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May Berenbaum has been a faculty member of the Department of Entomology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign since 1980, serving as Head since 1992 and as the Swanlund Professor of Entomology since 1996. With a focus on the effects of natural and synthetic chemicals on plant-insect interactions, including pollination, her research has encompassed species in seven insect orders. In addition to research, she is dedicated to science communication, authoring numerous articles, editorials, and books on insects and creating the citizen-scientist website Beespotter, and founding the UI Pollinarium, a free-standing science center dedicated to raising pollinator awareness. As a member of the National Academy of Sciences, she chaired the Committee on the Status of Pollinators in North America and testified before Congress on honey bee health and pollinator decline. She received the Tyler Prize for Environmental Achievement in 2011 and the National Medal of Science in 2014.

Johan Bos and Robin Hunt run Big Rock Ranch, a family run farm where sustainability and ecological practices are at its core. Here, they care for 2 bee hives, plant pollinator friendly plants from spring to fall, raise heritage free range chickens, run a mixed organic fruit and vegetable market garden, and run an off grid tiny home bed and breakfast.

Wendy Caldwell is the Executive Director of the Monarch Joint Venture, a partnership represented by 85 organizations across the United States who work to protect monarch butterflies and their habitats through education, outreach, research, monitoring, and through habitat conservation. She began working on monarch conservation in 2007, helping to write an initial draft of the North American Monarch Conservation Plan (Commission for Environmental Cooperation, 2008). Before becoming the MJV Director in 2013, Wendy worked with the Monarch Lab to support its educational programs and coordinate the Monarch Larva Monitoring Project. She graduated from the University of Minnesota with a degree in Environmental Science and Entomology.

Growing up in rural western Minnesota, she has a strong interest in supporting conservation practices in agricultural communities, and embraces the opportunity to engage 'all hands in all lands' in conservation utilizing monarchs as a flagship species for conservation. Intermixed with her monarch work, Wendy has also worked in the fields of waterfowl research and prairie restoration with Ducks Unlimited, The Nature Conservancy, and the Illinois Natural History Survey.

William Carromero is the National Botanist for the USDA Forest Service National Headquarters. Dr. Carromero started his career with the Forest Service in 2004 as the District Botanist at the Ocala National Forest in Florida. He then became the Forest Ecologist at the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests in Arkansas from 2010 to 2015. During his tenure at the Ozark-St. Francis, he led the Ozark Highlands Ecosystem Collaborative Restoration project as the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration (CFLR) Coordinator. He also coordinated the Joint Chief's Initiative for the Western Arkansas Woodland Restoration Project. In 2014, William and his team received a Chief's Honor Award in Sustaining National Forests and Grasslands for their CFLR project accomplishments. Dr. Carromero joined the Rangeland Management and Vegetation Ecology Staff at the Forest Service's National Headquarters in October of 2015 as the Invasive Species Specialist. During his tenure at the Washington Office, William has participated in various projects including the Collaborative Restoration Advisory Team, Species of Conservation Concern Issue Team and Strategic Framework Team.

Sebastiana Cervantes is a graduate from Gustavus Adolphus College with a Bachelor's degree in Biology and Environmental Studies. She currently works for the Environmental Services Unit of the Minneapolis Health Department as an Environmental Health Inspector. It became her mission to work on pollinator work to help achieve the City's goal of increasing pollinator habitat, thus the Conservation of Minneapolis Bees (C.O.M.B.) project was created. She helped secure \$80,000 worth of external funding to help pollinators and pollinator habitat through the Environmental Solutions for Communities Grant through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and Wells Fargo. Over the past four years, the C.O.M.B. project along with several local community partners have installed hundreds of trees and thousands of native plants throughout Minneapolis. This initiative has helped educate over 98,000 people about pollinators through Facebook and Twitter posts, communication videos, news releases, and event tabling. Sebastiana has also helped organize partnerships with high school students to manage honey bee hives on City Hall.

