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Education

2008 Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Entomology
2003 M.S., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Entomology
1998 B.S., Pennsylvania State University, Biology (Ecology)

Research Interests

- Phylogeny, classification, comparative morphology, and descriptive taxonomy of leafhoppers (Insecta: Hemiptera: Cicadellidae), with focus on the subfamily Deltocephalinae
- Morphological and molecular systematics
- Taxonomic databases and online interactive keys
- Historical biogeography

Research Projects

- Combined morphological (121 characters) and molecular (~2800 bp 28S rDNA, 353 bp Histone H3) phylogenetic analysis of the major lineages of Deltocephalinae
- Family-group classification of Deltocephalinae
- Generic-level revision of Athysanini (>250 genera)
- Online interactive key to tribes and searchable database of Deltocephalinae
- Molecular phylogeny (based on ND1, CO2, Histone H3 and 28S rDNA sequences) and historical biogeography of the grassland deltocephaline tribe Chiasmini
- Classification and taxonomic revision of Chiasmini
- Identification of leafhoppers for BOLD DNA Barcoding project
- Taxonomy and description of Faltalini and other deltocephaline leafhoppers

Professional, Research and Curatorial Positions

2015-present Entomologist (Identifier), US Department of Agriculture, San Diego, CA
2009-2015 Postdoctoral Research Scientist, Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, IL
2012-2014 Assistant Collections Manager, Insect Collection of the Illinois Natural History Survey, Champaign, IL
2007-2008 Research Fellow, Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- 2004 Research assistant, Illinois Natural History Survey, "Phylogeny and Biogeography of the Grassland Leafhopper Subfamily Deltocephalinae (Insecta: Hemiptera)", PI C.H. Dietrich
- 2003 Research assistant, Illinois Natural History Survey, "Partnership for Monographic and Phylogenetic Research on Leafhoppers and Treehoppers (Insecta: Hemiptera: Membracoidea)", PEET grant, PI C.H. Dietrich and Co-PI L.L. Deitz
- 2001 Research assistant, Illinois Natural History Survey, Survey of the Soybean Aphid, *Aphis glycines*, in Illinois, PIs D. Onstad and D.J. Voegtlin
- 1999-2000 Research assistant, USDA-ARS Ft. Lauderdale, Biological control of the invasive plant species *Melaleuca quinquenervia*, Advisor G.S. Wheeler
- 1997-1998 Research assistant, Penn State University, Quantification of plant secondary compounds in oaks in response to gypsy moth feeding, PI J. Schultz

Teaching Positions

Supervisory positions

- 2008 Laboratory Coordinator, Biology 104: Animal Biology; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2002 Laboratory Coordinator, Biology 120: Genetics, Evolution, and Biodiversity; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2002 Laboratory Coordinator, Biology 104: Animal Biology; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Classroom teaching positions

- 2007 Teaching Assistant, Integrative Biology 201, Genetics and Evolution, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2006 Teaching Assistant, Integrative Biology 270 (Honors): Evolution of Molecules and Cells, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2005 Teaching Assistant, Integrative Biology 460: Introduction to Entomology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2005 Teaching Assistant, Integrative Biology 352: Population Biology (Honors Course), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2003 Teaching Assistant, Entomology 383: Insect Pathology; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring semester
- 2001 Teaching Assistant, Biology 120: Genetics, Evolution, and Biodiversity; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Spring and Fall semesters
- 2000 Teaching Assistant, Biology 104: Animal Biology; University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Fall semester

Grants and Awards

- 2013 University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, School of Integrative Biology Photo Contest, 1st Place in Biological Imaging (\$200)

