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EDUCATION

- December 2009 Ph.D., Botany. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
May 1998 M.S., Botany. University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida
February 1994 B.A., Biology and German, Summa Cum Laude. Berea College, Berea, Kentucky

RELEVANT WORK AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- July 2018 - present **Associate Professor.** School of Mathematical and Natural Sciences, University of Arkansas at Monticello. Teaching BIOL 1063 (Introduction to Biological Science), BIOL 1103 (Medical Terminology), BIOL 2143 (General Botany), BIOL 2171 (General Botany Lab), BIOL 3013 (Plants in Our World), BIOL 3434 (Regional Flora & Lab), and BIOL 3484 (Ecology & Lab). Supervisor, Dr. Shuneize Slater.
- September 2020 – present **Affiliate Graduate Faculty.** Arkansas State University, Department of Biological Sciences. Served on graduate committees of biology master's students Grace McCartha and Caity Sims, and assisting with research in the Marsico Laboratory and working with other graduate students, e.g., Brendan Kosnik, and Diana Soteropoulos.
- July 2017 – May 2018 **Botanical Research Contractor.** Missouri Botanical Garden. Follow-up quality control revision of Flora of India checklist database. Supervisor, Dr. Peter Raven, Emeritus Director of MBG, St. Louis.
- August 2017 **Invited Lecturer.** Universidad Pedagógica y Tecnológica de Colombia, IX Congreso Colombiano de Botánica. Identificación de familias Neotropicales, a 3-day 40-hour Post-Congress course with 56 students.
- March 2015 – May 2017 **Research Assistant.** New York Botanical Garden. New Manual of Vascular Plants of Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada, an update to Gleason & Cronquist 1991. Supervisor, Dr. Rob Naczi, Curator North America Botany, New York Botanical Garden.
- Summers 2013 – 2018, 2021 **Visiting Professor of Biology.** Hancock Biological Station, Murray State University, Murray, Kentucky. Developed and taught Field Botany (BIO 553/663), an undergraduate/graduate course: survey of the vascular flora of western Kentucky and adjacent states with emphasis on field identification of common species of the region. Current Director, Dr. Michael Flinn; Emeritus Director, Dr. David White.
- August 2011 – March 2015 **Post Doctorate Researcher.** Missouri Botanical Garden. Flora of India Checklist. Supervisor, Dr. Peter Raven, Emeritus Director of MBG, St. Louis.
- January – June 2011 **Intern: Identification of Herbarium Material to Family.** Missouri Botanical Garden Herbarium. Identification of herbarium material with Ron Liesner and several projects, such as the creation of a backlog for North American plants sorted to family. Also pursued floristic and taxonomic work with Polygalaceae.
- Fall 2009 – Spring 2010 **Lecturer.** Eastern Illinois University, Charleston, Illinois. Taught Introductory Biology for majors (BIO 1100) and for non-majors (BIO 1001). Contact, Dr. Barbara Carlsward, Professor.
- Summer 2002 – Fall 2008 **Botanical Consultant.** Independently employed. Various projects included field surveys, vegetation mapping, rare plant inventories, and report preparation throughout Florida, with a focus on Suwannee River Water Management District lands.
- Spring 2004 **Graduate Teaching Assistant.** Botany Department, The University of Florida. Responsible for all aspects of preparing and teaching the weekly six-hours of labs, including the collection of plant material and leading field trips. Graduate Plant Taxonomy (BOT 6325); Lecture Professors, Drs. Doug and Pam Soltis.
- August 2001 – June 2003 **Senior Agriculturist.** Greenhouse Manager, Botany Department, University of Florida. Responsible for maintaining plants in departmental greenhouses, overseeing research projects, and coordinating with labs.
- March – August 2001 **Field Botanist, Team Leader, and Natural Resources Program Coordinator.** Florida Natural Areas Inventory and the Nature Conservancy. Supervised vegetation sampling, botanical surveys, and computer data entry on Suwannee River Water Management District lands.

March – November 2000	Field Technician. Assistant Botanist, Florida Natural Areas Inventory and the Nature Conservancy. Conducted vegetation sampling and botanical surveys on Suwannee River Water Management District Lands in northern Florida. [Work was continued through February 2001 directly for the Suwannee River Water Management District entering data.]
October 1999 – March 2000	Assistant Plant Grower. San Felasco Nursery, Alachua County, Florida. Assisted in most aspects of nursery management; primarily responsible for maintaining plants in a sellable condition.
July 1999	Assistant Museum Scientist. Museum of Systematics and Ecology, Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Barbara. Resolved nomenclatural issues and processed specimens for Dr. Jennifer Thorsch.
Spring 1999	Lecturer in Botany. Biology Department, Berea College. Taught Introductory Botany (BIO 114), Field Botany (BIO 342), and Economic Botany (BIO 386).
May 1998 – January 1999	Restoration Botanist. Rancho San Marcos Golf Course, Santa Barbara, California. Responsible for all aspects of enhancing and restoring native plant communities: planning, installation of plants and irrigation, monitoring, and weed control.
September 1998 – January 1999	Botanical Consultant. Rachel Tierney Consulting Company, Santa Barbara, California. Various activities included field surveys, vegetation mapping, revegetation monitoring, and report preparation.
August 1998 - January 1999	Herbarium Assistant. Museum of Systematics and Ecology, Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Marine Biology, University of California, Santa Barbara. Involved in plant specimen management.
Spring 1997 – February 1998	State Extension Botanist. Herbarium (FLAS), Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville. Plant identifications were made for county extension agents and private individuals from throughout Florida.
April 1996 – January 1998	Field Botanist. Florida State Park Service Volunteer. Conducted field, herbarium, and library research in relation to thesis: A Floristic Inventory of the Waccasassa Bay State Preserve, Levy County, Florida.
Fall 1995 - Spring 1997	Graduate Teaching Assistant. Botany Department, The University of Florida. Prepared lectures and laboratories, collected plant material, led field trips, and tutored students. Practical Plant Taxonomy (BOT 2710), Introduction to Ecology Laboratory (PCB 3043), Integrated Principles of Biology Laboratory (BSC 2011).
1996 – 1997	Botanical Field Consultant. Conducted searches for rare and endangered species in Florida and made general field inventories of all plant species seen. Contracted by private individuals and companies on several occasions.
July 1994 – July 1995	Field Botanist. Thomas J. Watson Fellowship. Botanical Explorations in South America: Colombia, Ecuador, and Bolivia. Collected, processed, and cataloged 2,500 plants for Missouri Botanical Garden and Florida Museum of Natural History Herbaria.
Spring 1990 – Spring 1994	Assistant Herbarium Curator. Berea College Herbarium, Berea, Kentucky. All phases of herbarium management: collected, identified, mounted, labeled, and cataloged vascular plants and supervised herbarium student workers. Curator, Dr. R.L. Thompson.
Winter 1991 – Spring 1994	Research Assistant. Biology Department, Berea College. Carried out field and herbarium research projects with Dr. R.L. Thompson: Vegetation and Vascular Flora of an Abandoned Limestone Quarry, Clark County, Kentucky. A Floristic Survey of Fort Boonesborough State Park, Madison County, Kentucky. The Campanulaceae of Kentucky. Vascular Flora of the only <i>Drosera</i> site in Kentucky, Pulaski County.
Spring 1990 – Fall 1993	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. Biology Department, Berea College. Laboratory maintenance and supervision, graded exams and papers, prepared handouts, tutored students, administered quizzes, and led field trips. General Biology (BIO 100), General Botany (BIO 114), Field Botany (BIO 332), Dendrology (BIO 336), Biology Seminar (BIO 392). Professor, Dr. R.L. Thompson.
March 1993 – October 1993	Field Botanist. Funded by the Nature Conservancy, Kentucky Chapter, the Kentucky Nature Preserves Commission, and the USDA Forest Service. Botanical survey of the London Ranger District, Daniel Boone National Forest, with special emphasis on rare, threatened, endangered, and sensitive species and description of plant communities.

PUBLICATIONS

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- McCartha, G.L., C.M. Sims, B.J. Kosnik, **J.R. Abbott**, M.L. Jones, B.E. Benton, S.A. Mangan, & T.D. Marsico. 2023. Flora of six lower Mississippi River Islands (U.S.A.). *JBRIT* 17: 281–311.
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- Abbott, J.R.** 2018. Cleomaceae, the Cleome Family. In: *New Manual of Vascular Plants of Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada*, online edition of 2018. NYBG Press, NY.
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- Abbott, J.R.** 2016. Liliaceae, the Lily Family. In: New Manual of Vascular Plants of Northeastern United States and Adjacent Canada, online edition of 2016. NYBG Press, NY.
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- McCartha, G.L., C.M. Sims, B.J. Kosnik, **J.R. Abbott**, M.L. Jones, B.E. Benton, & T.D. Marsico. 2022. Plant community composition of six Lower Mississippi River islands. International Biogeography Society, Vancouver, January. Poster.
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GRANTS

