

## Curriculum Vitae

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#### EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- 2005-2010 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Colorado State University Arthropod-Borne Infectious Diseases Laboratory. Research Advisor: Dr. William Black IV
- 2000-2005 Ph.D. in Zoology, Colorado State University  
Advisor: Dr. Janice Moore  
*Dissertation Title:* Parasitoid-induced behavioral alterations in *Aedes aegypti* mosquito larvae infected with mermithid nematodes (Nematoda: Mermithidae)
- 1996-1998 M.S. in Biology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  
Advisor: Dr. John Janovy, Jr.  
*Thesis Title:* Host specificity in *Metamera sillisenorum*, N. Sp. A gregarine parasite of the leech *Helobdella triserialis* with notes on transmission dynamics
- 1993-1995 B.S. in Biology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

#### ACADEMIC and PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2023-current Chair, Department of Natural Sciences, Texas A&M University -San Antonio
- 2023-current Professor, Biology Program, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- 2023-2023 Interim Chair – Department of Life Sciences, Texas A&M University -San Antonio
- 2016-2023 Associate Professor, Biology Program, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- 2011-2023 Program Coordinator, Biology, Texas A&M University-San Antonio
- 2010-2016 Assistant Professor, Biology Program, Texas A&M University-San Antonio

- 2002-2009 Adjunct Faculty, Department of Natural Sciences, Frontrange Community College
- 2002-2005 Instructor, Department of Biology, Colorado State University
- 2000-2005 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Biology, Colorado State University
- 1998-2000 Research Scientist II, Schering-Plough Animal Health Research & Development: Poultry parasite and virus vaccines
- 1999-2000 Volunteer Faculty, Metropolitan Community College, Omaha NE: English as a second language courses.
- 1994-1998 Undergraduate and Graduate Teaching Assistant, School of Biological Sciences, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

### SIGNIFICANT AWARDS

- 2022 **Piper Professor** - The Piper Professor Award recognizes professors for outstanding academic, scientific, and scholarly achievement and for dedication to the teaching profession. All universities and colleges, public or private, in the state of Texas may submit a single nominee. Only 10 are awarded the Piper Professorship each year. I was the first Piper Professor from Texas A&M University – San Antonio.
- 2018 **Rising Star** – The Rising Star is awarded by the San Antonio Women’s Chamber of Commerce Constellation of Stars to honor those that have a small sphere of influence, but go out of their way to Advocate, Connect, or Empower others in that circle.
- 2011 **E. Kika de la Garza Fellow** – Selected nationally by the United States Department of Agriculture - links USDA and Hispanic-Serving Institutions to help build awareness in Hispanic communities of USDA services, resources, and employment opportunities.

### ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERSHIP

#### DEPARTMENTAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES

##### **2024**

- Moved summer lecture sections to on-line in order to increase enrollment during a counting year – as a result, set up a 3-day workshop in coordination with CAI for on-line teaching for Natural Sciences Faculty teaching on-line during the summer.
- Worked with CAI to have Natural Sciences Departmental faculty pilot the new Blackboard Ultra for the campus-wide community.
- Hired three faculty for the Department (two in Biology and one in Chemistry)
- Created a departmental Faculty Development Funds budget committee to review and approve requests
- Worked with Financial Aid/Scholarships to develop student development, mentorship, and travel awards for students in the Natural Sciences

- Created a cross-program semester scheduling initiative to improve availability of courses for majors in biology and chemistry.

## **2023**

- Instituted monthly departmental meetings to create a more cohesive intradepartmental team.
- Instituted monthly program meetings for the Chemistry & Water program, these two programs did not previously hold meetings.
- Instituted bi-weekly meetings with each of the biology and chemistry laboratory managers regarding budgetary spending.
- Helped to transition teams from Departments of Life Sciences and MPES to Departments of Natural Sciences
- Created a process for office assignments that is wholistic instead of rank and seniority.
- Shared departmental and programmatic budgets with faculty in order to get buy-in to how it is spent and setting goals for larger purchases of equipment.

## **SERVICE AS CHAIR**

2024	Jaguar Days, Ran the Natural Sciences Booth, March
2023-current	Espada Tract Development Team
2023	College of Arts & Sciences Human Resources Task force
2023	Developed new “intent to apply” form – not ultimately accepted
2023	Created calendar of deadlines for COAS
2023	Writing Across the Curriculum Committee – move to accept University-wide
2023	Chaired the search committee for the Natural Sciences Administrative Associate.
2023	Chaired the search committee for Biology Laboratory Manager

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN LEADERSHIP**

2023	Council for Colleges of Arts & Sciences Seminar for Department Chair/Heads, Baton Rouge, LA December 3-5 <sup>th</sup> .
2023	HEY UNIVERSITY: Leadership Development for Academics, Texas A&M-San Antonio, September 12-14
2023	Texas A&M University System Academic Department Leaders Workshop – Virtual. August 1- 4 <sup>th</sup> .
2022	American Association of State Colleges and Universities Emerging Leaders Program, Washington, D.C. June

## **TEACHING**

### **TEACHING-MENTORSHIP AWARDS and HONORS**

2016	Military Affairs Student Veteran Coin – presented by a student to a professor who has been their mentor, role model, and support
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2013 Excellence in Teaching – The National Society of Leadership and Success: Sigma Alpha Pi  
2010 & 2011 Teaching Excellence Award – Texas A&M University System  
2002 & 2003 Graduate Teaching Assistantship Award – Department of Biology, Colorado State University

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

### *Texas A&M University – San Antonio*

#### Honor's Program

HONR 1300 Honor's Seminar: Sculpting Ecology-Mutualistic Relationships

#### Undergraduate

BIOL 1106 General Biology I laboratory  
BIOL 1306 General Biology I – Attributes of Living Systems  
BIOL 1307 General Biology II – Biology of Organisms  
BIOL 1308 Introduction to Life Sciences I  
BIOL 1309 Introduction to Life Sciences II  
BIOL 2411 Genetics with lab  
BIOL 3104 Research Experience in Biology  
BIOL 3375 Applied Entomology  
BIOL 3401 Invertebrate Zoology with lab  
BIOL 3402 Evolution  
BIOL 3407 Ecology  
BIOL 4101 Seminar – Integrative Biology  
BIOL 4102 Seminar – Zoology  
BIOL 4104 Seminar - Ecology  
BIOL 4120 Experiential Laboratory Instruction  
BIOL 4304 Undergraduate Research in Biology  
BIOL 4360 Internship in Biology  
BIOL 4409 Biology of Disease Vectors  
BIOL 4430 Parasitology

