Department of Genetics (Katrien Devos)
PhD 2021-2025	Zhang, Shufan	UGA Institute of Bioinformatics (Jonathan Arnold)
PhD 2021	Liu, Jianing	UGA Department of Genetics (Kelly Dawe)
MS 2021	Meinecke, Colton	UGA Warnell School of Forestry (Caterina Villari)

MS	2021	Park, Jubilee	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Wayne Parrott)
MS	2021	Pathania, Sakshi	UGA Department of Horticulture (Dario Chavez)
PhD	2021	Singh, Lovepreet	UGA Department of Crop & Soil Sciences (Joann Connor / Peggy Ozias-Akins)
MS	2021	Spruell, Chandler	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Peggy Ozias-Akins)
PhD	2021	Tran, Dung ("Ivy")	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Zenglu Li)
MS	2020	Conway, Tara	UGA Plant Genome Mapping Laboratory (Andrew Paterson)
MS	2020	Moore, Bryshal ("Bri")	Fort Valley State University Department of Plant Biotechnology (Som Punnuri)
PhD	2020	Taitano, Nathan	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Esther van der Knaap)
PhD	2019	Gimode, Davis	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Peggy Ozias-Akins)
PhD	2019	Taborda, Carolina	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Scott Jackson)
PhD	2018	Steketee, Clint	UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics (Zenglu Li)
PhD	2018	Sumabat, Leilani	UGA Department of Plant Pathology (Marin Brewer)

Visiting Scientists

Spring 2016	Yuan, Yibing	Graduate student	Sichuan Agricultural University, China
Aug 2023 – Feb 2024	Bozic, Manja	Graduate student	University of Belgrade, Serbia
Feb 2024 – Feb 2025	Renato Santos	Postdoc	University of São Paulo, Brazil

Undergraduate Mentoring

Summer 2016	Sanford, Tierra	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
2016-2017	Bagwell, John	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2016	Rodriguez, David	REU student (New Mexico State University)
2016-2019	Giangacomo, Cecelia	Undergraduate researcher (UGA)
2017	Forester, Ethan	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2017	Mcdonald, Miles	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2017	Randolf, Hayden	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2017	Bejdic, Haris	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Spring 2018	Daftarian, Melody	Undergraduate intern (Athens Technical College)
Summer 2018	Morris, Samuel	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2018	Sangoyomi, Bamidele	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2018	Caro, Spencer	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2018	Andrews, Amaja	REEU student & McNair scholar (UGA)
Fall 2018	Leake, Jackson	Undergraduate technician (UGA)
2018-2019	Fox, Laurel	Undergraduate researcher (UGA)
Summer 2019	Brantley, Kamaya	REEU student (UGA)
Summer 2019	Grindle, Coleman	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2019	McCabe, Allison	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2020	Moore, Nathan	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2020	Duling, Hadden	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
2019-2021	Wideman, Kya	Undergraduate researcher (UGA)
2020-2022	Kirkpatrick, Caitlin	Undergraduate researcher (UGA)
Summer 2021	Quinn, Marielle	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2021	Pinto, Evonne	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
2021-2022	Sanders, Kai	Undergraduate technician (UGA)
2022-2023	Desai, Hanish	Undergraduate researcher (UGA)
2022	Idaewor, Fran	Undergraduate technician (UGA)
2022-2024	Collins, Emma	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2022	Obialor, Michella	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2023	Hedden, Stephen	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2023	Reeves-Miller, Kofi	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
2023-2024	Stephens, Zoey	Undergraduate technician (UGA)
2023-2024	Triplett, Dan	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2023	Deal, Kenzington	REEU student (UGA)
2024-Present	Mootz, Chloe	Undergraduate technician (UGA)

2024-Present	Henricks, Danni	Undergraduate technician (UGA)
Summer 2024	Pete, Simone	Undergraduate field technician (UGA)
Summer 2025	Towner, Marisha	REEU student (Fort Valley State University)

High School StudentsSpring 2018 **Weinmeister, Nathan** Clarke Central High School**Scholarly Activities****Publications**

	Research Article	Review	Book Chapter	Protocol
Associate Professor	36	3	0	5
Assistant Professor	16	2	1	1
Postdoc	1	1	0	0
PhD	3	0	0	0
Total	56	6	1	6

Associate Professor (44)

1. Talamantes DR, Phillips C, Young C, Wallace JG: **The relationships among alkaloid concentration, endophyte mycelial concentration and host genetics in the tall fescue epichloë symbiosis.** *BMC Genomics* 2025, doi:[10.1186/s12864-025-12331-0](https://doi.org/10.1186/s12864-025-12331-0).
2. Li H, Griffis HK, Edwards J, Flint-Garcia S, Hirsch CN, Holland JB, Knoll JE, Lima DC, Leon N de, Murray SC, et al.: **Gene-by-environment interaction significantly drives bacterial endophyte communities in maize stalks.** 2025, doi:[10.64898/2025.12.23.696053](https://doi.org/10.64898/2025.12.23.696053).
3. Harris-Shultz K, Wallace J, Sapkota S, Schwartz B, Read QD, Peterson J, Santana AL, Smolensky D, Coffin A: **Identification of candidate genes for stigma color using a genome-wide association study in centipedegrass.** *Crop Science* 2025, **65**.
4. Venado RE, Wilker J, Infante V, McLimans C, Robbins F, Phillips C, Calderón CI, Wallace JG, Ané J-M: **Aerial root formation in oaxacan maize (*zea mays*) landraces persists into the adult phase and is minimally affected by soil nitrogen and ambient humidity.** *Frontiers in Plant Science* 2025, **16**.
5. Santos RAC dos, Hidalgo-Martinez K, Muñoz Perez JM, Laspisa DJ, Li C, Mendes LW, Riaño-Pachón DM, Wallace JG: **Identifying associations between maize leaf transcriptome and bacteriome during different diurnal periods.** 2025, doi:[10.1101/2025.07.11.664371](https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.07.11.664371).
6. Vutla S, Knoll JE, Sankuratri A, Nayak RG, Liu L, Chee PW, Karthikeyan R, Fakrudin B, Thudi M, Timper P, et al.: **Mapping QTLs for pyricularia leaf spot, nematode resistance, and yield related traits in pearl millet [*cenchrus americanus* (L.) morrone].** *Frontiers in Plant Science* 2025, **16**.
7. Mangla H, Liu M, Vitrakoti D, Shehzad T, Chandnani R, Das S, Wallace JG, Snider JL, Jones DC, Chee PW, et al.: **Genetic dissection of lint percentage and seed cotton yield in exotic x elite upland cotton crosses using population-specific and joint population analysis.** *Euphytica* 2025, **221**.
8. Laspisa D, Venado R, Diogo R, Ané J-M, Wallace JG: **Genetic determinants of aerial root traits that support biological nitrogen fixation in maize.** 2025, doi:[10.1101/2025.05.30.657053](https://doi.org/10.1101/2025.05.30.657053).
9. Mangla H, Liu M, Vitrakoti D, Somala RV, Shehzad T, Chandnani R, Das S, Wallace JG, Snider JL, Jones DC, et al.: **Identification of favorable alleles from exotic upland cotton lines for fiber quality improvement using multiple association models.** *Frontiers in Plant Science* 2025, **16**.
10. Wallace JG, Favela A, Raglin S: **Sampling and analysis of the maize microbiome.** *Cold Spring Harbor Protocols* 2024, **2025:pdb.top108463**.
11. Favela A, Raglin S, Wallace JG: **Sampling root-associated microbiome communities of maize (*zea mays*).** *Cold Spring Harbor Protocols* 2024, **2025:pdb.prot108580**.
12. Wallace JG: **Sampling the maize (*zea mays*) leaf microbiome.** *Cold Spring Harbor Protocols* 2024, **2025:pdb.prot108581**.
13. Wallace JG, Laspisa D: **Sampling maize (*zea mays*) seed endophytes.** *Cold Spring Harbor Protocols* 2024, **2025:pdb.prot108582**.
14. Wallace JG, Griffis H: **Preparation of illumina 16s amplicon sequencing libraries with peptide nucleic acids (PNAs) for the analysis of maize-associated microbiomes.** *Cold Spring Harbor Protocols* 2024, **2025:pdb.prot108583**.
15. Raglin SS, Favela A, Laspisa D, Wallace JG: **Manipulating the maize (*zea mays*) microbiome.** *Cold Spring Harbor Protocols* 2024, **2025:pdb.prot108584**.

