

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- **University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL. M.S. Entomology and Nematology. Southern Chinch Bug, *Blissus insularis* (Heteroptera: Blissidae) Management in St. Augustinegrass. Graduate advisor: Dr. Eileen A. Buss. Anticipated graduation: *May 2004*. Grade point average: 3.5.
- **University of Florida**, Gainesville, FL. B.S. Entomology and Nematology, specialization in Urban Pest Management. Undergraduate advisor: Dr. Philip Koehler. Graduation: *May 2001*.
- **Santa Fe Community College**, Gainesville, FL. Associate of Arts Degree. Graduation: *May 1998*.

Employment

- **Graduate Research Assistant**, Department of Entomology and Nematology. University of Florida. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) of the southern chinch bug, *Blissus insularis* (Heteroptera: Blissidae). Also conduct pesticide evaluation tests on red imported fire ants, mole crickets, and grubs. Extensive contact with the pest control industry and County Extension Agents. *August 2001 - Present*.
- **Technical/Sales Support** - FMC Corporation, Gainesville, FL. Summer internship. Provided technical and sales support to golf superintendents, pest management professionals, and distributors. *May 2001 - August 2001*.
- **Research Assistant** - United States Department of Agriculture, Gainesville, FL. Duties included fieldwork studies to investigate environmental conditions conducive to termite activity. *August 2000 - May 2001*.
- **Advertising/Entomologist Assistant** - Florida Pest Control & Chemical Co., Gainesville, FL. Duties included the design and development of marketing materials for 19 office branches, assisting company entomologists, Bruce McCown and Tom Currin, in revising and re-formatting company manuals, developing monthly calendar events, writing and developing company newsletters, updating/creating department training manuals and identification of pest insects. *December 1998 - August 2000*.
- **Computer Assistant** - University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Assisted Mr. Thomas Fasulo and Dr. David Dame in scanning and re-formatting documents for the creation a national manual for insect control, funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. Also assisted Dr. Philip Koehler and Mr. Fasulo in the creation of computer tutorials for pest control operators. I assisted in converting and re-formatting exams that were eventually sold by the Urban Entomological Society. *May 1998 - February 1999*.
- **Laboratory Assistant** for Dr. Philip Koehler - University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Summer 1999. Duties included baiting and collecting termites for the Department of Entomology & Nematology, Urban Entomology Laboratory.

- **File Clerk** - Radiology Department, Shands @ AGH, Gainesville, FL. 1994 - 1999. Responsible for loaning films to physicians and patients, customer service, assisted in training new employees for both day and evening shifts. Cross-trained as unit secretary for front desk area, which entailed greeting patients, answering multiple phone lines and scheduling.
- **Head Bakery Sales** - Top Foods, Inc., Olympia, WA. Duties included interviewing, hiring and training of new employees using both Company and Union policies, weekly scheduling of twelve employees, setting floor displays and pricing sales, inventory, quality control of sales products and sales floor area, and customer service. *January 1993 - May 1994.*

Awards/Honors

- 2004 University of Florida Agricultural Women's Club Scholarship, \$500.
- 2004 Florida Entomological Society travel grant, \$230.
- 2003 Graduate Student Council Travel Grant, \$175.
- 2003 IFAS Travel Grant, \$200.
- 2003 Florida Entomological Society minigrant, \$100.
- 2002 Bayer Corporation Scholarship for Excellence in Urban Entomology.
- 2001 Extension Graduate Assistantship, College of Agriculture, University of Florida.
- 2000 Recipient of the John A. Mulrennan, Sr. Scholarship.
- 2000 Recipient of the Certified Operator's of Southwest Florida Scholarship.
- 1999 Recipient of the Carolyn D. Richardson Urban Pest Management Scholarship.
- 1999 Recipient of the Certified Pest Control Operator's of Florida Outstanding Student Scholarship.
- 1998 - 1999 One of the recipients of the University of Florida's Most Outstanding Student Award.

Leadership Experience

- May 2002 - May 2003. University of Florida Entomology and Nematology Student Organization Secretary.
- May 2002 - May 2003. University of Florida Urban Entomological Society Secretary.
- May 2000-December 2002. University of Florida Urban Entomological Society Teaching Collections Committee Chairperson.
- August 1998 - May 2000. University of Florida Urban Entomological Society Secretary.

Presentations at Professional Meetings

- Congdon, J. C. and E. A. Buss. October 27, 2003. Southern Chinch Bug Management in St. Augustinegrass. Entomological Society of America Annual Convention, Student Paper Competition. Cincinnati, OH. Ten minutes.
- Congdon, J. C. and E. A. Buss. July 27, 2003. Southern Chinch Bug Management in St. Augustinegrass. Florida Entomological Society Annual Convention, Student Paper Competition. Stuart, FL. Ten minutes.
- Congdon, J. C., D. F. Hoel, K. A. Barbara, J. C. Turner & E. A. Buss. May 7, 2003. Extreme Core Training. Southeastern Pest Management Conference, Gainesville, Florida. Two Hours.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. March 12, 2003. Southern Chinch Bug Management in St. Augustinegrass. Entomological Society of America Southeastern Branch Annual Meeting, Student Poster Competition. Baton Rouge, LA. Two hours.

