

Profile: Dr. Jennifer Gillett-Kaufman

Dr. Jennifer L. Gillett-Kaufman is the Associate Director of IPM Florida. Her current position is focused on the promotion of IPM extension programs where she facilitates collaboration between extension agents and specialists. Jennifer has served as a technical assistant and insect molecular biologist at USDA-ARS CMAVE, and as an instructor in the Plant Pathology Department. She earned her Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Plant Pathology at the University of Florida. Jennifer also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco where she worked in rural agricultural extension on pesticide safety and erosion control projects with USAID. Jennifer is an avid cook and golfer.



In Morocco, women's hands and feet are dyed and ornamented with henna. Once applied to the skin as a paste, henna tends to crack and fall off the skin as it dries leaving behind a dark orange stain that lasts for weeks. In this photo Jennifer is having henna applied to her hands (feet are soon to come) by a friend in Morocco. Because she is inside with only women, her arms and hair are showing. When she worked outside, her arms, legs and hair were always completely covered.