16. Vetriventhan M, Upadhyaya HD, Deshpande S, Johnson MS, Wallace JG, Victor A, Naresh D, Rayaprolu L, Singh K, Mayes S: **Genome-wide assessment of population structure and association mapping for agronomic and grain nutritional traits in proso millet (*panicum miliaceum* l.).** *Scientific Reports* 2024, **14**.
17. Kvitko B, Wallace J, Desai HV, Lavender HF, Mijatovic J, Techtmann S, Christner BC, Smith A: **Metagenomic analysis of a glacial ice core record from the contiguous united states.** 2024, doi:[10.21203/rs.3.rs-5045654/v1](https://doi.org/10.21203/rs.3.rs-5045654/v1).
18. Kusmec A, Yeh C'Eddy', Schnable PS: **Data-driven identification of environmental variables influencing phenotypic plasticity to facilitate breeding for future climates.** *New Phytologist* 2024, **244**:618–634.
19. Tran DT, Mitchum MG, Zhang S, Wallace JG, Li Z: **Soybean microbiome composition and the impact of host plant resistance.** *Frontiers in Plant Science* 2024, **14**.
20. Gimode D, Wallace J, Holbrook C, Isleib TG, Chu Y, Virk S, Porter W, Ozias-Akins P: **Genomic selection as an approach to select for reduced aflatoxin contamination in peanut under terminal drought stress.** *Peanut Science* 2024, **51**:18–31.
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22. Talamantes D, Kirkpatrick C, Wallace J: **Developing robust quantitative PCR primers for comparative biomass analysis of tall fescue (*festuca arundinacea*) and its epichloë endophyte.** *microPublication Biology* 2024, **2024**.
23. Corut AK, Wallace JG: **kGWASflow: A modular, flexible, and reproducible snakemake workflow for k-mers-based GWAS.** *G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics* 2023, **14**.
24. Laspisa D, Illa-Berenguer E, Bang S, Schmitz RJ, Parrott W, Wallace J: **Mining the utricularia gibba genome for insulator-like elements for genetic engineering.** *Frontiers in Plant Science* 2023, **14**.
25. Lima DC, Aviles AC, Alpers RT, Perkins A, Schoemaker DL, Costa M, Michel KJ, Kaepller S, Ertl D, Romay MC, et al.: **2020-2021 field seasons of maize GxE project within the genomes to fields initiative.** *BMC Research Notes* 2023, **16**.
26. Li H, Hill N, Wallace J: **A perennial living mulch system fosters a more diverse and balanced soil bacterial community.** *PLOS ONE* 2023, **18**:e0290608.
27. Lima DC, Washburn JD, Varela JI, Chen Q, Gage JL, Romay MC, Holland J, Ertl D, Lopez-Cruz M, Aguate FM, et al.: **Genomes to fields 2022 maize genotype by environment prediction competition.** *BMC Research Notes* 2023, **16**.
28. Adak A, Murray SC, Calderón CI, Infante V, Wilker J, Varela JI, Subramanian N, Isakeit T, Ané J-M, Wallace J, et al.: **Genetic mapping and prediction for novel lesion mimic in maize demonstrates quantitative effects from genetic background, environment and epistasis.** *Theoretical and Applied Genetics* 2023, **136**.
29. Lima DC, Aviles AC, Alpers RT, McFarland BA, Kaepller S, Ertl D, Romay MC, Gage JL, Holland J, Beissinger T, et al.: **2018–2019 field seasons of the maize genomes to fields (G2F) g x e project.** *BMC Genomic Data* 2023, **24**.
30. Schultz CR, Johnson M, Wallace JG: **Effects of inbreeding on microbial community diversity of zea mays.** *Microorganisms* 2023, **11**:879.
31. Kick DR, Wallace JG, Schnable JC, Kolkman JM, Alaca B, Beissinger TM, Edwards J, Ertl D, Flint-Garcia S, Gage JL, et al.: **Yield prediction through integration of genetic, environment, and management data through deep learning.** *G3: Genes, Genomes, Genetics* 2023, **13**.
32. Wallace JG: **Maize seed endophytes.** *Molecular Plant Pathology* 2022, **24**:801–810.
33. Chandnani R, Kim C, Patel JD, Guo H, Shehzad T, Wallace JG, He D, Zhang Z, Adhikari J, Khanal S, et al.: **Identification of small effect quantitative trait loci of plant architectural, flowering, and early maturity traits in reciprocal interspecific introgression population in cotton.** *Frontiers in Plant Science* 2022, **13**.
34. Punnuri SM, Ayele AG, Harris-Shultz KR, Knoll JE, Coffin AW, Tadesse HK, Armstrong JS, Wiggins TK, Li H, Sattler S, et al.: **Genome-wide association mapping of resistance to the sorghum aphid in sorghum bicolor.** *Genomics* 2022, **114**:110408.
35. Schultz CR, Brantley KM, Wallace JG: **The role of genetic variation in zea mays response to beneficial endophytes.** *Plant Growth Regulation* 2022, **98**:167–177.
36. Park JY, Kovar L, LaFayette PR, Wallace JG, Parrott WA: **Plant-derived insulator-like sequences for control of transgene expression.** 2021, doi:[10.1101/2021.11.04.467280](https://doi.org/10.1101/2021.11.04.467280).
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38. Johnson MS, Wallace JG: **Genomic and chemical diversity of commercially available high-CBD industrial hemp accessions.** *Frontiers in Genetics* 2021, **12**.
39. Hill NS, Levi M, Basinger N, Thompson A, Cabrera M, Wallace J, Saikawa E, Avramov A, Mullican J: **White clover living mulch enhances soil health vs. Annual cover crops.** *Agronomy Journal* 2021, **113**:3697–3707.
40. Wang X, Chen S, Ma X, Yssel AEJ, Chaluvadi SR, Johnson MS, Gangashetty P, Hamidou F, Sanogo MD, Zwaenepoel A, et al.: **Genome sequence and genetic diversity analysis of an under-domesticated orphan crop, white fonio (*digitaria exilis*).** *GigaScience* 2021, **10**.

41. Giangacomo C, Mohseni M, Kovar L, Wallace JG: **Comparing DNA extraction and 16S rRNA gene amplification methods for plant-associated bacterial communities.** *Phytobiomes Journal* 2021, **5**:190–201.
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44. McFarland BA, AlKhalifah N, Bohn M, Bubert J, Buckler ES, Ciampitti I, Edwards J, Ertl D, Gage JL, Falcon CM, et al.: **Maize genomes to fields (G2F): 2014–2017 field seasons: Genotype, phenotype, climatic, soil, and inbred ear image datasets.** *BMC Research Notes* 2020, **13**.

Assistant Professor (20)

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2. Harris-Shultz KR, Davis RF, Wallace J, Knoll JE, Wang H: **A novel QTL for root-knot nematode resistance is identified from a south african sweet sorghum line.** *Phytopathology®* 2019, **109**:1011–1017.
3. Voghøei S, Hashemi Tonekaboni N, Wallace JG, Arabnia HR: **Deep learning at the edge.** 2018 international conference on computational science and computational intelligence (CSCI) 2018, doi:[10.1109/csci46756.2018.00177](https://doi.org/10.1109/csci46756.2018.00177).
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8. Chandnani R, Kim C, Guo H, Shehzad T, Wallace JG, He D, Zhang Z, Patel JD, Adhikari J, Khanal S, et al.: **Genetic analysis of gossypium fiber quality traits in reciprocal advanced backcross populations.** *The Plant Genome* 2018, **11**.
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10. Wallace JG, May G: **Endophytes: The other maize genome.** *The maize genome* 2018, doi:[10.1007/978-3-319-97427-9_14](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-319-97427-9_14).
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3. Block KF, Puerta-Fernandez E, Wallace JG, Breaker RR: **Association of OLE RNA with bacterial membranes via an RNA–protein interaction.** *Molecular Microbiology* 2010, **79**:21–34.

Meetings attended

* = speaker, † = poster, § = international scope

Associate Professor (46)

2025 (8)

UGA Plant Center Retreat; Atlanta, Georgia (December 2025)

§ **11th International Symposium of Grass Microbial Endophytes;** Hamilton, New Zealand (November 2025)

* § **Crop Science and Technology: Shaping the Future of Agriculture;** Belgrade, Serbia (September 2025)

* § **DragonCon 2025;** Atlanta, Georgia (August 2025)

UGA Department of Crop & Soil Sciences Retreat; Columbus, Georgia (August 2025)

Science Talk; Raleigh, North Carolina (April 2025)

UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Retreat; Macon, Georgia (March 2025)

* § **Plant & Animal Genome 32;** San Diego, California (January 2025)

2024 (7)

§ **Phytobiomes 2024;** St. Louis, Missouri (November 2024)

UGA Plant Center Retreat; Pine Mountain, Georgia (November 2024)

* § **DragonCon 2024;** Atlanta, Georgia (August 2024)

UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Retreat; Hiawasee, Georgia (May 2024)

* **AI In Plant Breeding Symposium;** Athens, Georgia (April 2024)

* § **66th Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** Raleigh, North Carolina (March 2024)

* § **Plant & Animal Genome 31;** San Diego, California (January 2024)

2023 (7)

UGA Plant Center Retreat; Young Harris, Georgia (December 2023)

† **26th Annual Plant Genome Research Program Awardee Meeting;** Washington, D.C. (September 2023)

* § **DragonCon 2023;** Atlanta, Georgia (August 2023)

† **Plant Biology 2023 (American Society of Plant Biologists);** Savannah, Georgia (August 2023)

UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Retreat; Columbus, Georgia (May 2023)

§ **65th Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** St. Louis, Missouri (March 2023)

§ **Plant & Animal Genome 30;** San Diego, California (January 2023)

2022 (9)

UGA Plant Center Retreat; Young Harris, Georgia (December 2022)

Georgia Plant Conservation Alliance Annual Meeting; Brunswick, Georgia (November 2022)

§ **Phytobiomes;** Denver, Colorado (September 2022)

† **25th Annual Plant Genome Research Program Awardee Meeting;** Washington, D.C. (September 2022)

* § **DragonCon 2022;** Atlanta, Georgia (September 2022)

†§ **18th International Symposium on Microbial Ecology;** Lausanne, Switzerland (August 2022)

UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Retreat; Jekyll Island, Georgia (May 2022)

§ **64th Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** St. Louis, Missouri (March 2022)

* § **Plant & Animal Genome XXIX;** Virtual (January 2022)

2021 (8)

- UGA Plant Center Retreat;** Brasstown Bald, Georgia (December 2021)
- † **Plant Genome Research Program 24th Annual Awardee Meeting;** Virtual (September 2021)
- American Society of Plant Biologists Annual meeting; Virtual (July 2021)
- UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Retreat;** Virtual (May 2021)
- Transdisciplinary Research in Plant Sciences and Engineering: from Precision Agriculture to Synthetic Biology;** Virtual (May 2021)
- Microbiome for Agriculture Congress;** Virtual (March 2021)
- †§ **63rd Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** Virtual (March 2021)
- * **Microbiome Movement AgBiotech;** Virtual (February 2021)

2020 (7)

- Plant Genome Research Program 23rd Annual Awardee Meeting;** Virtual (September 2020)
- * **National Association of Plant Breeders Annual Meeting;** Virtual (August 2020)
- § **62nd Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** Virtual (June 2020)
- Collective Behavior (UGA Institute of Bioinformatics Symposium); Athens, Georgia (March 2020)
- * **Illinois' Corn Breeders' School;** Champaign, Illinois (March 2020)
- Plants by Design;** Athens, Georgia (February 2020)
- * **FFAR Foster Our Future;** Washington, D.C. (February 2020)

Assistant Professor (31)**2019 (5)**

- * § **ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting;** Tampa, Florida (November 2019)
- † **Plant Genome Research Program 22nd Annual Awardee Meeting;** Arlington, Virginia (September 2019)
- National Association of Plant Breeders Annual Meeting; Pine Mountain, Georgia (August 2019)
- †§ **61st Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** St. Louis, Missouri (March 2019)
- * § **Plant & Animal Genome XXVII;** San Diego, California (January 2019)

2018 (6)

- UGA Plant Center Retreat;** Helen, Georgia (September 2018)
- † **Plant Genome Research Program 21st Annual Awardee Meeting;** Arlington, Virginia (September 2018)
- * § **China Agricultural University and University of Georgia Joint Research Project Symposium;** Beijing, China (July 2018)
- † **Wild and Tame Phytobiomes;** University Park, Pennsylvania (June 2018)
- * § **60th Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** Saint Malo, France (March 2018)
- NIFA FACT Workshop – High-throughput, field-based phenotyping technologies for the Genomes to Fields (G2F) initiative;** Ames, Iowa (January 2018)

2017 (9)

- * **Corn Breeder's Research Conference;** Chicago, Illinois (December 2017)
- UGA Plant Center Retreat;** Helen, Georgia (October 2017)
- * **ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting;** Tampa, Florida (October 2017)
- Parsing the Microbiome (UGA Institute of Bioinformatics Symposium); Athens, Georgia (September 2017)
- * **Annual Meeting of the Mycological Society of America;** Athens, Georgia (July 2017)
- UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Retreat;** Lake Blackshear, Georgia (May 2017)
- Advancing Plant Sciences: Where is the research leading us?;** Athens, Georgia (May 2017)
- †§ **59th Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** St. Louis, Missouri (March 2017)
- * § **Plant & Animal Genome XXV;** San Diego, California (January 2017)

2016 (8)

- †§ **Phytobiomes: From Microbes to Plant Ecosystems;** Santa Fe, New Mexico (November 2016)
- UGA Plant Center Retreat;** Helen, Georgia (October 2016)
- * § **7th International Crops Science Congress;** Beijing, China (August 2016)
- * **UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Retreat;** Athens, Georgia (May 2016)
- Joe L. Key Symposium; Athens, Georgia (May 2016)
- * § **BMZ Heterosis meeting;** Niamey, Niger (April 2016)
- * § **58th Annual Maize Genetics Conference;** Jacksonville, Florida (March 2016)
- *†§ **Plant and Animal Genome XXIV;** San Diego, California (January 2016)

2015 (3)

- * **UGA Plant Center Retreat**; Helen, Georgia (October 2015)
- * § **Phytobiomes 2015**; Washington, D.C. (July 2015)
- †§ **57th Annual Maize Genetics Conference**; St. Charles, Illinois (March 2015)

Invited Presentations

§ = international scope

Associate Professor (24)

31 Oct 2025	Not Just the Facts: Top Techniques for Communicating Science. NAPB Graduate Student Working Group Webinar (Virtual).	(Invited)
29 Sep 2025	§ Separating Genetic and Environmental Impacts on the Maize Microbiome. Crop Science and Technology: Shaping the Future of Agriculture (Maize Research Institute Zemun Polje 80th Anniversary Conference) (Belgrade, Serbia).	(Invited)
25 Sep 2025	Not Just the Facts: How to Communicate Science Well. UGA Integrated Precision Agriculture Student Club Seminar (Athens, Georgia).	(Invited)
12 Feb 2025	Fickle Partnerships: Understanding the Relationships between Maize, the Environment, and the Microbiome. Iowa State University Plant Breeding Departmental Seminar (Ames, Iowa).	(Invited)
14 Jan 2025	§ Gene by Environment Interactions between Hosts and their Microbiomes. Plant & Animal Genome 32 (San Diego, California).	(Invited)
11 Jan 2025	§ Mining Tropical Maize for Traits Associated with Aboveground Symbiotic Nitrogen Fixation. Plant & Animal Genome 32 (San Diego, California).	(Invited)
06 Nov 2024	Elusive Partnerships: Quantifying the Relationships between Maize, the Environment, and the Microbiome. Texas A&M Plant Pathology & Microbiology Departmental Seminar (College Station, Texas).	(Invited)
24 Apr 2024	AI in Plant Breeding – Panel Discussion. UGA AI in Plant Breeding Symposium (Athens, Georgia).	(Invited)
02 Mar 2024	§ Genetic & Environmental Impacts on the Maize Microbiome across the United States. 66th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Raleigh, North Carolina).	
23 Jan 2024	The Genomes to Fields Initiative. Georgia Corn Short Course (Tifton, Georgia).	(Invited)
15 Jan 2024	§ Genetic, Environmental, and GxE Effects of the Maize Microbiome across the United States. Plant & Animal Genome 31 (San Diego, California).	
04 Oct 2023	Productive Partnerships: Helping plants and microbes work better together. University of Wisconsin Plant Cellular & Molecular Biology seminar series (Madison, Wisconsin).	(Invited)
15 Jan 2022	§ A Large, Full Diallel of Tall Fescue for Dissecting Plant-Microbe Mutualism. Plant & Animal Genome XXIX (Virtual).	(Invited)
18 Nov 2021	Thanks for the Little Monsters: What We Owe Our Microbes. Athens Science Cafe (Athens, Georgia).	(Invited)
17 Sep 2021	Habitat or Mastermind? How maize shapes its microbiomes. University of Wisconsin Department of Plant Breeding & Plant Genetics seminar series (Madison, Wisconsin).	(Invited)
15 Jun 2021	What You'll Wish You'd Known in Grad School. UGA Institute of Bioinformatics Seminar Series (Athens, Georgia).	
12 Apr 2021	The Twists and Turns of an Agricultural Research and Communication Career in Academia. (Invited) NAPB Early Career Working Group Webinar (Virtual).	
25 Mar 2021	Genotype-by-Genotype Interactions between Corn and Microbes. Genetics of Maize-Microbe Interactions seminar series (Virtual).	
17 Mar 2021	Habitat or Mastermind? The role of plant genetics in shaping microbiomes. UGA Department of Animal & Dairy Science Seminar Series (Athens, Georgia).	(Invited)
22 Feb 2021	Investigating genotype-by-genotype interactions between corn and microbes. Microbiome Movement AgBiotech (Virtual).	(Invited)
23 Oct 2020	Understanding Genotype-by-Genotype Interactions between Crops and Microbes. University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Departmental Seminar Series (Virtual [Urbana-Champaign, Illinois]).	(Invited)
19 Aug 2020	Understanding Genotype-by-Genotype Interactions between Corn and Microbes. National Association of Plant Breeders Annual Meeting (Virtual).	(Invited)
02 Mar 2020	Genotype-by-Genotype Interactions between Corn and Microbes. Illinois' Corn Breeders' School (Champaign, Illinois).	(Invited)
05 Feb 2020	Harnessing Endophytes to Improve Agriculture. FFAR Foster Our Future (Washington, D.C.).	(Invited)

Assistant Professor (29)

- 11 Nov 2019 **Unraveling the Mechanisms of Microbe-Induced Abiotic Stress tolerance in Plants.** Crop Science Society of America annual meeting (San Antonio, Texas). (Invited)
- 22 Jul 2019 **Harnessing Microbes to Improve Agriculture.** Noble Research Institute seminar (Ardmore, Oklahoma). (Invited)
- 13 Apr 2019 **The Effect of Host Genetics on the Maize Leaf Microbiome.** UGA Microbiome Seminar Series (Athens, Georgia).
- 16 Jan 2019 § **Genomics of Crop-Microbiome interactions.** Plant & Animal Genome XXVII (San Diego, California). (Invited)
- 06 Nov 2018 § **La Microbiome del Maíz.** UNITEC Universidad Tecnológica de México – Campus León Seminar Series (Guanajuato, Mexico (via webinar)). (Invited)
- 12 Oct 2018 **Harnessing Plant Microbiomes for Agriculture.** University of Kentucky Department of Plant & Soil Sciences Seminar Series (Lexington, Kentucky). (Invited)
- 23 Jul 2018 § **Quantitative Genetics of the Maize Microbiome.** Chinese Agriculture University – University of Georgia collaboration conference (Beijing, China). (Invited)
- 22 Mar 2018 § **The Maize Microbiome.** MaizeGDB workshop in conjunction with the 60th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Saint Malo, France). (Invited)
- 19 Feb 2018 **Quantitative genetics of the maize microbiome.** UGA Plant Pathology Seminar Series (Athens, Georgia). (Invited)
- 04 Dec 2017 **The Maize Microbiome as a Target for Breeding and Management.** Annual Corn Breeder's Research Meeting (Chicago, Illinois). (Invited)
- 23 Oct 2017 **The effect of host genetics on maize-microbiome interaction.** ASA-CSSA-SSSA Annual Meeting (Tampa, Florida). (Invited)
- 18 Jul 2017 **Harnessing Fungi to Improve Agriculture.** Mycological Society of America (Athens, Georgia). (Invited)
- 09 Mar 2017 **Unraveling the Genetics of Maize-Microbiome Interactions.** NewLeaf Symbiotics invited presentation (Saint Louis, Missouri). (Invited)
- 14 Jan 2017 § **Exploring the other maize genome: Quantitative analysis of how maize plants interact with their microbial communities.** Plant & Animal Genome XXV (San Diego, California). (Invited)
- 21 Sep 2016 **Leveraging Genomics to Improve Staple Crops.** UGA Genetics Seminar Series (Athens, Georgia). (Invited)
- 24 Aug 2016 **The Effect of Host Genetics on the Maize Leaf Microbiome.** UGA Plant Functional Genomics Seminar (Athens, Georgia).
- 16 Aug 2016 § **Nested Association Mapping for QTL Discovery and Genome-Wide Association.** 7th International Crop Science Congress (Beijing, China). (Invited)
- 20 May 2016 **Leveraging Genomics to Improve Staple Crops.** UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics Annual Retreat (Athens, Georgia). (Invited)
- 26 Apr 2016 § **Genotyping by Sequencing (GBS) Method Overview.** West African Center for Crop Improvement seminar series (Accra, Ghana). (Invited)
- 25 Apr 2016 § **Leveraging Genomics to Improve Staple Crops.** West African Center for Crop Improvement seminar series (Accra, Ghana). (Invited)
- 22 Apr 2016 § **Genotyping by Sequencing (GBS) Method Overview.** BMZ Heterosis Project Meeting & Training (Niamey, Niger). (Invited)
- 22 Apr 2016 § **TASSEL/GBS Practical Examples.** BMZ Heterosis Project Meeting & Training (Niamey, Niger). (Invited)
- 20 Mar 2016 § **The effect of host genetics on the maize leaf microbiome across 270 diverse inbred lines.** 58th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Jacksonville, Florida).
- 13 Jan 2016 § **Analyzing the Leaf Microbiome across 270 Diverse Maize Lines.** Plant & Animal Genome XXIV (San Diego, California). (Invited)
- 30 Oct 2015 **Leveraging Genomics to Improve Staple Crops.** UGA Plant Center Retreat (Helen, Georgia). (Invited)
- 02 Oct 2015 **Leveraging Genomics to Improve Staple Crops.** UGA Institute of Bioinformatics Seminar Series (Athens, Georgia). (Invited)
- 30 Jun 2015 § **Analyzing the Leaf Microbiome across 270 Diverse Maize Lines.** Phytobiomes 2015 (Washington, D.C.). (Invited)
- 19 Feb 2015 § **Applying High-Throughput Genomics to Crops for the Developing World.** Next Generation Genomics and Integrated Breeding for Crop Improvement (Hyderabad, India). (Invited)
- 13 Feb 2015 § **Leveraging Genomics to Improve Staple Crops.** International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics invited speaker (Hyderabad, India). (Invited)