#### Graduate

BIOL 5370 Special Topics – Advanced Concepts in Biology  
BIOL 5470 Special Topics – Biology of Disease Vectors

### *Colorado State University*

BZ 110 Principles of Animal Biology  
BZ 212 Invertebrate Zoology  
LIFE 103 Biology of Organisms Animals & Plants  
LIFE 102 Attributes of Living Systems

### *Frontrange Community College*

BIO 111 General Biology I  
BIO 105 Introduction to Biology

### *University of Nebraska-Lincoln*

BIOS 1xx      Biodiversity (lab)  
BIOS 1xx      Introductory Zoology (lab)  
BIOS 381      Invertebrate Zoology (lab)  
BIOS 4xx      Parasitology (lab)

### **GRADUATE STUDENTS MENTORED**

2024-current Sarah Palmeri – Masters of Science in Biology: Microbiome of two different species of North American Blackflies.  
2022-current Ashley Aguilar – Masters of Science in Biology: Mosquito species diversity and feeding preferences in a Zoological Park in San Antonio, TX.  
2017-2018 Oluwaseun Aloba – Texas A&M University Masters of Public Health (MPH). My research lab, where we focus on vector ecology, was the location for his external internship required of his degree.

### **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS TRAINED**

#### **Overall Summary:**

- I have mentored **60** A&M-SA undergraduate students in research from 2012-current.
  - 2023 students (8): Hali’a Tingkang, Karoline Cardoso, Oscar Hernandez, Kailynn Wells, Sarah Palmeri, Lali Rodriguez, Bryon Martinez, Laura Cruz
- 34% of these students pursued graduate or professional degrees after completing their undergraduate degrees.
- 77% of these students were women
- 70% of these students self-identified as a minority
- 85% (51/60) have attended a scientific conference; 18 students gave oral presentations and 23 presented posters.
- 9 students have won awards for their presentations
- 19 students were at least partially funded by grants or research scholarships
- 7 students were co-authors on peer-reviewed publications

#### **NSF/S-STEM (Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program) - Water Security for Texas: Creating Educational Pathways and Cultivating Leadership for the Water Work Force – 2021 – current**

- Faculty Mentor of 2 first-year students in undergraduate research, current is Kailynn Wells

#### **NSF/CIMA (Ciencia, Ingeniería, y Matemáticas Aliados) / LSAMP (Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Baccalaureate (B2B) Program) – 2015-2017, 2019, 2022-2024**

- Campus Liaison
- Faculty Mentor of 6 students from Community Colleges: Palo Alto, Northwest vista, and St. Phillips College.
- All presented posters at the CIMA conference
- 1 student was accepted to present and presented at the National Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) in Honolulu, HI

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - Teaching**

2020	Texas Regional PULSE Institute (TRPI): Partnership for Undergraduate Life Science Education – UTSA Downtown Jan 9-11
2013	Southwest Teaching and Learning Conference April 5 - Texas A&M-San Antonio
2012	Quality Education for Minorities (QEM) Network. Professional Development Workshop for Minority-serving Institutions and their K-12 Partners focused on the NSF MSP Program October 19-20
2011	Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) National Annual Conference: Latino Leadership Institute and Workshop.
2011	Strategies for teaching large undergraduate science classes with team-based learning and CCRS: 2-day conference hosted by Science Faculty Collaborative and the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
2010	CCRIFC Mathematics & Science Summit – sponsored by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board: September 23-24
2004	Teacher Enrichment Activities and Mentoring
2004	Teachers Helping Teachers Training for Faculty/Instructors
2004	Curriculum development Workshops – “Backward Design”

## SCHOLARLY/CREATIVE

### SCHOLARLY HONORS and AWARDS

2016	Chancellor’s Coin – Presentation on Zika for Chancellor’s Century Council
2011	E. Kika de la Garza Fellow – United States Department of Agriculture
2003	Travel Award – American Society of Parasitologists
2002	Student Paper Presentation Award – Society for Vector Ecologists
1997	Ashton Cuckler Parasitology Scholarship – University of Nebraska-Lincoln
1995	R.C. Terwilliger Invertebrate Zoology Scholarship – University of Oregon
1995	Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society – University of Nebraska
1994-1995	Golden Key National Honor Society – University of Nebraska

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

*\*Corresponding author †Undergraduate student, ‡Graduate student*

- **Wise de Valdez, M. R.**, 2024. Behavioral Parasitology in S. L. Gardner and S. A. Gardner (Eds.) *Concepts in Animal Parasitology* (Chapter 06) Zea Books, Lincoln, Nebraska, United States, <https://doi.org/10.32873/unl.dc.ciap070>
- Bohmann, Amy, †Martinez-Berman, L., †Senger, A. and \***Wise de Valdez, M.R.** 2022 Personality and city Culture Predict Attitudes and Practices toward mosquitoes and mosquito-borne diseases in South Texas. *Frontiers in Public Health*, 10:4216 <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpubh.2022.919780>
- Martin, E., Tang, W., Briggs, C., Hopson, H., Juarez, J.G., Garcia-Luna, S.M., **Wise de Valdez, M. R.**, Badillo-Vargas, I.E., Borucki, M.K., Frank, M. and †Hamer, G.L., 2020. Cell fusing agent virus (Flavivirus) infection in *Aedes aegypti* in Texas: seasonality, comparison by trap type, and individual viral loads. *Archives of Virology*, 165(8), pp.1769-1776. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00705-020-04652-0>

