Curriculum Vitae

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Education

University of Notre Dame, August 2004 to August 2008

Doctor of Philosophy in Biology; degree conferred January 2009 Jessica J. Hellmann, advisor

University of Arkansas, August 2001 to June 2004

Master of Science in Biology; degree conferred August 2004 Johnnie L. Gentry, advisor

Arkansas Tech University, August 1998 to May 2001

Bachelor of Science in Biology; degree conferred May 2001 George P. Johnson, advisor

Professional Experience

Arkansas State University, January 2010 to present

Assistant Professor of Botany Curator, Arkansas State University Herbarium (STAR)

Mississippi State University, August 2008 to December 2009

Post-doctoral Research Associate

 Collaborative research on phylogeography of cactophagous moths and evolutionary ecology of interactions between these moths (both native and invasive species) and their native pricklypear hosts

Contract/Consulting Work

United States Geological Survey / US Environmental Protection Agency, March 2011 to December 2011

Botanist, Arkansas unit of National Wetlands Condition Assessment

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Scientific Literature (undergraduate authors underlined)

In Prep

- Foard, M. and **T. D. Marsico**. Invasion frameworks support *Ligustrum sinense* (Chinese privet) initially invades altered habitats and subsequently out-competes native biodiversity.
- Marsico, T. D., L. E. Wallace, K. E. Sauby, C. P. Brooks, M. E. Welch, and G. N. Ervin. Geographic patterns of genetic diversity for Florida populations of *Melitara prodenialis* Walker, a native pricklypear cactus borer.

In Review

 Schartel, T. E., T. D. Marsico, and C. P. Brooks. First records of the parasitoid *Temelucha sinuata* Cushman (Hymenoptera: Ichneumonidae) in Mississippi and Florida, U.S.A. Submitted to Entomological News 21 March 2012.

- Harris, K. M., M. B. Foard, and T. D. Marsico. Understanding floristic diversity through a database of Greene County specimens. Submitted to the Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science 12 April 2012.
- <u>Stephens, F. A.</u>, A. M. Woodard, and T. D. Marsico. Comparison between eggsticks of two cactophagous moths, *Cactoblastis cactorum* and *Melitara prodenialis* (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae). Submitted to Florida Entomologist 1 May 2012.

Accepted

 Sauby, K. E., T. D. Marsico, G. N. Ervin, and C. P. Brooks. Host plant identity and diversity affect the prevalence of the invasive moth, *Cactoblastis cactorum*. Florida Entomologist.

Published

- Woodard, A. M., G. N. Ervin, and T. D. Marsico. 2012. Host plant defense signaling in response to a coevolved herbivore combats introduced herbivore attack. Ecology and Evolution 2: 1056-1064. DOI: 10.1002/ece3.224.
- Stewart, J. M., T. D. Marsico, D. Burge, and J. J. Hellmann. 2012. Largest known Quercus garryana Douglas ex Hook. clone discovered on a steep slope at the boundary of Larrabee State Park, Washington, USA. International Oaks 23: 68-75.
- Marsico, T. D., L. E. Wallace, G. N. Ervin, C. P. Brooks, <u>J. E. McClure</u>, and M. E. Welch. 2011. Geographic patterns of genetic diversity from the native range of *Cactoblastis cactorum* (Berg) support the documented history of invasion and multiple introductions for invasive populations. Biological Invasions 13: 857-868. DOI: 10.1007/s10530-010-9874-9.
- Marsico, T. D., J. W. Burt, E. K. Espeland, G. W. Gilchrist, M. A. Jamieson, L. Lindström, G. K. Roderick, S. Swope, M. Szűcs, and N. D. Tsutsui. 2010. Underutilized resources for studying the evolution of invasive species during their introduction, establishment, and lag phases. Evolutionary Applications 3: 203-219.
- Marsico, T. D. and J. J. Hellmann. 2009. Dispersal limitation inferred from an experimental translocation of *Lomatium* (Apiaceae) species outside their geographic ranges. Oikos 118: 1783-1792.
- Pelini, S. L., J. D. K. Dzurisin, K. M. Prior, C. M. Williams, T. D. Marsico, B. J. Sinclair, and J. J. Hellmann. 2009. Translocation experiments with butterflies reveal limits to enhancement of poleward populations under climate change. Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America 106: 11160-11165.
- Marsico, T. D., J. J. Hellmann, and J. Romero-Severson. 2009. Patterns of seed dispersal and pollen flow in *Quercus garryana* (Fagaceae) following post-glacial climatic changes. Journal of Biogeography 36: 929-941.
- Marsico, T. D. 2006. Life history and environmental factors influence population density and stage structure in *Hydrophyllum brownei*. American Midland Naturalist 156(1): 178-188.
- Marsico, T. D. 2005. The vascular flora of Montgomery County, Arkansas. Sida 21(4): 2389-2423.
- MacRoberts, B. R., M. H. MacRoberts, and T. D. Marsico. 2005.
 Preliminary survey of the vascular flora of the Ouachita Mountains Biological Station, Polk County, Arkansas. Bulletin of the Museum of Life Sciences, No. 13, Louisiana State University in Shreveport.
- Marsico, T. D. 2004. Vascular plant species inventory of Richardson Bottoms Wildlife Viewing Area.
 Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science 58: 121-130.
- Marsico, T. D. 2003. On the rare endemic Hydrophyllum brownei Kral & Bates (Browne's waterleaf): New population information and a recommendation for change in status. Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science 57: 100-110.