Posters & Abstracts

Associate Professor (53)

- 11 Nov 2025 *Talamantes, D., Dinkins, R., McCulley, R., Wallace, J. G. **Transcriptomic Responses of Tall Fescue with and without Epichloë Endophyte Under Stress and Control Conditions.** CANVAS 2025 (Salt Lake City, Utah).
- 11 Nov 2025 *Diogo, R., Venado, R. E., Laspisa, D., Infantes, V., Kern, T., Calderon, C. I., Wallace, J. G., de Leon, N., Ane, J-M **Breeding Program for Biological Nitrogen Fixation on Maize Aerial Roots.** CANVAS 2025 (Salt Lake City, Utah).
- 04 Aug 2025 *Saxena, H., Ghimire, B., Vines, P.L., Talamantes, D.R., Robbins, M.D., Wallace, J. G., Bradley, S.B., Martinez-Espinoza, A. D., Raymenr, P. L., Bahri, B. A. **Identifying Candidate Genes associated with Gray Leaf Spot and Crown Rust Resistance in Tall Fescue using GWAS.** Plant Health 2025 (Honolulu, Hawaii).
- 09 Mar 2025 *Deb, S., Thomas, T. S., Torres-Rodriguez, J. V., Turkus, J., Sekhon, R. S., Wallace, J. G., Washburn, J. D., Thompson, A. M., Schnable, J. C., Gage, J. L. **Characterization of allele-specific expression and cis-regulatory divergence in hybrid maize: Implications for gene-environment interactions.** 67th Annual Maize Genetics Meeting (Saint Louis, Missouri).
- 09 Mar 2025 *Thomas, T. S., Torres-Rodriguez, J. V., Turkus, J., Sekhon, R. S., Wallace, J. G., Washburn, J. D., Thompson, A. M., Schnable, J. C., Gage, J. L. **Multi-environmental transcriptome-wide association study reveals the extent of genotype-by-environment interactions for flowering time in maize..** 67th Annual Maize Genetics Meeting (Saint Louis, Missouri).
- 10 Jan 2025 *Correa dos Santos, R., Wallace, J. **CoNekT Grasses Microbiome enables the network analysis for microbial co-occurrence and integration of host RNAseq and microbiome data.** Plant & Animal Genome 32 (San Diego, California).
- 10 Jan 2025 *Talamantes, D., and Wallace, J. **Mapping Tall Fescue genetics to endophyte toxin and biomass production.** Plant & Animal Genome 32 (San Diego, California).
- 10 Jan 2025 *Junior, R., Venado, R., Gibson, K., Laspisa, D., Phillips, C., Wallace, J., de Leon, N., Ane, J-M. **Maize breeding for biological nitrogen fixation on aerial roots.** Plant & Animal Genome 32 (San Diego, California).
- 11 Nov 2024 *Harris-Schultz, K., Sapkota, S., Wallace, J., Schwartz, B., Coffin, A., and Zhang, J. **Candidate Genes for Stigma Color Were Identified in a Centipedegrass Population Using a Genome-Wide Association Study.** ASA, CSSA, SSSA International Annual Meeting (San Antonio, Texas).
- 31 Oct 2024 Laspisa, D., Gibson, K., Venado, R., Wilker, J., Infante, V., Calderon, C., Ane, J-M., and Wallace, J. **Genetic Determinants of Aerial Root Formation in Maize: Prospects for Harnessing Biological Nitrogen Fixation.** UGA Plant Center Retreat 2024 (Pine Mountain, Georgia).
- 31 Oct 2024 Correa dos Santos, R., Wallace, J. **Correlation analysis of paired transcriptomic and metataxonomic datasets of leaves across diverse maize lines.** UGA Plant Center Retreat 2024 (Pine Mountain, Georgia).
- 31 Oct 2024 Talamantes, D., and Wallace, J. **Tall Fescue Genetics Changes the Toxicity of Epichloë Endophytes.** UGA Plant Center Retreat 2024 (Pine Mountain, Georgia).
- 15 May 2024 Correa dos Santos, R., Wallace, J. **Correlation analysis of paired transcriptomic and metataxonomic datasets of leaves across diverse maize lines.** UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics & Genomics annual retreat (Hiawasee, Georgia).
- 15 May 2024 Laspisa, D., Gibson, K., Venado, R., Wilker, J., Infante, V., Calderon, C., Ane, J-M., and Wallace, J. **Genetic Determinants of Aerial Root Formation in Maize: Prospects for Harnessing Biological Nitrogen Fixation.** UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics & Genomics annual retreat (Hiawasee, Georgia).
- 01 Mar 2024 *Laspisa, D., Gibson, K., Venado, R., Wilker, J., Infante, V., Calderon, C., Ane, J-M., and Wallace, J. **Genetic Determinants of Aerial Root Formation in Maize: Prospects for Harnessing Biological Nitrogen Fixation.** 66th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Raleigh, North Carolina).
- 17 Jan 2024 *Laspisa, D., Gibson, K., Venado, R., Wilker, J., Infante, V., Calderon, C., Ane, J-M., and Wallace, J. **Genetic Determinants of Aerial Root Formation in Maize: Prospects for Harnessing Biological Nitrogen Fixation (talk).** Plant & Animal Genome 31 (San Diego, California).
- 15 Jan 2024 *Venado, R., Gibson, K., Wilker, J., Wolf, E., Vela, S., Pankiewicz, V., Laspissa, D., Infante, V., Calderon, C., Robbins, F., Fernandez-Junior, P., Wallace, J., Vermerris, W., Ane, J-M. **Biological Nitrogen Fixation on the Aerial Roots of Maize and Sorghum for Sustainable Agriculture (talk).** Plant & Animal Genome 31 (San Diego, California).
- 10 Jan 2024 *Venado, R., Gibson, K., Wilker, J., Wolf, E., Vela, S., Pankiewicz, V., Laspissa, D., Infante, V., Calderon, C., Robbins, F., Fernandez-Junior, P., Wallace, J., Vermerris, W., Ane, J-M. **Biological Nitrogen Fixation on the Aerial Roots of Maize and Sorghum for Sustainable Agriculture (poster).** Plant & Animal Genome 31 (San Diego, California).
- 10 Jan 2024 *Talamantes, D., and Wallace, J. **Tall Fescue Genetics Changes the Toxicity of Epichloë Endophytes.** Plant & Animal Genome 31 (San Diego, California).