- †Obregón, J.A., †Ximenez, M.A., †Villalobos, E.E. and \*Wise de Valdez, M.R., 2019. Vector Mosquito Surveillance Using Centers For Disease Control and Prevention Autocidal Gravid Ovitrap In San Antonio, Texas. *Journal of the American Mosquito Control Association*, 35(3), pp.178-185. <https://doi.org/10.2987/18-6809.1>
- Martin, E., Borucki, M.K., Thissen, J., Garcia-Luna, S., Hwang, M., Wise de Valdez, M.R., Jaing, C.J., Hamer, G.L. and \*Frank, M., 2019. Adaptation of a microbial detection array as a monitoring tool revealed the presence of mosquito-borne viruses and insect-specific viruses in field-collected mosquitoes. *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*. 85(19) <https://doi.org/10.1128/AEM.01202-19>
- †Skinner, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M.R. 2018. Survey of intestinal helminths from feral hogs in Texas. *Southwestern Naturalist*. 64(2): 91-95. <https://doi.org/10.1894/0038-4909-63-2-91>
- \*Wise de Valdez, M.R. 2017. Mosquito species distribution across urban, suburban, and semi-rural residences in San Antonio, Texas. *Journal of Vector Ecology* 42:1-5 <https://doi.org/10.1111/jvec.12254>
- †Barquin, A., B. †McGehee, R. T. Sedam, W. L. Gordy, B. Hanelt, and \*Wise de Valdez, M.R. 2015. Calling behavior of male *Acheta domesticus* crickets infected with *Paragordius varius* (Nematomorpha: Gordiida). *Journal of Parasitology* 101(4): 393-397 <https://doi.org/10.1645/15-765.1>
- Wise de Valdez, M. R., D. Nimmo, H-F. Gong, A. A. James, L. Alphey, W. C. \*Black, IV. 2011 Genetic elimination of dengue vector mosquitoes. *PNAS* 108:4772-4775. <https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1019295108>
- \*Facchinelli L., L. Valerio, G. Bond Campeón, Wise de Valdez, L. C. Harrington, J. M. Ramsey, M. Casas-Martínez, T. W. \*Scott. 2011 Development of a semi-field system for Contained Field Trials with *Aedes aegypti* in Southern Mexico. *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*. 85:248-256 <https://doi.org/10.4269/ajtmh.2011.10-0426>
- Wise de Valdez, M. R., E. Suchman, J. O. Carlson, W. C. Black IV. 2010. A large scale laboratory cage investigation of *Aedes denonucleosis* Virus (AeDNV). *Journal of Medical Entomology*. 47:392-399 <https://doi.org/10.1093/jmedent/47.3.392>
- \*Suchman, E. L., Piper, J., Wise de Valdez, M. R., Plake, E., Klecker, B., Black W. C. IV, Carlson, J. 2009. *Aedes aegypti* denonucleosis virus (AeDNV) is able to amplify, spread and persist in mosquito populations. *Journal of Medical Entomology*. 46(4):909-918 <https://doi.org/10.1603/033.046.0425>
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. R. 2007 Predator avoidance behavior of *Aedes aegypti* mosquito larvae infected with mermithid nematodes (Nematoda: Mermithidae). *Journal of Vector Ecology* 32:150-153 [https://doi.org/10.3376/1081-1710\(2007\)32\[150:PABOAA\]2.0.CO;2](https://doi.org/10.3376/1081-1710(2007)32[150:PABOAA]2.0.CO;2)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. R. 2006 Parasitoid-induced behavioral alterations in *Aedes aegypti* mosquito larvae infected with mermithid nematodes (Nematoda: Mermithidae). *Journal of Vector Ecology* 31:344-354 [https://doi.org/10.3376/1081-1710\(2007\)32\[150:PABOAA\]2.0.CO;2](https://doi.org/10.3376/1081-1710(2007)32[150:PABOAA]2.0.CO;2)
- Poulin, R., Wise, M.R., and Moore, J. K. 2003 A comparative analysis of adult body size and its correlates in acanthocephalan parasites. *International Journal for Parasitology* 33: 799-805 [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0020-7519\(03\)00108-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0020-7519(03)00108-5)
- \*Wise, M. R., Janovy, J. Jr., and Wise, J. C. 2000 Host specificity in *Metamera sillisenorum*, N. Sp. a gregarine parasite of the leech *Helobdella triserialis* with notes on transmission dynamics. *Journal of Parasitology* 86: 602-606 [https://doi.org/10.1645/0022-3395\(2000\)086\[0602:HSIMSN\]2.0.CO;2](https://doi.org/10.1645/0022-3395(2000)086[0602:HSIMSN]2.0.CO;2)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

\*Corresponding author †Undergraduate student, ‡Graduate student

- †Wells, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M.R. (In preparation) Impact of urban river management on mosquito populations. *Journal of Vector Ecology* \*or\* *Urban Ecosystems*
- ‡Aguilar, A. Rajamnamikam D., Pitts, J. and \*Wise de Valdez, M.R. (In preparation) Mosquito diversity and host preference in an urban and rural zoo in Texas. *Medical and Veterinary Entomology*
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. R., Phillips, J., †Obregón, J.A., and ‡Aloba, A. (In preparation) Adult mosquito distribution associated with premise condition index and socioeconomics of neighborhoods in San Antonio, TX –*Journal of Medical Entomology*.
- †Hernandez, Oscar and \*Wise de Valdez, M.R. Vegetative Canopy coverage and mosquito abundance in San Antonio, TX does not differ along a socioeconomic gradient. *Journal of Vector Ecology*

## INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

- **STAT** (media company focused on finding and telling compelling stories about health, medicine, and scientific discover) – *Invited commentary* in “How dengue and Zika infections could make people more attractive to mosquitoes by Theresa Gaffney: June 30, 2022 <https://www.statnews.com/2022/06/30/dengue-zika-virus-scent-acetophenone/>
- **Foundation for the NIH** – Data Needs and Assay design for decision making on gene drive-modified mosquitoes, *International Meeting Newport Beach, CA* – 2109: Acknowledged in publication from meeting. James, S.L., Marshall, J.M., Christophides, G.K., Okumu, F.O. and Nolan, T., 2020. Toward the definition of efficacy and safety criteria for advancing gene drive-modified mosquitoes to field testing. *Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases*, 20(4), pp.237-251. <https://doi.org/10.1089/vbz.2019.2606>
- **The Conversation** - *Invited Author: \*Wise de Valdez, M.* Zika: *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes love biting humans, and that’s why they spread viruses so well. *The Conversation*, February 23, 2016 <https://theconversation.com/zika-aedes-aegypti-mosquitoes-love-biting-humans-and-thats-why-they-spread-viruses-so-well-54238>
- **NPR’s On Point with Tom Ashbrook**: *Invited panel guest*: February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016: “Dealing with the Zika Threat”. <http://onpoint.wbur.org/2016/02/10/zika-virus-brazil-cdc-threat>
- **The Source – Texas Public Radio**: *Invited panel guest*: with David Martin Davies: What Lessons on Zika are we Learning from Miami? August 2016 <http://tpr.org/post/source-what-lessons-are-we-learning-zika-miami#stream/0>
- **Yahoo.com en Español** *Invited contributor*: “¿por qué los mosquitos pican más a algunas personas?” <https://es-us.noticias.yahoo.com/zika-por-qu%C3%A9-los-mosquitos-pican-m%C3%A1s-a-algunas-220644995.html>
- **Yahoo.com en Español** *Invited contributor*: “Zika: Replentes Naturales” <https://es-us.noticias.yahoo.com/zika-repelentes-naturales-165633720.html>
- **Eco-21 Brazil**: *Invited contributor*: “ Mosquitoes *Aedes aegypti* amam picar as pessoas”. February 2016 <http://www.eco21.com.br/textos/textos.asp?ID=3794>

