DOUGLAS SPONSLER

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Ph.D. in Entomology

Oclumbus, Ohio, USA

2010 • Cedarville University

2016

2018

2021

2017

2020

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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

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

Postdoctoral Fellow

Pennsylvania State University

- Ouniversity 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

COURSE INSTRUCTION

2016 Pesticides and their Use

Developed and taught course

Ohio Agricultural Technical Institute, Wooster, OH

2016 • General Entomology

CONTACT INFO

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GoogleScholar

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INTERESTS

Flower-insect interactions

Bayesian statistics and causal inference

Philosophy of science

Urban ecology

Human-nature interactions

Natural history

LANGUAGES

English (native)

German (B1 / early intermediate)

2014	_	Philosophy of Science	
2014		Visiting instructor	Central Christian High School, Kidron, OH
2012	•	Energy Transfer and Development Graduate Teaching Assistant	◆ The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
		MENTORING	
2023 present	•	MS mentor Co-mentor of Michael Wiesneth	♥ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2023 present	•	MS mentor Co-mentor of Murray Hamilton.	Q University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2022 present	•	MS mentor Co-mentor of Jessica Strehl.	♥ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2022 present		Ph.D. mentor External committee member for Austin Martin.	▼ Temple University, Philadelphia, PA
2021 present		Ph.D. mentor Co-advisor of Giulia Mainardi.	♥ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2017 2018	•	Undergraduate mentor Supervised undergraduate research Dalton Brough.	Penn State University, University Park, PA
2014 2015	•	Science Olympiad coach (NSF GK-12)	Orrville Middle School, Orrville, OH
		GUEST LECTURES	
2023	•	Interdepartmental Ring Lecture (Ecology and Time)	♀ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2020 2022	•	Honey Bee Ecology	♥ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2021	•	Animal Pollinators	Ouniversity of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2020 2023		R Club (GAMs, Writing in RMarkdown, Causal Inference)	♥ 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	◆ Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
2018	•	Advances in Ecology	Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
2018	•	Pollinators in Designed Greenspace	Tomosyvania State Shiversity, State Sollege, 177
2010		Urban Pollinator Ecology	Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
2018	Ĭ	Orban Folimator Ecology	Olickinson College, Carlisle, PA.
2017		Honey Bees and Humans	Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
2013	•	Beekeeping	◆ The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
2015			The one state shiversity, columbus, or
		PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	
in-review	•	Next-generation colony weight monitoring: a review and Apidologie	prospectus
		McMinn-Sauder H [] Sponsler DB	
in-review	•	Antimicrobial wound care in an ant society Nature Ecology and Evolution	
		Frank ET [] Sponsler DB , et al	
in-review	•	Distance functions underlying natural enemy within-field crop type and adjacent habitats	distributions: assessing the effects of
		Proceedings of the Royal Society B	
		Boetzl FA, Sponsler DB , et al.	
2023		Pollinator competition and the structure of floral resourc Ecography (in press)	es
		Sponsler DB, Iverson AL, Steffan-Dewenter I	
2022	•	Grassy-herbaceous land moderates regional climate effective Northcentral U.S.	ects on honey bee colonies in the
		Environmental Research Letters 17;064036	
		Quinlan G, Sponsler DB , Gaines-Day HR, McMinn-Sauder HBG, Otto Johnson R, Milbrath MO, Grozinger CM	CRV, Smart AH, Colin T, Gratton C, Isaacs R,
2022	•	Contrasting patterns of richness, abundance, and turnov	er in mountain bumble bees and their floral
		hosts Ecology 2022;e3712	
		Sponsler DB, Requier F, Kallnik K, Claßen A, Maihoff AF, Sieger J, St	effan-Dewenter I
2022		Floral preferences of mountain bumble bees are constraithrough elevation and season	ned by functional traits but flexible
		Oikos 2022;3:e08902	
	'	Sponsler DB, Requier F, Kallnik K, Claßen A, Maihoff AF, Sieger J, St	effan-Dewenter I

Beekeeping in, of, or for the city? A socioecological analysis of urban apiculture in the United States.

People and Nature 2021;3:550-559

Sponsler DB, Bratman EZ

2021: Honey bees and neonicotinoid-treated corn seed: contamination, exposure, and effects

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 urbanagricultural gradient

Molecular Ecology 2021;30:310-323

Richardson RT, Eaton T, Lin C-H. Cherry G, Johnson RM, Sponsler DB

2020: Characterizing the floral resources of a North American metropolis using a honey bee foraging assay

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 honey bee foraging assay

Scientific Reports 2020;10:831

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

2020: • County-level analysis reveals a rapidly shifting landscape of bee toxic load on US farmland

Scientific Reports 2020;10:797

Douglas MR, Sponsler DB, Lonsdorf EV, Grozinger CM

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)

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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
2014:		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
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2018:	•	Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry Best Paper
		Society for Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
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2016:		Ray Travel Award
		The Ohio State University
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2016:	•	Foundation Scholarship
		The Fermi district for the Borrow of the efficiency Borrow
		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)
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		Entomological Society of America
2014:		Director's Fellowship
2017.		
	1	The Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center

