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FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

Evolutionary Developmental Biology, Structure-Function Relationships, Comparative Morphology, Phylogenetics, Taxonomy, Physiology, Botany, Bryology, Science Communication.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

August 2016 - Present: Assistant Professor & Herbarium Director, Univ. of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

June - July 2016: Research Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, TN

POSTDOCTORAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013 2016: Katherine Esau Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of California Davis Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Neelima R. Sinha
- 2011 2012: Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT NSF Grant, Dr. B. Goffinet: Rapid radiation and sporophyte evolution in the Funariaceae.

EDUCATION

- 2011 Ph.D. Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT "Examining the gametophytic calyptra and its role in sporophyte development of the moss Funaria hygrometrica Hedw." Advisors: Dr. Bernard Goffinet & Dr. Cynthia S. Jones
- 2005 M.S. Botany, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT "Phylogenetic analysis of the Timmiaceae (Bryophyta: Musci) inferred from sequence data and a developmental study of the peristome-forming region of Timmia megapolitana (Timmiaceae)" Advisors: Dr. Bernard Goffinet & Dr. Cynthia S. Jones
- 2003 B.S. Botany, Miami University, Oxford, OH

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed (17)

- Ranjan A¹, Budke JM¹, Rowland SD¹, Chitwood DH, Kumar R, Ichihashi Y, Zumstein K, 2016 Maloof JN, Sinha NR. eQTL regulating Transcript Levels Associated with Diverse Biological Processes in Tomato. Plant Physiology 172: 328-340. (1 equal co-first authors)
- 2016 Busta L, Budke JM, Jetter R. The moss Funaria hygrometrica has cuticular wax similar to vascular plants, with distinct composition on leafy gametophyte, calyptra and sporophyte capsule surfaces. Annals of Botany 118: 511-522.
- 2016 Budke JM, Goffinet B. Comparative cuticle development reveals taller sporophytes are covered by thicker calyptra cuticles in mosses. Frontiers in Plant Science 7: 832.

- 2016 Busta L, **Budke JM**, Jetter R. Identification of β-hydroxy fatty acid esters and primary, secondary-alkanediol esters in cuticular waxes of the moss Funaria hygrometrica. Phytochemistry 121: 38-49.
- 2013 Budke JM, Goffinet B, Jones CS. Dehydration protection provided by a maternal cuticle improves offspring fitness in the moss Funaria hygrometrica. Annals of Botany 111: 781-789.
- 2013 Liu Y, Forrest LL, Bainard JD, Budke JM, Goffinet B. Organellar genome, nuclear ribosomal DNA repeat unit, and microsatellites isolated from a small-scale of 454 GS FLX sequencing on two mosses. *Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution* 66: 1089-1094.
- 2012 Wynne MA*, Budke JM. Examining the ability of calyptrae to produce protonema in Funaria hygrometrica. Evansia 29: 61-64. (* undergraduate student collaborator)
- 2012 Budke JM, Goffinet B, Jones CS. The cuticle on the gametophyte calyptra matures before the sporophyte cuticle in the moss Funaria hygrometrica (Funariaceae). American Journal of Botany 99: 14-22. Winner of the 2013 Grady L. Webster Publication Award
- 2012 Liu Y, Budke JM, Goffinet B. Phylogenetic inference rejects sporophyte based classification of the Funariaceae (Bryophyta): rapid radiation suggests rampant homoplasy in sporophyte evolution. Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution 62: 130-145.
- 2011 Budke JM, Goffinet B, Jones CS. A hundred-year-old question: is the moss calyptra covered by a cuticle? A case study of Funaria hygrometrica. Annals of Botany 107: 1259-1277.
- 2011 Goffinet B, Budke JM, Newman LC*. Micromitriaceae: A new family of highly reduced mosses. Taxon 60: 1245-1254. (* undergraduate student collaborator)
- 2011 Wickett NJ, Forrest LL, Budke JM, Shaw B, Goffinet B. Frequent pseudogenization and loss of the plastid-encoded, sulfate transport gene cysA throughout the evolution of liverworts. American Journal of Botany 98: 1263-1275.
- 2009 Larraín J, Herrera F, Budke JM, Goffinet B. Phylogenetic affinities and conservation status of the Chilean endemic Costesia spongiosa (Bryophyta: Gigaspermaceae). The Bryologist 112: 279-286.
- 2007 **Budke JM**, Jones CS, Goffinet B. Development of the enigmatic peristome of *Timmia* megapolitana (Timmiaceae; Bryophyta). American Journal of Botany 94: 460-467.
- 2006 Budke JM, Goffinet B. Phylogenetic analysis of Timmiaceae (Bryophyta: Musci) based on nuclear and chloroplast sequence data. Systematic Botany 31: 633-641.
- 2005 Budke JM, Hickey RJ, Heafner KD. Analysis of morphological and anatomical characteristics of *Isoetes* using *Isoetes tennesseensis*. *Brittonia* 57: 167-182.
- 2003 Luebke NT, Budke JM. Isoëtes tennesseensis (Isoëtaceae), an Octoploid Quillwort from Tennessee. American Fern Journal 93: 184-190.

