

Christina L. Kwapich

CURRICULUM VITAE

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2020 – present **Assistant Professor**
Department of Biological Sciences
University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2015 – 20 **Postdoctoral Fellow**
School of Life Sciences, Social Insect Research Group
Arizona State University
Research Advisor: Bert Hölldobler

EDUCATION

- 2008 – 14 **Ph.D., Ecology and Evolution**
Department of Biological Science
Florida State University
Research Advisor: Walter R. Tschinkel
- 2003 – 07 **B.S., Entomology**
Department of Entomology
The Ohio State University
Research Advisor: Susan C. Jones

TRAINING

- May 2023 **RADcamp - RADseq Population Genomics Workshop**, New York, NY
- 2016 **Workshop on Architecture and Collective Behavior**
Tempe, AZ
- 2012 **Sable Systems, Respirometry Course**
Las Vegas, NV
- 2011– 2014 **Graduate Research Assistant** with Walter R. Tschinkel
Department of Biological Science, Florida State University
- 2010 - 2011 **National Science Foundation Integrated Training in Biology and Society
Graduate Fellow**, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University
- 2009 **Ant Course, California Academy of Sciences**
AMNH Southwestern Research Station, Portal, AZ
- 2008– 2011 **Teaching Assistant**, The Ohio State University, EEOB Dept.
Department of Biological Science, Florida State University
- 2002-2003 **Entomology Assistant**
Missouri Botanical Garden, Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House

RESEARCH

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

‡corresponding author, *student/postdoc collaborator

1. Hölldobler‡ B, **Kwapich‡ CL** (2022). The Guests of Ants: How Myrmecophiles Interact with Their Hosts (Book). **Belknap Imprint of Harvard University Press**, Cambridge, MA. ISBN-13:9780674265516. (Original book, 576 pages)
 - Editorial Reviews:
<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674265516&content=reviews>
2. Martyn*‡ TE, **Kwapich CL**, Kline A, Gornish E (2022). Ants prefer small and unprotected seeds: Implications for restoration in arid ecosystems. **Restoration Ecology**. e13759. <https://doi.org/10.1111/rec.13759>
3. Lundgren*‡ EJ, Moeller K, Cline* M, Mahoney* SM, **Kwapich CL** (2022). Apache Cicada nymphs are a dominant food source for desert-dwelling black bears (*Ursus americanus*) along a Sonoran Desert river. **Ecology and Evolution**. e8577, DOI:10.1002/ece3.8577
4. **Kwapich‡ CL** (2021) Green Anole (*Anolis carolinensis*) eggs associated with nests of the trap jaw ant, *Odontomachus brunneus*. **Southeastern Naturalist**. 20(4):119-124, doi:10.32942/osf.io/jw7rn.
5. **Kwapich‡ CL**, Hölldobler B (2019). Destruction of spiderwebs and rescue of ensnared nestmates by the granivorous desert ant *Veromessor pergandei*. **The American Naturalist**. 194(3):395-404. <https://doi.org/10.1086/704338>
6. Hölldobler‡ B, **Kwapich CL** (2019). Behavior and exocrine glands in the myrmecophilous beetle *Dinarda dentata* (Gravenhorst, 1806) (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Aleocharinae). **PLoS ONE** 14(1): e0210524.
7. **Kwapich‡ CL**, Valentini* G, Hölldobler B (2018). Non-additive effects of body-size on nest architecture in a polymorphic ant species. **Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B**. 373:1753. doi: 10.1098/rstb.2017.0235
8. Hölldobler‡ B, **Kwapich‡ CL**, Haight K (2018). Behavior and exocrine glands of the myrmecophilous beetle *Lomechusoides strumosus* (Fabricius, 1775) (Formerly *Lomechusa strumosa*) (Coleoptera: Staphylinidae: Aleocharinae). **PLoS ONE**. 13(7): e0200309.
9. Hölldobler B‡, **Kwapich‡ CL** (2017). *Amphotis marginata* (Coleoptera: Nitidulidae), a highwayman of the ant *Lasius fuliginosus*. **PLoS ONE** 12(8): e0180847. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0180847>
10. **Kwapich‡ CL**, Gadau J, Hölldobler B (2017). The ecological and genetic basis of annual worker production in the desert seed harvesting ant *Veromessor pergandei*. **Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology**. 71: 110. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00265-017-2333-1>
11. Tschinkel‡ WR, **Kwapich CL** (2016). The Florida harvester ant, *Pogonomyrmex badius*, relies on germination to consume large seeds. **PLoS ONE** 11(11): e0166907. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0166907>

