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EDUCATION

PhD. Illinois State University Mycology

M.S. Illinois State UniversityB.S. Colorado State UniversityBiological SciencesBotany & Plant Pathology

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2007-present Senior Fellow, Institute for Genomics and Systems Biology

1986-present Terrestrial Ecology Group Leader

2005-2008 Biosciences Division Deputy Division Director

1997–present Senior Terrestrial Ecologist, Argonne National Laboratory

1988–present Lecturer, Committee on Evolutionary Biology, University of Chicago

1983–1998 Terrestrial Ecologist, Argonne National Laboratory
1977–1983 Assistant Ecologist, Argonne National Laboratory
1975–1977 Post doctoral Associate, Argonne National Laboratory

Honors

Member, College of Arts and Sciences Hall of Fame, Illinois State University, 2009

Outstanding Mentor Award, U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Undergraduate Research Programs, 2008 Pacesetter Award, Argonne National Laboratory, 1986

Phi Sigma Award of the Beta Lambda Chapter for outstanding dissertation research

Selected publication (http://scholar.google.com/citations?hl=en&user=miaEiK4AAAAJ&view_op=list_works)

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Matamala, R., J.D. Jastrow, R.M. Miller, C.T. Garten. 2008. Temporal Variations in the Distribution of C and N Stocks in the Vegetation and Soils of Restored Tallgrass Prairie Grasslands in the U.S. Midwest. *Ecological Applications* 18: 1470-1488.

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COLLABORATORS & OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

Collaborators (past 5 years): Victoria Allison (Landcare Research, NZ), James Amonette (PNNL), Vanessa Bailey (PNNL), Thomas Boutton (Texas A&M), Keith Clay (Indiana U), Charles Garten (ORNL), Catherine Gehring (Northern Arizona U.), Miquel Gonzalez-Meler (U. Illinois Chicago), Robin Graham (ORNL), Jason Hoeksema (U. California Santa Cruz), Cesar Izaurralde (PNNL), Nancy Johnson (Northern Arizona U.), John Klironomos (U. Guelph), Roger Koide (Penn State U.), John Moore (Northern Colorado U.), Richard Norby (ORNL), Wilfred Post (ORNL), Gail Wilson (Oklahoma State U.), Donald Zak (U. Michigan), Yunguan Zhu (Chinese Academy Science, Beijing). Graduate advisor: Anthony E. Liberta (ISU retired). Postdoctoral advisor: Roy Cameron (USEPA, Las Vegas, retired). Postdoctoral advisees: Victoria Allison (Landcare Research, NZ); Jim Bever (Indiana U); Helen Rowe (Purdue U)

SYNERGISTIC ACTIVITIES

Service: Steering committee, Fungal Genome Sequencing for Energy Security and Bioenergy, DOE National Laboratories, 2006-present; Technical advisory committee member for Ecosystem Management Projects (SEMP), Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP) USDOD, 2003-2006; Steering committee member, Nutrient Farming along the Illinois River, The Wetland Initiative, 2004-2009; Chairperson, Student Awards Committee, Soil Ecology Society Biennial Meeting, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2003, 2005, 2007; Chairperson, Distinguished Scientist Award Committee, Soil Ecology Society, 2005; Advisor to the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation in the area of Restoration Ecology, 1997; Member of Steering Committee, Mycorrhizal Inoculum Project, BAIF - India, Sponsored by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC), Ottawa, Canada, 1993-1996; Plenary Speakers Committee, 1st International Conference on Mycorrhizae, Univ. of California, Berkeley, Aug. 1996; Public Affairs Representative to the AIBS for the Mycological Society of America, (two 3 yr terms, 1986-1992); Editorial Board, Restoration and Management Notes, U Wisconsin Press, 1985-1989; Member advisory committee, Univ Wisconsin Arboretum, Restoration and Research Directions at the Arboretum, 1984

Review and Advisory: Panel member, USDOE/BER TES Program 2012; Member, USEPA 2005 STAR Panel, Nonlinear Responses to Global Change in Linked Aquatic and Terrestrial Ecosystems and Effects of Multiple Factors on Terrestrial Ecosystems, 2006; Panel member, DOE/BER Poplar Genome Based Research, 2005; Panel member, DOE/BER Global Climate Research Graduate Fellowship Program, 2002; Panel member, Management Review of NIGEC Midwest Regional Center, 2002; Panel member, Biosphere II, Future research directions, 2001; Member, Carbon Sequestration Panel, OBER/USDOE, 2000; Panel Member, DOE Global Climate Research Graduate Fellowship Program, 1999; Panel Member, USDA-NRI Soils and Soil Biology Panel, Competitive Grants Program, 1998; Panel Member, NSF Special Competition for Global Climate Research, 1996; Panel Member, NSF Special Competition for Global Climate Research, 1995; Panel Member, USEPA, Evaluation of Ecological and Non-Target Effects of Transgenic Plants, 1992; Panel Member, NSF Special Competition in Conservation and Restoration Biology, 1991;

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mechanisms of adaptation in plants and mycorrhizal fungi, especially as influenced by environmental forcing factors and disturbance; Effects of mycorrhizal fungi on community structure and function; Ecophysiology of the mycorrhizal symbiosis; Application of molecular tools to understanding root-rhizosphere mechanisms. Influences of roots and microbes on the formation and stabilization of soil structure; the contributions of roots and soil microbes to carbon accrual mechanisms in soils; Restoration ecology; Sustainable management of soil systems. Identification of root and mycorrhizal traits in biofuel crops for improved nutrient uptake and soil carbon sequestration.