## **DOUGLAS SPONSLER**

### **EDUCATION**

2016 • The Ohio State University

Ph.D. in Entomology

Oclumbus, Ohio, USA

2010 • Cedarville University

B.S. in Biology

Cedarville, Ohio, USA

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2020 | present

#### Postdoctoral Researcher

Department of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology, University of Würzburg

♥ Würzburg, Germany

- · Lead pollinator competition module of EU Project Safeguard
- Lead study of bumble- bee-wildflower interactions in Berchtesgadener Alps
- · Mentor Ph.D. and MS students
- · Provide statistical support to students and colleagues
- Organize department seminar program
- Contribute to classroom- and field-based teaching

2018 | 2021

#### Research Associate

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University

Philadelphia, PA, USA

- · Lead study of urban plant-pollinator ecology in Philadelphia
- Communicate research to museum visitors

2017 | 2020

#### Postdoctoral Fellow

Pennsylvania State University

- University Park, PA, USA
- Design, conduct, and analyze USDA-NIFA-funded field studies of honey bee colony health
- Lead an NSF-funded multi-institutional working group in the development of a framework for understanding pesticide effects on pollinators
- Extend research to beekeeper and master gardener organizations
- · Contribute to classroom- and field-based teaching

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

2023

Distance functions underlying natural enemy within-field distributions: assessing the effects of crop type and adjacent habitats

(Submitted to Nature Ecology and Evolution)

Boetzl FA, Sponsler DB, et al.

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### **INTERESTS**

Flower-insect interactions

Bayesian modeling

Causal inference

Urban ecology

Human-nature interactions

Natural history

### LANGUAGES

English (native)

German (B1 / early intermediate)

### Pollinator competition and the structure of floral resources 2023 (in-revision at *Ecography*) Sponsler DB, Iverson AL, Steffan-Dewenter I Grassy-herbaceous land moderates regional climate effects on honey bee colonies in the 2022 Northcentral U.S. Environmental Research Letters 17;064036 Quinlan G, Sponsler DB, Gaines-Day HR, McMinn-Sauder HBG, Otto CRV, Smart AH, Colin T, Gratton C, Isaacs R, Johnson R, Milbrath MO, Grozinger CM Contrasting patterns of richness, abundance, and turnover in mountain bumble bees and their floral 2022 hosts Ecology 2022;e3712 Sponsler DB, Requier F, Kallnik K, Claßen A, Maihoff AF, Sieger J, Steffan-Dewenter I Floral preferences of mountain bumble bees are constrained by functional traits but flexible 2022 through elevation and season Oikos 2022;3:e08902 Sponsler DB, Requier F, Kallnik K, Claßen A, Maihoff AF, Sieger J, Steffan-Dewenter I Beekeeping in, of, or for the city? A socioecological analysis of urban apiculture in the United 2021: States. People and Nature 2021;3:550-559 Sponsler DB, Bratman EZ Honey bees and neonicotinoid-treated corn seed: contamination, exposure, and effects 2021: Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry 2021;40:1212-1221 Lin C-H, Sponsler DB, Richardson RT, Watters H, Glinski D, Henderson M, Minucci J, Lee EH, Purucker T, Johnson RM. Application of plant metabarcoding to identify diverse honeybee pollen forage along an urban-2021: agricultural gradient Molecular Ecology 2021;30:310-323 Richardson RT, Eaton T, Lin C-H. Cherry G, Johnson RM, Sponsler DB Characterizing the floral resources of a North American metropolis using a honey bee foraging 2020: Ecosphere 2020;e03102 Sponsler DB, Shump D, Richardson RT, Grozinger CM A screening-level assessment of the pollinator-attractiveness of ornamental nursery stock using a 2020: honey bee foraging assay Scientific Reports 2020;10:831