Book Review (1)

2013 Budke JM. Common Mosses of the Northeast and Appalachians Plant Science Bulletin 59(3): 131-132.

Point of View (2)

- Budke JM. Postdocs: Improving our Visibility in the Research Workforce. Plant Science 2015 Bulletin 61(2): 40-44.
- Cain B¹, **Budke JM**¹, Wood KJ, Sweeney NT, Schwessinger B. How postdocs benefit from 2014 building a union. *eLife* 3: e05614. (1 equal co-first authors)

RESEARCH GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2013	Katherine Esau Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Univ. of Calif. – Davis (\$151,181)
2011	Graduate Summer Research Fellowship, Univ. of Conn. Graduate School (\$2,274)
2010	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award, Univ. of Conn. Graduate School (\$2,000)
2009	International Association of Bryologists: Stanley Greene Award (\$1,100)
	Botanical Society of America: Graduate Student Research Award (\$500)
	American Microscopical Society: Graduate Student Research Award (\$700)
	Henry N. Andrews Endowment Fund: University of Connecticut EEB (\$1,000)
2008	East Asia Pacific Summer Institute Fellowship - EAPSI, NSF (\$10,000)
	NIBB, Okazaki, Japan - Hosts: Dr. M. Hasebe and Dr. Y. Hiwatashi
2007	Ronald Bamford Endowment Fund: University of Connecticut EEB (\$800)
2006	Ronald Bamford Endowment Fund: University of Connecticut EEB (\$1,100)
2004	Ronald Bamford Endowment Fund: University of Connecticut EEB (\$1,275)
2002	Academic Challenge Fund: Miami University Botany (\$1,030)
	W. S. Turrell Travel Grant: MU Herbarium, #181 co-author C. Craig (\$1,319)
2001	W. S. Turrell Travel Grant: MU Herbarium, #179 co-author K. Gustafson (\$695)

AWARDS

2014 Postdoctoral Scholar Association Travel Award to International Association of Bryology World Conference in Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve, Chile (\$400) 2013 Grady L. Webster Structural Botany Publication Award - "For the most outstanding paper published in the American Journal of Botany in the field of structural and developmental botany over the two-year period prior to the award year." (\$1,000) 2011 Vernon I. Cheadle Student Travel Award, Botanical Society of America (\$500) Katherine Esau Award for the Best Student Paper in Developmental & Structural 2010 Botany, Botanical Society of America: Beneath the calyptra's veil: Exploring cuticle anatomy during moss sporophyte development (\$500) 2010 Developmental & Structural Section Student Travel Award, BSA (\$150) 2007 Conant Botanical Images Student Travel Award: Second Place (\$250) 2005 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation: Honorable Mention 2003 Young Botanist Award, Botanical Society of America: Special Achievement Outstanding Woman Senior in Science, Engineering, and Technology, Miami Valley

Association for Women in Science (AWIS)

COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

- R. A. Lewis (Hobart & William Smith Colleges) Bryophyte herbarium organization & storage.
- J. C. Brinda (Missouri Botanical Garden) Relationships between NA & Asian Bryocrumia.
- N. R. Patel (University of Vermont) Spore morphological evolution in Thelypteridaceae ferns.
- L. Busta (University of Lincoln Nebraska) Analyzing cuticle wax chemistry in mosses.
- J. D. Bainard (University of Saskatchewan) Phylogenetic analysis of moss genome evolution.