## FUNDED GRANTS and CONTRACTS – TOTAL \$328,321



<b>External</b>	<b>Total = \$295,991</b>
2024	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, YEAR 5 - <b>\$19,200</b> Contract for Mosquito Speciation for Public Health Services, January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 <b>PI: Megan Wise de Valdez</b>
2023	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, YEAR 4 - <b>\$19,200</b> Contract for Mosquito Speciation for Public Health Services, January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 <b>PI: Megan Wise de Valdez</b>
2021-2023	National Science Foundation NSF – RCN-UBE Incubator: Building an inter-disciplinary regional network to expose underrepresented students to the process of biological science in its community context <b>\$74,208</b> – December 15, 2021 – September 15, 2023 <b>PI: Megan Wise de Valdez, CoPI: Bryan Bayles *Wrote final report December, 2023</b>
2022	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, YEAR 3 - <b>\$19,200</b> Contract for Mosquito Speciation for Public Health Services, January 1, 2022 – December 31, 2022 <b>PI: Megan Wise de Valdez</b>
2021	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, YEAR 3 - <b>\$19,200</b> Contract for Mosquito Speciation for Public Health Services, January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2021 <b>PI: Megan Wise de Valdez</b>
2020	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, YEAR 2 - <b>\$19,200</b> Contract for Mosquito Speciation for Public Health Services, January 1, 2020 – December 31, 2020 <b>PI: Megan Wise de Valdez</b>
2019	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, YEAR 1 - <b>\$19,200</b> Contract for Mosquito Speciation for Public Health Services, March 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 <b>PI: Megan Wise de Valdez</b>
2018-2019	U.S. Department of Energy – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Award #B625453, <b>\$19,734</b> “Integrated Biosurveillance Test Bed for Detecting and Predicting Emergence of Mosquitoes”. Oct. 31, 2018 – June 30, 2019 PI: Gabriel Hamer TAMU <b>Subaward: Megan Wise de Valdez TAMUSA</b>
2018	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, <b>\$12,049</b> Subaward as part of the City Mosquito management plan in response to threat of Zika transmission. June 30, 2018 – Dec. 31, 2018 PI: Roger Pollok Metro Health, <b>CoPI: Megan Wise de Valdez</b>
2017-2018	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, <b>\$25,000</b> Subaward as part of the City Mosquito management plan in response to threat of Zika transmission. June 30, 2017 – June 30, 2018 PI: Roger Pollok Metro Health, <b>CoPI: Megan Wise de Valdez</b>
2017-2018	U.S. Department of Energy – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Award #B625453, <b>\$20,000</b> “Integrated Biosurveillance Test Bed for Detecting and Predicting Emergence of Mosquitoes”. Oct. 31, 2017 – June 30, 2018 PI: Gabriel Hamer TAMU <b>Subaward: Megan Wise de Valdez TAMUSA</b>
2016-2017	U.S. Department of Energy – Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Award #B618988, <b>\$20,000</b> “Integrated Biosurveillance Test Bed for Detecting and Predicting Emergence of Mosquitoes”. July 7 – June 30, 2017 PI: Gabriel Hamer <b>Subaward: Megan Wise de Valdez TAMUSA</b>
2016	City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District - <b>\$4000</b> – Panel of Experts for Zika virus. Purchase of BG-sentinel traps and accessories

- 2013 National Science Foundation - Research Opportunity Award – **\$25,000**. Collaborative Research with University of New Mexico: Unraveling a Gordian knot: Biodiversity of Gordian worms, phylum Nematomorpha, in the New World. 2013 PI: Ben Hanelt University of New Mexico, **Subaward: Megan Wise de Valdez TAMUSA**
- Internal Total = \$32,330**
- 2022 Women in STEM Panel with Guest Presenter, Burcin Mutul-Paktil. Co-awardee of **\$2330** from College of Arts and Sciences Award Committee: Funds to Host Visiting Presenters
- 2019-2022 Texas A&M-San Antonio Research Council Grant - **\$10,000** Dog heartworm prevalence in San Antonio mosquitoes: Spatial variation between high-low socioeconomic neighborhoods original date: January 31, 2020 – December 31, 2020-2021 extended dates due to Covid-19 January 31, 2021 – December 21, 2022 **PI: Megan Wise de Valdez**
- 2013 President’s Circle Research Grant Texas A&M-San Antonio - **\$10,000**. Calling behavior of crickets infected with Nematomorph worms. 2013 **PI: Megan Wise de Valdez**
- 2012 Faculty Excellence Award – Spring 2012: A Stipend of **\$10,000** to conduct faculty-lead undergraduate research in Parasitology. **PI: Megan Wise de Valdez**

## PRESENTATIONS

\*Corresponding author <sup>‡</sup>Undergraduate student, <sup>‡</sup>Graduate student, author represents presenting author

### **Mosquito Ecology & Vector-Borne Diseases**

- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Urban Mosquitos: Socioeconomic determinants of distribution in San Antonio”. Sam Houston State University, Huntsville, TX (September, 2023). **INVITED**
- <sup>‡</sup>Aguilar, A. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Mosquito Ecology in Zoological Parks: Implication for mosquito-borne disease zoonoses. American Society of Parasitologists **National** meeting (July 2023) – Kansas City, MO
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Mosquito surveillance and research in San Antonio, TX. Texas Mosquito Control Association Spring Workshop, San Antonio Botanical Gardens. (April 2023). **INVITED**
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Urban Ecology & Urban Undergraduates, a Match Made in San Antonio, TX” **National** meeting of the Society for Vector Ecology (October 2019) – San Juan, PR
- \*Wise de Valdez, M., <sup>‡</sup>Obregon, J., <sup>‡</sup>Aloba, O., “Adult mosquito distribution associated with premise condition index and socioeconomics of neighborhoods in San Antonio, TX” **National** meeting of the Society for Vector Ecology, Yosemite, CA (October 2018)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Residential surveillance of mosquito vectors in a large metropolitan area using CDC autocidal gravid ovitraps”. UTSA Vector-borne diseases symposium. San Antonio, TX (June, 2017) **INVITED**
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Residential surveillance of mosquito vectors in a large metropolitan area: Challenges and interpretations”. Southwestern Association of Parasitologists, Lake Texoma, OK (April, 2017)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Distribution of the primary vectors of Zika and West Nile viruses in residential backyards across San Antonio, Texas: New information and challenges in a city without vector control” Texas State University (February, 2017) **INVITED**