- 13 Dec 2023 Corut, K., & Wallace, J. G. **kGWASflow: A Modular, Flexible and Reproducible Snakemake Pipeline for k-Mers Based GWAS.** UGA Plant Center Retreat 2023 (Young Harris, Georgia).
- 13 Dec 2023 Bozic, M, Ignjatovic Micic, D., Nikolic, A., and Wallace, J. **Genes involved in cold response in early developmental stages of maize.** UGA Plant Center Retreat 2023 (Young Harris, Georgia).
- 13 Dec 2023 Talamantes, D., and Wallace, J. G. **Tall Fescue Genetics Changes the Toxicity of Epichloë Endophytes.** UGA Plant Center Retreat 2023 (Young Harris, Georgia).
- 13 Dec 2023 Laspisa, D., Gibson, K., Venado, R., Wilker, J., Infante, V., Calderon, C., Ane, J-M., and Wallace, J. **Genetic Determinants of Aerial Root Formation in Maize: Prospects for Harnessing Biological Nitrogen Fixation.** UGA Plant Center Retreat 2023 (Young Harris, Georgia).
- 29 Oct 2023 *Knoll, J. E., Cuevas, H. E., Shultz, C. R., & Wallace, J. G. **Development and validation of markers for anthracnose resistance in sorghum.** 2023 ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting (Saint Louis, Missouri).
- 07 Sep 2023 Wallace, J. G., & Schardl, C. **ECA-PGR: Identifying Host Factors that Influence the Association of Tall Fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*) with Beneficial Epichloë Endophytes.** Plant Genome Research Program 26th Annual Awardee Meeting (Washington, D.C.).
- 31 Aug 2023 *Venado, R., Pyne, S., Wilker, J., Pankievicz, V., Fernandes, P., Robbins, F., Wolf, E., Vela, S., Laspisa, D., Pereira, W., Dervinis, C., Wallace, J., Vermerris, W., Kirst, M., Roy, S., and Ane, J-M. **Biological Nitrogen Fixation on the Aerial Roots of Maize and Sorghum for Sustainable Agriculture.** 15th European Nitrogen Fixation Conference (Naples, Italy).
- 13 Aug 2023 *Corut, K., & Wallace, J. G. **kGWASflow: A Modular, Flexible and Reproducible Snakemake Pipeline for k-Mers Based GWAS.** Plant Biology 2023: ASPB 2023 Worldwide Summit (Savannah, Georgia).
- 06 Jun 2023 *Punnuri, S. M., Boatwright, L., Coffin, A., Tadesse, H., Knoll, J., Harris, K., and Wallace, J. **Identification of sorghum aphid resistance loci and other related traits using cornerstone genomic resources.** Global Sorghum Conference (Montpellier, France).
- 16 Mar 2023 *Laspisa, D., Phillips, C., Griffis, H., and Wallace, J. **Mapping maize brace root traits associated with nitrogen-fixing bacterial symbiosis.** 65th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Saint Louis, Missouri).
- 16 Jan 2023 *Wilker, J. L., Infante, V., McLimans, C. E., Murray, A., Robbins, F. A., Calderon, C. I., Wallace, J. G., & Ané, J-M. **Aerial Root Formation Persists into the Adult Phase and Is Nitrogen-Level Dependent in Sierra Mixe Corn Landraces.** Plant & Animal Genome 30 (San Diego, California).
- 16 Jan 2023 *Corut, K., & Wallace, J. G. **kGWASflow: A Modular, Flexible and Reproducible Snakemake Pipeline for k-Mers Based GWAS.** Plant & Animal Genome 30 (San Diego, California).
- 12 Dec 2022 Talamantes, D., & Wallace, J. G. **Tall Fescue Genetics Affecting Epichloe Phenotypes.** UGA Plant Center Retreat (Brasstown Bald, Georgia).
- 12 Dec 2022 Kirkpatrick, C., & Wallace, J. G. **Vertical transmission of seed-borne endophytes over multiple generations in maize.** UGA Plant Center Retreat (Brasstown Bald, Georgia).
- 07 Nov 2022 *Xie, L., Burridge, J., Kengana, J., Wallace, J. G., Hanlon, M., Lynch, J., Bucksch, A. **Pheotypic Spectrum: a novel framework to study the root architecture diversity of crop roots at the population level.** 2022 ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting (Baltimore, Maryland).
- 09 Sep 2022 Talamantes, D., Corut, K., Nagabhushu, P., Schardl, C., & Wallace, J. G **We are using Tall Fescue to understand how plants work with beneficial microbes.** Plant Genome Research Program 23rd Annual Awardee Meeting (Washington, D.C.).
- 14 Aug 2022 *Li, Hanxia, & Wallace, J. G. **Gene-by-environment Interaction is the Largest Effect on Maize Endophyte Variability.** International Society for Microbial Ecology (Lausanne, Switzerland).
- 15 Apr 2022 Punnuri, S., Ayele, A., Harris-Schultz, K., Knoll, J., Coffin, A., Tadesse, H., Li, H., & Wallace, J. G. **Assessing sugarcane aphid resistance in sorghum in relation to plant maturity and morphology.** Georgia Entomological Society (Jekyll Island, Georgia).
- 04 Apr 2022 Ayele, A., Punnuri, S., Wiggins, T., Harris-Schultz, K., Knoll, J., Coffin, A., Tadesse, H., Armstrong, S., Li, H., Sattler, S., & Wallace, J. G. **Genome-Wide Association Study detected potential markers and genes associated with sugarcane aphid resistance in sorghum bicolor..** USDA ARD Research Symposium 2022 (Atlanta, Georgia).
- 02 Mar 2022 *Li, Hanxia, & Wallace, J. G. **The effect of maize genotypes, environments, and GxE interactions on maize endophytes.** 64th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Saint Louis, Missouri).
- 02 Mar 2022 *Schultz, C. & Wallace, J. G. **Maize genetic diversity and microbial interactions.** 64th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Saint Louis, Missouri).
- 02 Mar 2022 *Wilker, J. L., Wallace, J. G., de Leon, N., Calderon, C., Ane, J-M. **Genetic control of maize aerial node root number and diameter.** 64th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Saint Louis, Missouri).
- 11 Jan 2022 *Punnuri, S., Ayele, A., Harris-Schultz, K., Knoll, J., Coffin, A., Tadesse, H., Armstrong, S., Wiggins, T., Li, H., Sattler, S., & Wallace, J. G. **GWAS Analysis for Understanding Sugarcane Aphid Resistance in Sorghum.** Plant & Animal Genome XXIX (Virtual).

- 11 Jan 2022 *Corut, K., & Wallace, J. G. **kGWASflow: A Snakemake Pipeline for k-Mers-Based GWAS and Its Application to Maize Leaf Microbiome Traits.** Plant & Animal Genome XXIX (Virtual).
- 11 Jan 2022 *Li, Hanxia, & Wallace, J. G. **Living Mulch Fosters a More Diverse and Balanced Bacterial Community in Corn Production.** Plant & Animal Genome XXIX (Virtual).
- 11 Jan 2022 *Schultz, C. & Wallace, J. G. **Maize Genetic Diversity and Microbial Interactions.** Plant & Animal Genome XXIX (Virtual).
- 10 Nov 2021 Punnuri, S., Ayele, A., Harris-Schultz, K., Knoll, J., Coffin, A., Tadesse, H., Armstrong, S., Li, H., & Wallace, J. G. **Understanding Genetic Diversity and Genome-Wide Association Mapping of Resistance to Sugarcane Aphid in Sorghum Bicolor.** 2021 ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting (Salt Lake City, Utah).
- 01 Oct 2021 *Ane, J-M., Khokhani, D., Maeda, J., Mus, F., Infante, V., Calderon, C., Wallace, J. G., Vermerris, W., Voigt, C., Peters, J., Pankievicz, V. C. S. **Associative nitrogen-fixation for cereal crops: old challenges and new opportunities.** 14th European Nitrogen Fixation Conference (Virtual).
- 21 Jul 2021 Diepenbrock, C., Ilut, D., Magallanes-Lundback, M., et. al. **Genetic basis of natural variation for carotenoid and tocopherol levels in maize grain.** Plant Biology 2021: ASPB 2021 Worldwide Summit (Virtual).
- 07 Jun 2021 Park, J., Kovar, L., LaFayette, P., Parrot, W., & Wallace, J. G. **Bladderwort Insulator Elements for Crop Biotechnology.** In Vitro Biology Meeting 2021 (Virtual).
- 03 Mar 2021 Schultz, C., Brantley, K., & Wallace, J. G. **Quantifying Maize Genotype by Endophyte Interaction.** Microbiome for Agriculture Congress 2021 (Virtual).
- 12 Aug 2020 Flanagan, A., Lawrence, K., Wallace, J. G., Talbott, C., Poore, M., Hardin, F., & Young, C. A. **Empowering a strong STEM and agricultural workforce: Exploring the inconspicuous symbiotic relationship of fungal endophytes in grasses.** Plant Health 2020 (Virtual).
- 12 Jan 2020 *Wallace, J. G. **Livia: Teaching Evolution with Images.** Plant & Animal Genome XXVIII (San Diego, California).
- 15 Mar 2019 *Kovar, L., Johnson, M. S., Griffis, H. K., & Wallace, J. G. **A survey of the maize-associated microbiota in georgia.** 62nd Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Saint Louis, Missouri).

Assistant Professor (14)

- 05 Sep 2019 Wallace, J. G. and Young, C. A. **We are using Tall Fescue to understand how plants work with beneficial microbes.** Plant Genome Research Program 22nd Annual Awardee Meeting (Washington, D.C.).
- 05 Sep 2019 Parrott, W. A. and Wallace, J. G. **The small Bladderwort genome is a promising source of regulatory elements for genetic engineering.** Plant Genome Research Program 22nd Annual Awardee Meeting (Washington, D.C.).
- 13 May 2019 Johnson, M., Coolong, T., & Wallace, J. G. **Bringing Hemp to Georgia: A project to Develop Hemp Varieties for Georgia.** UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics & Genomics annual retreat (Amicalola Falls, Georgia).
- 26 Sep 2018 Kovar, L., & Wallace, J. G. **Leaf microbiome community structure, co-abundance analysis, and correlation with phenotype across 270 diverse maize lines.** UGA Plant Center Retreat (Helen, Georgia).
- 06 Sep 2018 Wallace, J. G. and Young, C. A. **ECA-PGR: Identifying Host Factors that Influence the Association of Tall Fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*) with beneficial *Epichloë* endophytes.** Plant Genome Research Program 21st Annual Awardee Meeting (Washington, D.C.).
- 06 Sep 2018 Parrott, W. A. and Wallace, J. G. **TRANSFORM-PGR: Mining the compact *Utricularia* genome as source of novel regulatory elements for crop biotechnology.** Plant Genome Research Program 21st Annual Awardee Meeting (Washington, D.C.).
- 20 Jun 2018 Wallace, J. G., Kremling, K. A., Chen, S. Y., Su, M. H., Pardo, J., Lepak, N. K., Budka, J. S., Buckler, E. S. **The Effect of Host and Environment on the Maize microbiome.** 21st Annual Penn State Plant Biology Symposium: Wild and Tame Phylogenomes (State College, Pennsylvania).
- 10 May 2018 Kovar, L., & Wallace, J. G. **Untangling bacterial interactions in the maize leaf microbiome - A co-abundance network approach.** UGA Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics & Genomics annual retreat (Pine Mountain, Georgia).
- 22 Mar 2018 *Wallace, J. G., Kremling, K. A., Chen, S. Y., Su, M. H., Pardo, J., Lepak, N. K., Budka, J. S., Buckler, E. S. **The Effect of Host and Environment on the Maize microbiome.** 60th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (Saint-Malo, France).
- 26 Oct 2017 Johnson, M., Rodriguez, D., Upadhyaya, H., Wallace, J.G. **First Population Genetic Analysis of Three Minor Millets.** UGA Plant Center Retreat (Helen, Georgia).
- 10 Mar 2017 *Wallace, J. G., Kremling, K. A., Chen, S. Y., Su, M. H., Pardo, J., Lepak, N. K., Budka, J. S., Buckler, E. S. **Quantitative Analysis of the Maize Leaf Microbiome.** 59th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (St. Louis, Missouri).

