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

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

- University Park, PA, USA
- Design, conduct, and analyze USDA-NIFA-funded field studies of honey bee colony health

Bees, trees, and weather: the contingency of food limitation

- 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

during an early spring nectar pulse
Ecology and Evolution

Sponsler DB, Hamilton M, Wiesneth M, Steffan-Dewenter I

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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 (intermediate)

2017 | 2020

2018

2021

present

in-review

in-review	•	High rates of nectar depletion in summer grasslands indicate competitive conditions for pollinators <i>Oikos</i>
		Sponsler DB, Dominik C, Biegerl C, Honchar H, Schweiger O, Steffan-Dewenter I
in-press	•	Next-generation colony weight monitoring: a review and prospectus Apidologie Making Souder H. L. Specker BB
		McMinn-Sauder H [] Sponsler DB
2024		Distance functions of carabids in crop fields depend on functional traits, crop type and adjacent habitat: a synthesis Proceedings of the Royal Society B 291:2023238320232383 Boetzl FA, Sponsler DB, et al.
2023	•	Targeted treatment of injured nestmates with antimicrobial compounds in an ant society Nature Communications 14:8446
		Frank ET [] Sponsler DB, et al
2023	•	Pollinator competition and the structure of floral resources Ecography 2023;e06651
		Sponsler DB, Iverson AL, Steffan-Dewenter I
2022		Grassy-herbaceous land moderates regional climate effects on honey bee colonies in the 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
2022	•	Contrasting patterns of richness, abundance, and turnover in mountain bumble bees and their floral hosts
		Ecology 2022;e3712 Sponsler DB, Requier F, Kallnik K, Claßen A, Maihoff AF, Sieger J, Steffan-Dewenter I
2022	•	Floral preferences of mountain bumble bees are constrained by functional traits but flexible through elevation and season
		Oikos 2022;3:e08902 Sponsler DB, Requier F, Kallnik K, Claßen A, Maihoff AF, Sieger J, Steffan-Dewenter I
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
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.
2021:		Application of plant metabarcoding to identify diverse honeybee pollen forage along an urban- agricultural 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