12. **Kwapich[‡] CL**, Tschinkel, WR (2016). Limited flexibility and unusual longevity shape forager allocation in the Florida harvester ant (*Pogonomyrmex badius*). **Invited** for special issue on integrative analysis of division of labor, *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*. 70(2): 221-235. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00265-015-2039-1>
13. Tschinkel[‡] WR, Rink WJ, **Kwapich CL** (2015). Sequential subterranean transport of excavated sand and foraged seeds in nests of the harvester ant, *Pogonomyrmex badius*. *PLoS ONE*. 10(10): doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0139922
14. Mason KS, **Kwapich CL**, Tschinkel WR[‡] (2015). Respiration, worker body size, tempo and activity in whole colonies of ants. *Physiological Entomology*. 40: 149–165. [doi:10.1111/phen.1209](https://doi.org/10.1111/phen.1209)
15. **Kwapich[‡], CL** (2014). Adaptive labor allocation in the Florida harvester ant (*Pogonomyrmex badius*). **Doctoral dissertation**. Florida State University Digital Repository.
16. Gibson^{*‡} AH, **Kwapich CL**, Lang^{*} M (2013). The Roots of Multilevel Selection Theory: Concepts of Biological Individuality in the Early Twentieth Century. *History and Philosophy of the Life Sciences*. 35(4): 505-532.
17. Rink[‡] WJ, Dunbar JS, Tschinkel WR, **Kwapich CL**, Repp A, Stanon W, Thulman DK (2013). Subterranean transport and deposition of quartz by ants in sandy sites relevant to age overestimation in optical luminescence dating. *Journal of Archaeological Science*. 40(4): 2217-2226. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jas.2012.11.006>
18. **Kwapich[‡] CL**, Tschinkel WR (2013). Demography, demand, death and the seasonal allocation of labor in the Florida harvester ant (*Pogonomyrmex badius*). *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*. 67(12): 2011 – 2027. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00265-013-1611-9>
19. Tschinkel[‡] WR, Murdock^{*} T, King JR, **Kwapich CL** (2012). Ant distribution in relation to ground water in north Florida pine flatwoods. *Journal of Insect Science*. 12(1): 114. [doi:10.1673/031.012.11401](https://doi.org/10.1673/031.012.11401)

OTHER INDEXED PUBLICATIONS

20. **Kwapich CL** (2022). Do parasitic ant crickets (Myrmecophilidae) mimic ant gasters? *Metaleptea*. 42(1) 27. **Conference Proceedings**
21. Gibson AH, Kwapich CL, Lang M. (2018) Chapter One, Multilevel Selection and the Theory of Evolution: Historical and Conceptual Issues. Edited by Ciprian Jeler. Palgrave Pivot Publishing, XI:1-151, ISBN 978-3-319-78676-6. **Book Chapter**

INVITED OPINIONS

Kwapich, CL (2021), Meet the New Subject Editors. *Myrmecological News Blog*, <https://blog.myrmecologicalnews.org/2021/02/18/meet-new-subject-editors-of-myrmecological-news/>

Kwapich, CL (2019). Ant colonies benefit when nestmates get tangled. *American Society of Naturalists Forthcoming Papers Blog*, <https://www.amnat.org/an/newpapers/Sep-Kwapich.html>

Kwapich CL (2018), How to dissect a superorganism. *Myrmecological News Blog*, <https://blog.myrmecologicalnews.org/2018/09/27/how-to-dissect-a-superorganism/>

Kwapich CL (2018), How ants stock their seed pantries. *AntWeb Ant Blog*, www.antweb.org/antblog/2012/12/when-do-harvester-ants-gather-food-before-winter-javier.html