- 2011 Will County Forest Preserve: Invertebrate Survey of the Braidwood Dunes and Savanna (\$18,000), Co-PI, with PI Steve Taylor
- 2009 National Science Foundation Revisionary Syntheses in Systematics: "Reclassification of the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) with emphasis on the polyphyletic tribe Athysanini" (\$272,282), Co-PI, with PI CH Dietrich
- 2009 Discover Life In America, All Taxon Biodiversity Inventory, Great Smoky Mountains National Park (\$3,526)
- 2007 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (\$17,000)
- 2007 School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Francis M. and Harlie M. Clark Research Support Grant for an insect collecting trip to Argentina (\$1700)
- 2007 John G. and Evelyn Hartman Heiligenstein Outstanding Teaching Assistant in Integrative Biology 201
- 2007 Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Dissertation Travel Grant for travel to Guyana (\$1500)
- 2006 Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Student Competition for the President's Prize, poster session A3, First Prize
- 2006 School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Francis M. and Harlie M. Clark Research Support Grant for visiting the American Museum of Natural History and the National Museum of Natural History (\$890)
- 2005 Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students, Entomology 460
- 2005 Herbert H. Ross Memorial Award, Illinois Natural History Survey, "Molecular systematics of the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae (Insecta: Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) and the evolution and biogeography of grass specialization" (\$1200)
- 2005 School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Francis M. and Harlie M. Clark Research Support Grant for attendance of the Bodega Bay Marine Biological Station course in applied phylogenetics (\$1000)
- 2004 Graduate College, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Dissertation Travel Grant for travel to Taiwan (\$2000)
- 2004 School of Integrative Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Francis M. and Harlie M. Clark Research Support Grant for travel to South Africa (\$1000)
- 2004 UIUC Research Board (with C.H. Dietrich) "Phylogeny and Biogeography of the Grassland Leafhopper Subfamily Deltocephalinae (Insecta: Hemiptera)" (\$21,144)
- 2002 Herbert H. Ross Memorial Award, Illinois Natural History Survey, "Cladistic Analysis of the Leafhopper Subfamily Deltocephalinae" (\$600)
- 2000 Incomplete List of Teachers Rated Excellent by Their Students, Biology 104

Publications

Zahniser, J.N., W. Dai, & M.D. Webb. A new tribe of Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) from the Oriental and Oceanic regions. In prep.

Dietrich, C.H., D.A. Dmitriev, R.A. Rakitov, D.M. Takiya, M.D. Webb, and **J.N. Zahniser**. Overview of the subfamilies of Cicadellidae. In prep book chapter.

Zahniser, J.N. & C.H. Dietrich. 2015. Phylogeny, evolution, and historical biogeography of the grassland leafhopper tribe Chiasmini (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae). *Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society* 175: 473–495.

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Hinz, L.C. Jr. & **J.N. Zahniser**. 2015. Review and Update of Non-mollusk Invertebrate Species in Greatest Need of Conservation: Final Report. INHS Technical Report 2015 (31): 1–61.

Taylor, S.J., A.D. Yanahan, S.W. Heads, F.N. Soto-Adames, J.R. Wiker, D.R. Swanson, **J.N. Zahniser**, & C.S. Bundy. 2014. A bioinventory of select terrestrial insects at Braidwood Dunes and Savanna Nature Preserve (Will County, Illinois). INHS Technical Report 2014 (33): 1–254.

Zahniser, J.N. 2013. A new genus and species of Vartini (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae) from Africa. *Zootaxa* 3750(3): 295-300.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.11646/zootaxa.3750.3.9>

Zahniser, J.N. & C.H. Dietrich. 2013. A review of the tribes of Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha: Cicadellidae). *European Journal of Taxonomy* 45: 1-211.

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Zahniser, J.N., S.H. McKamey, & D.A. Dmitriev. 2012. Nomenclatural changes and notes in the Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae). *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist* 88(3): 356-364.

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Zahniser, J.N. 2012. New generic synonymies and combinations in Chiasmini (Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae). *International Journal of Tropical Insect Science* 32(3): 173-176.

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1742758412000264>

Duan, Y., Y. Zhang, & **J.N. Zahniser**. 2012. A new species of *Leofa* (*Prasutagus*) Distant (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae: Chiasmini) from Thailand with a checklist of *Leofa*. *Zootaxa* 3537: 53-58.

<http://www.mapress.com/zootaxa/list/2012/3537.html>

Zahniser, J.N. 2012. What Is It? *American Entomologist* 58(3): 141.

Nielson, M.W. & **J.N. Zahniser**. 2012. On the unassigned species of the subfamily Coelidiinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae). *Zootaxa* 3279: 63-68.

<http://www.mapress.com/zootaxa/list/2012/3279.html>

Zahniser, J.N. & M.W. Nielson. 2012. An extraordinary new genus and three new species of Acostemmini (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae) from Madagascar with comments on the morphology, classification, and phylogeny of the tribe. *Zootaxa* 3209: 28-52.