SOFTWARE & COMPUTATIONAL SKILLS

R (statistical computing & graphics) - MrBayes - Mesquite - Geneious - DNA Subway

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015 2016: Curatorial Assistant, University of California Davis, JM Tucker & B Crampton Herbaria
 - Identifying bryophyte collections of ecologist Dr. Jack Major from AK, CA, CO, OR, & UT.
 - Identifying moss collections of KM Stevenson from the Center for Ecological Health Research's plant diversity surveys of the Lake Tahoe Basin, CA.
- 2015, Spring: mRNAseq workshop for non-model organisms, University of California Davis Denovo transcriptome assembly on the Amazon Cloud.
- 2014, Summer: DNA Subway Workshop at the Botany 2014 annual meeting, Boise, ID Genomics, DNA barcoding, and RNA-seq. Bringing cutting-edge biology into the classroom.
- 2009 2011: Research Assistant, University of Connecticut Culturing Funariaceae for DNA extraction and morphological character scoring. NSF Grant, B. Goffinet and C. S. Jones: Reduction and reversal in the Funariaceae
- 2008, Summer: Laboratory Workshop on Physcomitrella patens, NIBB, Okazaki, Japan Developmental processes, gene targeting, bioimaging, and bioinformatics.
- 2008, Spring: *Physcomitrella* Genome Workshop, University of Freiburg, Germany Sequence analysis using the *Physcomitrella* genome browser and BLAST tools.
- 2007, Spring: Research Assistant, University of Connecticut Surveying for the presence/absence of of cysA and cysT across liverworts. NSF Grant (ATOL), B. Goffinet: Assembling the Liverwort Tree of Life
- 2004, Summer: Research Assistant, University of Connecticut Establishing a protocol to grow dung moss (Splachnaceae) from spore isolates. NSF Grant, B. Goffinet: Phylogenetic and geographic patterns in moss diversity
- 2002 2003: Dean's Scholar in the College of Arts and Science, Miami University Screening ISSR markers to examine population genetics in Isoetes canadensis. Advisors: Dr. Linda E. Watson and Dr. R. James Hickey
- 2002, Summer: Howard Hughes Internship, Miami University Using PCR to isolate a single copy gene (cycloidea) across the Asteraceae. Advisor: Dr. Linda E. Watson
- 2001, Summer: Undergraduate Summer Scholar, Miami University Quantification and assessment of variation in anatomical leaf characteristics in Isoetes tennesseensis. Advisor: Dr. R. James Hickey
- 1998, Summer: Howard Hughes Internship, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, Center for Conservation and Research of Endangered Wildlife (CREW) Tissue culture and cryopreservation of tropical herbs for the frozen garden. Advisors: Dr. Valerie C. Pence and Bernadette L. Plair

Undergraduate Student Mentoring

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Budke Laboratory

Nathan Kingsley - Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Sept 2016 - Present

Using herbarium specimens for molecular phylogenetic analyses of the Fissidentaceae.

Sarah Wike – B.S. Catawaba College, Post-bac at UTK

Sept 2016 – May 2017

Using herbarium specimens for molecular phylogenetic analyses of the Fissidentaceae.

Subsequently: M.S. student, University of Oklahoma, Dr. Abigail Moore

TENN Herbarium Curation Technicians

Nine students trained in mounting & databasing specimens.

Fall 2016 - Summer 2017

Team of six students reorganized 150,000 bryophyte specimens.

Spring 2017

University of California, Davis

Kristina Khuu - Major: Plant Biology

June 2015 - Dec 2015

Using herbarium specimens for molecular phylogenetic analyses of the Fissidentaceae.

Subsequently: Manufacturing Bioprocess Technician, Genentech, California

Sinja Taavitsainen - Major: Microbiology

Apr 2014 - Dec 2015

Analyzing reproductive resource allocation in *Timmia megapolitana*.