FUNDING SOURCES

- 2022 University of Massachusetts Lowell **Faculty Peer Mentoring SEED Grant**, Biology Co-PIs: Maru Cabrera, Christina Kwapich, Teresa Lee, Hilary Lustick, Rachel Melamed, Jan Sancinito, Joy Winbourne, Kelilah Wolkowicz,
- 2021 University of Massachusetts Lowell **SEED grant**, “Nanopore sequencing to support faculty collaboration in genomics research and teaching at UMass Lowell.” Co-PIs: Freddy Chain, Mathew Gage Jessica Garb, Christina Kwapich
- 2018 **Western North American Naturalist (WNAN) Grant**, “Identity and function of black yeasts in the nest architecture of the velvety tree ants (*Liometopum*)” PI: Christina Kwapich, Co-PI: Jeffrey Sosa-Calvo
- 2017 ASU **Research Training Initiative Grant**, Fostering Postdoctoral Research in the Life Sciences, “Identity and function of black yeasts in the nest architecture of the velvety tree ants (*Liometopum*)” PI: Christina Kwapich, Co-PI: Jeffrey Sosa-Calvo
- 2013 **National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant** (NSF DDIG “Stable isotopes reveal the dietary basis of seasonal lifespan plasticity in the Florida harvester ant *Pogonomyrmex badius* (IOS-1311473)”
- 2010 **National Science Foundation Integrated Training in Biology & Society** Graduate Fellow “Bridging the two cultures: History and philosophy of ecology and evolutionary biology (NSF-SES-0724686)” Faculty PI: Fritz Davis
- 2009 FSU Department of Biological Science, **Robert B. Short Scholarship in Zoology**
- 2004 **National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates** (NSF REU) “Natural history of *Leptothorax minutissimus*, a social parasite of the acorn ant, *L. curvispinosus* (NSF-IOS-0321898)” Faculty PI: Joan Herbers

GRANTS PROPOSAL IN REVIEW

- 2022 **National Science Foundation Building Research Capacity of New Faculty in Biology (NSF BRC-BIO)**. “Social and ecological drivers of host breadth in parasitic ant crickets” PI: Christina Kwapich (\$498,000, in review)

ACADEMIC HONORS

- 2018 Postdoctoral finalist, Arizona State University Knowledge Mobilization Impact Award, “Ant ecology in motion: Connecting local citizens with parallel societies in the soil”
- 2014 Inducted, Florida State University Society of Fellows

- 2010 Nominated, FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award
- 2010 First Place, Behavioral Ecology Section, Student Competition for the President's Prize, National meeting of the Entomological Society of America, San Diego, CA

INVITED DEPARTMENTAL SEMINARS

1. **Christina Kwapich** (2022). Ants as ecosystem engineers. Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Conservation Biology at the University of Maine, Orono, ME
2. **Christina Kwapich** (2022), The economics of granivorous ant societies. Cambridge Entomological Club, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
3. **Christina Kwapich** (2021). A tug-of-war between worker size and colony size in a desert seed harvesting ant, University of North Carolina, Pembroke, NC
4. **Christina Kwapich** (2021), Faculty Bio-Blast: The guests of ants. Department of Biological Sciences, University of Massachusetts Lowell, MA
5. **Christina Kwapich** (2018), The ecological consequences of social organization. Department of Biological Sciences, University of Massachusetts Lowell, MA
6. **Christina Kwapich** (2018), Causes and consequences of social organization in ants. University of Waikato, Hamilton, New Zealand
7. **Christina Kwapich** (2018), From polymorphism to landscape level-patterns of soil bioturbation. School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ
8. **Christina Kwapich** (2018), Linking worker phenotypes to nest architecture, rescue behavior and parasite load in ant societies. Department of Entomology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
9. **Christina Kwapich** (2014). Development, death, and division of labor in a seed harvesting ant. Social Insect Research Group, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University Tempe, AZ
10. **Christina Kwapich** (2013). Seasonal labor allocation in the Florida Harvester Ant. Department of Biological Science, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

11. **Christina Kwapich** (2022). Arrangement and function of resin and lichen caches in ant nests. Symposium on spatial behavior in social insects. International Congress of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects. San Diego, CA. (invited symposium talk)
12. **Christina Kwapich** (2022) Phenotypic plasticity in a myrmecophile with numerous ant hosts (Orthoptera: Myrmecophilidae). Symposium on the evolution of social insect symbionts. International Congress of Entomology, Helsinki, Finland. (invited symposium talk)
13. **Christina Kwapich** (2021). Do parasitic ant crickets (Myrmecophilidae) mimic ant gasters? Symposium: Small orders, big ideas (Polyneoptera), Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (30-min invited talk)