Cindy Cohanim is the Community Engagement and Social Media Specialist responsible for environmental initiatives and external market outreach at Calstone, a family owned Canadian manufacturer of business furniture located in Scarborough, Ontario. Cindy has focused on environmental solutions throughout her personal life and career which included the founding of Green With Envi, a distributor of reusable home products.

Working with the team at Calstone, she is focused on managing relationships with partners, customers and communities to promote the environmental leadership that Calstone maintains as part of its innovative and industry leading products. Examples of their leadership in sustainability includes the Calstone Remanufacturing program that guarantees zero landfill use, their Rainwater Harvesting Project and the Tom Longboat Pollinator habitat for which Calstone received the NAPPC award.

Anthony Colangelo is a biology enthusiast who spends most of his time admiring and taking photographs of local birds and bugs. He received his Bachelor of Science degree at Queen's University majoring in Biology, and researched interesting life history traits and parental care behaviours seen in many bird species during his undergraduate career. Anthony has worked through multiple field seasons on many study organisms including tree swallows, black-capped chickadees, and carrion beetles, and loves to be outdoors to conduct research. Based in Toronto, Anthony is excited to be working toward improving pollinator protection and health!

Diana Cox-Foster is a Research Leader and Entomologist at USDA-ARS-PWA Pollinating Insects Research Unit (PIRU) in Logan, Utah. PIRU is focused on the biology, management, and systematics of all bee species. Its primary stakeholders include growers who use non-Apis bees for pollination. PIRU is home of the U.S. National Pollinating Insect Collection with scientists whose research aides in conservation of bee biodiversity. Cox-Foster's research focuses on bees and their interactions with pathogens and stresses (parasites and pesticide exposure). Cox-Foster became fascinated with bees and insects as a kid in Colorado. She received a B. S. in Entomology and Zoology at Colorado State University and a M.S. and Ph.D. in Entomology at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Cox-Foster gained skills in molecular biology as a post-doc at Vanderbilt University. In 1987, Cox-Foster joined Penn State University in Entomology as a faculty member; she transitioned to USDA-ARS in October 2015.

Makaylee Crone received her bachelor's degree in Bioenvironmental Science from Texas A&M University. She now a Ph.D. student advised by Christina Grozinger and David Biddinger in the Penn State Integrated Pollinator Ecology Program. Her research focuses on mitigating pesticide stress in honey bees and Japanese orchard bees through quality nutrition.

Jennie Durant is a social scientist and postdoctoral scholar interested in agrifood systems, with a focus on pollinator health, pesticide policy, and sustainable food production. During her PhD at UC Berkeley, she investigated how commercial beekeepers changed their management practices as the California almond industry expanded three-fold from 1990-2016. Her methods included in-depth interviews, a survey, and participant observation, as well as analyses of historical documents and grower pesticide use statistics.

As a USDA-NIFA postdoctoral fellow at UC Riverside, Jennie is deepening her focus on the almond industry by investigating the barriers and incentives to adopting bee-friendly practices on almond orchards through qualitative research and an industry-wide survey.

John Englert is the National Program Leader for Plant Materials with the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service in Washington, DC. He has been with the agency for over 25 years. John provides technical leadership on agency-wide vegetation issues that affect soil stabilization and soil health, water and air quality, wildlife and pollinator habitat, and livestock production. John provides overall guidance and direction for activities at NRCS' 25 Plant Materials Centers. Plant Materials Centers develop plants and plant information on a wide range of topics, including appropriate wildflowers species and methods of establishing and managing plantings to support NRCS pollinator habitat efforts.

Olivia Eskew recently transitioned from a role at Cypress Creek Renewables as the Pollinator Project Coordinator to the Sustainability Coordinator. As the Pollinator Project Coordinator, she pioneered a national sustainable best practices guide for the utility-scale solar industry on the co-location of solar and agriculture. Currently, she is incorporating corporate social responsibility initiatives company-wide to facilitate external reporting of the company's triple bottom line. She recently graduated from Duke University's Master of Environmental Management program at the Nicholas School of the Environment. With a focus on corporate social responsibility, her graduate degree serves as a bridge between her natural science background to policy and sustainability initiatives facilitation.