- \*Wise de Valdez, M., \*Ximenez, M., \*Darden, J. “City-Wide residential Zika vector surveillance in large U.S. metropolitan area using CDC autocidal gravid ovitraps”. Society of Vector Ecology **National Meeting**, Anchorage, AK (September, 2016).
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Mosquito species distribution across urban, suburban, and semi-rural residences in San Antonio, TX”. Diseases in Nature Infectious to Man– San Antonio, TX (May, 2016) **INVITED**
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. Presentation on Zika for Texas A&M Chancellor’s Century Council –San Antonio, TX (March 4, 2016) **INVITED**
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Zika Virus Update” Faculty/Staff Texas A&M-San Antonio (February 2016)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Mosquito species distribution in suburban, urban, and semi-rural residences in San Antonio, Texas” Symposium on Urban Entomology at the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America (February, 2016) **INVITED**
- \*Wise de Valdez, M., Darden, J., McGehee, B. “Mosquito species distribution in urban, suburban, and semi-rural residences in San Antonio, Texas.” Society of Vector Ecology Meeting (**National**), Albuquerque, NM (September, 2015).
- Wise de Valdez, M. “Mosquitoes of Texas: Know Your Enemy – Disease, Behavior, and Control” Faculty Speaker Series A&M-SA (April 2011)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “A large scale laboratory cage investigation of the release of mosquitoes carrying a dominant lethal gene (RIDL®) for the control of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.” Annual Meeting of the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, Washington, D.C. (Nov. 2009)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “A large scale laboratory cage investigation of *Aedes* Densonucleosis Virus (AeDENV) as a sustainable biocontrol method of *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes”. Annual Meeting of the American Society for Tropical Medicine and Hygiene Philadelphia, PA (November, 2007)

### **Parasitology**

- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Parsitoid-induced behavioral alterations and Transgenic mosquitoes” University of New Mexico Parasitology Department (September, 2016) **INVITED**
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Predator Avoidance Behavior of *Aedes aegypti* Mosquito Larvae Infected with Mermithid Nematodes” National Meeting of the Entomological Society of America Symposium: Using principles of Ecology to Understand Populations and Communities of Container Dwelling Mosquitoes. (November, 2004) **INVITED**
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Predator Avoidance Behavior of *Aedes aegypti* Mosquito Larvae Infected with Mermithid Nematodes” National meeting of the Society of Vector Ecology, Coeur d’Alene, ID (October, 2003)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Predator Avoidance Behavior of *Aedes aegypti* Mosquito Larvae Infected with Mermithid Nematodes” National meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists, Halifax, Nova Scotia (August, 2003)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Behavioral Alterations in Mosquito Larvae Infected with Mermithid Nematodes” **Presentation Award Winner**. National Meeting of the Society of Vector Ecology, Albuquerque, NM (September, 2002)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Behavioral Alterations in Mosquito Larvae Infected with Mermithid Nematodes” Regional Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Parasitologist Lake Texoma, OK (April, 2002)
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Coccidiosis Vaccines for Broiler Chickens” National Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists, San Juan, PR (Aug. 2000)

- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Host specificity in *Metamera sillisenorum*, N. Sp. a gregarine parasite of the leech *Helobdella triserialis*” Regional Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Parasitologists, Lake Texoma, OK (April, 1998)

***Student-Presented Mentored Research (Last 5 years only)***

- ±Aguilar, A. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. 2022 Jimmy K. Olson Memorial Scholarship Recipient Presentation. Mosquito Ecology at Two Zoological Parks in Texas. Texas Mosquito Control Association, Corpus Christi, TX (November, 2023).
- ‡Wells, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Impact of Management Strategies of the San Antonio River on Mosquito Diversity and Abundance. Texas Mosquito Control Association, Corpus Christi, TX (November, 2023). **AWARD WINNER**
- ‡Martinez, Bryon. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Update of Mosquito Population Distribution and West Nile Positivity Across San Antonio, TX for 2021 and 2022. Texas Mosquito Control Association, Corpus Christi, TX (November, 2023) **AWARD WINNER**
- ‡Wells, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Impact of Management Strategies of the San Antonio River on Mosquito Diversity and Abundance. Southwestern Association of Naturalists Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX (August, 2023)
- ‡Wells, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Impact of Management Strategies of the San Antonio River on Mosquito Diversity and Abundance. Texas A&M-San Antonio Student Research Symposium (April, 2023). **AWARD WINNER**
- ‡Cardoso, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Distribution of *Dirofilaria immitis* vectors and dog population density among neighborhoods of different socioeconomic status. Texas A&M-San Antonio Student Research Symposium (April, 2023).
- ‡Hernandez, O. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Vegetative Shade Coverage and Mosquito Abundance Across Neighborhoods of Different Socioeconomic Status. Southwestern Association of Parasitologists, Lake Texoma, OK (April, 2023).
- ‡Wells, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Impact of Management Strategies of the San Antonio River on Mosquito Diversity and Abundance. Southwestern Association of Parasitologists, Lake Texoma, OK (April, 2023).
- ‡Ting kang, H. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Distribution of *Dirofilaria immitis* vectors and dog population density among neighborhoods of different socioeconomic status. Southwestern Association of Parasitologists Meeting, Lake Texoma, OK (April, 2023).
- ±Aguilar, A., ‡Hernandez, O. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Mosquito species diversity at the San Antonio Zoo. National Society for Comparative and Integrative Biology, Austin, TX (January, 2023).
- ‡Hernandez, O. Guerra, D. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Vegetative Shade Coverage and Mosquito Abundance Across Neighborhoods of Different Socioeconomic Status. National Society for Comparative and Integrative Biology, Austin, TX (January, 2023).
- ±Aguilar, A. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Mosquito species diversity at the San Antonio Zoo. Texas Mosquito Control Association, Galveston, TX (October, 2022). **AWARD WINNER**
- ‡Wells, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Mosquito diversity and relative abundance along an urbanization gradient of the San Antonio River. Texas Mosquito Control Association, Galveston, TX (October, 2022).

- Williamson, B. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Distribution of *Dirofilaria immitis* vectors and dog population density among neighborhoods of different socioeconomic status. Texas Mosquito Control Association, Galveston, TX (October, 2022).
- Hernandez, O. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Vegetative Shade Coverage and Mosquito Abundance Across Neighborhoods of Different Socioeconomic Status. CIMA Annual Symposium for undergraduate research, (August 2022).
- Eck, Jessica and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Distribution of *Dirofilaria immitis* vectors and dog population density among neighborhoods of different socioeconomic status. National Meeting of the American Society of Parasitologists, College Station, TX (July, 2022)
- Eck, J. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Distribution of *Dirofilaria immitis* vectors and dog population density among neighborhoods of different socioeconomic status. Southwestern Association of Parasitologists Annual Meeting, Lake Texoma, OK (April, 2022)
- Wells, K. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. Mosquito diversity and relative abundance along an urbanization gradient of the San Antonio River. Southwestern Association of Parasitologists Annual Meeting, Lake Texoma, OK (April, 2022)
- Muzquiz, C. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Study Design and preliminary data-Dog heartworm prevalence in San Antonio mosquitoes: Spatial variation between Hi-low socioeconomic neighborhoods”. Texas Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX (October, 2021) **AWARD WINNER**
- Garza, Adrian and \*Wise de Valdez, M. “First full year of Mosquito Surveillance – City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, 2020” Texas Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX (October, 2021)
- Dillon, T. and \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Assessment of Insecticide Resistance on *Aedes* Mosquitos In San Antonio Using CDC Bottle Bioassays” National Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics & Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) in Honolulu, HI (November, 2019) **AWARD WINNER**
- Flores, B., Gonzales, M., Dunegan, E., Talamo, S., Dillon, T., \*Wise de Valdez, M. “*Aedes* species distribution in San Antonio, Texas using oviposition cups”. Texas Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting, Waco, TX (October, 2019)
- Talamo, S., Flores, B., Gonzales, M., Dunegan, E., Dillon, T., \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Insecticide resistance assays using CDC bottle bioassays on local *Aedes* populations in San Antonio, Texas”. Texas Mosquito Control Association Annual Meeting, Waco, TX (October, 2019)

#### **Undergraduate Research Mentorship**

- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Reflections as a CIMA mentor” CIMA-LSAMP Symposium and Awards Ceremony. August 2019. **INVITED**
- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Reflections as a CIMA mentor” CIMA-LSAMP Symposium and Awards Ceremony. August 2016. **INVITED**

#### **Faculty Development Presentations**

- \*Wise de Valdez, M. “Modifying Team-Based Learning (TBL) to Make it Work for You.” Southwest Teaching and Learning Conference Workshop. (Spring 2013)

#### **NATIONAL PRESS BASED ON RESEARCH**

- Feature in **USA Today** (and all other papers owned by Gannet) – “Texas Researchers on Front Line in the Battle to stop Zika Spread in US” August 22, 2016  
<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2016/08/20/zika-research-san-antonio-texas-am/89045424/>
- Feature Article for Press Release: Calling behavior of male *Acheta domesticus* crickets infected with *Paragordius varius* (Nematomorpha: Gordiida), was selected as the featured article for the August 2015 issue.
- Featured in the **Wildlife Society on-line Magazine** September 1, 2015 – based on an interview and my research with parasite-induced changes in cricket behavior
- Featured in **Scientific American** November 2011 Issue – The Wipe Out Gene by Bijal Trivedi. Featured in the article for the work I completed on laboratory based trials of genetically modified *Aedes aegypti* mosquitoes.

#### REGIONAL PRESS BASED ON RESEARCH

- Featured on **KSAT News**: 10/16/2018 <https://www.ksat.com/news/does-the-cold-snap-mean-the-end-of-mosquito-season-maybe-not>
- Featured on Fox news, San Antonio <http://foxsanantonio.com/news/local/local-experts-share-zika-warning-after-6-pregnant-women-in-houston-area-test-positive> (June, 2017)
- Featured in **San Antonio Express News**  
<http://www.mysanantonio.com/news/local/article/Professor-in-San-Antonio-gears-up-to-study-11134281.php> (May, 2107)
- Featured on **Texas Public Radio** August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2016 San Antonio prepares for Zika, is it enough?  
<http://tpr.org/post/san-antonio-prepares-zika-it-enough#stream/0>
- Featured in **The Dallas Morning News** – May 11, 2016 – Zika virus gets all the attention, but experts say West Nile will be worse this summer in Texas.
- Featured in **Denton Record-Chronicle** – May 11, 2016 – W. Nile bigger Texas threat than Zika.
- Featured in **San Antonio Express News** “Zika Virus: Separating Fact from Speculation” February 15, 2016 <http://www.expressnews.com/news/local/article/Zika-virus-separating-fact-from-speculation-6832110.php>
- Featured in **San Antonio Express News** “A safe tire site that is not precisely safe” July 30, 2016  
<http://www.mysanantonio.com/opinion/commentary/article/A-safe-tire-site-that-is-not-precisely-safe-8708403.php> 3) “Southside Tire Dump Caught in Bureaucratic Snarl” July 21, 2016
- Featured on **San Antonio’s News 4** (two stories): 1) “Local Zika Virus Researcher Needs Help Trapping Mosquitoes” April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 <http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/local-zika-virus-researcher-needs-help-trapping-mosquitoes> 2) “Mosquito Patrol - Tracking Zika Carriers” June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 <http://news4sanantonio.com/news/local/tamusa-mosquito-patrol-tracking-zika-capable-insects>

#### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES & MEETINGS ATTENDED

##### *National-International*

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| 1998-2023 | American Society of Parasitologists, <i>Meetings attended</i> : 1997,1999, 2000, 2001, 2003, 2014, 2015, 2022-2023 |
| 2002-2021 | Society for Vector Ecology, <i>Meetings Attended</i> : 2002, 2003, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019                          |
| 2014-2019 | American Mosquito Control Association  |

- 2006-2013 American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, *Meetings Attended*: 2006, 2007, 2009, 2013
- Regional*
- 2013-2023 Texas Mosquito Control Association, *Meetings attended*: 2014-2023
- 1996-2019 Southwestern Association of Parasitologists. *Meetings Attended*: 1997, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2012 – 2019, 2022-2023
- 2016 Southwestern Branch of the Society of Entomologists, Regional Meeting Attended: 2016

## SERVICE

### SERVICE HONORS and AWARDS

- 2023 Texas A&M University Presidential Search Advisory Committee - Recognition
- 2022 Nominated to attend the American Association of State Colleges and Universities Emerging Leaders Program (attended)
- 2021 College of Arts and Sciences 2020 Excellence in Service Award
- 2016 Jaguar Excellence Award – Texas A&M-San Antonio: Modeling courage and leading the way for our faculty, staff, and students
- 2012 International Delegate – Texas A&M-San Antonio Trade and Cultural Mission to Israel

### SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

#### *Service within professional entities*

#### National-International

- 2023-current American Society of Parasitologists – 1) Public Relations Committee, 2) Student Presentation Awards Committee, 3) Resolutions Committee
- 2022-current Editorial Board for the Helminthological Society of Washington’s journal, Comparative Parasitology. [https://www.helmsoc.org/HelmSoc\\_site/helmsoc/editors.html](https://www.helmsoc.org/HelmSoc_site/helmsoc/editors.html)
- 2019 Foundation for the NIH – **INVITED** Participant Data Needs and Assay design for decision making on gene drive-modified mosquitoes, **International** Meeting Newport Beach, CA – 2109: Acknowledged in publication from meeting.  
James, S.L., Marshall, J.M., Christophides, G.K., Okumu, F.O. and Nolan, T., 2020. Toward the definition of efficacy and safety criteria for advancing gene drive-modified mosquitoes to field testing. *Vector-Borne and Zoonotic Diseases*, 20(4), pp.237-251. <https://doi.org/10.1089/vbz.2019.2606>
- 2019 Symposium organizer – “Urban Ecology of Disease Vectors” - Annual Meeting Society for Vector Ecology, September 2019, San Juan, PR
- 2016 Lectureship Committee – American Society of Parasitologists
- 2015 Nominating Committee – American Society of Parasitologists
- 2014-2015 Student Competition Committee – American Society of Parasitologists

#### Regional

- 2023-current **President** – Texas Mosquito Control Association
- 2022-2023 **President Elect** - Texas Mosquito Control Association  
Responsible for finding, inviting, and hosting KeyNote Speaker
- 2021-current Auditing Committee – Texas Mosquito Control Association
- 2018-current Scholarship Committee – Texas Mosquito Control Association
- 2016-current Vector-Borne Disease Task force - City of San Antonio Metropolitan Health
- 2021-2022 **1<sup>st</sup> Vice President** – Texas Mosquito Control Association Board

- 2020-2021 **2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President** - Texas Mosquito Control Association Board
- 2017-2021 **Secretary** – Texas Mosquito Control Association Board
- 2015-2019 LSAMP & CIMA Local Coordinator and Mentor – NSF-CIMA Undergraduate Research Grant in collaboration with the Alamo Colleges
- 2019 LSAMP & CIMA Local Workshop director – Ran three separate workshops for CIMA undergraduate researchers on writing an abstract, a statement of purpose and applying for travel grants. Summer 2019
  
- 2019 Educator – Western Gulf Center of Excellence for Vector Borne-Diseases Master Vector-borne diseases certification management course: Mosquito Research in San Antonio Updates
- 2018 **Chair** - Sexual Harrassment Policy Development Committee, Southwestern Association of Parasitologists
- 2017 Educator – Western Gulf Center of Excellence for Vector Borne-Diseases Master Vector-borne diseases certification management course: Introduction to Mosquito Biology
- 2015 **President** – Southwestern Association of Parasitologists
- 2014 USDA Outreach and Assistance for Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers Grant Scholarship – TAMUSA advisor

*Reviewer*

- 2023 Comparative Parasitology
- 2023 Preventative Medicine Reports
- 2022 Pathogens and Global Health
- 2021 Journal of Medical Entomology
- 2021 Scientific Reports (Nature)
- 2021 Pest Control
- 2020-2021 Parasitology Research
- 2020 Journal of the American mosquito Control Association
- 2020 Medical and Veterinary Entomology
- 2018 Text-book Review – Brusca and Brusca *Invertebrates* (3e)
- 2014-2016 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Education Grants Program – Grants Review Panel
- 2011 Journal of Vector Ecology

*Community Service based on Professional Expertise*

- 2016-current Panel Expert – Zika Task Force San Antonio Metropolitan Health District
- 2018 Invited Speaker – University Club – “Genetic Modification in mosquitoes”.
- 2016 Invited Speaker - San Antonio Women’s Chamber of Commerce: Smart Women Series - “Smart Women know the facts about Zika”
- 2016 Invited Speaker - San Antonio Public Library Science Series: Cody Public Library “Important facts about Zika and the mosquitoes that transmit”
- 2012 CORE 4 STEM – Science Olympiad Workshop and Presentation – UTSA
- 2012 TAMU-SA Liaison for Native Plant Society of Texas – San Antonio Chapter: Landscape Certification Program



- 2012 TAMU-SA Liaison for PEER Perspectives – Partnership for Environmental Education and Rural Health – Agricultural Teachers Workshop
- 2011 Liaison - AgriLife Extension Renewable and Natural Resources for placement of Student Interns.

## **SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY**

### **FACULTY SENATE**

- 2022-current *Vice President*
- 2021-current *Co-Chair: University Core Curriculum Committee*
- 2021-current *Chair: Faculty evaluation of Chairs and Deans.*
- 2020-current Senator Department of Life Science
- 2020-current *Chair: Faculty Ombudsperson Committee*
- 2020-current Writing across the curriculum committee
- 2017 High Impact Practices Ad Hoc Committee
- 2013-2014 Immediate Past President
- 2012-2013 *President*
- 2011-2012 *Vice President*
- 2011 Drafter of the first Faculty Senate Constitution

### **SEARCH COMMITTEES**

- 2023 President of Texas A&M University – San Antonio: Faculty Representative on Advisory Committee
- 2022 Administrative Assistant – Life Sciences
- 2021 *Chair: Tenure-track Faculty– Animal Physiology*
- 2021 Tenure-track Faculty - Bioinformatics
- 2021 Laboratory Manager - Biology
- 2020 *Chair: Tenure-track Faculty– Wildlife Biology*
- 2010-2019 *Chair: Biology Adjunct Hiring*
- 2018 Tenure-Track Faculty – Systematist
- 2018 Professional Biology Tutor – Tutoring Center
- 2018 Lecturer - Anatomy Physiology
- 2017 *Chair: Tenure-track Faculty – Developmental Biology*
- 2016 *Chair: Tenure-track Faculty – Immunology*
- 2016 *Chair: Tenure-track Faculty – Population Genetics*
- 2016 Director of First Year Experience
- 2016 Lecturer – Wildlife Biology
- 2016 Lecturer – Anatomy & Physiology
- 2014 Tenure-Track Faculty – Chemistry
- 2013 *Chair: Tenure-Track Faculty - Animal Physiology*
- 2013 Laboratory Manager – Biology
- 2013 Tenure-Track Faculty – Microbiology

2012 Vice President of Student Affairs  
 2012 School Head (Dean) of Arts & Sciences  
 2011 *Chair*: Laboratory Manager – Biology