Subsequently: Master's Student in Bioinformatics, University of Tampere, Finland

Eunice Magat - Major: Genetics

Apr 2014 - Dec 2015

Creating DNA constructs for studying polar auxin transport in non-model mosses.

Subsequently: Behavioral Therapist, Behavioral Health Works, California

Stefanie Komar - Major: Biological Sciences, emphasis in Plant Biology

Feb 2013 - Jul 2014

Creating DNA constructs for genetic transformation of non-model mosses.

Stanley and Jacqueline Schilling Award, College of Biological Sciences (\$2000)

Subsequently: Research Technician, Arcadia Biosciences, California

PLANTS program - Botanical Society of America (Preparing Leaders and Nurturing Tomorrow's

Scientists: Enhancing Diversity in Plant Science), Junior Mentor – 2012

University of Connecticut (4 most recent students – 7 Total)

Lindsey Parker - Major: Biology

Jan – Dec 2012

Culturing Funariaceae mosses and stimulating laboratory-grown hybrid sporophytes Subsequently: Doctor of Pharmacy Professional Program, University of Connecticut

Xing Chen - Major: Pre-Pharmacy

Jan - Dec 2012

Optimizing lab protocols for analyzing moss genomes using flow cytometry.

Subsequently: Doctor of Pharmacy Professional Program, University of Connecticut

Deborah Lee - Major: Physiology and Neurobiology

Jan - Dec 2012

Examining anatomical differences between polyploid races in the Funariaceae.

Pavitri Dwivedi - Major: Molecular Cellular Biology

May 2010 – May 2012

Culturing Funariaceae mosses and meiotic chromosome staining.

Subsequently: Master's Student in Epidemiology, Boston University

Invited Presentations

- Seminar Department of Biology, Denison University
- 2016 Seminar – Department of Plant Biology, University of Minnesota
- 2016 Seminar – Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Univ. of Tennessee
- 2016 Seminar – Department of Biology, University of West Georgia
- Lester Newman Seminar Series Department of Biology, Portland State University 2015
- 2013 Postdoctoral Research Seminar Series – University of California, Davis
- 2008 Connecticut Outdoor Environmental Education Association Annual Conference

Miniature Mosses Workshop: Teaching environmental educators how to integrate moss biology into their outdoor education programs.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Budke JM. Comparative cuticle development in morphologically divergent mosses of the Funariaceae. Botanical Society of America (BSA) Annual Meeting
 - **Budke JM**, Busta L, Jones CS, Goffinet B. Beneath the veil of the calyptra: exploring cuticle anatomy during moss sporophyte development in the Funariaceae. International Association of Bryologists Conference
- 2012 **Budke JM**, Jones CS, Goffinet B. Sporophyte development and calyptra cuticle function in *Funaria hygrometrica*. MOSS 2012
- 2011 **Budke JM**, Goffinet B, Jones CS. Experimental manipulation of the moss calyptra: The effect of cuticle removal and desiccation on sporophyte development in Funaria hygrometrica. BSA Annual Meeting
 - Liu Y, Budke JM, Goffinet B. Phylogenetic inference rejects sporophyte-based classification of the Funariaceae (Bryophyta): a rapid radiation suggests rampant homoplasy in sporophyte evolution. BSA Annual Meeting
- 2010 **Budke JM.** Examining the gametophytic calyptra and its role in moss sporophyte development using the cord moss (Funaria hygrometrica). Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Annual Meeting
 - Budke JM, Goffinet B, Jones CS. Beneath the calyptra's veil: Exploring cuticle anatomy during moss sporophyte development. BSA Annual Meeting
- 2007 Budke JM, Wickett NJ, Goffinet B. Multiple losses of the cysA gene from the chloroplast genome of liverworts (Marchantiophyta). BSA Annual Meeting
- Budke JM, Goffinet B. Phylogenetic analyses of Timmiaceae (Bryophyta: Musci) inferred 2006 from nuclear and chloroplast sequence data. BSA Annual Meeting
- 2005 **Budke JM**, Jones CS, Goffinet B. Peristome development in *Timmia megapolitana* in relation to systematics and evolution of the Bryophyta. BSA Annual Meeting
- 2004 Budke JM. Peristome development in Timmia megapolitana. Northeast Ecology and **Evolution Conference**
- 2003 Budke JM, Hickey RJ, Heafner KD. Morphological characterization of North America's first octoploid *Isoetes*. BSA Annual Meeting
- 2002 Budke JM, Hickey RJ, Heafner KD. Morphological characterization of North America's first octoploid quillwort. Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Meeting