14. **Christina Kwapich** (2020). The use of pine resin and lichen in subterranean ant nests. Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting (virtual talk)
15. Katrin Kellner, **Christina Kwapich**, (2020). Microbiomes of Harvester Ants - Do Ants use Biological Control to protect their Seed Deposits? Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting (virtual poster)
16. **Christina Kwapich** (2020). Profesora en la Mirmecología: Ibero-American Symposium on Myrmecology (virtual, 30-min invited talk)
17. **Christina Kwapich**, Garbiele Valentini, Bert Hölldobler (2018). The non-additive effects of body size on nest architecture in a polymorphic ant, *Veromessor pergandei*, symposium on social insect ecophysiology across scales, IUSSI International Congress, Guarujá, SP, Brazil. (invited symposium talk)
18. **Christina Kwapich**, Robert Johnson, Bert Hölldobler (2018). Ant colonies as islands: How host species traits alter size and life history in generalist ant crickets (Orthoptera: Myrmecophilidae) . Conference symposium on causes and consequences of ant body size, IUSSI International Congress, Guarujá, SP, Brazil. (invited symposium talk)
19. **Christina Kwapich**, Bert Hölldobler (2017). Destruction of spider webs and rescue of ensnared nestmates by foragers of the desert seed harvesting ant *Veromessor pergandei*. Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (talk)
20. **Christina Kwapich**, Jürgen Gadau, Bert Hölldobler (2016). Ecological and genetic basis of annual worker production in *Veromessor pergandei*. International Congress of Entomology, Orlando, FL (talk)
21. **Christina Kwapich**, Walter Tschinkel, Jack Rink (2016). Sequential caching of sand and seeds in nests of the Florida harvester ant. International of Congress of Entomology, Orlando, FL (talk)
22. **Christina Kwapich** and Bert Hölldobler (2015). Behavioral interactions of the harvester ant *Veromessor pergandei* & three nest-associated spiders. Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN (talk)
23. **Christina Kwapich** (2015). Aging in a seed harvesting ant: Demography, diet, infection and the annual cycle. Complex Biological Systems that Link Disease, Parasites, and Nutrient Ecology, Conference on Complex Systems, Tempe, AZ (invited talk)
24. **Christina Kwapich** (2015). A life table approach to modeling annual worker production in the FL harvester ant. Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Portland, OR (talk)
25. **Christina Kwapich** (2014). Neighbor removal increases forager longevity, slows progression through temporal castes (*P. badius*). Symposium on integrated analyses of division of labor, International Congress IUSSI, Cairns, Australia (invited symposium talk)
26. **Christina Kwapich**, Walter Tschinkel (2013). Meddling neighbors induce an untimely end for foragers of the Florida harvester ant, *Pogonomyrmex badius*. Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX (talk)

27. **Christina Kwapich** (2013). How to assemble a *Pogonomyrmex badius* colony from the bottom up, cookie shovel and wire required. Natural History as Insight and Inspiration Symposium, Tallahassee, FL (invited talk)
28. **Christina Kwapich**, Walter R. Tschinkel (2012). The Influence of Demand, Demography and Death on Labor Economics in the Florida Harvester Ant (*Pogonomyrmex badius*). International Union for the Study of Social Insects North American Section Meeting, Greensboro, NC. (talk)
29. **Christina Kwapich**, Walter R. Tschinkel (2011). Seasonal worker demography shapes colony-level labor allocation in the Florida harvester ant (*Pogonomyrmex badius*). Symposium on insect demography, emerging concepts and applications. Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Reno, NV (invited talk)
30. **Christina Kwapich**, Walter R. Tschinkel (2010). Annual patterns of forager allocation in the FL harvester ant (*Pogonomyrmex badius*). Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Student Competition for the President's Prize, San Diego, CA ***Awarded first prize for best student talk**
31. **Christina Kwapich**, Walter Tschinkel (2009). The organization and allocation of foragers in the Florida harvester ant (*Pogonomyrmex badius*). Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN (talk)
32. **Christina Kwapich**, Susan C. Jones (2006). Termite (Isoptera) Caste differentiation in response to spatial separation from the reproductive female. Denman Undergraduate Research Forum, Columbus, OH (poster)
33. **Christina Kwapich**, Susan C. Jones, Nicola T. Gallagher (2006). Spatial dynamics of neotenic of *Reticulitermes flavipes* (Isoptera: Rhinotermitidae): male preference and ideal females. Entomological Society of America Annual Mtg., Indianapolis, IN (poster)
34. Joan M. Herbers, **Christina Kwapich** (2004). Dysfunctional families in the insect world. Coalition for National Science Funding, Washington DC (poster)

TEACHING AND MENTORING

INSTRUCTOR/ COURSES DESIGNED

- 2023 **Behavioral Ecology** (BIOL.4360), University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2023 **Graduate Behavioral Ecology** (BIOL.5360), University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2022 Senior Seminar: **Major Evolutionary Transitions** (BIOL.4510), UMass Lowell
- 2022 **Behavioral Ecology** (BIOL.4360), University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2022 **Graduate Behavioral Ecology** (BIOL.5360), University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2021 **Entomology** (BIOL.4550), University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2021 **Graduate Entomology** (BIOL.5550), University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2021 **Entomology Laboratory** (BIOL.4550L) University of Massachusetts Lowell