Book Review

Marsico, T. D. 2005. The Monarch Butterfly: Biology and Conservation, K. S. Oberhauser and M. J. Solensky, Cornell University Press, 2004. American Midland Naturalist 154: 479-480.

Educational Piece

 Marsico, T. D. 2006. Herbaceous species' northern range margins—Does rarity matter for range shifts? Friends of Beacon Hill Park Newsletter. Victoria, British Columbia.

Contributions Noted

- University of Notre Dame. 2009 (June 25). Insights into how climate change might impact species' geographic ranges. ScienceDaily. Retrieved 10 July 2009 from www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2009/06/090623150617.htm
- Rignuette, J. 2007. Test plots on Beacon Hill. In Beacon Hill Park History 1842-2006, Chapter 21.
 http://islandnet.com/beaconhillpark/contents/chapter21.htm
- Witsell, T. 2005. Montgomery County flora inventory yields 1,111 taxa of vascular plants. Claytonia 25(1): 2.

Agency reports

- Marsico, T. D. and D. Burge. 2011. National Wetland Condition Assessment (NWCA) 2011; Results from the Arkansas Vegetation Laboratory.
- Marsico, T. D. and M. Foard. 2011. 2011 Shelby Farms Park Conservancy Vascular Plant Inventory Report. Prepared for Dr. Cheryl Goudie and the University of Memphis Environmental Research Center.
- Marsico, T. D. and M. Foard. 2011. 2011 Northern Crowley's Ridge Vascular Plant Inventory Report. Prepared for Theo Witsell at the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission.

Teaching

Courses taught at ASU

- Biology of Plants Laboratory (undergraduate)
- Biology of Plants Lecture (undergraduate)
- Dendrology (undergraduate / graduate)—course developed by Marsico
- Global Change Biology (graduate)—course developed by Marsico
- Making Connections Biology (first-year-experience undergraduate)
- Mechanisms of Speciation (graduate)
- Plant Systematics (undergraduate / graduate)—course developed by Marsico

Course taught at Mississippi State

Global Change Biology (graduate)—course developed by Marsico

Grants

- Selection of Hairy Root Cultures to Optimize Production of Plant Defense Compounds (July 2012-June 2013); Arkansas State University Faculty Research Award; \$8,733; PI
- The Experiential Learning Fellowship (ELF) Program (August 2011-July 2016); NSF: \$567.185; Co-PI
- Mechanisms and impacts of Chinese privet invasion in the Southeast United States (July 2011-June 2012); Judd Hill Foundation; \$5,560; PI
- Identification of Biological Methods for Evaluating Wetland Water Quality Conditions in Arkansas (May 2011-September 2013); United States Environmental Protection Agency; \$317,661; Co-PI
- Crowley's Ridge Botanical Inventory (April 2010-May 2011); Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission; \$20,000; PI
- Botanical Inventory of Shelby Farms Park Conservancy (July 2010-May 2011); subcontract from the University of Memphis; \$5,000
- The Phylogeography of Cactoblastis cactorum in its Native Argentina as a Baseline for Predicting Local Adaptation and Species Invasion (July 2010-June 2011); Arkansas State University Faculty Research Award; \$3,860; PI
- Arkansas Biosciences Institute Faculty Grant (January 2010-June 2010); Arkansas State University;
 \$30,000; PI