Abbott, J.R. & K.M. Neubig. 2022. Addressing species limits in Arkansas *Sisyrinchium* and *Polygala*. Agency: Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. Research: \$17,000

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

Graduate Research & Field Teaching: assisted with botanical field work in Arkansas, through Marsico Lab at Arkansas State University:

- Brendan Kosnik: Thesis project: Species distribution modeling of rare *Carex* sedges in the Mississippi Alluvial Plain and Crowley's Ridge ecoregions. Spring 2022 – Fall 2023
- Grace McCarthy: Thesis project (on committee): Plant community composition of six Lower Mississippi River islands considering elevation and proximity to the White and Arkansas Rivers. 2020 – 2021
- Caity Sims: Thesis project (on committee): Relations of seasonal flood disturbance with plant flowering phenology. 2020 – 2021
- Diana Soteropoulos: Dissertation project: Floristics in Arkansas: surveying and quantifying management impact of rare ecosystems, launching floristic quality assessment, and predicting rare plant distribution. 2020 – 2021

iNaturalist 'Super User': I began using iNaturalist as a tool with citizen science bioblitzes; I now use iNaturalist as a classroom teaching tool; I make ~20,000 yearly identifications globally for others, focused on the southeastern US (# = rank based on number of plant IDs; 17 Sep 2023): AL (7), AR (3), KY (4), LA (1), MO (4), MS (5), overall globally (139). With over 3.5 million observers, 337 K identifiers, and over 176 million observations, iNat is a global community of naturalists, with only about 10% of us also identifying observations of others.

Invited speaker for plant-related talks & walks with various groups, e.g. (most of these recent presentations were through Zoom; I have given dozens of such talks with many different groups over the years, usually in-person):

- An Overview of Opposite-Leaved Woody Plants of Arkansas. Arkansas Native Plant Society, 10 Aug 2024.
- Missouri Botanical Garden (MoBot) collecting trip, Co-led hike at Cutoff Creek Wildlife Management Area, 2 Oct 2023. Arkansas Native Plant Society (ANPS) Fall Meeting, Co-led hike at Rattlesnake Ridge Natural Area, 30 Sep 2023. ANPS Fall Meeting, Led hike at Taylor Woodlands Natural Area, 9 Oct 2022. Five Oaks Agricultural Research & Education Center, Taught an Aquatic Plants ID training session, 8 Oct 2022. MoBot collecting trip, Co-led hikes at Cutoff Creek Wildlife Management Area & Lake Maumelle Bufflehead Bay Trail, 2 Oct 2022. Kentucky Native Plant Society, Bernheim Arboretum & Research Forest, Taught a Plant ID workshop, 29 – 30 Jul 2022. ANPS Spring Meeting, Led hikes at Bayou Bartholomew River Trail & Cane Creek State Park, 14 May 2022.
- Arkansas Native Plant Society 2023. Introduction to Plant Phylogeny - Understanding Cladograms, Part 1: Terminology & Concepts, 17 Jun; Introduction to Plant Phylogeny - Understanding Cladograms, Part 2: Examples, 24 Jun. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Orv0nu0Uml, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kg9hf0WY1Bk>
- An Introduction to Vegetative Morphology for Practical Plant ID. Illinois Native Plant Society, 17 Jan 2023.
- Arkansas Native Plant Society 2022 Basics of Botany Series with Dr. Richard Abbott (Saturdays, 6 pm). Part 1: Plant Identification Terminology, 2 Apr; Part 2: Plant Reproductive Terminology, 21 May; Part 3: The Basics Behind a Name, 18 Jun. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GFnDQx05K0Y>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nSdfJR9ftfw>, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2k76TXz9IU>
- Artificial Plant ID Motifs: Simple and Useful Patterns for Field Identification of Plants. Central Arkansas Master Naturalists Advanced Training Speaker. 17 Feb 2022. https://arkansasmasternaturalists.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=250502&module_id=512286 or https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/8PnKb8Q3xWfTP_NIkbf8kyRYok3KhS97NDZFHSnF_BjdDzhmF9RNF0fvq_8p1XU.qqnW_2U23KF1bh2l [Access Passcode: N56*Hjd3]
- Vines of Missouri. St. Louis chapter, Missouri Native Plant Society, 22 Sep 2021. <https://monativeplants.org/monps-webinars/>
- Introduction to Practical Plant ID Patterns. WeDigBio, 17 Oct 2021.
- Through the Eyes of a Botanist: a pictorial look at Arkansas's Natural Areas. WeDigBio, 16 Oct 2021.
- Vines of Arkansas. Arkansas Native Plant Society, 4 Sep 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=57J-FUFasRA>
- Natural Plant ID Motifs: Examples from Selected Plant Families. St. Louis chapter, Missouri Native Plant Society, 24 Mar 2021. <https://monativeplants.org/monps-webinars/>
- Artificial Plant ID Motifs: Simple and Useful Patterns of Field Identification of Plants. St. Louis chapter, Missouri Native Plant Society, 27 Jan 2021. <https://monativeplants.org/monps-webinars/>
- Plant ID Patterns. Master Gardeners, El Dorado, Arkansas, 16 May 2019.

Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Plant ID Workshop, a week-long botanical field session in southern Alabama (for biologists, land managers, & amateur enthusiasts). <https://www.inaturalist.org/projects/weeks-bay-plant-id-workshop-july-2020>

2019 SUPERB Summer Institute, held at the Winthrop Rockefeller Institute, Morrilton, Arkansas. Member of the Ethical Collecting Panel and assisted with field excursions to Petit Jean State Park, 6 – 7 Aug 2019.

Sedge Identification and Diversity (*Carex*, Cyperaceae) workshop, at Maywoods. Kentucky Native Plant Society, 21 – 22 May 2019.

Co-taught a 2-week course in Plant Systematics in conjunction with the 12th Latin American Botanical Congress, Ecuador, Oct 2018.

Invited lecturer and researcher for plant identification course and fieldwork in Myanmar, Oct – Dec 2017.

Invited keynote speaker and lecturer, 9th Colombian Botanical Congress, Tunja, Colombia. Aug 2017.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioBVT58BGIM>

Volunteer public outreach community education liaison for three bioblitzes in the greater New York city metropolitan area: Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx; Sandy Hook, New Jersey; Freshkills Park, Staten Island. 2015.

Volunteer public outreach community education liaison, guest lecturer, speaker, and tour leader for various activities associated with the Webster Groves Nature Study Society, Missouri Native Plant Society, Academy of Science St. Louis, Gateway Greening (a community garden organization), Forsyth School, Meramec Community College, and various other school & university programs & courses in St. Louis. 2011 – 2014; 2017.

Guest editor and Translator for Bissea, The Newsletter on Plant Conservation of the National Botanic Garden of Cuba, 2007 – 2013.

<http://www.uh.cu/centros/jbn/textos/publicaciones/bissea.html>

Courtesy Assistant Scientist, University of Florida Herbarium (FLAS), Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, Florida, 2010+.

Mexican Short Term Student. American Union Academy, Morelia, Mexico. Jan 1993.

Foreign Exchange Student, Lessing College, Marburg, Germany, for one month; and the University of Vienna, the Translator University, and the Central College Study Abroad Program, Vienna, Austria, for five months. Aug 1991 – Jan 1992.

Non-traditional Student Union, 1990 - 1994, Vice-president, 1993; German Club, 1986 - 1987, 1990, President, 1987; Biology Club, 1990 - 1994.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

- Sigma Xi Scientific Research Society, Eastern Illinois University Chapter, 2009.
- Graduate Certificate in Latin American Studies. Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida, 2009.
- Certificado de Proficiência em Língua Portuguesa para Estrangeiros (Celpe-Bras), Certificado Intermediário. Administered by the Secretary of Higher Education of the Education Ministry (of Brazil) on October 25, 2006.
- Brazilian Portuguese Fellowship (FLAS AY Fellowship, IEPS-International Resource Information System); University of Florida, 2005. \$20,000.
- Thomas J. Watson Fellowship. Botanical Investigations and Explorations in South America: Colombia, Ecuador, Bolivia. July 1994 – July 1995. \$18,000.
- Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship, James R. Slater Fellow, Top National Award, 1994. \$7,000.
- T.J. Wood Achievement Award, Berea College, 1994.
- Crawford Prize in Conservation, Berea College, 1994.
- Henry W. Austin Scholar Award, Berea College, 1993.
- J. Stanton King Science Award, Berea College, 1993.
- Phi Kappa Phi International Honor Society, Berea College, 1992.
- Beta Beta Beta National Biological Honor Society, Berea College, 1991.
- Delta Phi Alpha National German Honor Society, Berea College, 1991.
- Student Marshal, 1992 Mid-Year Graduate Recognition Service; senior male with highest G.P.A.
- Zertifikat Deutsch als Fremdsprache (Certificate of German as a Foreign Language). Administered by the Goethe Institute, 12 Apr 1991.

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