Sponsler DB, Grozinger CM, Richardson RT, Nurse A, Brough D, Patch H, Stoner K

Scientific Reports 2020;10:797

Douglas MR, Sponsler DB, Lonsdorf EV, Grozinger CM

County-level analysis reveals a rapidly shifting landscape of bee toxic load on US farmland

2020:

# 2020: MetaCurator: A hidden Markov model-based toolkit for extracting and curating sequences from taxonomically-informative genetic markers

Methods in Ecology and Evolution 2020;11:181-186

Richardson RT, Sponsler DB, McMinn-Sauder H, Johnson RM

#### 2019: Pesticides and pollinators: a socioecological synthesis.

Science of the Total Environment 2019;662:1012-1027

**Sponsler DB**, Grozinger CM, Hitaj C, Rundlöf M, Botías C, Code A, Lonsdorf EV, Melathopoulos AP, Smith DJ, Suryanaryanan S, Thogmartin WE, Williams NM, Zhang M, Douglas MR

## Quantitative multi-locus metabarcoding and waggle dance interpretation reveal honey bee spring foraging patterns in Midwest agroecosystems

Molecular Ecology 2019;28:686-697

Richardson RT, Curtis HR, Matcham EG, Lin C-H, Suresh S, Sponsler DB, Hearon LE, Johnson RM

# Spatial and taxonomic patterns of honey bee foraging: a choice test between urban and agricultural landscapes

Journal of Urban Ecology 2017;3:1-7

Sponsler DB, Matcham EG, Lin C-H, Lanterman JL, Johnson RM

## Mechanistic modeling of honey bee pesticide exposure: the missing keystone of honey bee toxicology

Toxicology and Chemistry 2017;36:871-881

Sponsler DB, Johnson RM

### 2015: • Honey bee success predicted by landscape composition in Ohio, USA

PeerJ 2015;3:e838.

Sponsler DB, Johnson RM

# Application of ITS2 metabarcoding to determine the provenance of pollen collected by honey bees in an agroecosystem

Applications in Plant Sciences 2015;3:1400066

Richardson RT, Lin C-H, Sponsler DB, Quijia-Pillajo JO, Goodell K, Johnson RM

### POPULAR PUBLICATIONS

### 2017: Poisoning a society: a superorganism perspective on honey bee toxicology

Bee World 2017;95:30-32.

Sponsler DB, Johnson RM

### 2015: • Honey bee success in Ohio's landscapes

Ohio Beekeeping 2015;4:26-27.

Sponsler DB

#### 2014: • Honey bee losses and toxic corn seed dust.

Ohio Beekeeping 2014;3:11-23.

Sponsler DB, Lin C-H, Johnson RM

### ■ GRANTS

2020: Establishing the Penn State honey diagnostics lab to serve Pennsylvania beekeepers (\$47,797)

Pennsylvania Commonwealth Specialty Crop Block Grant.

Grozinger CM, Sponsler DB

Strengthening urban apiculture, crop production, and biodiversity by understanding the habitat needs of wild and managed bees (\$163,00)

USDA-NIFA-AFRI Postdoctoral Fellowship

Sponsler DB, Grozinger CM

Location, location: developing tools for selection and management of landscapes to promote healthy bee populations (\$9,777)

North American Pollinator Protection Campaign

Jones TO, Lonsdorf E, Douglas M, Grozinger C, Patch H, Sponsler DB

2017: • Impact of urban landscapes on honey bee nutritional resources: a pilot study (\$6,037)

**Apes Valentes** 

Sponsler DB, Grozinger CM

2015: • An Ohio pollen database (\$2,500)

Ohio State Beekeepers' Association

Sponsler DB, Lin C-H, Richardson RT, Wransky M, Johnson RM

Honey bee nutrition in the Midwestern landscape: assessing pollen diversity and nutrition along an urban-rural gradient in central Ohio (\$2,990)

Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center SEEDS Program

Sponsler DB, Johnson RM

2013: • Development of a portable hive scale (\$2,000)