- 2021 **Graduate Entomology Laboratory** (BIOL.5550L) Uni. of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2021 **Behavioral Ecology** (BIOL.5360), University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2021 **Graduate Behavioral Ecology** (BIOL.5360), University of Massachusetts Lowell
- 2020 Senior Seminar: **Major Evolutionary Transitions** (BIOL.4510), UMass Lowell
- 2018 Co-Instructor, **Ants of the Southwest Course** (10-day field course), American Museum of Natural History, Southwestern Research Station, Portal, Arizona

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

- 2010 Graduate Teaching Assistant, **Experimental Biology**, Florida State University
- 2010 Graduate Teaching Assistant, **Animal Behavior**, Florida State University
- 2009 Graduate Teaching Assistant, **Insect Biology**, Florida State University
- 2009 Graduate Teaching Assistant, **Animal Behavior**, Florida State University
- 2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant, **Experimental Biology**, Florida State University
- 2008 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, **Biology 101 for Non-Majors**, The Ohio State University

GUEST LECTURES

- 2021 **Freshman Seminar**, Department of Biological Sciences, UMass Lowell
- 2020 **Freshman Seminar**, Department of Biological Sciences, UMass Lowell
- 2019 **Entomology**, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University
- 2018 **Urban Entomology**, Department of Entomology, The Ohio State University
- 2017 **Bio-inspired design**, Biomimicry Innovation Space, School of Design, Arizona State U.
- 2014 **Ecology Lab**, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University
- 2014 **Social Insect Biology**, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Florida State
- 2013 **Animal Behavior**, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University
- 2012 **Florida Geology and Natural History**, Tallahassee Community College
- 2011 **Environmental Science**, Department of EOA Science, Florida State University
- 2010 **Animal Behavior**, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University
- 2010 **Insect Biology**, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University
- 2009 **Insect Biology**, Department of Biological Science, Florida State University

STUDENT RESEARCH MENTORING

MS to PhD Student

- 2022 – present **Roman Meneghini** (UMass Biological Sciences)
Dissertation: Seed storage and processing in the granivorous ant,
Pheidole pilifera

PhD Candidate

2020 – present

Hoon Kang (UMass Biological Sciences)

Dissertation: Adaptive nest architecture in hybrid and dependent lineage ants

MS Project Student

2022

Sydney Hy (UMass Biological Sciences)MS Project: Urban biodiversity: Parasites of the pavement ant, *Tetramorium immigans* in its introduced range.**MS Project Student**

2021-22

Jennifer Ingraham (UMass Biological Sciences)MS Project: Tactile mimicry in the parasitic ant cricket, *Myrmecophilus pergandei***Honors Thesis Student**

2021 – 2022

Roman Meneghini (UMass Biological Sciences)Thesis Project: Function of major workers in seed processing and fat storage during overwintering in the ant *Pheidole pilifera***Senior Research Students**

2022

Kelsie Belanger (UMass Biological Sciences)

Island syndrome and life history traits of myrmecophiles with limited dispersal ability

2022-present

Gabriel Muniz (UMass Biological Sciences)Function of morphological mimicry in subterranean spider parasites (*Phruronellus spp.*) of the ant genus, *Cremtogaster***Additional Undergraduates Mentored and Co-Mentored**

2019	Connor Mcleod, ASU School of Life Sciences
2019	Melissa Griffin, ASU School of Life Sciences
2019	Chris Schwartze, ASU School of Life Sciences
2017-18	Yocha DeChavez, SOLUR, ASU School of Life Sciences
2015	Brian Pickens, ASU School of Life Sciences
2014	Nicole Ramirez, Women in Math Science and Engineering program (WIMSE), FSU Biological Science
2014	Brooke Gosfield, Women in Math Science and Engineering program (WIMSE), FSU Biological Science
2012	Danielle Taylor, FSU Biological Science