- 10 Jan 2017 *Wallace, J. G., Kremling, K. A., Chen, S. Y., Su, M. H., Pardo, J., Lepak, N. K., Budka, J. S., Buckler, E. S. **Analyzing the Leaf Microbiome across 270 Diverse Maize Lines**. Plant and Animal Genome XXIV (San Diego, California).
- 01 Nov 2016 *Wallace, J. G., Kremling, K. A., Chen, S. Y., Su, M. H., Pardo, J., Lepak, N. K., Budka, J. S., Buckler, E. S. **The Effect of Host Genetics on the Maize Leaf Microbiome across 270 Diverse Inbred Lines**. Phytobiomes: From Microbes to Plant Ecosystems (Santa Fe, New Mexico).
- 01 Mar 2015 *Wallace, J. G., Beyene, Y., Semagn, K., Zhang, X., & Buckler, E. S. **Combined mapping of height and flowering time across 15 biparental populations using both traditional and Bayesian association mapping**. 57th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (St. Charles, Illinois).

Other Creative Contributions

01 Jan 2025	Wallace, J.G. & Kvittko, B.H. Gaming with Science Podcast (25 episodes as of Jan 2025)	Podcast
27 Aug 2024	Hein, Treena Crops that Fertilize Themselves	Magazine Article
13 Aug 2020	Wallace, J.G., Gimode, D., and Wright, H. Introduction to R Webinar Videos (1-6)	Video
11 Jun 2019	Li, H., Van Katwyk, R., and Wallace, J. G. Genomes to Fields Endophyte Sampling Protocol .	Video
19 Dec 2018	Melancon, M., Goldberg, S., and Wallace, J. G. UGA professor receives 2018 New Innovator Award .	Press release
03 Dec 2018	Melancon, M. and Wallace, J. G. University of Georgia researchers look to increase the pace of sustainable crop innovation with the help of the lowly bladderwort.	Press release
15 Nov 2018	Melancon, M. and Wallace, J. G. UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences researchers secure over \$1 million to understand how microbes help grass thrive.	Press release
30 Dec 2017	Wallace, J.G. Microbiome Research Community at UGA .	Website
22 Sep 2017	Melancon, M. and Wallace, J. G. Live from the Lab: The Pearl Millet Genome .	Interview (Livestream)
19 Sep 2017	Melancon, M. Code breakers unlock pearl millet's heat tolerance to fight climate chaos .	Press release
10 Apr 2015	Brown, David O. Corn Genetics	Interview (video)

Research Grants

		PI		Co-PI		Totals	
		Total	Wallace Lab	Total	Wallace Lab	Total	Wallace Lab
Assistant Professor		\$2,133,122	\$2,119,236	\$2,617,358	\$473,726	\$4,750,480	\$2,592,962
Associate Professor		\$339,047	\$326,047	\$1,918,999	\$657,500	\$2,258,046	\$983,547
Totals		\$2,472,169	\$2,445,283	\$4,536,357	\$1,131,226	\$7,008,526	\$3,576,509

Pending

- Co-PI \$649,915 **Breeding Turf-Type Tall Fescue To Address Future Challenges Associated With Global Warming And Climate Change** (USDA-AFRI; \$50,228 to Wallace). Sep 2026-Aug 2030.
- PI \$954,380 **Evaluating Industrial Hemp Bedding for Poultry Production In the Southeast United States** (USDA-AFRI; \$450,000 to Wallace). Apr 2026-Mar 2029.

Funded

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- PI \$29,250 **Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative in 2026** (Georgia Corn Commission; \$29,250 to Wallace). Jan 2026-Dec 2026.
- PI \$20,000 **Foundational Genotyping for Multipronged Breeding against Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus (TSWV) in Peanut** (Georgia Peanut Commission; \$20,000 to Wallace). May 2025-Dec 2025.
- PI \$39,000 **Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative in 2025** (Georgia Corn Commission; \$34,500 to Wallace). Mar 2025-Dec 2025.
- PI \$35,000 **Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative in 2024** (Georgia Corn Commission; \$31,500 to Wallace). Mar 2024-Dec 2024.
- Co-PI \$850,000 **Introgression of Efficient Aerial Root nitrogen-fixation from tropical maize landraces into selected elite materials** (USDA-AFRI; \$199,842 to Wallace). May 2024-Apr 2027.

PI	\$35,000	Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative in 2023 (Georgia Corn Commission; \$30,000 to Wallace). Jan 2023-Dec 2023.
PI	\$34,535	Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative in 2022 (Georgia Corn Commission; \$34,535 to Wallace). Jan 2022-Dec 2022.
PI	\$14,813	Hitchhiking on Inheritance: Finding the Microbes that make Seeds their Homes (UGA Faculty Seed Grants; \$14,813 to Wallace). Jul 2021-Jun 2022.
PI	\$32,881	Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative in 2021 (Georgia Corn Commission; \$32,881 to Wallace). Jan 2021-Dec 2021.
PI	\$67,500	Scaling Up Clonal Hemp Production (GaXtracts; \$67,500 to Wallace). Apr 2020-Dec 2020.
PI	\$31,068	Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative in 2020 (Georgia Corn Commission; \$31,068 to Wallace). Jan 2020-Dec 2020.
Co-PI	\$1,068,999	Biological nitrogen fixation in the mucilage of maize aerial roots (USDA-NIFA; \$457,658 to Wallace). Jan 2021-Dec 2024.

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PI	\$44,475	Breeding Hemp Varieties Adapted to Georgia Growing Conditions (UGA Cultivar Development Research Program; \$44,475 to Wallace). Jul 2019-Dec 2019.
Co-PI	\$32,750	Request for Initiating Breeding of Industrial Hemp for Georgia (Georgia Seed Development Program; \$9,000 to Wallace). May 2019-Dec 2019.
PI	\$25,530	Evaluating the Natural Corn Microbiome in Georgia (Georgia Corn Commission; \$25,530 to Wallace). Mar 2018-Dec 2018.
PI	\$29,946	Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative in 2019 (Georgia Corn Commission; \$29,946 to Wallace). Jan 2019-Dec 2019.
Co-PI	\$499,997	Developing high-throughput phenotyping capacity at Fort Valley State University for genetic enhancement of sugarcane aphid resistance in sorghum (USDA-NIFA; \$30,585 to Wallace). Feb 2019-Feb 2023.
PI	\$584,461	Harnessing Endophytes to Improve Crop Efficiency and Production (FFAR; \$584,461 to Wallace). Jan 2019-Dec 2022.
Co-PI	\$1,054,463	Uncovering novel sources of anthracnose resistance in populations of genetically diverse sorghums [Sorghum bicolor (L.) Moench] (DOE; \$135,997 to Wallace). Oct 2018-Sep 2022.
PI	\$1,500	International Travel Funds to present at the 60th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (UGA Office of the Provost; \$1,500 to Wallace). Mar 2018-Jun 2018.
PI	\$2,000	International travel award to present at the 60th Annual Maize Genetics Conference (UGA CAES; \$2,000 to Wallace). Jan 2018-Jun 2018.
PI	\$26,014	Continuing Support for Georgia Locations in the Genomes to Fields (G2F) Initiative (Georgia Corn Commission; \$26,014 to Wallace). Mar 2018-Dec 2018.
Co-PI	\$4,800	Study on microbiome of soil and microorganisms in plants under implementing the biological products functioned on tolerance to low temperature and enhance in maize yield (UGA and Chinese Agriculture University; \$4,800 to Wallace). Mar 2018-Sep 2018.
PI	\$6,252	Catalyzing new research partnerships in maize microbiomes (CRDF global; \$6,252 to Wallace). Dec 2017-Jun 2018.
PI	\$1,344,038	ECA-PGR: Identifying Host Factors that Modulate the Association of Tall Fescue (<i>Festuca arundinacea</i>) with an Obligate Fungal Endophyte (National Science Foundation; \$1,330,152 to Wallace). Apr 2018-Dec 2024.
Co-PI	\$487,811	TRANSFORM-PGR Mining the compact <i>Utricularia</i> genome as source of novel regulatory elements for crop biotechnology (National Science Foundation; \$215,400 to Wallace). Mar 2018-Dec 2022.
Co-PI	\$39,356	BFP 2017 Asia & LA: CSA and GRA Bangladesh (USDA Foreign Ag Service; \$39,356 to Wallace). Jan 2018-Dec 2019.
Co-PI	\$498,181	Building soil health with living mulch cultivation (USDA-NIFA; \$38,588 to Wallace). Jan 2018-Dec 2021.
PI	\$15,000	Genomic Selection for Aflatoxin and Drought Resistance in Peanut (Georgia Peanut Commission; \$15,000 to Wallace). Apr 2017-Jun 2018.
PI	\$19,840	A Comparison of Corn Biological Seed Treatments for use in Georgia (Georgia Corn Commission; \$19,840 to Wallace). Jan 2017-Dec 2017.
PI	\$24,260	Support for Georgia Locations in the US-wide Genomes to Fields (G2F) initiative (Georgia Corn Commission; \$24,260 to Wallace). Jan 2017-Dec 2017.
PI	\$9,806	Genomic Comparison of Toxic and Non-toxic Endophytes of Tall Fescue (UGA OVPR; \$9,806 to Wallace). May 2016-Dec 2016.