Ohio State Beekeepers' Association

Sponsler DB, Johnson RM

2012: • Honey bee success in urban and rural landscapes (\$2,478)

Ohio State Beekeepers' Association

Sponsler DB, Johnson RM

### FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2018: • Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Best Paper

Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry

2016: • Ray Travel Award

The Ohio State University

2016:	•	Foundation Scholarship	
		The Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees	
2014:	•	President's Prize runner up (10-min paper)	
		Entomological Society of America	
2014:	•	James E. Tew Extension Award	
		The Ohio State University	
2012:	•	President's Prize (10-min paper)	
		Entomological Society of America	
2014:	•	Director's Fellowship	
		The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center	
		MENTORING	
2022		MS mentor Co-mentor of Jessica Strehl.	♥ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2022		MS mentor Co-mentor of Murray Hamilton.	♥ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2022 		Ph.D. mentor External committee member for Austin Martin.	◆ Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
present		Ph.D. mentor	
2021   present	Ĭ	Co-advisor of Giulia Mainardi.	Ouniversity of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2017 		Undergraduate mentor Supervised undergraduate research Dalton Brough.	◆ Penn State University, University Park, PA
2018 2014		Science Olympiad coach (NSF GK-12)	
2014   2015	Ĭ	Colonide Crympiae Couch (No. Cit 12)	Orrville Middle School, Orrville, OH
		COURSE INSTRUCTION	
2016	•	Pesticides and their Use	
		Developed and taught course	Ohio Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster, OH
2016		General Entomology Lab instructor	Ohio Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster, OH
2014	•	Philosophy of Science Visiting instructor	• Central Christian High School, Kidron, OH

2012	•	Energy Transfer and Development Graduate Teaching Assistant	<b>♥</b> The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
		GUEST LECTURES	
2023	•	Interdepartmental Ring Lecture (Ecology and Time)	♥ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2020   2022		Honey Bee Ecology	<b>♥</b> University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2021	•	Animal Pollinators	Ouniversity of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2020   2023	•	R Club (GAMs, Writing in RMarkdown, Causal Inference)	<b>♥</b> University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2019	•	Pollination Ecology	◆ California State University Fresno, Fresno, CA
2019	•	Urban Ecology	PA Master Naturalist Program, Philadelphia, PA
2019	•	Introduction to Ecology	PA Master Naturalist Program, Philadelphia, PA
2019		Plant-Animal Interactions	Orexel University, Philadelphia, PA
2018	•	Advances in Ecology	Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
2018	•	Pollinators in Designed Greenspace	Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
2018	•	Urban Pollinator Ecology	₱ Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA.
2017	•	Honey Bees and Humans	Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
2013	•	Beekeeping	♥ The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2015		INVITED PRESENTATIONS	
2023:		Gardens as pollinator habitat: limitations, potential, and c New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) annual sympo Sponsler DB	
2022:		Flowers are food, pollinators are florivores, and what we're Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes Conference (11 Oct 20 Sponsler DB	

