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Pest Control Industry – Board Certified Entomologist and Consultant

Background includes 25 years of teaching biology, entomology and parasitology to secondary and college students, as well as pest management professionals. Actively involved in pest management industry since 1995, specializing in termite control, research and education. Background is further supported by a Ph.D. in Entomology, BCE in Urban & Industrial Entomology, numerous academic and outreach publications, entomological research projects, and hundreds of presentations at regional, national, and worldwide industry conferences.

Education

Ph.D.	Clemson University – 1998	Entomology
M.Ed.	Converse College – 1989	Secondary Science Education
B.S.	University of South Carolina – 1987	Biology

Professional Experience

JAK Consulting Services, Knoxville, Tennessee (July 2016-Present)

Co-Owner of Woman-Owned Business: Launched a successful consulting firm that provides regulatory, research and educational services to pesticide manufacturers, pest control companies and litigators.

Consultant, Entomological Research (August 2000 – 2016)

K. van den Meiracker Consulting, Travelers Rest, South Carolina

Sole Proprietor of Woman-Owned Business

Quality Assurance Director for EUP Studies. Evaluations of pesticide efficacy and termite behavior and baiting for pesticide manufacturers.

Consultant for bedbug and other entomology issues for North Greenville University.

Professor (August 2000 – August 2016)

North Greenville University, Tigerville, South Carolina

Major Courses Taught:

Parasitology, Principles of Biology (with lab), Invertebrate Biology (with lab)
Comparative Biology (with lab), Human Biology (with lab), Integrated Biology (with lab), Sophomore Seminar, Junior Seminar

Research (at NGU)

Mentor undergraduate research students – Porifera & Insects. 2007-2016.

Positions Held:

Interim Department Chair of Biology (2008-2010)
Department Chair of Interdisciplinary Studies (B.S.) (2001 – 2008)
Interim Department Chair of Math & Computer Science (Fall 2005)
Faculty President 2005-2006

Interim Department Chair of Physical Education & Health and Computer Science (2002 – 2003)

Lab Director – Set up all Biology 2431, 2435, 1411 & 1421 Labs (2000-2003)

McGraw-Hill Publishing, Faculty Reviewer, 2002

Urban Entomologist (January 1999-August 2000)

Terminix Service, Inc., Columbia, South Carolina

Taught new pest control operators about entomology, basic insect biology, safety, chemical applications, etc. Responsible for trouble-shooting problem accounts throughout franchise area, particularly termite accounts.

Participated in researching and testing new products.

Participated in selling large commercial accounts. Acquired pesticide applicator and fumigation licenses.

Postdoctoral Fellow (May – December 1998)

Department of Entomology, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina

Conducted termite research (biology and control). Assisted in field research and teaching various entomology classes and labs.

Graduate Teaching Assistant (August – December 1997)

Graduate Research Assistant (Ph.D.) (May 1995-98)

Department of Entomology, Clemson University, Clemson, South Carolina

Served as teaching assistant for insect behavior class. Provided laboratory instruction, supervised student research projects, and presented lectures.

Biology Teacher (September 1989 – August 1994)

Spartanburg Day School, Spartanburg, South Carolina

Taught Advanced Placement biology, 9th & 7th grade biology, life & earth science.

Sponsored student activities including junior varsity cheerleaders, Beta & Anchor Clubs.

Honors and Awards

North Greenville University

Faculty of the Year, North Greenville College, 2004

Who's Who among American Teachers, 2002, 2004-2007

Who's Who in Science & Engineering, 2004

Comstock Graduate Student of the Year, 1998

Who's Who among American High School Teachers, 1992

Professional Memberships

BPIA 2017-Present

Entomological Society of America, 1995 – Present

Pi Chi Omega, 1998 – Present

Extension & CEU Presentations & Publications – Comprehensive list available upon request. Topics include termite baiting and biology, urban pests, perimeter pests, spiders, flies, rodents, mosquitos, wood destroying insects, fleas, ticks, lice and equipment safety.