		INVITED I RECEIVITATIONS	
2023:		Gardens as pollinator habitat: limitations, potential, and context New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) annual symposium (14 Mar 2023) Sponsler DB	Philadelphia, PA (virtual)
2022:	•	Flowers are food, pollinators are florivores, and what we're doing here is tro Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes Conference (11 Oct 2022) Sponsler DB	phic ecology. ◆ Athens, GA (virtual)
2022:	•	Flowers, insects, and people: stewarding an ancient mutualism through green New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) annual symposium (27 Jan 2022) Sponsler DB	enspace design ♥ Philadelphia, PA (virtual)
2022:	•	Pollinator competition and the structure of floral resources Lund University (28 Oct 2021) Sponsler DB	♥ Lund, Sweden (virtual)
2021:	•	Mountain bumble bees and wildflowers exhibit nonlinear patterns of abunda	nce and β-diversity,
		punctuated by the tree line ecotone Naturalis Biodiversity Center (19 Apr 2021) Sponsler DB	Leiden, Netherlands (virtual)
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	♥ Missoula, Montana (virtual)
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 hon- The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (15 Nov 2019) Sponsler DB	ey bee foraging assay ♥ Philadelphia, PA
2019:	•	Floral resource topography of a North American metropolis revealed by hon- International Conference for Pollinator Biology (20 Jul 2019) Sponsler DB, Shump D, Richardson RT, Grozinger CM.	ey bee foraging assay ♥ Davis, CA
2018:	•	Honey bee foraging in the City of Neighborhoods: Two years of colony weights spatial and temporal patterns of floral availability Entomological Society of America (14 Nov 2018) Sponsler DB, Shump D, Grozinger CM	ht monitoring reveal ▼ Vancouver, Canada
2018:	•	Plants, pollinators, and people in the City of Neighborhoods Drexel University (27 Sep 2018) Sponsler DB	♀ Philadelphia, PA

■ INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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 Current PA Sponsler DB
2017:	•	Bees and the urban food scene Entomological Society of America (8 Nov 2017) Sponsler DB, Shump D, Patch HM, Grozinger CM Powner, 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.
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 ● Penn State University, University Park, PA

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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		Awbury Arboretum, Philadelphia, PA
2019	•	Workshop Instructor
		Workshop for urban gardeners and farmers to build nests for stem-nesting wild bees.
		Penn State Center, Philadelphia, PA
2017	•	Workshop Instructor
		Five-dayUSDA-PDSTEP workshop (APPL-RED) training middle and high school teachers to develop project-
		based lessons on plant-pollinator interactions ◆ Penn State University, University Park, PA
2015		Workshop Instructor Led field trips to the OSU Department of Entomology for preschool, elementary, and middle school students from
2016		Wooster Summer Camp and the Montessori School of Wooster.
		♦ Ohio State University, Wooster, OH
2015		Workshop Instructor
2015	Ĭ	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
2012		Workshop Instructor
2013	Ĭ	Curated, displayed, and discussed bee specimens at the Power of Pollinators short course.
		Ohio State University, Wooster, OH
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		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)
		Sponsler DB
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2019:	•	Bees, brews, and brotherly love: the avant garde ecology of Philadelphia
		Science on Tap, National Mechanics Pub (12 May 2019)
		Sponsler DB
0040		Bees and urban flora: exploring the trophic ecology of ornamentals, remnants, and "weeds" in the
2019:	Ĭ	city
		Philadelphia Botanical Club (28 Feb 2019)
		Sponsler DB
2019:		The evolving science and policy of pesticides and pollinators
		Pennsylvania Agronomy Education Conference (17 Jan 2019)
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2019:		Integrated tools for honey bee landscape ecology American Honey Producers Association (11 Jan 2019) Sponsler DB ▼ Tempe, AZ
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
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 ▼ 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 ✓ Jacksonville, FL
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 20 Sponsler DB	=	♥ Wooster, OH
		PROFESSIONAL TRAINING		
2022:	•	Data management 5-day short course on research data management	♥ German Ecological So	ociety (GfÖ), virtual meeting
2018:	•	Open Source Geospatial Data Analysis 3-day short course on geospatial data analysis with R and	d Python Socioecological Synthesis Cente	r (SESYNC), Annapolis, MD
2016:	•	REACH suicide prevention training Workshop on suicide prevention, designed especially for p	professors working with undergr	
2016:	•	Introduction to individual-based/agent-based mode Two-day workshop taught by Volker Grimm, Nika Galic, ar	_	♥ Towson, MD
2016:	•	Diversity and implicit bias awareness training Three-day workshop on mitigating implicit bias, promoting		I individuals te University, Columbus, OH
2011:	•	Native bee identification, ecology, research, and m Five-day course workshop taught by Sam Droege, Alana		Center, Shepherdstown, WV
		SERVICE		
2022 present	•	Equal Opportunity Committee Member Project Safeguard, European Union Research Consortium	1	
2020 present		Seminar coordinator Department of Animal Ecology and Tropical Biology of the	University of Würzburg	
2019 present	•	Executive committee member Philadelphia Botanical Club		
2019	•	Diversity and inclusion panel member Penn State University, Department of Entomology		
2018	•	Student competition judge Entomological Society of America and the Society for Envi	ironmental Toxicology and Chei	mistry
2017	•	Activity leader, Great Insect Fair Penn State University, Department of Entomology		
2014	•	Faculty hiring committee member The Ohio State University, Department of Entomology		
2015 2014		Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP)	nanel member	

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2013 		Treasurer, Entomology Graduate Student Association The Ohio State University, Department of Entomology
2015		The cine class Cinterest, 2 open and it of 2 normal cigy
2011		Volunteer curatorial assistant The Academy of Natural Science, Philadelphia, PA.
2009	•	President, ProTerraForma. Student conservation club, Cedarville University
		SKILLS
		R statistical software
	•	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
2022		European Partnership Biodiversa+
2021		Estonian Research Council
2019	•	USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA)
2014	•	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 Ecosphere Ecological Applications** Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution Insects **Insect Conservation and Diversity Journal of Applied Ecology Journal of Ecology Journal of Economic Entomology Molecular Ecology** Oecologia **Oikos** PeerJ **Scientific Reports Urban Ecosystems Urban Forestry and Urban Greening**

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

The Ecological Society of Germany, Switzerland, and Austria