Jessica Fox is a Senior Technical Executive at the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI), a non-profit scientific research organization. She has led EPRI's \$15M per year Water and Ecosystem research team and is an expert in environmental markets and "credit stacking," ecosystem services, and corporate sustainability. Fox created the EPRI Ohio River Basin Water Quality Trading Project, which is the world's first interstate trading program for nutrients (<http://wqt.epri.com>) and won the United States Water Prize in 2015. Fox led EPRI's Energy Sustainability Interest Group from 2011 through 2016 to become the largest collaborative forum in the industry to strategically advance critical issues related to the sustainable generation and distribution of electricity. In 2017, Fox was recognized as Top Innovator (The Fantastic Forty) by Public Utilities Fortnightly. In 2018, Ms. Fox launched the EPRI Power-in-Pollinators Initiative <http://www.epri.com/pollinators>, which already the largest effort in North America focused specifically on pollinator conservation at electric power companies.

Tugrul Giray began bee research in 1988 at the Middle East Technical University in Turkey. Dr. Giray obtained his MS and PhD degrees in Entomology for research on bees at the University of Illinois under mentorship of Dr. Gene Robinson. After postdoctoral work at the Smithsonian Institute with Dr. Mary Jane West-Eberhard, and Dr. David Roubik, he studied behavior genetics at the University of Vermont with Dr. Lori Stevens. He is working at the University of Puerto Rico since 2000. He is the director of the Department of Biology in the Natural Sciences College since 2014. Research in Giray lab ranges from molecular physiology, behavior, ecology, evolution, to genomics of honey bees around the world. One interesting discovery of the lab is that in Puerto Rico a gentle Africanized Honey Bee (gAHB) evolved since their introduction to the island in 1994. gAHB are resistant to Varroa mites, and are free of main honey bee viruses. Giray lab is active in extension projects.

Katherine Hagan is a master's student in the Honey Bee Program of the Entomology Department of the UGA College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences (CAES).

Hailing from Whitesville, Kentucky, Katherine earned her Bachelor of Arts in Environmental Studies from Centre College in Danville, Kentucky. While working on a class project, Katherine became fascinated with honey bees and propelled herself into the world of entomology, starting with an internship in Dr. Daniel Potter's lab at the University of Kentucky. There, she assisted in the identification of over 10,000 bee genera from the Ohio Valley Region.

While interning at the University of Kentucky, Katherine accepted a study abroad in Mérida, Mexico, where she worked with a local organization to develop information on the *Melipona beechi*, a stingless bee species of cultural and ecological importance in the Yucatán. Her interest in pollinator research accompanied her to an internship position at National Park Service in Washington D.C., where she first served as a Biodiversity Youth Ambassador for the National Park Centennial and 10th annual Bioblitz. Finishing up her degree at Centre College, Katherine moved to New York to work for the American Museum of Natural History and the New York Botanical Gardens. The outstanding reputation of the Honey Bee Program and the outreach of Dr. Keith Delaplane and Jennifer Berry attracted Katherine to UGA, and where she hopes to obtain her masters in honeybee research, specifically within the sectors of polyandry and social evolution.

Virginia Houston, as Director of Government Relations, is responsible for implementing ASTA's federal legislative initiatives. In addition, she spearheads the advocacy efforts of the association through representing ASTA on Capitol Hill, tracking proposed legislation, coordinating comments and testimony to Congress, and managing the activities of SeedFirstPAC, the political action committee of the seed industry.

Most recently, Virginia was employed with the National Pork Producers Council, where she managed member outreach, legislative research and NPPC's political action committee. She held previous positions at the Animal Agriculture Alliance and the Agriculture Marketing Service at USDA.

A native of east Tennessee, Virginia grew up on a diversified cow/calf operation, and her family owns and operates the oldest livestock auction market in Tennessee. Virginia has a bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Mississippi and a master's in Political Management from The George Washington University.

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David Inouye has worked on pollinator ecology and conservation for many years, and been an active participant in NAPPC since its inception. He still works on pollinators each summer at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory.

Elizabeth Kaufman's passionate interests in native pollinator conservation and biological corridor restoration led her to join the Pollinator Partnership in 2018 to work as P2's Monarch Habitat Coordinator. In-between earning her BA in Human Ecology from Prescott College, and MS in Plant Biology and Conservation from Northwestern University and Chicago Botanic Garden, Elizabeth worked in the horticultural arts and sciences specializing in the restoration of native eco-scapes. Since then, Elizabeth has worked with the Chicago Botanic Garden Plant Science Center as a Research Associate to investigate success rates of native seed mixes used in restoration work on federal lands, and with the Bureau of Land Management and National Park Service as a Project Lead / Plant Science Tech Crew Lead to conduct plant community field surveys, T/E species habitat assessments, and habitat restoration projects. Elizabeth is thrilled to join the P2 team, enabling her to focus her efforts on landscape-scale pollinator habitat enhancement and conservation work.

Mike Kiernan is the founder of Bee the Change, which has been building habitat for pollinators in solar fields and other spaces in the Northeastern U.S. since 2015.

Mara Koenig, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Public Affairs Specialist, leads a national team of communicators engaging internal and external audiences in monarch and pollinator conservation. Mara uses her innate communication skills and years of leadership in the field to share a vision for fish, wildlife and plant conservation. Following in her family's teaching tradition, she always strives to impart the importance of natural resource conservation. Mara enthusiastically works to broaden the Service's influence and look beyond the initial scope to anticipate and capitalize on additional engagement opportunities to move the Service's mission forward.

Gary Krupnick is a research scientist at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History, where he heads up the Plant Conservation Unit. He represents the Smithsonian on committees for plant conservation and pollination. Gary studies plant conservation biology, plant reproduction, the use of herbarium specimens to determine rarity and endangerment of plant species, and plant-pollinator interactions. He has conducted conservation assessments of the flora of Hawaii and the flora of the West Indies. He co-curated the traveling exhibition, "Losing Paradise? Endangered Plants Here and Around the World," a convergence of art, science, conservation, and education. Gary serves on the steering committee of the North American Orchid Conservation Center and is the Vice Chair of the steering committee of NAPPC. He is the co-editor of the book *Plant Conservation: A Natural History Approach* (University of Chicago Press; 2005), and the editor of *The Plant Press* (newsletter of the U.S. National Herbarium).

Kathleen Law's interest in native plants and restoration ecology lead her to discover a love for pollinators and a fascination with their crucial role in sustaining ecosystems. She completed a Masters degree in geography at the University of Guelph, Ontario (Canada), where her research focused on farmer-centered and collaborative approaches to pollinator conservation on farmland. Her favourite research topics are landscape-level habitat provision and crop production interactions, and innovative governance approaches to environmental problems. Kathleen has volunteered on the North American Native Plant Society's Rescues and Restoration Committee, and led environmental leadership workshops and research internationally, notably in Guyana and Senegal. Based in Toronto, Ontario, Kathleen is engaged with both the urban and rural conservation communities, with a special place in her heart for farmers.

Seth Lehrman has been working for the federal government for nearly 21 years. The first 18.5 were with the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Connecticut as a Resource Conservationist. The last two years he has worked as the Natural Resources Support Coordinator for the Northeast Region of the National Park Service (NPS). With the NPS, Seth coordinates the natural resource portion of annual NPS comprehensive funding call for his region, writes technical briefs, and assists Parks and regional natural resources staff on a range of technical and administrative issues. While at NRCS he worked with several private and public landowners on pollinator habitat implementation projects. Seth serves as the Northeast Region representative to the NPS pollinator group and assists parks as needed with any pollinator related questions or projects.