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	
2023 present		MS mentor Co-mentor of Michael Wiesneth	♥ University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2023 present	•	MS mentor Co-mentor of Murray Hamilton.	♥ 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	Ph.D. mentor	O Haringarita of Millianda and Millianda and Common
l present	Co-advisor of Giulia Mainardi.	University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2017	Undergraduate mentor	
 2018	Supervised undergraduate research Dalton Brough.	Penn State University, University Park, PA
2014	 Science Olympiad coach (NSF GK-12) 	
I		Orrville Middle School, Orrville, OH
2015		
	COURSE INSTRUCTION	
2016	Pesticides and their Use Developed and tought source.	Ohio Aminuhumi Tashmisal Instituta Wasatan Oli
	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	• Cino Agricultura Toomisa metatato, Woodel, Car
2014	Visiting instructor	Central Christian High School, Kidron, OH
2012	Energy Transfer and Development	
	Graduate Teaching Assistant	◆ The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
	GUEST LECTURES	
2023	 Interdepartmental Ring Lecture (Ecology and Time) 	University of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2020	Honey Bee Ecology	
		Ouniversity of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2023 2021	Animal Pollinators	
2021	7 minute i diminute i di	Ouniversity of Würzburg, Würzburg, Germany
2020	R Club (GAMs, Writing in RMarkdown, Causal Inference)	
 2023		Ouniversity 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
	Plant Animal Interactions	▼ 1 A Master Naturalist Frogram, 1 miladelphia, 1 A
2019	Plant-Animal Interactions	♥ Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
2018	Advances in Ecology	
2010		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
2013 2015	•	Beekeeping
		INVITED PRESENTATIONS
2023:		Gardens as pollinator habitat: limitations, potential, and context New Directions in the American Landscape (NDAL) annual symposium (14 Mar 2023) Philadelphia, PA (virtual) Sponsler DB
2022:	•	Flowers are food, pollinators are florivores, and what we're doing here is trophic ecology. Protecting Pollinators in Urban Landscapes Conference (11 Oct 2022) Sponsler DB Athens, GA (virtual)
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 ◆ Lund, Sweden (virtual)
2021:	•	Mountain bumble bees and wildflowers exhibit nonlinear patterns of abundance 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
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) Philadelphia, PA 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:		Honey bee foraging in the City of Neighborhoods: Two years of colony weight mo spatial and temporal patterns of floral availability	_
		Entomological Society of America (14 Nov 2018)	◆ Vancouver, Canada
		Sponsler DB, Shump D, Grozinger CM	
2018:	•	Plants, pollinators, and people in the City of Neighborhoods	
		Drexel University (27 Sep 2018)	Philadelphia, PA
		Sponsler DB	
2018:	•	Honey bee foraging patterns and colony weight dynamics reveal ecological heter landscape	ogeneity of urban
		Entomological Society of America, Eastern Branch (19 Mar 2018)	Annapolis, MD
		Sponsler DB, Shump D, Grozinger CM	, ,
2018:		Flying needles in a landscape-scale haystack: the challenge of observing foraging	a bees
2010.		International Society for Optics and Photonics (SPIE), Penn State student chapter (1 Feb 201	8)
		Snoweley DD	University Park, PA
		Sponsler DB	
2018:	•	Bees, flowers, and people in "The City of Neighborhoods"	
		Franklin and Marshall University (26 Jan 2018)	♠ Lancaster, PA
		Sponsler DB	
2017:	•	Bees and the urban food scene	
		Entomological Society of America (8 Nov 2017)	Devner, CO
		Sponsler DB, Shump D, Patch HM, Grozinger CM	
2017:	•	Honey bee landscape ecology	
		Bucks County Community College, first annual science seminar (19 May 2017)	• Newtown, PA
		Sponsler DB	
2017:		Integrating landscape and behavior to predict honey bee pesticide exposure	
2017.		Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America (20 Mar 2017)	Newport, RI
		Sponsler DB	
2010		Integrating landscape and behavior to predict honey bee pesticide exposure	
2016:	Ĭ	Workshop on pollinator ecosystem services, Penn State University (20 Dec 2016)	State College, PA
		Sponsler DB	v
2016:		Honey bee landscape ecology: foraging, toxic exposure, and apicultural outcome Miami University of Ohio (4 Dec 2016)	s ♀ Miami, OH
		Sponsler DB	♥ Iviiaiiii, OH
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2016:		Urban vs. rural beekeeping: the proof is in	
		TriCounty Beekeepers' Association Annual Spring Workshop (5 Mar 2016)	♥ Wooster, OH
		Sponsler DB, Matcham EG, Lin C-H, Johnson RM	

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
		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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0040		Workshop Instructor
2019	Ĭ	Workshop for urban gardeners and farmers to build nests for stem-nesting wild bees. • Penn State Center, Philadelphia, PA
2017		Workshop Instructor
2017		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 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
	1	Curated, displayed, and discussed bee specimens at the Power of Pollinators short course. • Ohio State University, Wooster, OH
		SELECTED OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS

The world's best forager vs. the world's most complicated landscape: Three years of studying

Parnstable, MA (virtual)

OUTREACH PROGRAMMING

honey bee foraging in Philadelphia

Sponsler DB

Barnstable Beekeepers Association (16 Sep 2019)

2019:

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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	Philadelphia, PA
2019:	•	Bees and urban flora: exploring the trophic ecology of ornamentals, remnan	ts, 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	♀ Boalsburg, PA
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 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
2016:	•	REACH suicide prevention training Workshop on suicide prevention, designed especially for professors working with undergraduate students • The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
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
2011:	•	Native bee identification, ecology, research, and monitoring Five-day course workshop taught by Sam Droege, Alana Taylor, and Rob Jean ▼ National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
		SERVICE
2022 present	•	Equal Opportunity Committee Member Project Safeguard, European Union Research Consortium
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 Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry
2017		Activity leader, Great Insect Fair Penn State University, Department of Entomology
2014 2015	•	Faculty hiring committee member The Ohio State University, Department of Entomology
2014 2015		Summer Research Opportunities Program (SROP) panel member The Ohio State University, Department of Entomology
2013 2015	•	Treasurer, Entomology Graduate Student Association The Ohio State University, Department of Entomology
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

European Partnership Biodiversa+

Estonian Research Council 2021 USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA) 2019 SEEDS, an intramural funding program of the Ohio State University College of Food, Agriculture, 2014 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 New Phytologist** Oecologia

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- Scientific Reports
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- Urban Forestry and Urban Greening