

DOUGLAS SPONSLER



EDUCATION

- 2016 • **The Ohio State University**
Ph.D. in Entomology Columbus, Ohio, USA
- 2010 • **Cedarville University**
B.S. in Biology Cedarville, Ohio, USA



PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2020
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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
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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
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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 (SELECTED)

- 2021: • **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

CONTACT INFO

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SKILLS

Data analytics (R)

GIS (R, Arc GIS, QGIS)

Graphic design (Inkscape, GIMP)

Field botany and entomology

Beekeeping

Public speaking

Scientific writing

Grant writing

LANGUAGES

English (native)

German (B1 / early intermediate)

- 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
- 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
- 2017: ● **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



INVITED PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)

- 2022: ● **Floral resource structure and the conservation of urban pollinators.**
Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes Conference (to be given 11 Oct 2022) 📍 Athens, GA (virtual)
Sponsler DB
- 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) 📍 Lund, Sweden (virtual)
Sponsler DB
- 2019: ● **Floral resource topography of a North American metropolis revealed by honey bee foraging assay**
International Conference for Pollinator Biology (20 Jul 2019) 📍 Davis, CA
Sponsler DB, Shump D, Richardson RT, Grozinger CM.
- 2018: ● **Plants, pollinators, and people in the City of Neighborhoods**
Drexel University (27 Sep 2018) 📍 Philadelphia, PA
Sponsler DB



PROFESSIONAL TRAINING (SELECTED)

- 2018: ● **Open Source Geospatial Data Analysis**
3-day short course on geospatial data analysis with R and Python
📍 Socioecological Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis, MD
- 2016: ● **Introduction to individual-based/agent-based modelling**
Two-day workshop taught by Volker Grimm, Nika Galic, and Michael Crawford 📍 Towson, MD
- 2016: ● **Diversity and implicit bias awareness training**
Three-day workshop on mitigating implicit bias, promoting diversity, and aiding distressed individuals
📍 The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH