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Education

University of California, Davis

Davis, CA

PHD ENTOMOLOGY

September 2022 - Present

- Advisors: Dr. Emily Meineke & Dr. Paul Pratt (Retired, Research Leader, USDA-ARS, Invasive Species and Pollinator Health Unit)
- GPA: 4.0

University of Oregon

Eugene, OR

B.S. BIOLOGY

2011 - 2015

Professional Experience

2026 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Entomology and Nematology, University of California, Davis

2025 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Plant Sciences, University of California, Davis

2019-2022 **Biological Science Technician**, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service, Invasive Species and Pollinator Health Unit

2014-2015 **Research Assistant**, Cresko Lab, Institute of Ecology and Evolution, University of Oregon

Publications

PUBLISHED

Marielle S. Hansel Friedman, Angelica M. Reddy, Paul D. Pratt, Brenda J. Grewell, Nathan E. Harms, Ximena Ciblis-Stewart, Guillermo Cabrera Walsh, M. Cristina Hernandez, Ana Falthausen. 2025. Life history and host range characteristics of *Paracles azollae* Berg, 1877 (Lepidoptera: Erebidiae), an herbivore considered for biological control of invasive species of *Ludwigia* L. (Onagraceae) in the United States. *The Pan-Pacific Entomologist*, 101(3): 243-255.

Amy DaSilva, Angelica M. Reddy, Paul D. Pratt, **Marielle S. Hansel Friedman**, Brenda J. Grewell, Nathan E. Harms, Ximena Ciblis-Stewart, Guillermo Cabrera Walsh, Ana Falthausen, M. Lourdes Chamorro. 2022. Biology of Immature Stages and Host Range Characteristics of *Sudauleutes bosqi* (Coleoptera: Curculionidae), a Candidate Biological Control Agent of Exotic *Ludwigia* spp. in the USA. *Florida Entomologist*, 105(3): 243-249.

IN PREP

Marielle S. Hansel Friedman, Alison E. L. Colwell, Elizeth Cinto Mejia, Grace M. Horne, Ian S. Pearse, Richard Karban, Emily K. Meineke. Herbarium specimens capture variation in herbivory over more than a decade in a common garden.

Awards, Fellowships, & Grants

November 2025 **Student Talks Contest, Lightning Talks, 1st place (tie)**, California Invasive Plant Council

November 2025 **Student Competition for the President's Prize, Graduate Poster: Plant-Insect Ecosystems, Community Ecology, 2nd place**, Entomological Society of America

Dec 2018–Jul 2019 **Energy & Environmental Fellow**, Strategic Energy Innovations, Marin County Office of Education

Presentations

INVITED TALKS

November 2025. **Marielle S. Hansel Friedman**. Illuminating Complexity: How artificial light at night influences insect richness and abundance across a vehicle pollution gradient. Insect Biodiversity in Urban Landscapes Symposium, Entomological Society of America, Portland, OR.

PRESENTATIONS

November 2025. **Marielle S. Hansel Friedman** Evaluating effects of artificial light at night (ALAN) on biological control agents of yellow star-thistle (*Centaurea solstitialis*) in California. Oral Presentation: Lightning Talk, California Invasive Plant Council Symposium, Ventura, CA.

November 2025. **Marielle S. Hansel Friedman**. Light and Exhaust: Interactive effects of artificial light at night and vehicle pollution on insect richness and abundance. Graduate Poster Competition: P-IE, Community Ecology, 2nd place, Entomological Society of America, Portland, OR.

November 2025. **Marielle S. Hansel Friedman**. Entomology Outreach on Parade! Bridging Institutions to Share Innovations in Student-Driven Outreach. Workshop Panelist: Entomological Society of America, Portland, OR.

May 2025. **Marielle S. Hansel Friedman**. Illuminating Complexity: How artificial light at night influences insect richness across a vehicle pollution gradient. Invited Oral presentation: Status of Insects RCN's Light Pollution Working Group Light Pollution as a Driver of Insect Declines International Symposium, University of Exeter's Penryn Campus, Cornwall, UK.

November 2024. **Marielle S. Hansel Friedman**. Herbarium specimens faithfully capture changing plant-insect interactions over years. Oral presentation: Entomological Society of America, Phoenix, AZ.

May 2019. **Marielle S. Hansel Friedman**. Sustainability and the zero-waste movement. Oral presentation: Skyline Community College, San Bruno, CA.

Teaching Experience

Spring 2026	ENT 001: Art, Science, and the World of Insects , Teaching Assistant	<i>UC Davis</i>
Winter 2026	ENT 010: Natural History of Insects , Guest Lecturer and Homework Committee Member	<i>UC Davis</i>
Fall 2025	ENH 100: Urban Forests are Nature-Based Solutions , Teaching Assistant	<i>UC Davis</i>
Spring 2025	ENT 135: Introduction to Biological Control , Guest Lecturer	<i>UC Davis</i>
Winter 2024	ENT 10: Natural History of Insects , Guest Lecturer and Exam Committee Member	<i>UC Davis</i>

Service & Professional Development

SERVICE AND OUTREACH

July 2025	Find Out Farms: Nature Nerds , Guest Presenter	<i>Sacramento, CA</i>
2024-Present	Light Pollution Working Group-Status of Insects: An International Research Coordination Network , Member	
2023-Present	California Invasive Plant Council-Student Section , Secretary	
2024-2025	Entomology Graduate Student Association , Secretary	<i>Davis, CA</i>
2023-2024	Entomology Graduate Student Association , Graduate Student Representative	<i>Davis, CA</i>
2023-2024	UC Davis, Department of Entomology & Nematology , Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Belonging Committee Representative	<i>Davis, CA</i>
2023-Present	UC Davis Picnic Day , Graduate Student Volunteer	<i>Davis, CA</i>
2023	California Invasive Plant Council Annual Symposium , Volunteer	
2016-2017	Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) , Volunteer	<i>Portland, OR</i>
2016-2017	Mad Science , Afterschool Instructor	<i>Portland, OR</i>

SKILLS

Computer: LaTeX, R, ArcGIS

PADI certified: Open Water Diver

EXTRACURRICULARS

Art: Small business owner of Elytra Jewelry. Unique, colorful, lightweight jewelry made from ethically sourced insect wings and clay.

Designed entomology stickers and t-shirts for the UC Davis Entomology Graduate Student Association.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Entomological Society of America
Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society
California Invasive Plant Council
Xerces Society
Pacific Coast Entomological Society
Ecological Society of America
Insect Welfare Research Society