<http://www.mapress.com/zootaxa/list/2012/3209.html>

Zahniser, J.N. 2011. On *Paraphrodes flavigerus* (Evans) with a new synonymy of Paraphrodini with Chiasmini (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae). *African Entomology* 19(1):113-118.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.4001/003.019.0119>

Zahniser, J.N., S.J. Taylor, & J.K. Krejca. 2011. First reports of the grass-feeding leafhopper *Balclutha rubrostriata* (Melichar) (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) in the United States. *Entomological News* 121(2):152-158.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3157/021.121.0204>

Zahniser, J.N. 2010. An enigmatic new leafhopper genus, *Protochiasmus* (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae), from Brazil. *Deutsche Entomologische Zeitschrift* 57(2):271-274.
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/mmnd.201000024/abstract>

Zahniser, J.N. & C.H. Dietrich. 2010. Phylogeny of the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) based on molecular and morphological data with a revised family-group classification. *Systematic Entomology* 35: 489-511.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/j.1365-3113.2010.00522.x>

Zahniser, J.N. 2008a. Seven new species and new distributions of Old World Chiasmini (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae), with a redescription, key to genera, and species checklist for the tribe. *Zootaxa* 1808: 1-32.
<http://www.mapress.com/zootaxa/list/2008/zt01808.html>

Zahniser, J.N. 2008b. *Systematics of the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae and the tribe Chiasmini (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae): Phylogeny, classification, and biogeography*. Ph.D thesis, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Zahniser, J.N. & C.H. Dietrich. 2008. Phylogeny of Deltocephalinae (Insecta: Auchenorrhyncha: Cicadellidae) and related subfamilies based on morphology. *Systematics and Biodiversity* 6(1):1-24.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1017/S1477200007002617>

Fletcher, M.J. & **J.N. Zahniser**. 2008. The first record of Goniagnathini from Australia with description of four new species of *Goniagnathus* Fieber (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae). *Zootaxa* 1692: 43-54.
<http://www.mapress.com/zootaxa/list/2008/zt01692.html>

Zahniser, J.N. 2007-present. An Interactive Key to Tribes and Searchable Database of Deltocephalinae. Available from author's homepage: <http://zahniser.speciesfile.org/>

Zahniser, J.N. & A. Hicks. 2007. Three new species of *Icaia* Linnavuori (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae) from Peru and distinction of the genus from *Athysanella* Baker. *Zootaxa* 1390: 27-39.

<http://www.mapress.com/zootaxa/list/2007/2007-01.html#Zootaxa%201390>

Zahniser, J.N. 2005. A new genus of Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) from Ecuador and a new synonym of *Luheria constricta* Osborn with illustrations of the female. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* 98(5): 653-657.

[http://dx.doi.org/10.1603/0013-8746\(2005\)098\[0653:ANGODH\]2.0.CO;2](http://dx.doi.org/10.1603/0013-8746(2005)098[0653:ANGODH]2.0.CO;2)

Zahniser, J.N. & M.D. Webb. 2004. Placement of the *Faltala* Oman leafhopper group (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae) with descriptions of three new species. *Annals of the Entomological Society of America* 97(4): 667-774.

[http://dx.doi.org/10.1603/0013-8746\(2004\)097\[0667:POTFOL\]2.0.CO;2](http://dx.doi.org/10.1603/0013-8746(2004)097[0667:POTFOL]2.0.CO;2)

Wheeler, G.S. & **J. Zahniser**. 2001. Artificial Diet and Rearing Methods for the *Melaleuca quinquenervia* (Myrtales: Myrtaceae) Biological Control Agent *Oxyops vitiosa* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae). *Florida Entomologist* 84(3): 439-441.

<http://journals.fcla.edu/flaent/article/view/59673/57352>

Scientific Societies

Entomological Society of America, member
Entomological Collections Network, member
Society of Systematic Biologists, member

Editorial Duties for Professional Journals / Grant Proposal Review

Editor:

Hemiptera Subject Editor, *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist* (2011-2013)

Peer-review for Professional Journals:

Zootaxa, 2006-2015 (38 reviews)

Annals of the Entomological Society of America, 2014 (1 review)

Biodiversity Data Journal, 2014 (1 review)

Systematic Entomology, 2007-2010 (4 reviews)

Journal of Economic Entomology, 2015 (1 review)

Journal of Insect Science, 2013 (1 review)

PLoS one, 2012 (2 reviews)

Zookeys, 2010-2015 (8 reviews)

Florida Entomologist, 2012-2014 (6 reviews)

Systematics and Biodiversity, 2008-2010 (2 reviews)