Highschool Research Students

2012	Nichole Cohen, Florida Young Scholars Program
2012	Kelsie Rice, Florida Young Scholars Program

THESIS/DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

1. **Major Professor** for Roman Meneghini (2021-present)
Honors and MS-PhD advisor: Christina Kwapich, Biological Sciences, UMass Lowell
2. **Major Professor** for Byoungsoon Kang (2020-present),
PhD dissertation advisor: Christina Kwapich, Biological Sciences, UMass Lowell
3. **Committee member** for David Blumsack (2022-present), Silk and venom transcriptomics of ant-slaying spiders (*Euryopsis*). MS thesis advisor: Jessica Garb, UMass Lowell
4. **Committee member** for Karen Ghobrial (2021-present), “Interaction of phoretic mites with ant-slaying spider, Honors thesis advisor: Jessica Garb, Biological Sciences, UMass Lowell
5. **Committee member**: Nisha Chayan (2021-present), Using molecular methods to characterize mites on ant-slaying spiders. Honors thesis advisor: Jessica Garb, UMass Lowell
6. **Committee member**: Adam Johnson, MS thesis (2017-218). “Microsatellites reveal mating frequency in South American *Pogonomyrmex* harvester ants,” MS thesis advisor: Jürgen Gadau, Arizona State University

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- | | |
|--------------|--|
| 2023 | Outgoing President , North American Section of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects (IUSSI-NAS) |
| 2022 | Society President (elected), North American Section of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects (IUSSI-NAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ I wrote an IUSSI conference grant for \$15,700 that allowed 10 North American section students to travel to the World Congress of the IUSSI in San Diego, CA.▪ I organized and hosted two in-person business meetings in 2022 (IUSSI Congress in San Diego, CA; EntSoc in Vancouver, Canada).▪ I worked with colleagues to add a DEIJ amendment to the society constitution, and to develop 2 new awards to broaden student participation. |
| 2021 | President Elect , North American Section of the International Union for the Study of Social Insects (IUSSI-NAS) |
| 2021-present | Subject Editor for the journal <i>Myrmecological News</i> (Impact Factor, 2.6) |
| 2021, 22 | Judge , student talks, Entomological Society America Annual Meeting |
| 2021 | Ad hoc reviewer NSF-IOS grant proposal |

- 2021 **Ad hoc reviewer** USDA-NIFA grant proposal
- 2019 **Awards Committee Co-Chair**, International Union for the Study of Social Insects (IUSI-NAS)
- 2017-19 **Awards Committee Member** (elected), International Union for the Study of Social Insects (IUSI-NAS)
- 2014,15 **Session Moderator**, Behavior and Ecology, Entomological Society of America Annual Meeting

Panels and Events

- 2022 **Host and organizer** of International Union for the Study of Social Insects North American Section Business Meeting (IUSI Congress in San Diego, CA)
- 2022 **Host and organizer** of International Union for the Study of Social Insects North American Section Business Meeting (EntSoc meeting in Vancouver, Canada)
- 2021 “Getting the job” alumni **panelist**, organized for postdocs at Arizona State University entering the academic job market (36 attendees)
- 2021 “Getting a postdoc” alumni **panelist**, organized for graduate students from Arizona State University seeking postdoc positions (91 attendees)
- 2020 -21 **Presenter**, UML open houses, Spring into Science events, lab tours
- 2018 -21 **Panelist**, ASU School of Life Sciences graduate and postdoc retreats/panels
- 2015-16 **Presenter**, Arizona State University Night of the Open Door, Social Insects of Arizona
- 2015 **Conference Co-organizer**, ASU/Würzburg Social Insect Research International Conference (45 posters & talks)

Journal peer reviews

<i>Nature</i>	<i>Ecological Entomology</i>
<i>The American Naturalist</i>	<i>Journal of Economic Entomology</i>
<i>The Journal of Experimental Biology</i>	<i>Annals of the Entomol. Society of America</i>
<i>Arthropod Structure and Function</i>	<i>Evolution Letters</i>
<i>Animal Behaviour</i>	<i>Ecology and Evolution</i>
<i>Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology</i>	<i>PALAIOS</i>
<i>Ecological Entomology</i>	<i>Revista Brasileira de Entomologia</i>
<i>Israeli Journal of Entomology</i>	<i>Royal Society Open Science</i>
<i>BMC Evolution</i>	<i>Restoration Ecology</i>
<i>Insectes Sociaux</i>	<i>PLoS One</i>

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2022 Riverhawk Scholars Academy, career trajectory video series for first generation college students
- 2021 Riverhawk Scholars Academy, women in STEM Film Panel: *Picture a Scientist*.

