BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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(a) Education & Training

University of Wisconsin Madison, WI Plant Breeding Ph.D, 2021

Wageningen University Wageningen, NL Plant Science M.Sc. cum laude, 2014

Swarthmore College Swarthmore, PA Philosophy B.A., 2009

(b) Research & Professional Experience

2021 – present Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Wisconsin–Madison

2018 – present Tree Crop Breeder, Savanna Institute

(c) Publications

Most closely related

- 1. **Scott H. Brainard**, Julian A. Bustamante, Julie C. Dawson, Edgar P. Spalding, Irwin L. Goldman, A digital image-based phenotyping platform for analyzing root shape attributes in carrot, *Frontiers in Plant Science* **12**, 1171 (2021).
- 2. **Scott H. Brainard**, Shelby L. Ellison, Philipp W. Simon, Julie C. Dawson, Irwin L. Goldman, Genetic characterization of carrot root shape and size using genome-wide association analysis and genomic-estimated breeding values, *Theoretical and Applied Genetics* **135**, 605-622 (2022).
- 3. Katharina Wigg, **Scott H. Brainard**, Nicholas Metz, Kevin Dorn, Irwin L. Goldman, Novel QTL associated with Rhizoctonia solani Kühn resistance identified in two table beet x sugar beet F2:3 populations using a new table beet reference genome, *Crop Science* **Under revision** (2022).

Other significant publications

- 4. **Scott H. Brainard**, Kevin J. Wolz, Keefe Keeley, Adrian Rodrigues, Francois-Jerome Selosse, Overcoming Bottlenecks in the Midwest Hazelnut Industry: An Impact Investment Plan, https://www.savannainstitute.org/hazelnut-impact-investment-report/(2019).
- 5. **Scott H. Brainard**, The impact of Indonesian agricultural policies on indigenous populations, natural resources and the economy, *U. Miami Inter-Am L. Rev* **43**, 165–193 (2011).

(d) Invited Talks

- 1. *Improving the efficiency of selecting for nut traits using genomic data*. 10th International Hazelnut Congress. Corvallis, Oregon. September 6, 2022.
- 2. Development of improved inter-specific hazelnut varieties for the Upper Midwestern United States. 6th European Agroforestry Conference. Nuoru, Sardinia. May 16, 2022.

- 3. *Improving the efficiency of selecting for nut traits using genomic data* (Daucus carota *subsp.* sativus). Upper Midwest Hazelnut Development Initiative Annual Conference. La Crosse, WI. March 5, 2022.
- 4. *The genetic control of market class in carrot* (Daucus carota *subsp.* sativus). Plant Animal Genome Conference XXIX. Virtual conference. January 8, 2022.
- 5. First chromosome-scale genome assemblies for Corylus americana. Plant Animal Genome Conference XXIX. Virtual conference. January 8, 2022.
- 6. *Improving the efficiency of hazelnut breeding using genomic data*. North American Agroforestry Conference. Virtual conference. July 1, 2021.
- 7. *Improving the efficiency of hazelnut breeding using genetic information*. Upper Midwest Hazelnut Development Initiative Annual Conference. Virtual conference. March 5, 2021.
- 8. Launching the Midwest Hazelnut Industry. Northern Nut Growers Association Annual Meeting. Iowa City, IA. July 28, 2019.
- 9. Prospects and Bottlenecks in the Midwestern Hazelnut Industry. Upper Midwest Hazelnut Development Initiative Annual Conference. Eau Claire, WI. March 9, 2019.
- 10. Using digital image-based phenotyping to investigate the genetic bases of root shape and market class in carrot. Vegetable Breeding Institute. Ithaca, NY. August 27, 2018.
- 11. Using digital image-based phenotyping to investigate the genetic bases of root shape and market class in carrot. 39th International Carrot Conference. Madison, WI. August 23, 2018.
- 12. Development of improved carrot germplasm for organic production systems through an understanding of market class genetics. Organic Seed Growers Conference. Corvallis, OR. February 18, 2018.

(e) Synergistic Activities

- 1. Reviewer for Frontiers in Ecology And Evolution, Plant Breeding Reviews
- 2. Lecturer in graduate-level courses for students in the Plant Breeding and Plant Genetics Program at the University of Wisconsin–Madison
- 3. Mentoring of graduate students in Horticulture (6) and Chemistry (1) PhD programs
- 4. Development of Java applications for pre-processing Illumina sequence data

(f) Professional organizations

- 1. National Association of Plant Breeders
- 2. International Society for Horticultural Science

(g) Previously funded projects

- 1. Ekhagastitelsen, 2017–2020 Market Class Genetics and the Development of Improved Carrot Germplasm for Organic Production Systems \$162,000
- 2. USDA-CGC, 2019–2020 Digital Root Phenotyping and Genotyping of the USDA-NPGS Carrot Collection \$27,500
- 3. Arnold Arboretum Jewett Prize, 2020–2021 *De novo assembly of a draft genome for the American hazelnut (Corylus americana)* \$10,000