Agricultural and Forest Entomology, 2012 (1 review)

Entomotaxonomia, 2013 (2 reviews)

Journal of Natural History, 2010 (1 review)

Zoological Science, 2008-2010 (2 reviews)

Journal of the Entomological Research Society, 2011 (1 review)

Proceedings of the Hawaiian Entomological Society, 2007 (1 review)

The Canadian Entomologist, 2005 (1 review)

National Science Foundation:
Grant proposal review, 2011 (1 review)

Presentations at Professional Meetings:

Invited Talks

- 2014 Taylor, S.J., A.D. Yanahan, S.W. Heads, F.N. Soto-Adames, J.R. Wiker, D.R. Swanson, J.N. Zahniser, & C.S. Bundy. 2014. A bioinventory of select terrestrial insects at Braidwood Dunes and Savanna Nature Preserve (Will County, Illinois). Oral Presentation. Forest Preserve District of Will County, Joliet, IL; 10/23/2014.
- 2010 58th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Symposium on Systematics, Evolutionary Ecology, and Plant Disease Vectors in Auchenorrhyncha. "Evolutionary associations of deltocephaline leafhoppers (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) and their host plants", 15 minute talk
- 2008 Ph.D. thesis seminar, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "Systematics of the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae: phylogeny, classification, and grassland biogeography"
- 2005 12th International Auchenorrhyncha Congress, Symposium on the Phylogeny and Evolution of Auchenorrhyncha, "Phylogeny of Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadomorpha: Cicadellidae) and Related Subfamilies and the Evolution of Grass Specialization"

Submitted Talks and Posters

- 2012 Prairie Lightning *Mini*-Symposium, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, "Reclassification of the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) with emphasis on the polyphyletic tribe Athysanini", poster presentation
- 2010 58th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, "Reclassification of the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) with emphasis on the polyphyletic tribe Athysanini", poster presentation
- 2010 13th International Auchenorrhyncha Congress, "Phylogeny and historical biogeography of the grassland leafhopper tribe Chiasmini (Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae)", 20 minute talk
- 2010 13th International Auchenorrhyncha Congress, "Reclassification of the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) with emphasis on the polyphyletic tribe Athysanini", poster presentation
- 2008 56th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, "Phylogeny and historical biogeography of the grassland leafhopper tribe Chiasmini (Cicadellidae: Deltocephalinae)", 10 minute talk
- 2006 54th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, "Morphology, molecules, and the evolution of grass specialization in the leafhopper subfamily Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Auchenorrhyncha: Cicadellidae) and related subfamilies", 10 minute talk

- 2005 53rd Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, “Evolution and Dispersal of the Grassland Leafhopper Tribe Chiasmini (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae)”, 10-minute talk
- 2005 7th Annual Graduate Student Symposium, “Biogeography and Evolution of Grass Specialization in the Leafhopper Subfamily Deltocephalinae (Insecta: Hemiptera: Cicadellidae)”, 10-minute talk
- 2004 PEET meeting, “Phylogeny, host-plant associations, and revised classification of the leafhopper subfamily Pentthimiinae (Insecta: Hemiptera: Cicadellidae)”, poster presentation
- 2003 51st Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, "Phylogenetic Analysis of the Leafhopper Subfamily Deltocephalinae (Hemiptera: Cicadellidae) and Related Subfamilies”, 10-minute paper
- 2002 50th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, “Cladistic Analysis of the Leafhopper Subfamily Deltocephalinae and Related Subfamilies”, poster presentation

Professional Meetings Attended

- 2012 60th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Knoxville, TN
- 2012 Entomological Collections Network Meeting, Knoxville, TN
- 2010 58th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, San Diego, CA
- 2010 Entomological Collections Network Meeting, San Diego, CA
- 2010 13th International Auchenorrhyncha Congress, Vaison-la-Romaine, France
- 2009 57th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN
- 2008 56th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Reno, NV
- 2006 54th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Indianapolis, IN
- 2006 Entomological Collections Network Meeting, Indianapolis, IN
- 2005 12th International Auchenorrhyncha Congress, Berkeley, CA
- 2005 53rd Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2005 Entomological Collections Network Meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2004 Partnerships for Enhancing Expertise in Taxonomy (PEET) meeting, Urbana, IL
- 2003 52nd Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Cincinnati, OH
- 2003 Entomological Collections Network meeting, Cincinnati, OH
- 2003 The A. Watson Armour III Spring Symposium, Field Museum, Chicago, IL, "Systematics at a Crossroads Again: Biological and Philosophical Arguments in Contemporary Phylogenetics"
- 2002 51st Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2002 Entomological Collections Network meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 2002 Evolution Meeting (joint meeting of the Society of Systematic Biologists, the Society for the Study of Evolution, and the American Society of Naturalists), Champaign, IL
- 2002 Partnerships for Enhancing Expertise in Taxonomy (PEET) meeting, Berkley, CA