Awards/Honors

Fellowships

- Arthur J. Schmitt Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame (2004-2008)
- Biology Department Senior Fellowship, Arkansas Tech University (2001)

Scholarships

- Arkansas Native Plant Society Aileen McWilliam Scholarship (2000, 2002)
- Arkansas Tech University Honors Scholarship (1998-2001)
- Arkansas Academic Challenge Scholarship (1998-2001)

Awards

- Great Lakes Climate Change Summit Travel Award (2007)
- Certificate of Academic Excellence, Arkansas Tech University's School of Physical and Life Sciences (2001)

Professional Activities

Students Advised

Graduate Students

David Burge (June 2011-present), M.S. student, EVS program Kari Harris (January 2012-present), M.A. student, Biology program Meghan Foard (August 2010-present), Ph.D. student, EVS program Anastasia Woodard (May 2010-present), Ph.D. student, MBS program

Undergraduate Students

Arkansas State University

Candace Arnold (September 2010-December 2010), volunteer

Hannah Blair (September 2010-May 2011)

Christopher Burkhart (January 2012-present), ELF Program

Kari Harris (June 2010-December 2011), McNair scholar, University Honors

Rebecca Kennedy (January 2012-present), ELF Program

Starlene Loerch (January 2012-present), ELF Program

Taylor Mackey (May 2012-present)

Eric Maxwell (February 2010-May 2010)

Emily Mizell (September 2010-present)

Lysbeth Perez (June 2010-August 2010), NSF REU RISE student

Kassandra Riley (February 2012-present)

Faye Stephens (June 2010-August 2010), NSF REU RISE student

Alexander Worm (January 2012-present), ELF Program

Mississippi State University

Elizabeth Stepp (January 2009-May 2009)

University of Notre Dame

Ashley Braun

Mary Kate Claiborne

James Giordano

Laboratory Volunteer (non-student)

Arkansas State University

Rick Bray (February 2012-present)

Non-student Employee

Arkansas State University

Martina Garda (May 2012-present)

Organizations

American Association for the Advancement of Science

Arkansas Native Plant Society

Botanical Society of America

Ecological Society of America

Entomological Society of America

Florida Entomological Society

International Biogeography Society

International Oak Society
Plant Powered Production (Arkansas EPSCoR, ASSET II)
Society of Herbarium Curators

University Service

Department of Biological Sciences, Botany Program Committee (January 2010-present)
Institutional Biosafety Committee (April 2012-March 2015)
Molecular Biosciences Ph.D. Program Committee (February 2011-present)
Plant Powered Production, Next-generation Sequencing Committee (October 2010-June 2011)
Search Chair, Department of Biological Sciences faculty position (Spring 2012)
Search Committee member, Research Development Specialist, Office of Research and Technology

Transfer (Spring/Summer 2012)

Publication Editorial Board

Ecology and Evolution (April 2011-March 2014)

Funding proposal reviews

NSF, ad hoc reviewer Marsden Fund Council (New Zealand) EPA STAR Fellowship Review Panel

Manuscript reviews

Biological Journal of the Linnean Society
Conservation Biology
Diversity and Distributions
Ecological Economics
Ecology and Evolution
Evolutionary Applications
Insect Science
Florida Entomologist
Global Ecology and Biogeography
Journal of the Arkansas Academy of Science
Silvae Genetica

Professional Meetings (undergraduate authors underlined; presenters italicized) Presented

- Harris, K. M., M. B. Foard, T. D. Marsico. Understanding floristic diversity through a database of Greene County specimens. 96th Annual Arkansas Academy of Science Meeting, Southern Arkansas University, Magnolia, Arkansas (13-14 April 2012)
- Woodard, A. M., R. A. F. Warby, B. Rougeau, and T. D. Marsico. Identification of cactus-derived volatile organic compounds induced by cactus boring moth herbivory using SPME sampling and GC/IT-MS analysis. Joint Southeastern/Southwestern Branch Meeting, Entomological Society of America, Little Rock, Arkansas (4-7 March 2012)
- Marsico, T. D., A. M. Woodard, and G. N. Ervin. (Poster) Host plant defense signaling in response to a coevolved herbivore combats introduced herbivore attack. Gordon Research Conference: Plant Volatiles, Ventura, California (29 January-3 February 2012)
- Woodard, A., J. Hubstenberger, F. Medina-Bolivar, G. Phillips, and T. D. Marsico. (Poster)
 Biosynthesis of defense-priming volatiles from *Opuntia* associated with cactus boring moth
 (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae) herbivory. Gordon Research Conference: Plant Volatiles, Ventura, California
 (29 January-3 February 2012)
- Marsico, T. D. (Invited Symposium speaker) Consequences of direct defenses induced by cactusderived VOCs for the invasive cactus borer, Cactoblastis cactorum (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae). Entomology 2011, Reno, Nevada (13-16 November 2011)