Nicole Lindsey, a Detroit native, knew she had to spring into action when she learned of the decline of the bee population. Enamored by the majesty of bees, Nicole recognized the importance of increasing awareness of the dwindling pollinators and their processes. Since co-founding the Detroit Hives in January of 2017, Nicole serves as an educator and beekeeper, devoted to altering negative stigmas about honeybees and informing of their crucial roles and benefits to the environment. She is a proud member Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated, Bee Ambassador for the Honeybee Conservancy, Certified Pollinator Champion through the Michigan State University Extension Program, and member of the Southeastern Michigan Beekeepers' Association. Lastly, Nicole is dedicated to educating young girls on the importance of pollinator education.

Isaac Lisle developed a love for biology and nature at a young age. Frequent trips to local zoos and nature parks, as well as the family farm in Iowa nurtured this growing passion over the years, eventually leading him to pursue his B.S. in Conservation Biology at Union University in Tennessee, where he not only gained a valuable education, but had the opportunity to work for nonprofits across the nation during the summers. Upon graduation, he moved to San Francisco where he is pursuing a Masters of Environmental Management at the University of San Francisco. Isaac began working at Pollinator Partnership shortly after his move to the city, and is thrilled to have the opportunity to begin his career at such an influential and science based conservation organization. His duties at P2 include contributing to NAPPC projects and events as well as donor development.

Alejandra Martínez de Castro Dubernard is a Mexican veterinarian who has been focused in bee conservation, working at El Colegio de la Frontera Sur with bumblebee rearing and research the last two years, specifically with the Mesoamerican bumblebee *Bombus ephippiatus*, achieving its controlled reproduction. Currently she has a big interest in pesticide research, and will investigate the effect of pesticides on native bumblebee populations in Mexico.

Tim May is a third generation commercial beekeeper from outside of Chicago. Sunny Hill Honey manages 1500 colonies throughout Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin for honey production and regional pollination. Sunny Hill Honey has been packing and distributing honey under the brand since 1948. Tim May is the current president of the American Beekeeping Federation.

Ray McAllister has served since 1989 as the Senior Director of Regulatory Policy for CropLife America in Washington, DC, the U.S. national trade association representing manufacturers, formulators, and distributors of crop protection products. He received the B.S. and M.S. degrees in Plant Science from Utah State University, the M.Ed. degree in Community Education Administration from Brigham Young University, and the Ph.D. in Weed Science from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Ana Montero-Castaño is a Pollination ecologist working on different threats to pollinators and the pollination service they provide. Keywords: invasive species, pesticides, pathogen spread, plant-pollinator networks, wild pollinators, Mediterranean ecosystems, agro-ecosystems, blueberry crops.

Lora Morandin has been doing research on bees and pollination since 1997. She started out working on bee pollination of greenhouse tomatoes at Western University in Ontario and that grew into an interest in native pollinator conservation and sustainable agriculture. She then did a PhD at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia studying modern agriculture and pollinators, followed by post doctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley working on enhancement of native pollinators and natural enemy insects through small-scale farm restoration. Lora has more than 20 peer-reviewed publications on pollinators and sustainable agriculture, including innovative work on economic benefits of ecosystem services. She has consulted for government and industry on diverse ecological topics such as seabird oiling from offshore oil and gas operations, and honey bee health research gaps. Lora lives in Victoria, British Columbia and when she's not working part time for Pollinator Partnership Canada, spends time working on her urban farm and enjoying BC's beautiful natural areas. Lora is excited to be working with P2C to bring more research, outreach, and conservation of pollinators to urban and agricultural areas of Western Canada.