TRAINING IN EDUCATION

College Teaching Seminar

Winter 2014

Fall 2017

University of California - Davis, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor: University of Tennessee - Knoxville

EEB 330 - Field Botany

New EEB Course – Seed Free Plants

Adjunct Lecturer: University of California - Davis

Everybody Eats: Investigating Biological Threats to your Favorite Foods Fall 2014 & Spring 2015 Designed and taught an original course as instructor of record for ACCESS-R.

A UC Davis program to improve retention of first-generation to college and students from underrepresented groups in the sciences. Team-taught with Dr. H. Atamian, Spring 2015. Awarded a \$500 mini-grant for supplies, both quarters.

Guest Lectures

University of California - Davis

Graduate Seminar – Topic: Preparing for the NSF GRFP Fall 2014 & 2015 Graduate Course in Plant Development – Topic: Moss Developmental Genetics Winter 2015 iAMSTEM summer orientation program – Topic: Science Communication Summer 2014

Western Connecticut State University, Biological and Environmental Sciences

Genetics - Topic: Transformation of Non-Model Species Spring 2014

University of Connecticut, Cooperative Extension Center, Master Gardener Program

Biology and Identification of Mosses and Liverworts Oct 2012

University of Connecticut, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

The Summer Flora – Topic: Bryophytes Summer 2011 Plant Anatomy – Topic: Shoot apical meristems Fall 2010 Bryology and Lichenology – Topic: Morphogenesis Spring 2006

Teaching Assistant: University of Connecticut, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Advanced Courses

Phylogenetics	Spring 2009
Plant Anatomy	Fall 2008
Evolution of Green Plants	Spring 2008
Developmental Plant Morphology	Fall 2007
Bryology and Lichenology	Spring 2006

TEACHING MATERIALS

Peer reviewed brochure to teach plant biology concepts to students using mosses.

Swanson J, Budke JM, and Goffinet B. 2012. A visit to the miniature forest: insights into the biology and evolution of bryophytes in Northeastern Connecticut. Available through the *PlantED Digital Library*.

Peer reviewed laboratory exercises to teach the concept of chemical competition in plants.

Swanson J, Budke JM, and Goffinet B. 2012. Chemical competition in plants using the moss Sphagnum. PlantED Digital Library. http://planted.botany.org/ Featured in the Plant Science Bulletin 60(4): 198, 2014.

Moss Culturing Protocol for high school teacher workshop at MOSS 2012 conference.

Mosses and the Plant Life Cycle by LE Parker*, JM Budke, and B Goffinet. (* undergraduate collaborator)

Biology Textbook Image - Invited

Scanning electron micrograph of moss peristome teeth by **JM Budke**, in *Introduction to Plant Biology*, 4th and 5th editions by JD Mauseth, non-vascular plants chapter.

FIELD BOTANY EXPERIENCE

Botanical Outreach

Spring Wildflower Pilgrimage

2016 & 2017

Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Fern and Moss Walk Leader

Outdoor Presentations on Mosses (12 total) and Ferns (1)

Summers 2005 - 2012

Leading botanical explorations at local nature centers and state parks in Connecticut.

Connecticut Bioblitz

Summers 2005, 2007, 2009

24-hour biological survey of a park with scientists, students, and the public.

All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory (ATBI)

Summers 2001 - 2003

Great Smoky Mountains National Park: Fern Foray Participant

Plant Collection Trips

Multiple locations in North & South Carolina near Lake Jocassee, USA Dec 19-22, 2016 Searching for extant populations of Bryocrumia mosses with J C Brinda & K McFarland

Multiple locations in eastern Kansas and central Missouri, USA Mar 12-16, 2012 Collecting developing sporophytes of ephemeral mosses with B Allen & J Atwood.