- Woodard, A., J. Hubstenberger, F. Medina-Bolivar, G. Phillips, and T. D. Marsico. (Poster)
 Biosynthesis of defense-priming volatiles from Opuntia associated with cactus boring moth (Lepidoptera: Pyralidae) herbivory. Entomology 2011, Reno Nevada (13-16 November 2011)
- Burge, D., T. D. Marsico, and B. Justus. (Poster) Arkansas wetland flora structure 2011. Natural Areas Conference, Tallahassee, Florida (1-4 November 2011)
- Marsico, T. D. Plant recognition and defense against coevolved insect herbivores: insights from a pricklypear/cactus borer study system. Arkansas P3 Center Symposium, Heber Springs, Arkansas (26-28 July 2011)
- Woodard, A. M., G. N. Ervin, and T. D. Marsico. (Poster) Defense priming as a mechanism to combat newly-associated insect herbivores. Arkansas P3 Center Symposium, Heber Springs, Arkansas (26-28 July 2011); 3rd place award
- Woodard, A., G. Ervin, and *T. Marsico*. Defense priming as a mechanism to combat newly-associated insect herbivores. Botany 2011, Healing the Planet, St. Louis, Missouri (9-13 July 2011)
- Foard, M. and T. Marsico. (Poster) Chinese privet invasion decreases botanical species richness in a riparian forest. Botany 2011, Healing the Planet, St. Louis, Missouri (9-13 July 2011)
- Marsico, T. D., G. N. Ervin, and C. P. Brooks. (Poster) Putting hypothesized native-range phylogeographic patterns of Cactoblastis cactorum to the test using genetic and climatic data. International Biogeography Society 5th International Conference, Heraklio, Crete, Greece (7-11 January 2011)
- Marsico, T. D., A. M. Woodard, and G. N. Ervin. (Poster) Potential eavesdropping may cue inducible defenses against an invasive herbivore. Entomological Society of America Annual Conference, San Diego, CA (12-15 December 2010)
- <u>Harris, K. M.</u>, M. B. Foard, and **T. D. Marsico**. (Poster) The Greene County vascular flora project. 2010 McNair Research Conference, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR (4-5 November 2010)
- Marsico, T. D. (Invited Faculty Presentation) Plant-plant signaling may cue inducible defenses against an invasive herbivore. Arkansas INBRE Research Conference, Fayetteville, AR (15-16 October 2010)
- Marsico, T. D., A. M. Woodard, and G. N. Ervin. (Poster) Novel defenses in invasion resistance: potential eavesdropping may cue inducible defenses against an invasive herbivore. Arkansas P3 Center Symposium, Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Petit Jean, AR (15-17 August 2010)
- Perez, L. and T. D. Marsico. (Poster) Testing multiple mitochondrial and nuclear genes for utility in Cactoblastis cactorum phylogeographic research. Research Internships in Science of the Environment (RISE) Student Symposium, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (5 August 2010)
- <u>Stephens, F.</u>, A. Woodard, and **T. D. Marsico**. (Poster) Analysis for a field key for identification of cactophagous moth eggsticks. Research Internships in Science of the Environment (RISE) Student Symposium, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, AR (5 August 2010)
- Marsico, T. D., A. M. Woodard, and G. N. Ervin. Novel defenses in invasion resistance: potential eavesdropping may cue inducible defenses against an invasive herbivore. 95th Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (1-6 August 2010)
- <u>Woodard, A. M., T. D. Marsico</u>, and G. N. Ervin. (Poster) Evaluating differential defense response in two native cactus species. Biological Undergraduate Research Program Symposium, Mississippi State University, Starkville, Mississippi (16 April 2010)
- Marsico, T. D., G. N. Ervin, C. P. Brooks, B. A. Counterman, L. E. Wallace, and M. E. Welch. (Poster) Using next-generation sequencing approaches to investigate reciprocal recognition and response in plant-herbivore interactions. 7th Annual MidSouth Computational Biology and Bioinformatics Society (MCBIOS) Conference, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas (19-20 February 2010)
- Sauby, K. E., T. D. Marsico, G. N. Ervin, and C. P. Brooks. Host community composition as a driver of the invasion of the exotic cactus moth, Cactoblastis cactorum. 94th Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, New Mexico (2-7 August 2009)
- Sauby, K. E., T. D. Marsico, G. N. Ervin, and C. P. Brooks. Host community composition as a driver of the invasion of an exotic herbivore. 6th Annual Southeastern Ecology and Evolution Conference, University of Florida, Gainseville, Florida (27-29 March 2009)
- *Marsico, T. D.*, C. P. Brooks, L. E. Wallace, M. E. Welch, and G. N. Ervin. (Poster) Genetic diversity within the native ranges of two cactophagous pyralid moths. Synthesizing Ecology and Evolution for