- 2020 NSF WAVES, Women Faculty in STEM focus group
- 2020 – present **Undergraduate course advising**, course selection and degree pathway design for **20-26 undergraduate students** per semester
- 2020 – present Graduate Program Committee (GPEC), Biological Sciences
- 2020 – present Department Website and Building Committee, Biological Sciences
- 2020 – present Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology Undergrad Pathway working group, Biological Sciences
- 2020 – present Department/college open house events, recruitment events, graduation ceremonies departmental colloquium host (6 guest speakers), homecoming

PUBLIC OUTREACH

- 2022 **Hosted 6 families** from the local community, interested in viewing the insect teaching collection
- 2022 **Led an insect walk** for Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust, Lowell, MA, 12 attendees.
- 2021 **Led a Natural History Hike**, UML undergraduate Biology Club, Groton, MA
- 2021,22 **Lowell/Haverhill High School Lab Visit**, 28 students, UML campus, Lowell, MA
- 2019 **EEB Mentor Match Program**, proofreading application materials for graduate school, and proposals for underrepresented applicants of the NSF GRFP.
- 2018 **Guest educator**, *Ants and Grasshoppers*, New Vistas Center for Education, Phoenix, AZ
- 2016 **Science panelist**, Phoenix, AZ ComiCon, *Adventures and Disasters in Science!*
- 2016 **Public lecture**, Society for Conservation Biology, *Ant colonies as ecosystems*, Tempe, AZ
- 2013 **Exhibit co-organizer**, Scientific Illustration Exhibit: *Systems of the soil*
- 2013,14 **Webmaster**, Friends of the Apalachicola National Forest, Tallahassee, FL
- 2012,13 **Public lecture**, Waterworks Tallahassee Science Salon, Tallahassee, FL
- 2013 **Public lecture**, McClay High School, Tallahassee, FL
- 2012 **Public lecture**, E.O. Wilson Biophilia Center, Freeport, FL
- 2010 -14 **Guest Educator**, B. L. Perry Jr. Branch Library, children's science camp, Tallahassee, FL
- 2009 -14 **Judge**, Capital Regional Science and Engineering Fair (Grades 6 -12), Tallahassee, FL
- 2007 **Science Olympiad Coach**, Entomology section (Grades 6-8). Fr. Co., OH
- 2003- 05 **Insectary volunteer**, insect care technician, Ohio State University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- International Union for the Study of Social Insects, North American Section
- The Entomological Society of America

- Animal Behavior Society
- American Arachnological Society
- Cambridge Entomological Club

CONSULTING WORK

- 2016 **Entomological Consultant**, Roni Horn art exhibit, Glenstone Museum of Contemporary Art, on site: Baltimore, MD
- 2016 **Entomologist**, Madrean Discovery Expedition, GreaterGood.org Cananea Copper Mine, Sierra Elenita, Sonora, Mexico
- 2011 **Manuscript Fact Checker**, Marshall Cavendish Benchmark Publishers
- 2010 **Entomological Consultant**, Roni Horn art exhibit, Whitney Museum of Modern Art, on site: New York, NY

MEDIA

APPEARANCES AND INTERVIEWS

1. "With a gift of 15,000 insects, UMass Lowell professor is in entomology heaven." (2022) *The Boston Globe* newspaper, interview by John Laidler
2. "Interview of Christina Kwapich." *Myrmecological News Blog*, interview by Hoon Kang <https://blog.myrmecologicalnews.org/2022/11/16/interview-with-christina-kwapich/>
3. *Myrmecophiles* (2022), *Peculiar Planet: The Podcast*, interview by Leigh Howarth
4. Get ready for Brood XIV (2021), *Marblehead Reporter* newspaper, interview by Wendall Waters
5. *Ants, Tales from the underground* (2019), *Science VS Podcast*, by Gimlet Media.
6. Episode 5 (2016). *Nature Nurture Podcast*, interview by Hongmei Li-Byarlay
7. Ant Course Presents: Mark-Recapture Technique (2015), filmed at the Southwestern Research Station, featuring Christina Kwapich and Walter Tschinkel, by Adrian A. Smith
8. *Secrets of the Longleaf Pine Forest* documentary (2005), PBS, appearance in *Pogonomyrmex badius* featurette
9. *Dirty Secrets: Hidden systems of the soil exposed*, featured artist in scientific illustration exhibit, Renditions Art Gallery and The Tallahassee Museum (2013)
10. *Deadly 60* BBC, Season 3, Episode 19, Florida, appearance in ant featurette
11. *Wake up St. Louis*, NBC 5, presenter for the Missouri Botanical Garden, Butterfly House

POPULAR PRESS COVERAGE (SELECTED)