Margaret O'Gorman operates at the intersection of business and nature. As President of the Wildlife Habitat Council, she helps companies find value in natural resources conservation and mainstream biodiversity across operations. She consults with multinational corporations to develop integrated strategies to implement conservation projects to meet business needs and, in so doing, enhance ecosystems, connect communities and engage employees. She helps WHC members build conservation into their sustainability efforts and helps sustain conservation efforts through WHC's signature Conservation Certification recognition, which serves to define the standard for corporate conservation worldwide. As a member of the Extended Consultative Network she is advising the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on mainstreaming biodiversity towards the post-2020 goals. She is the author of the book "Strategic Corporate Conservation Planning" to be published by Island Press in early 2021.

Clint Otto is a research ecologist for the US Geological Survey stationed at Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, North Dakota. Since 2014, Clint has been investigating the impacts of land-use change on pollinators and ecosystem services in the northern Great Plains. Much of his research focuses on the development of decision-support tools to inform natural resource management and policy. Clint's current work includes evaluating the effectiveness of pollinator habitat enhancements, modeling pollen foraging by honey bees and the endangered rusty patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*), and quantifying floral resource use by pollinators on managed lands.

Thalia Pappas was consultant for the Delaware Department of Agriculture, working with farmers, educators, homeowners, DE National Guard and state and federal employees to highlight their programs while creating and implementing strategies to improve pollinator health. She also had the opportunity to present information to The Brandywine Conservancy, Winterthur, Bombay Hook National Wildlife Refuge, and DE Master Gardeners on pollinator protection advocacy at the state and national level, and how the diversity of the initiatives in the state contributed to the goals of Delaware's Pollinator Protection plan.

In her role as co-chair of the NAPPC Bee Friendly Farming Task Force, she and the task team are building a structure for regional outreach channels, creating a more robust sponsorship plan, and providing membership incentives and marketing materials to increase the value add of BFF for farmers and their customers. She is also a board member for Healthy Food for Healthy Kids, a non-profit organization funding and building school vegetable gardens so students in Delaware can experience healthy eating and learn about plant science first hand by planting, harvesting and eating vegetables as part of their school curriculum.

Alixandra Prybyla (Science Director of The Honeybee Conservancy) hails from Cleveland, Ohio, where her love of the natural world was cultivated in the forests of the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. With a professional background in ecology and conservation biology, Alix has had the privilege and pleasure of conducting fieldwork all over the world: from howler monkey conservation in Belize, to shark tagging in the Bahamas. She is a strong believer in the democratization of science through citizen science research projects (an interest she brings with her to THBC). When she's not fussing over her latest research proposal, Alix can be found diving into the fantasy worlds of books.

Michael Retterer is a graduate from the University of Rio Grande where he obtained his Bachelor of Science degree focusing on wildlife/fish conservation and management. He currently serves as a Coordinating Wildlife Biologist for Pheasants Forever, and the OPHI state coordinator where he works with landowners, state, and federal agencies providing technical assistance regarding the implementation of specific conservation measures and programs to improve wildlife habitat. Mike also works with a large group of diverse partners to help coordinate and influence habitat management efforts and participates in state wide meetings to further the mission of Pheasants Forever, OPHI, and statewide conservation efforts.

Nathan Redecker is the Botany and Monitoring specialist for New Mexico BLM. He coordinates and supports field efforts for the AIM (Assessment Inventory and Monitoring) and Rare Plant Monitoring programs. He provides data management and support for data analysis of the AIM indicators and rare plant demographic monitoring throughout NM.

Thelma Redick, with WHC since 2003, brings 30 years' experience in conservation education and community engagement, specializing in place-based learning and building productive partnerships. She manages partnership agreements, directs the annual Conservation Conference and manages WHC's on-line learning, the Conservation Academy. Thelma holds a Masters in Non-profit Management from Robert Morris University, along with degrees in Communications and Management; she also studied Conservation Ecology at Chatham's Rachel Carson Institute, with certifications in Environmental Education and Ecological Landscaping. Before joining WHC she worked as a freelance filmmaker, curriculum writer and held positions at ASSET, the Pittsburgh Civic Garden Center and Phipps Conservatory.