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2022:		Flowers, insects, and people: stewarding an ancient mutualism through greenspace design  New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) annual symposium (27 Jan 2022)    ◆ Philadelphia, PA (virtual)  Sponsler DB
2022:		Pollinator competition and the structure of floral resources  Lund University (28 Oct 2021)  Sponsler DB  Q Lund, Sweden (virtual)
2021:	•	Mountain bumble bees and wildflowers exhibit nonlinear patterns of abundance and $\beta$ -diversity, punctuated by the tree line ecotone
		Naturalis Biodiversity Center (19 Apr 2021)
2020:		Landscape-scale flow/dearth monitoring: a robust method for messy data 4th International Conference on Bee and Hive Monitoring (8 Oct 2020)  Sponsler DB
2019:		Landscape anthecology: a paradigm, a toolkit, and an application  American Entomological Society (4 Dec 2019)  Sponsler DB  Philadelphia, PA
2019:	•	Floral resource topography of a North American metropolis revealed by honey bee foraging assay The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (15 Nov 2019)
2019:	•	Floral resource topography of a North American metropolis revealed by honey bee foraging assay International Conference for Pollinator Biology (20 Jul 2019)
2018:	•	Honey bee foraging in the City of Neighborhoods: Two years of colony weight monitoring reveal spatial and temporal patterns of floral availability
		Entomological Society of America (14 Nov 2018)  Sponsler DB, Shump D, Grozinger CM   Vancouver, Canada
2018:	•	Plants, pollinators, and people in the City of Neighborhoods  Drexel University (27 Sep 2018)  Sponsler DB  Philadelphia, PA
2018:	•	Honey bee foraging patterns and colony weight dynamics reveal ecological heterogeneity of urban landscape
		Entomological Society of America, Eastern Branch (19 Mar 2018)  Sponsler DB, Shump D, Grozinger CM  ◆ Annapolis, MD
2018:		Flying needles in a landscape-scale haystack: the challenge of observing foraging bees International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE), Penn State student chapter (1 Feb 2018)  • University Park, PA
		Sponsler DB

2018:	•	Bees, flowers, and people in "The City of Neighborhoods"  Franklin and Marshall University (26 Jan 2018)  Sponsler DB  Culture The City of Neighborhoods Paranklin and Marshall University (26 Jan 2018)  Culture The City of Neighborhoods Paranklin and Marshall University (26 Jan 2018)
2017:	•	Bees and the urban food scene Entomological Society of America (8 Nov 2017)  Sponsler DB, Shump D, Patch HM, Grozinger CM   ◆ Devner, CO
2017:	•	Honey bee landscape ecology Bucks County Community College, first annual science seminar (19 May 2017)  Sponsler DB  Newtown, PA
2017:	•	Integrating landscape and behavior to predict honey bee pesticide exposure Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America (20 Mar 2017)  Sponsler DB  ◆ Newport, RI
2016:	•	Integrating landscape and behavior to predict honey bee pesticide exposure Workshop on pollinator ecosystem services, Penn State University (20 Dec 2016)  Sponsler DB  ◆ State College, PA
2016:	•	Honey bee landscape ecology: foraging, toxic exposure, and apicultural outcomes Miami University of Ohio (4 Dec 2016)  Sponsler DB  → Miami, OH
2016:	•	Urban vs. rural beekeeping: the proof is in  TriCounty Beekeepers' Association Annual Spring Workshop (5 Mar 2016)  Sponsler DB, Matcham EG, Lin C-H, Johnson RM   ♥ Wooster, OH
		OUTREACH PROGRAMMING
2020	•	Museum Exhibitor  Hosted an exhibit of bees diversity for Martin Luther King, Jr Day event.  The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
2019	•	Workshop Instructor  Led live honey bee dance decoding activity for museum visitors during the annual BugFest event.  ◆ The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University,, Philadelphia, PA
2019	•	Workshop Instructor  Five-day USDA-PDSTEP workshop (APPL-RED) training middle and high school teachers to develop project-based lessons on plant-pollinator interactions
2019		Workshop Instructor  Workshop for urban gardeners and farmers to build nests for stem-nesting wild bees.  ◆ Philadelphia Beekeepers Guild, Philadelphia, PA
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		Penn State University, University Park, PA
2015   2016	•	Workshop Instructor Led field trips to the OSU Department of Entomology for preschool, elementary, and middle school students from
2010		Wooster Summer Camp and the Montessori School of Wooster.  ◆ Ohio State University, Wooster, OH
2015		Workshop Instructor Co-led stream macroinvertebrate workshop for children at the Family Farm Field Day agricultural fair  ◆ Holmes County, OH
2014	•	Workshop Instructor  Taught microscopy techniques for monitoring Nosema infection in honey bees   ◆ Ohio State University, Wooster, OH
2013	•	Workshop Instructor Curated, displayed, and discussed bee specimens at the Power of Pollinators short course.  ◆ Ohio State University, Wooster, OH
		SELECTED OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS
2019:	•	The world's best forager vs. the world's most complicated landscape: Three years of studying honey bee foraging in Philadelphia
		Barnstable Beekeepers Association (16 Sep 2019)
2019:		Bees, brews, and brotherly love: the avant garde ecology of Philadelphia Science on Tap, National Mechanics Pub (12 May 2019)  Sponsler DB  Philadelphia, PA
2019:	•	Bees and urban flora: exploring the trophic ecology of ornamentals, remnants, and "weeds" in the
		city Philadelphia Botanical Club (28 Feb 2019)  Sponsler DB  Philadelphia, PA
2019:		The evolving science and policy of pesticides and pollinators  Pennsylvania Agronomy Education Conference (17 Jan 2019)  Sponsler DB  P Boalsburg, PA
2019:	•	Integrated tools for honey bee landscape ecology  American Honey Producers Association (11 Jan 2019)  ▼ Tempe, AZ
		Sponsler DB
2018:	•	What is the place of bees and beekeepers in the ecology of the city?  Philadelphia Honey Festival (9 Sep 2018)  Sponsler DB  ▼ Tempe, AZ
2018:		Bees, flowers, and people in "The City of Neighborhoods"  Philadelphia Beekeepers' Guild (19 Apr 2018)  Sponsler DB  Philadelphia, PA