Limestone Rise Nature Preserve, Knox, New York, USA

2004 - 2005

Visited every two weeks to collect phenology data for the moss *Timmia megapolitana*.

Vermont, New York, USA & Quebec, Canada

Oct 19-28, 2003

Collecting *Timmia megapolitana* for systematic analyses of the Timmiaceae.

PowWow Pond, East Kingston, New Hampshire, USA

May 3-8 & Jun 27-29, 2002

Collecting Isoëtes canadensis for population genetic analysis with M Barker & C Craig.

Hiwassee River, Polk Co., Tennessee, USA

Three weekends in Jun & Jul 2001

Collecting new species of aquatic quillwort Isoëtes tennesseensis Luebke & Budke with P Cox, J Shaw, E Lickey, K Gustafson, K Heafner.

Bryology Forays

SoBeFree: Spring Outing; Botanical Excursion; Foray, Retreat, & Escape to the Environment

Mar 18-21, 2016 Sonoma County, California San Bernardino Mountains, California Mar 27-30, 2015 Santa Cruz County, California Mar 28-31, 2014

A. Leroy Andrews Foray, Woodstock Valley, Connecticut

Sept 18-20, 2009

Field Course Participation

Ecotourism with a Hand Lens in the Cape Horn Biosphere Reserve

Jan 10, 2015

Explorings ways of defining, studying, communicating, and conserving both botanical and biocultural diversity in the Omora Ethnobotanical Park.

Tropical Ferns and Lycophytes, Organization for Tropical Studies Jan 10-23, 2008 Intensive, field introduction designed to build the diverse skills needed for floristic, taxonomic, phylogenetic, and ecological research on tropical ferns and lycophytes.

Tropical Flora of the Bahamas, Miami University

May 11-23, 2002

Exploring local plants from ecological & evolutionary perspectives.

Public and Community Outreach

Moss Plants and More: Commentary on All Things Bryological

Oct 2007 - May 2016

Monthly updated online bryology blog. Communicating science to the public.

http://mossplants.fieldofscience.com

Featured in Plant Cuttings: News in Botany. *Annals of Botany* 10: iv-vi, 2012.

Statistics as of 8 June 2016: Average visits per day = 34

On Twitter @MossPlants = 1,048 followers

University of Tennessee Science Forum

Sept 30, 2016

Talking to the general public about biodiversity collections and herbaria.

University of California – Davis, Biodiversity Museum Day

Feb 13, 2016

In collaboration with four undergraduate students, we led members of the public through four hands-on activities exploring mosses using herbarium specimens.

Kindergarten class at American Lakes School, Sacramento, California

Apr 10, 2014

In collaboration with S. Komar, we designed and led students through two hands-on classroom activities exploring the relationships between plant structures & functions.

Discovery Museum Science & Space Center – Volunteer with AWIS

Feb 22, 2014

Helping families navigate activities about dinosaurs, fossils, rocks, and crystals.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Manuscript Reviewer: American Fern Journal, American Journal of Botany, Annals of Botany, Cryptogamie-Bryologie, Journal of Biogeography, New Phytologist, Plant Biology, Plant Cell, Plant Physiology, Protoplasma, The Bryologist.

Review Editor: Frontiers in Plant Science - Plant Evolution and Development

Panel Discussion Participant:

Postdoctoral Fellowship Writing: Learning from Colleagues Feb 25, 2014 Sponsored by the postdoc union (UAW 5810) at the University of California - Davis

Service:

2013 - Present	American Bryological and Lichenological Society: Member-at-Large
2017	National Science Foundation: Pre-Proposal Panel Participant
2017	Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development in the Netherlands, Reviewer
2015 - 2016	Postdoctoral Union - UAW 5810: Sergeant-At-Arms, Executive Board Member
2015	Judging Committee - Grady L. Webster Award, Botanical Society of America
2013 - 2015	Judging Committee - Esau Award (Chair in 2015), BSA Conference
2013 - 2015	Postdoctoral Union - UAW 5810: UC Davis Campus Unit Chair

Member: Botanical Society of America, Association for Women in Science, Microscopy Society of America, American Society of Plant Taxonomists, International Association for Plant Taxonomy, American Bryological and Lichenological Society, International Association of Bryologists.