Andre Riveros has worked with bees in the tropics and the US for over 20 years. Dr. Riveros' expertise is within the field of neurobiology of learning and memory of bees, specially honeybees and bumblebees. Dr. Riveros is currently an Associate Professor at Universidad del Rosario (Colombia) and a Research Associate at the University of Arizona (Tucson).

Kelly Rourke is Director of Programs and Operations for the Pollinator Partnership (P2). Kelly holds a degree in Environmental Studies and a minor in Anthropology from the University of California at Santa Cruz. Her background in ecology, conservation, and culture has propelled her career in the non-profit sector. Prior to P2, Kelly worked at another bay area-based environmental non-profit called Conservacion Patagonica (CP). CP's mission is to establish national parks in Chile and Argentina where there is not only fragile ecosystems, but also, complex cultural and societal struggles. Kelly is currently working towards a Master's of Science in Environmental Management at the University of San Francisco.

Olav Rueppell is a professor of biology at the University of North Carolina Greensboro and studies honey bee health and biology. To improve honey bee health, he focuses on understanding the biological interactions between Varroa mites, viruses, and honey bees to identify sustainable solutions for apiculture.

Mary Rust is a biologist at EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs where she has worked to further pollinator awareness for educators and pesticide users. Every year, Mary and other EPA employees participate in NAPPCC's Pollinator Week on the National Mall. Mary is passionate about pollinators and NAPPCC.

Dara Satterfield is an ecologist currently serving as an AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Dara also conducts research on monarch butterflies, animal migration, and infectious disease ecology.

Dolores Savignano is the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) liaison to the North American Pollinator Protection Campaign. She chairs the USFWS Pollinator Work Group, which works to raise awareness of and support for the value, conservation, protection, and enhancement of native pollinators and their habitats. The USFWS has a wide range of pollinator projects throughout the country and internationally. Dolores received a B.S. in Biology from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in Zoology from Univ. of Texas at Austin for her research on the facultative mutualism between Karner blue butterfly larvae and attendant ants.

Elizabeth Sellers (B.Sc. Honors – Botany & Geomorphology, James Cook University, Australia) has served the USGS as a Data Information Specialist for 15 years. She coordinates data loads for the Biodiversity Information Serving Our Nation (BISON – <http://bison.usgs.gov>) online all-taxa mapping and checklist application; and is working with Dr. John Ascher to complete the World Bee update for the Integrated Taxonomic Information System (ITIS – www.itis.gov). She has served on the NAPPC Steering Committee for 12 years.

Dr. Ed Spevak has dedicated the last 40 years to the conservation of invertebrates and vertebrates working as a zoo curator and small population biologist. Ed is the Curator of Invertebrates at the Saint Louis Zoo and is Director of Saint Louis Zoos WildCare Institute Center for Native Pollinator Conservation. Ed and the Saint Louis Zoo helped to establish the IUCN SSC Bumble Bee Specialist Group and Ed serves as the Programme Officer. Ed and the Zoo also helped establish the Honey Bee Health Coalition, Keystone Monarch Collaborative and Missourians for Monarchs Collaborative and Ed serves on the steering committee of each. Ed is also a member of the Science Advisory Council of Field to Market looking at biodiversity issues in the sustainable agriculture chain. Ed, through the CNPC, has also begun a new program called Native Foods, Native Peoples, Native Pollinators focused on food security, food sovereignty and pollinator conservation on Native American Reservations.

Jamie Strange is a Research Entomologist for the USDA-ARS at the Pollinating Insect- Biology, Management and Systematics Research Unit in Logan, UT. His work focuses on bumble bee genetics, pathology and commercial production. He is currently leading a nationwide bumble bee pathogen survey to understand the distribution and prevalence of potential bumble bee pathogen in the United States.