Collecting and Field Experience

- 2014 Argentina, with Chris Dietrich (INHS) and Daniela Takiya (UFRJ)
- 2007 Zambia, with Jason Cryan (New York State Museum)
- 2005 Panama, with Stuart McKamey (USNM) and Andrew Hicks (U. of Colorado)
- 2005 Busey Woods Bioblitz, Urbana, IL
- 2004 South Africa, Western Cape and Kwa-Zulu Natal provinces, with Michael Stiller of the Plant Protection Resource Institute (Pretoria)
- 2004 Taiwan, concentrating in central mountains, with Hsien Tzung Shih, Jing-Fu Tsai, Man-Miao Yang, C.H. Dietrich, D.M. Takiya, G. Balme, D.A. Dmitriev, J. Jones
- 2003 Nachusa Grasslands, Franklin Grove, IL, Biodiversity Blitz survey of insect fauna
- 2002 Western United States, with R. Rakitov
- 2002 Calumet Bioblitz, Calumet, IL
- 2001 Jalisco, Mexico, with C.H. Dietrich, L.L. Deitz, S. McKamey, G. Moya-Raygoza, A. Wallner, and J. Albertson
- 2001 Robert Allerton Park, Monticello, IL, Biodiversity Blitz

Museum Curatorial and Identification Experience

American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY
The Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Pittsburgh, PA
Departamento de Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Institut royal des Sciences naturelles de Belgique, Brussels, Belgium
Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren, Belgium
Museu Nacional do Rio de Janeiro, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C.
National Museum of Natural Science, Taichung, Taiwan
Naturhistorisches Museum, Basel, Switzerland
The Natural History Museum, London, UK
Northwest A&F University, Yangling, China
The Ohio State University Insect Collection, Columbus, OH
South African National Collection of Insects
Taiwan Agricultural Research Institute, Wufeng, Taiwan
Texas A&M University Insect Collection, College Station, TX

External Courses Taught and Attended

- 2011 Molecular Phylogenetic Methods Workshop, Northwest A&F University, Yangling, China (Instructor)
- 2005 Bodega Marine Laboratory Workshop in Applied Phylogenetics, Bodega Bay, CA (Attendee)
- 2005 Bayesian and Likelihood Inference of Phylogeny: Organisms to Genomes, Urbana, IL (Attendee)

Outreach / Media Coverage

- 2013 Naturally Illinois, Prairie Research Institute Expo
- 2012 Naturally Illinois, Prairie Research Institute Expo
- 2011 Naturally Illinois, Prairie Research Institute Expo
- 2010 58th Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America, judge for 10-minute paper student competition
- 2010 Naturally Illinois, Institute of Natural Resource Sustainability Expo
- 2006-2007 President, Entomology Graduate Students Association, UIUC
- 2005-2006 Outreach Coordinator, Entomology Graduate Students Association, UIUC.
Coordinated and participated in numerous insect-related presentations to local schools and clubs
- Feb 21, 2007 WCIA Channel 3 Morning Show, "The physics of insect silk", Host: Mats Selen, Champaign, IL
- Feb 17, 2006 WILL AM 580, The Environmental Almanac, "Mantids", Host: Rob Kanter
- Feb 15, 2006 WCIA Channel 3 Morning Show, "The physics of insect size", Host: Mats Selen, Champaign, IL
- Feb 17, 2005 WLRW 94.5 Morning Show
- Feb 16, 2005 WCIA Channel 3 Morning Show, "Overwintering Insects", Host: Mats Selen, Champaign, IL
- Feb 25, 2004 WCIA Channel 3 Morning Show, "The physics of insect sound", Host: Mats Selen, Champaign, IL
- Feb. 11, 2003 WCIA Channel 3 Morning Show, "The physics of insect size", Host: Mats Selen, Champaign, IL
- Feb. 17, 2003 Daily Illini; The Insect Fear Film Festival, author: Megan Loiselle, Champaign, IL