Submitted but unfunded

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PI	\$10,000	Comparative genome assembly of the endangered wildflower Fringed Campion (Arima Genomics; \$10,000 to Wallace). Apr 2025-Dec 2025.
PI	\$833,418	SeedCom: Building a Vertically Transmitted SynCom to Study Inheritance of Bacteria through Seeds (NSF-BIO; \$416,709 to Wallace). Oct 2025-Sep 2028.
PI	\$21,970	Isolating and Characterizing Native Rhizobia to Improve Peanut Production (National Peanut Board; \$21,970 to Wallace). Mar 2025-Dec 2025.
Co-PI	\$5,500,000	N2Cereals: Delivering Nitrogen to Cereal Crops through Biological Nitrogen Fixation for Sustainable Bioenergy Production (DOE ARPA-E; \$0 to Wallace). Mar 2025-Feb 2029.
PI	\$24,480	Developing a Streamlined Genotyping Platform for Commercial Peanut Breeding (The Peanut Research Foundation; \$20,040 to Wallace). Mar 2025-Dec 2025.
Co-PI	\$649,915	Breeding Turf-Type Tall Fescue To Address Future Challenges Associated With Global Warming And Climate Change (USDA-AFRI; \$50,228 to Wallace). Sep 2025-Aug 2029.
PI	\$847,582	SeedCom: A synthetic community to understand bacterial endophytes of maize seeds (USDA-AFRI; \$425,000 to Wallace). Apr 2025-Mar 2028.
Co-PI		Recovery of Evolutionary Lineages from Ice Cores (RELIC) (DOE JGI Community Sequencing Project). Jan 2025-Jun 2026.
PI	\$749,979	Impacts of Cover Crop Termination and Fertilizer Formulation on Soil Ecosystem Functions (USDA-AFRI; \$249,979 to Wallace). May 2025-Apr 2029.
PI	\$985,322	Improved industrial hemp production for chicken bedding in the Southeast United States. (USDA-AFRI; \$741,216 to Wallace). May 2025-Apr 2029.
Co-PI	\$1,178,254	Capsicum-HAPMAP: Mining sweet pepper (<i>Capsicum annuum L.</i>) genetic diversity for resistance to Phytophthora blight and anthracnose resistance. (USDA-NIFA; \$160,579 to Wallace). Jan 2025-Dec 2028.
PI	\$14,000	Screening of cultivated peanut and its wild relatives for differential nodulation capacity (Georgia Peanut Commission; \$14,000 to Wallace). May 2024-Dec 2024.
Co-PI	\$850,000	Harnessing Soil Microbes for Improving Crop Resiliency to Climatic Perturbations (USDA-AFRI; \$89,341 to Wallace). May 2024-Apr 2027.
PI	\$840,539	Creating predictive models for beneficial plant-microbe interactions in controlled environment agriculture (USDA-AFRI; \$529,289 to Wallace). May 2024-Apr 2027.
PI	\$23,978	Small-Scale Seed Treatment System for Corn Pre-Breeding (Georgia Cultivar Development; \$23,978 to Wallace). Jan 2024-Dec 2024.
PI	\$749,750	Impacts of Cover Crop Termination and Fertilizer Formulation on Soil Ecosystem Functions (USDA-AFRI; \$245,125 to Wallace). Jul 2024-Jun 2028.
PI	\$776,735	Hitchhiking on Inheritance: Understanding how Seed-Transmitted Bacteria Interact with their Host (NSF-BIO-PBI; \$453,948 to Wallace). Apr 2024-Mar 2027.
PI	\$14,577	Genetic Survey of the Endangered Plant, Fringed Campion (National Geographic; \$14,577 to Wallace). Jan 2024-Dec 2024.
PI		Long-read sequencing of the endangered Georgia flower, Fringed Campion (<i>Silene catesbaei</i>) (ORG.one (Oxford Nanopore)). May 2023-Dec 2023.
PI	\$13,979	Genomic Population Diversity of the Endangered Fringed Campion (<i>Silene catesbaei</i>) (Mohamed bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund; \$13,979 to Wallace). Jul 2023-Jun 2024.
PI	\$428,933	Mining Public Diversity Data for Plant-Microbe Interactions (NSF-BIO-PBI). Jun 2023-May 2026.
PI	\$849,185	The Hidden Half: A Soil Microbiome Approach To Understanding The Impact Of Living Mulch And Cover Crops On Greenhouse Gas Emissions And The Weed Seed Bank (USDA-AFRI; \$307,530 to Wallace). Apr 2023-Mar 2026.
PI		PacBio Better Future sequencing grant (Pacific Biosciences). Jan 2023-Dec 2023.
PI		West African Research Association Residency Fellowship (West African Research Association). Sep 2022-Jan 2023.
Co-PI	\$799,776	Plant breeding partnership: introgression of efficient aerial root nitrogen-fixation from tropical maize landraces to selected elite materials (USDA-AFRI; \$299,428 to Wallace). Jan 2022-Dec 2024.
Co-PI	\$999,990	An integrated approach to increase thermotolerance in sorghum and pearl millet (FFAR; \$158,460 to Wallace). Jun 2021-May 2025.
Co-PI	\$2,999,997	NRT-URoL: PlantSciFl: Cultivating Careers in the Plant Sciences and Fields that Intersect (National Science Foundation). Jan 2021-Dec 2025.

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Co-PI	\$3,970,338	RESEARCH-PGR: Bridging the gap between genomic clues and improved (cotton) plants (NSF; \$325,950 to Wallace). Apr 2020-Mar 2024.
PI	\$1,089,800	CAREER: Understanding Crop-Microbiome Interactions and Engaging with the Public through the Visual Arts (NSF-BIO-PBI; \$1,089,800 to Wallace). Jan 2020-Dec 2024.
Co-PI	\$378,038	Quantifying the Effect of Organic Poultry Litter and Local Effective Microorganisms on Plant Production and Nutrient Content (USDA-NIFA; \$189,019 to Wallace). Jan 2019-Dec 2020.
Co-PI	\$3,472,863	GEPR: Bridging the gap between genomics clues and improved (cotton) plants (NSF-PGRP; \$257,468 to Wallace). Jan 2019-Dec 2022.
PI		Genome sequencing of root endophytes that affect biomass accumulation and stress tolerance of bioenergy crops (DOE JGI). Jun 2018-Dec 2018.
Co-PI	\$314,662	Space-based seedling vigor indicators for improved cotton production sustainability on Earth (NASA; \$121,750 to Wallace). Apr 2018-Apr 2020.
PI	\$13,670	Comparing Traditional and Genomic Selection for Georgia Peanuts (Georgia Peanut Commission; \$10,670 to Wallace). Mar 2018-Dec 2018.
PI	\$7,825	Understanding the Impact of Salt Stress on Maize and Its Interactions with Beneficial Microbes (UGA Global Research Collaborations; \$7,825 to Wallace). Jan 2018-Dec 2018.
PI	\$1,124,365	CAREER: Understanding the basis of maize-microbe interactions (NSF-BIO-PBI; \$1,124,365 to Wallace). Jul 2018-Jun 2023.
Co-PI	\$499,431	Defining the relative contributions of cold tolerance and avoidance mechanisms to seed and seedling vigor under cold temperatures (USDA-NIFA; \$116,370 to Wallace). Jan 2018-Dec 2020.
PI	\$6,845	Analysis of the urban landscape microbiome surrounding the UGA Science Learning Center (UGA CAES Seed Grants; \$6,845 to Wallace). Jul 2017-Jun 2018.
PI	\$524,118	Harnessing Microbes to Improve Crop Efficiency and Production (FFAR; \$524,118 to Wallace). Jan 2018-Dec 2020.
Co-PI	\$3,472,863	GEPR: Bridging the gap between genomics clues and improved (cotton) plants (NSF-PGRP; \$244,358 to Wallace). Jan 2018-Dec 2021.
Co-PI	\$299,992	Ecosystems Underfoot: Using undergraduate research on the urban microbiome to assess the impact of research participation on STEM recruitment and retention (NSF; \$25,000 to Wallace). Jul 2017-Jun 2020.
PI	\$949,353	The Role of the Maize Microbiome on Biomass Production under Field Conditions (DOE; \$949,353 to Wallace). Jul 2016-Jul 2021.
Co-PI	\$61,442	Induction of Nitrogen stress tolerance in Maize using biological seed treatment products (USDA-NIFA; \$59,190 to Wallace). Jun 2016-Jan 2017.