Orley "Chip" Taylor is the Director of Monarch Watch at the University of Kansas. Trained as an insect ecologist at the University of Connecticut, his research projects have included studies of reproductive isolating mechanisms in sulfur butterflies, reproductive and life history patterns in plants, comparative biology of European and African honey bees and migratory behavior of monarch butterflies. Starting in 1974, he established research sites and directed students studying Neotropical African honey bees (killer bees) in French Guiana, Venezuela, and Mexico. In 1992, Taylor founded Monarch Watch, an outreach program focused on education, research and conservation relative to monarch butterflies. Since then, Monarch Watch has enlisted volunteers to tag monarchs during the fall migration. Over 2.0 million monarchs have been tagged by volunteers. Of these, over 20 thousand tags have been recovered. This program has provided many new insights about the dynamics of the fall monarch migration.

Barry Thompson has kept honey bees since 1954 and Osmia since 2010, providing since 2000 pollination for orchards in Montgomery County, MD. Long active in local, state, national and international beekeeping/pollinate organizations, he joined NAPPC the second year of its existence. A physician- geneticist by training, Barry has an interest in genetic solutions to the problems of pollinators. He serves on the Honey Bee Health Task Force.

Tom Van Arsdall is the Pollinator Partnership's (P2) Director of Public Affairs. His advocacy efforts on behalf of P2 have been instrumental in the enactment of pollinator conservation and research provisions in the last two farm bills (2008 and 2014) and measures promoting pollinator habitat on right-of-ways in the 2015 FAST Act. He also networks with federal agency officials and helps build broad-based coalitions in support of pollinators. Tom helped represent P2 as a critical resource to the White House in laying the groundwork for the 2014 Presidential Memorandum on the Health of Honey Bees and Other Pollinators and the 2016 "Pollinator Partnership Action Plan."

Dr. Kimberly Winter is the NatureWatch National Program Leader for the U.S. Forest Service in Washington, D.C. She holds a Ph.D. in Wildlife Ecology and Management and a Master's degree in Ecological Anthropology, and initially came to DC working for NAPPC as International Coordinator. Kim seeks ways to bring the value of conservation to the public eye by promoting opportunities for people of diverse demographics to immerse themselves in nature through special events such as Pollinator Week and Bat Week, programs like freshwater snorkeling in streams, and through media using wildlife critter cams, videos, and songs; educational resources like the FS NatureLIVE Distance Learning series; and the NatureWatch website (www.fs.fed.us/naturewatch). Kim spends as much time as possible outdoors with her daughter, dogs, and beehive.

Terry Witzel's career has focused on agriculture, food processing and food distribution. He is also interested in promoting sustainable food systems and serves as a member of the San Mateo County Food System Alliance. Additionally, Terry serves on the Agricultural Advisory Council for the California State Fair. He joined the Pollinator Project because of its emphasis on the global and economic importance of pollinators in food crop production.

Victoria Wojcik is an optimistic ecologist and city dweller that believes human populations and the natural world can coexist. For the past five years she studied the impact of urban landscapes on local bee populations, with a particular focus on how habitat resources are perceived and used by urban bees. Her current interests lie in the fields of pollinator conservation and in continuing to understand how anthropogenic factors affect species living in close proximity to human settlements. Recently, she has become increasingly interested in how policy and management decisions impact conservation efforts within cities. Vicki's academic work has been published in peer-reviewed journals, books, and magazines. She received her B.Sc. Honours from the University of Guelph, Canada in 2004 and her Ph.D. in Environmental Science, Policy, & Management from UC Berkeley in 2009. In addition to her work at the Pollinator Partnership, Vicki holds an appointment as a lecturer in biology at the University of California, Berkeley.

Grady Zuiderveen is a Botanist and Presidential Management Fellow with the office of Forest Management, Rangeland Management, and Vegetation Ecology in Washington, DC. He works with the National Botany Program and the National Reforestation and Nursery System Program.