- the Study of Invasive Species, a workshop, Granlibakken Conference Center, Lake Tahoe, California (19-22 March 2009)
- Marsico, T. D. Different patterns of seed dispersal are related to abundance in co-occurring Lomatium species. Southeastern Population Ecology and Evolutionary Genetics (SEPEEG), University of Georgia, Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Georgia (24-26 October 2008)
- Welch, M. E., C. Brooks, R. Brown, G. Ervin, J. McClure, T. D. Marsico, and L. Wallace. The phylogeography of the invasive cactus moth *Cactoblastis cactorum* in its native range. SEPEEG, University of Georgia, Rock Eagle 4-H Center, Georgia (24-26 October 2008)
- Marsico, T. D. and J. J. Hellmann. Dispersal limitation at poleward range boundaries. 93rd Ecological Society of America Annual Meeting, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (3-8 August 2008)
- Marsico, T. D. Constraints on geographic range shifts under climate change. NDEER 2007: Energy and the Environment, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana (10 October 2007)
- Marsico, T. D. and J. J. Hellmann. (Poster) Dispersal limitation to climate-driven poleward range shifts: evidence from a Lomatium germination experiment. Challenges of Climate Change in the Great Lakes Region, University of Michigan Biological Station, Pellston, Michigan (26-27 July 2007)
- Marsico, T. D. and J. J. Hellmann. Understanding factors limiting species' ranges to predict range shifts under climate change. Botany and Plant Biology Joint Congress, Chicago, Illinois (7-11 July 2007)
- Giordano, J., T. D. Marsico, and J. J. Hellmann. (Poster) Growth comparison of three Lomatium species under increased temperature and CO₂. Botany and Plant Biology Joint Congress, Chicago, Illinois (7-11 July 2007)
- Marsico, T. D., J. J. Hellmann, and J. Romero-Severson. When the range periphery is an island: Understanding population structure in the core and periphery of the *Quercus garryana* species range. Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference (MEEC), Kent State University, Kent, Ohio (9-11 March 2007)
- Gonzales, E. and T. D. Marsico. The poop on endozoochory in Garry oak ecosystems. Garry Oak Research Colloquium 2007, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada (20 February 2007)
- Marsico, T. D. (Poster) Are you primed? Using microsatellite markers to understand oak dispersal
 in a modified world. Plant Conservation in an Era of Global Climate Change, School of the Chicago
 Botanic Garden, Chicago, Illinois (21 October 2005)
- Marsico, T. D. Vascular plant inventory of Richardson Bottoms Wildlife Viewing Area. 88th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro (2-3 April 2004)
- Marsico, T. D. On the rare endemic Hydrophyllum brownei Kral & Bates (Browne's Waterleaf): New population information and a recommendation for change in status. 87th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (4-5 April 2003)

Attended

- 51st Annual Systematics Symposium, Latin American Biogeography, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis (8-10 October 2004)
- Inaugural meeting of the Ancient Cross Timbers Consortium, Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma (30 April 2004)
- Midwest Ecology and Evolution Conference (MEEC), University of Notre Dame, Indiana (5-7 March 2004)
- Rare and Invasive Plants of Arkansas Conference, University of Arkansas Center for Continuing Education, Fayetteville
- (23-24 October 2003)
- 50th Annual Systematics Symposium, Species Reconsidered, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis (10-11 October 2003)
- Upland Oak Ecology Symposium: History, Current Conditions, and Sustainability, Radisson Hotel, Favetteville, Arkansas (7-10 October 2002)
- 48th Annual Systematics Symposium, Biological Invasions, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis (12-13 October 2001)
- 85th Annual Meeting of the Arkansas Academy of Science, University of Central Arkansas, Conway (April 2001)