Professional Development

- 06 Jan 2016 **Tucson Plant Breeding Institute 2016.**
Workshop on applied plant breeding statistical analysis. (The University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona)
- 31 Mar 2016 **Why Flipping Flops: Perfecting the Practice.**
Training program in techniques for flipping classroom instruction. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 04 Apr 2016 **Flipping the Classroom: Perfecting the Practice.**
Training program in techniques for flipping classroom instruction. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 29 Sep 2016 **Mid-Semester Formative Evaluation (CRSS 8010).**
Evaluation and recommendations related to new course (CRSS 8010). (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 13 Sep 2018 **Mid-Semester Formative Evaluation (CRSS 8010).**
Evaluation and recommendations related to second teaching of CRSS 8010. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 26 Sep 2018 **Faculty Learning Series: Project Management.**
Panel training in how to manage research labs and multiresearcher projects. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 26 Sep 2018 **Faculty Learning Series: Research Strategies 101.**
Panel training in design and implement research strategies. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 12 Dec 2018 **Faculty Learning Series: Taking Mentoring to the Next Level.**
Workshop training in how to better mentor graduate students. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 26 Feb 2019 **Leadership is not a Solo Act.**
Workshop training in better leadership skills and dealing with different personality types among team members. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 04 Mar 2019 **Hogan Assessment.**
Three-part questionnaire followed by one-on-one counselling about personality traits and how they impact leadership style. (University of Georgia, Athens)

- 15 May 2022 **Faculty Coaching (monthly).**
Regular meetings with UGA faculty coach to improve personal engagement and productivity. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 01 Sep 2022 **Faculty Learning Series: Ungrading.**
Focus on using “ungrading” style assessments to improve student engagement and learning. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 01 Jan 2023 **Faculty Coaching (monthly).**
Regular meetings with UGA faculty coach to improve personal engagement and productivity. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 21 Feb 2023 **Diversity through Dance.**
Diversity & inclusion training, using dance as a cultural lens. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 21 Apr 2023 **Diversity at UGA: Beyond the Numbers.**
Diversity & inclusion training introductory course. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 05 Jul 2023 **True Colors - Engaging Your Personality Style to Embrace Diversity.**
Diversity & inclusion training, with focus on differences among personality types. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 26 Oct 2023 **Emotional Intelligence and Diversity.**
Diversity & inclusion training, with focus on emotional intelligence. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 01 Jan 2024 **Faculty Coaching (monthly).**
Regular meetings with UGA faculty coach to improve personal engagement and productivity. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 15 Mar 2024 **Dawg Ally Training.**
Training session on LGBTQ+ allyship at UGA. (University of Georgia, Athens)
- 01 Sep 2025 **Lab Partner Board Game Consortium.**
Faculty Learning Community on developing board games for STEAM education (2025-2026). (University of Georgia, Athens)

Academic Service

Service to the University

University Organizational Membership

- 2015 – Present **Graduate Faculty**
- 2015 – Present **Institute of Bioinformatics**
- 2015 – Present **Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics**
- 2015 – Present **The Plant Center**
- 2015 – 2017 **New Materials Institute**

University Leadership & Administration

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| Sep 2025 | – Present | Judge | Bayer Hackathon 2025 , Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics |
| Dec 2024 | – Present | Director | Crop Genetics & Genomics REEU Summer Internship Program , The Plant Center |
| Dec 2022 | – Present | Member | Promotion & Tenure Committee for Leonardo Bastos , Crop & Soil Sciences |
| Jan 2022 | – Present | Chair | Committee on Diversity and Inclusive Excellence , Institute of Bioinformatics |
| May 2018 | – Present | Faculty Mentor | Journal Club faculty mentor , Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics |
| Apr 2017 | – Present | Coordinator | Microbiome Group , University of Georgia |
| Feb 2016 | – Present | Faculty Mentor | Athens Science Café , Athens Science Cafe |
| Dec 2022 | – Sep 2024 | Faculty Mentor | Boerma Plant Breeding Lecture Series , Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics |
| Aug 2019 | – Jan 2022 | Chair | Outreach Committee , Institute of Bioinformatics |
| May 2017 | – Dec 2021 | Member | Undergraduate Committee , The Plant Center |
| Jun 2017 | – Dec 2019 | Member | Executive Committee , Integrated Plant Sciences |
| Sep 2018 | – Mar 2019 | Member | Faculty Search committee , Institute of Bioinformatics |
| Sep 2016 | – Dec 2017 | Member | Symposium Committee , Institute of Bioinformatics |
| Sep 2015 | – May 2016 | Member | Curriculum Committee , Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics |

Service to the Scientific Community

Editorships

- Feb 2017 – May 2020 **Associate Editor**, *The Crop Journal*
 Apr 2017 – Nov 2018 **Review Editor**, *Frontiers in Microbiology and Plant Science*
 Dec 2016 – Nov 2017 **Editorial Board**, *Maize Genetics Database*

Invited External Review

Associate Professor

- Grant Proposal (9) Department of Energy, Dutch Research Council, Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (2), National Science Foundation (3), UGA IPBGG, US Department of Energy
 Manuscript (16) Agriculture, Applied and Environmental Microbiology, Crop Science, Frontiers in Bioengineering, Frontiers in Microbiology, G3 Genes | Genomes | Genetics, Microbiome, Microorganisms, Nature Communications, Nature Microbiology, Phytobiomes, Plant and Soil, The Crop Journal, Theoretical and Applied Genetics (2), Trends in Genetics
 Thesis (3) University of Guelph, University of Peshawar, University of Pretoria

Assistant Professor

- Grant Proposal (6) National Science Foundation (3), US Department of Agriculture (3)
 Manuscript (21) Applied and Environmental Microbiology, BMC Plant Biology (2), Borlaug Leadership Enhancement in Agriculture Program, CAB International, Crop Science, Genetics, Gigascience, Journal of Open Source Education, Molecular Ecology, New Phytologist (2), Phytobiomes (2), PloS Genetics (2), The Crop Journal, The Plant Genome (3), Theoretical and Applied Genetics
 Thesis (1) University of KwaZulu-Natal

Society memberships

- American Association for the Advancement of Science** (2015-Present)
American Society of Plant Biologists (2015-2016; 2022-2024)
International Society for Microbial Ecology (2015-2016; 2022-2023)
Maize Genetics Cooperation (2022-2024)

Other Service

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| Jan 2026 – Present | Chair | Microbiomes Working Group , International Phytobiomes Alliance |
| Jun 2024 – Present | Coordinator | Genetics of Maize-Microbiome Interaction Seminar Series , GMMI community |
| Jan 2024 – Present | Member | Microbiomes Working Group , International Phytobiomes Alliance |
| Jan 2022 – Present | Microbiome Lead | Coordinating Committee , International Phytobiomes Alliance |
| Jan 2024 – Nov 2024 | Organizing Committee | Phytobiomes 2024 Conference , International Phytobiomes Alliance |
| Jun 2024 – Aug 2024 | Mentor | Harvard Summer Research Institute , OpenBio / Harvard University |
| Jan 2024 – Mar 2024 | Co-Organizer | Genetics of Maize-Microbiome Interaction Workshop , Maize Genetics Meeting |
| Sep 2021 – May 2023 | Member | Athens Clarke County Agricultural Advisory Committee , Cedar Shoals High School |
| Jan 2023 – Apr 2023 | Faculty Mentor | MAGnet mentor , Maize Genetics Meeting |

Public Outreach

- 24 Oct 2025 **LUGcon** (50 participants; Duluth, Georgia)
 STEM game demos and outreach
- 29 Aug 2025 **DragonCon 2025** (10000 participants; Atlanta, Georgia)
 Panelist for "Microbes at Work", "When Genes Go Rogue", "WTF is Grass?", "Dr. Robotnik's Guide to World Domination", and "It's Slime Time!", plus support for 7 other panels
- 20 Jun 2025 **Southern Fried Gaming Expo** (35 participants; Atlanta, Georgia)
 STEM game demos and outreach
- 02 Sep 2024 **DragonCon 2024** (>8000 participants; Atlanta, Georgia)
 Panelist for "Plants that want to kill you", "Convergent Evolution Run Amok", & "Dirt!", plus support for 11 other panels
- 01 May 2024 **Skype-A-Scientist** (20 participants; Virtual)
 Zoom call with class of Brea Hodge involving students ages 8-10 about plants and growing vegetables
- 19 Apr 2024 **Thinking Green: Botany, B-Movies, & Body-ody-doy** (21 participants; Athens, Georgia) ([link](#))
 Panel discussion of different aspects of "Little Shop of Horrors". (Wallace covered carnivorous plants.)
- 11 Sep 2023 **FFAR Fly-In Advocacy Event** (30 participants; Washington, DC)
 Talk with congressional staff about science funded by FFAR and impact it has made

- 03 Sep 2023 **DragonCon 2023** (>1000 participants; Atlanta, Georgia)
Panelist for "Fungus Among Us", "The Science of Dungeon & Dragon Monsters", & "What Scientific Retraction Means", plus support for 4 other panels
- 21 Sep 2022 **Presentation at Cedar Shoals High School** (20 participants; Athens, Georgia)
Discuss crops and genetics with high school students in Environmental Science at Cedar Shoals High School
- 04 Sep 2022 **DragonCon 2022** (500 participants; Atlanta, Georgia)
Panelist for "Tending the Tree of Life", "COVID19 vs the Zombie Apocalypse", & "Sex is the Minority"
- 23 May 2022 **Skype-A-Scientist** (20 participants; Virtual)
Zoom call with 3rd-grade Spanish immersion class, Liberty Bell Elementary School, Coopersberg, PA
- 20 Jan 2021 **Youth Coding Night** (10 participants; Athens, Georgia)
Introduction to coding to church youth group (ages 11-18)
- 28 Mar 2019 **Whit Davis Career Fair** (300 participants; Athens, Georgia)
Career fair for children in grades 3-5 at Whit Davis elementary
- 09 Mar 2018 **Whit Davis Career Fair** (300 participants; Athens, Georgia)
Career fair for children in grades 3-5 at Whit Davis elementary
- 11 Dec 2017 **Hilsman Middle School Science Fair** (100 participants; Athens, Georgia)
Served as volunteer judge for a middle school science fair at Hilsman Middle School
- 22 Sep 2017 **Live from the Lab: The Pearl Millet Genome** (Athens, Georgia) ([link](#))
Facebook Live stream explaining the significance of the pearl millet genome publication
- 19 May 2017 **1st Grade Presentation: Genes and Food** (50 participants; Athens, Georgia)
Presentation to Whit Davis Elementary School 1st Grade
- 25 Apr 2017 **Whit Davis Career Fair** (330 participants; Athens, Georgia)
Career fair for children in grades 3-5 at Whit Davis elementary
- 29 Jan 2016 **Whit Davis Career Fair** (300 participants; Athens, Georgia)
Career fair for children in grades 3-5 at Whit Davis elementary