1. Robinson, A (2022) Orphan drugs, and the science of 007: Books in brief Andrew Robinson

- reviews five of the best science picks. **Nature** 612 (26).
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-022-04131-3> (Coverage of *The Guests of Ants*)
2. Lee, G (2022). Ants are under attack from outsiders. **New Scientist**.
<https://www.newscientist.com/article/mg25533992-600-ants-are-under-attack-from-outsiders-in-these-intimate-photos/> (coverage of *The Guests of Ants*)
 3. Vleiger, L (2022) Book Review: The Guests of Ants: How Myrmecophiles Interact with Their Hosts, **The Inquisitive Biologist**. <https://inquisitivebiologist.com/2022/12/19/book-review-the-guests-of-ants-how-myrmecophiles-interact-with-their-hosts/> and Top Five Reads of 2022: <https://inquisitivebiologist.com/2022/12/31/year-list-the-inquisitive-biologists-top-5-reads-of-2022/>
 4. von Beeren, C (2022). Book review: “The guests of ants: How myrmecophiles interact with their hosts,” **Myrmecological News Blog**. <https://blog.myrmecologicalnews.org/2022/09/07/book-review-the-guests-of-ants-how-myrmecophiles-interact-with-their-hosts/>
 5. The Guests of Ants: How Myrmecophiles Interact with Their Hosts, By Hölldobler B, and Kwapich CL. **Editorial Reviews**:
<https://www.hup.harvard.edu/catalog.php?isbn=9780674265516&content=reviews>
 6. Rescue Ants Save the Day for Comrades Tangled in Silk (2019). **Nature**. 569, 603
<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-019-01601-z> (coverage of *Amer. Nat.*, 2019)
 7. Buehler, J (2019). Watch an ant rip apart a spider web: Desert harvester ants charge into danger and dismantle spider traps. **Science**. <https://www.science.org/content/article/watch-ant-rip-apart-spiderweb-rescue-sibling> (coverage of *American Naturalist*, 2019)
 8. Seckel S (Jul 2018), Building a better ant castle. **ASU Now**, <https://asunow.asu.edu/20180725-discoveries-building-better-castle-asu-ant-study> (coverage of *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B.*, 2018)
 9. Bates, M (Sept 2017), Highwayman beetles rob ants of the food in their stomachs. **New Scientist**, <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2146057-highwaymen-beetles-rob-ants-of-the-food-in-their-stomachs/> (coverage of *PLoS ONE*, 2017)
 10. Seckel, S (Aug 2017), “The dangerous game of the highwayman beetle. **ASU Now**, https://asunow.asu.edu/20170818-discoveries-asu-researchers-beetles-deceives-ants?utm_campaign=SFMC_Now+8-21-17_ASU+Now&utm_medium=email (coverage of *PLoS ONE*, 2017)
 11. Frost, N (Aug 2017), The Beetle That Goes Undercover to Steal from Foraging Ants: The high-risk, high-return antics of the parasitic highwayman beetle. **Atlas Obscura**, <http://www.atlasobscura.com/articles/highwayman-beetle-ant-colonies-attack-parasite> (coverage of *PLoS ONE*, 2017)
 12. Seckel S (Jul 2017), Digging into the harsh world of ants. ASU Now, https://asunow.asu.edu/20170720-discoveries-asu-researcher-ants-brutal-life?utm_campaign=SFMC_Now+7-21-17_ASU+Now&utm_medium=email (coverage of *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*, 2017)

13. Simičević V (2016), Harvester ants farm by planting seeds to eat once they germinate. **New Scientist**, <https://www.newscientist.com/article/2117953-harvester-ants-farm-by-planting-seeds-to-eat-once-they-germinate/> (coverage of *PLoS ONE*, 2016)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Dr. Bert Hölldobler

University Professor of Life Sciences, Regents' and Foundation Professor
School of Life Sciences, Center for Social Dynamics and Complexity
Arizona State University
PO Box 874501
Tempe AZ 85287, USA
Tel: (480) 727-8415, bert.hoelldobler@asu.edu

Professor Hölldobler served as my postdoctoral advisor.

Dr. Walter R. Tschinkel

Robert O. Lawton Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Biological Science
Department of Biological Science
Florida State University
Tallahassee, FL 32306-4370
Tel: (850) 294-1265, tschinkel@bio.fsu.edu

Professor Tschinkel served as my PhD advisor.

Dr. Jürgen Gadau

Chair of Molecular Evolution and Social Biology Group
Institute for Evolution and Biodiversity
University of Münster
D-48149 Münster, Germany
Tel: +49(0)251-83-21095, gadauj@uni-muenster.de

Professor Gadau is a collaborator.