Invited Seminars

- Stop and Smell the Roses: They Are Trying to Tell You Something! Arkansas Native Plant Society Spring Meeting (May 2012)
- Activities at the Arkansas State University Herbarium (STAR), Craighead County Master Gardeners monthly meeting, (March 2012)
- Sending the Alarm: Evidence for Defense Priming Against Insect Herbivores by Eavesdropping Plants, University of Arkansas (September 2010)
- Insect Invasions and the Role of Host Plant Defenses, University of Central Arkansas (April 2010)
- Next-Generation Sequencing Platforms: The Similarities, Differences, and Applications of High-Throughput Technologies, Arkansas State University (February 2010)
- The Genetics of Colonizing Species, Arkansas State University (April 2009)
- Past and Present Geographic Range Shifts: A Conservation Perspective, Mississippi State University (May 2008)
- Predicting Plant Responses to Climate Change: Evidence from the Past, Present, and Future, Hampden-Sydney College (February 2008) and University of Findlay (February 2008)
- Unlocking the Mysteries of Long-Distance Dispersal, Wittenberg University (November 2007)
- Factors Limiting Species' Ranges and the Importance of Abundance, University of Tennessee (February 2007)

Science Seminar Speakers Hosted at ASU

- Dr. Esra Ozdenerol, Department of Earth Sciences, University of Memphis, Tennessee. The accuracy of detection of Chinese privet in Shelby Farms Park using the Woldview-2 Imagery (15 February 2012)
- Dr. Jessica Gurevitch, Department of Ecology and Evolution, Stony Brook University, New York.
 Biological invasions: a conceptual framework and systematic review (9 March 2011)
- Dr. Gary Ervin, Department of Biological Sciences, Mississippi State University, Mississippi.
 Combining biological datasets and predictive modeling in conservation planning (16 February 2011)
- Dr. Erin Espeland, USDA ARS NPARL, Sydney, MT. Transgenerational plasticity as a force to enhance or constrain local adaptation in invasive species (20 October 2010)
- Dr. Sally Entrekin, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Central Arkansas. Anthropogenic alterations change aquatic food web structure of headwater streams (17 March 2010)

Public Service and Outreach

- Volunteer Educator, Northeast Arkansas Master Naturalists course; Botany lesson (March 2012)
- Volunteer Educator, St. Francis, Cross, Woodruff, and Crittenden Counties Master Gardeners Course; Botany lesson (February 2012)
- Volunteer Educator, Craighead County Master Gardeners Course; Botany lesson (January 2012)
- Volunteer Lecture, Educational outreach to 3rd graders at Fox Meadow Intermediate Center, Carnivorous plants (October 2011)
- Volunteer Lecture, Outreach to the Greene County Master Gardeners' Association through a discussion of Japanese garden project (February 2011)
- Lead Volunteer, Chef David's Kidz Wishgrant Foundation, Leader of team to implement a Japanese garden for a child who underwent a heart transplant, Kennett, Missouri (Summer and Fall 2010)
- Tour Guide, Lyle Entomology Quarantine Insect Rearing Facility, Mississippi State University, for Annual Insect Camp (June 2009)
- Speaker, South Bend Elkhart Audubon Society monthly meeting (January 2008)
- Invited speaker, Grand Buddy program global change forum, Stanley Clark School, South Bend, Indiana (November 2006)
- Invited participant, BioBlitz 2006, St. Patrick's County Park, St. Joseph County, Indiana (September 2006)
- Science Fair Judging:
 - Northern Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair, University of Notre Dame, Indiana (March 2006 & March 2007)
 - Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), Indianapolis, Indiana (June 2006) Kennedy Elementary School Science Fair, South Bend, Indiana (February 2005)

- Northwest Arkansas Regional Science and Engineering Fair, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (March 2004)
- Speaker, Native Trees, Shrubs, & Vines Identification Workshop, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (May 2003)
- Herbarium Tour Guide, University of Arkansas Museum's Open House, Fayetteville (October 2002)
- Speaker, A Native Plant Identification Workshop for Beginners, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville (September 2001)