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2017:		Bees and the Philly food scene  Philadelphia Beekeepers' Guild (18 May 2017)  Sponsler DB  Philadelphia, PA
2017:		Honey bee landscape ecology  Mountain State Beekeepers' Association (1 May 2017)  Sponsler DB  C Kearneysville, WV
2017:		Honey bees and pesticides Champlaine Valley Beekeepers' Association (29 Apr 2017)  Sponsler DB  → Beekmantown, NY
2016:	•	Honey bee foraging in Ohio's landscapes  TriCounty Beekeepers' Association (31 Aug 2016)  Sponsler DB   Wooster, OH
2016:	•	Honey bee landscape ecology American Beekeeping Federation (7 Jan 2016)  Sponsler DB
2014:	•	Predatory flies  Secret Lives of Good Garden Bugs Workshop (15 May 2014)  Sponsler DB  Cleveland, OH
2014:		So, how are the bees? Complexity, confusion, and consensus in the world of honey bee health Cucumber Growers' Meeting, Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (25 Mar 2014) Fremont, OH Sponsler DB
2013:	•	Honey bee geography: why thinking outside the box might be the key to helping honey bees  OARDC Staff Advisory Council (22 Oct 2013)  ◆ Fremont, OH  Sponsler DB
2013:		Honey bee health, colony collapse disorder, and why it matters  Congressional Assistants' tour of OARDC (16 Aug 2013)  Sponsler DB  ✓ Wooster, OH
2013:		An introduction to bee diversity and natural history  Master Gardener Pollinator Training Workshop (22 Jun 2013)  Sponsler DB  ◆ Wooster, OH
		PROFESSIONAL TRAINING
2022:	•	Data management         5-day short course on research data management       ♥ German Ecological Society (GfÖ), virtual meeting
2018:	•	Open Source Geospatial Data Analysis 3-day short course on geospatial data analysis with R and Python  ▼ Socioecological Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis, MD



•	Directed acyclic graphs and causal inference
•	Bayesian data analysis
•	Multivariate statistics
•	Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
•	Graphic design and image processing (Inkscape, GIMP)
•	Beekeeping
•	DNA metabarcoding
•	Microscopy
	GRANT REVIEWING
•	European Partnership Biodiversa+
•	Estonian Research Council
•	USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA)
•	SEEDS, an intramural funding program of the Ohio State University College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Science.
	MANUSCRIPT REVIEWING
•	Apidologie
•	Agricultural and Forest Entomology
•	Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology
•	Biology
•	Ecology and Evolution

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