**FACULTY and ADMINISTRATIVE EVALUATIONS**

2021-2023 *Chair*: Deans and Chairs Evaluation Committee  
 2021 *Chair*: College of Arts & Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee  
 2021 Department of Life Sciences Faculty Evaluation Committee  
 2020 Department of Life Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee  
 2020 *Chair*: Department of Life Sciences Faculty Evaluation Committee for Annual Reviews  
 2017-2019 *Chair*: Department of Science and Mathematics Faculty Evaluation Committee for Annual Reviews  
 2018-2019 Department of Science and Mathematics Tenure and Promotion Committee  
 2017 College of Arts & Sciences Tenure and Promotion Committee

**UNIVERSITY INFRASTRUCTURE and FACILITIES**

2022-2023 Employee Engagement Task Force  
 2021-2023 Health Initiatives – Provost-lead committee to identified needs and opportunities for health-related initiatives.  
 2021-2022 Integrated Communications Task Force – Identify, develop and implement procedures and processes for an integrated university-wide communications plan.  
 2021 BluePrint 2021 Working Group– Health and Safety Protocols (COVID-19 response)  
 2019 Revision of Master Plan Steering Committee - Arts & Sciences Faculty Representative  
 2016 Master Plan Steering Committee - Arts & Sciences Faculty Representative  
 2016-2018 Lead: Biology faculty Science Technology Building design  
 2015-2018 Downward Expansion Super Group  
 Admissions Subcommittee  
 Definitions Subcommittee  
 Jaguar Track Subcommittee  
 Budget Subcommittee  
 2015-2016 Science & Technology Building Programming committee - Arts & Sciences Faculty Representative  
 2014-2016 Environmental Health and Safety Committee  
 2014-2016 Animal Care and Use Creation Committee  
 2014 Council on Assessment, Planning and Budgeting (CAPB)  
 2013-2014 Science and Technology Building – STEM programming team (first round)  
 2012-2014 Central Academic Building – planning & advising of new biology labs  
 2011-2012 Water Conservation and Technology Committee – science faculty representative  
 2011 Chair of SACS Physical Resource Committee  
 2011 Development of future academic involvement in the Irrigation Research Center planned for the new campus of TAMUSA

**UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT and ASSESSMENT**

2021-2023 *Co-Chair*: University Core Curriculum Committee  
 2016-2018 *Chair*: Undergraduate Research as a High Impact Practice

- 2016-2017 Academic Plan Committee
- 2016-2017 High Impact Practices Committee
- 2016-2017 Definitions Committee
- 2014 *Chair*: Core Curriculum Committee – Natural Sciences courses
- 2011-2012 *Chair*: Curriculum Committee College of Arts & Sciences

**UNIVERSITY MISCELLANEOUS**

- 2019 Texas Women’s Forum Lunch with speaker Elaine Mendoza Regent for the Texas A&M system – Faculty Representative
- 2018-2019 University Outstanding Senior Award committee
- 2018 University Admission Standard committee
- 2018 Texas Women’s Forum Lunch with speaker Colleen Bridger Head of San Antonio Metropolitan Health District – Faculty Representative
- 2018 First-Year Experience: Family First Series. Gave a presentation to parents of first-year students entitled: “Expectation of Students & Support from Family. A Faculty Member’s Perspective”
- 2017 Academic Calendar Committee
- 2015 Student Government Association Election Review
- 2011-2013 President’s Leadership Council

**BIOLOGY PROGRAM** *(separate from Program Coordinating)*

- 2011-2023 Biology Program Coordinator
- 2017-2023 Biology Master’s/Ph.D. Program committee
- 2011-2022 *Advisor*: Biology Club
- 2017-2021 Curriculum Assessment Committee Biology Program
- 2019-2021 Tenure & Promotions Biology Program Guidelines committee
- 2020 Mentor: Internship in Biology: 2 students who conducted internships at The San Antonio Botanical Society and Wildlife Rescue – Summer 2020
- 2019 Mentor: Internship in Biology: student who conducted internships at Medical Offices
- 2013-2014 STEM-ulate at San Antonio College – Science Showcases: Booth for TAMUSA Biology Program
- 2011-2013 Liaison – Medical School Recruiting: Universidad Autonoma De Guadalajara School of Medicine (an HSI)
- 2012 Biology Program Update Presentation – to Alamo Colleges Advisors

**SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

- 2012-current *Director*: San Antonio Regional Science Olympiad held yearly at TAMU-SA
- 2019 & 2021 Stevenson Middle School Gifted & Talented Science Workshop: hosted 35 students at A&M-SA in two laboratory sessions for DNA extraction and analysis.
- 2019 & 2021 Workshop Leader: St. Phillip’s college Women Breaking Through-Annual Conference for high school women.
- 2011-2018 Volunteer – Book Fairs (Steubing Elementary and Stevenson Middle School NISD)
- 2016 Volunteer – Career Day – Scobee Elementary
- 2012-2016 Steubing Elementary School PTA
- Parliamentarian 2015-2016

Secretary 2014-2015  
 Vice President-Legislative Action 2012-2014  
 2010-2014 Volunteer “ Bootanica” at the San Antonio Botanical Gardens  
 2012 Visiting Entomologist – KinderCare Learning CentWE  
 2011 Volunteer at the State Competition for the Science Olympiad, College Station Texas.  
 2011 Virtual Lab Presentations to each 5<sup>th</sup> grade class at Steubing Elementary school  
 2010-2011 Science Fair presentation to students and parents at Elm Creek elementary  
 2010 Science Fair judge at Elm Creek elementary school

**SERVICE PRIOR TO TEXAS A&M-SA**

2010 Elementary School Science Fair Judge – St. Joseph’s School, Fort Collins, CO  
 2003 Visiting Science and Physical Education Teacher – 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grade at Putnam  
 Elementary School, Fort Collins, CO Funded through NIH Science Education Partnership  
 Award (SEPA) Program  
 2002-2003 Secretary: Colloquium of Life Sciences at Colorado State University  
 2002-2003 Search Committee for Department of Biology Chair Colorado State University  
 2001-2002 President: Graduate Student Association in Department of Biology – Colorado State  
 University  
 2002 Student Representative to Executive Committee – American Society of Parasitologists  
 1993-1995 Vice President and Treasurer – Student Alumni Association: University of Nebraska  
 1995 Senator - Association of Students at the University of Nebraska  
 1995 Historian – Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society  
 1994-1995 Event Coordinator - Golden Key National Honor Society  
 1992-1995 Nebraska Cornhuskers Football Recruiter  
 1992-1995 Alpha Phi International Fraternity