**Extension
Experience**

- Congdon, J. C., Barbara, K. A. & R. Baldwin. May 2002. Landscape and Ornamental Pest Management. Southeastern Pest Management Conference, Gainesville, FL. Two hours.
- Congdon, J. C., JayCee Turner, and E. A. Buss. February 4, 2004. "Biocontrol", Master Gardner Training, Marion County Extension Service, Ocala, FL. One hour.
- Congdon, J. C., JayCee Turner, and E. A. Buss. February 4, 2004. "Insect ID", Master Gardner Training, Marion County Extension Service, Ocala, FL. One hour.
- Barbara, Kathryn, Cara Congdon, JayCee Turner, and E. A. Buss. January 28, 2004. "Bug Know-How for Master Gardeners", Master Gardner Training, Brevard County Extension Service, Cocoa Beach, FL. Two hours.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. March 14, 2003. Southern Chinch Bug Management in St. Augustinegrass. The 16th Annual South Florida Turfgrass Exposition and Field Day, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Fifteen minutes.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. February 6, 2003. "Insect ID", Master Gardner Training, Marion County Extension Service, Ocala, FL. One hour.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. February 6, 2003. "Biocontrol", Master Gardner Training, Marion County Extension Service, Ocala, FL. One hour.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. December 2002. "Chinch Bugs", Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, FL. Twenty minutes.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. February 2002. "Insect Pests of Lawns and Ornamental Plants", Advanced Integrated Pest Management (IPM) for Educational Facilities Workshop, Ocala, FL.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. February 2002. "Insects", Master Gardner Training, Marion County Extension Service, Ocala, FL. One hour.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. October 2001. "Pest Control Strategies", Marion County Extension Service, Ocala, FL. One hour.
- Congdon, J. C. & E. A. Buss. October 2001. "Insects Affecting Ornamentals and Turf", Marion County Extension Service, Ocala, FL. One hour.

**Outreach
Programs**

- March 2003. Kanapaha Gardens Spring Festival. Entomology and Nematology Department Exhibit. Provided entomology information to the general public and distributed University of Florida extension pamphlets. Gainesville, FL.
- October 2002. National Pest Management Association's Annual Convention, Orlando, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society. Organized and made all arrangements for booth exhibit and student travel and housing.
- September 2002. Tail Gator. Assisted with the University of Florida Entomology and Nematology Departmental booth. Provided information about the department to alumni and the general public.
- August 2002. Certified Pest Control Operator's of Florida Annual Convention, Coral Springs, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- June 2002. Florida Pest Management Association's Annual Convention, Orlando, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- May 2002. Southeastern Pest Management Annual Conference, Gainesville, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- April 2002. Tail Gator. Assisted with the University of Florida Entomology and

Nematology Departmental booth. Provided information about the department to alumni and the general public.

- March 2002. Kanapaha Gardens Spring Festival. Entomology and Nematology Department Exhibit. Provided entomology information to the general public and distributed University of Florida extension pamphlets. Gainesville, FL
- March 2002. Smithsonian O. Orkin "Insect Safari". Participated in a traveling insect exhibit as a member of a panel of entomology experts. Displayed live insects and provided information to elementary and middle school students on insects and other arthropods. Tampa, FL.
- February 2002. Laboratory Host for 2002 Junior Science, Engineering and Humanities Symposium, Gainesville, FL.
- January 2002. Certified Pest Control Operator's of Florida Termite Seminar, Tampa, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- October 2001. National Pest Management Association's Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society. Organized and made all arrangements for booth exhibit and student travel and housing.
- August 2001. Florida Turfgrass Association Convention, Gainesville, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- May 2001. Southeastern Pest Management Annual Conference, Gainesville, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- June 2000-Present. Volunteer Research Associate for the Division of Plant Industry.
- May 2000. Southeastern Pest Management Annual Conference, Gainesville, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- March 2000. Kanapaha Garden Festival. Entomology and Nematology Department Exhibit. Provided entomology information to the general public and distributed University of Florida extension pamphlets. Gainesville, FL.
- February 2000. Florida State Fair - "Insect Encounters". Extension and Information Booth. Provided entomology information to the general public and distributed University of Florida extension pamphlets. Tampa, FL.
- October 1999. Blues Creek Homeowners Association - Insect Education, Gainesville, FL. Spoke to homeowners and their children about insects commonly found in and around the home.
- June 1999. Florida Pest Control Association's Annual Convention, Panama City, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- May 1999. Southeastern Pest Management Annual Conference, Gainesville, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- May 1999. Certified Pest Control Operator's of Florida Annual Convention, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Extension and Information Booth for the Urban Entomological Society.
- June 1998. Georgia Pest Control Association's Annual Convention, Destin, FL. Extension and Information Booth for Urban Entomology.
- Congdon, J. C. and E. A. Buss. 2002. Southern Chinch Bug Management on St. Augustinegrass. University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Research Cooperative Extension Service. ENY-325. Available at <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/LH036>.

Publications

Professional

- Florida Entomological Society

Associations

- Florida Turfgrass Association
- Entomological Society of America
- Certified Pest Control Operator's of Florida - student membership
- Entomology and Nematology Student Organization
- The Urban Entomological Society