1:45-3:45. What’s Bugging You? Part 1: Specialty Crop Pest and Beneficial Insect Identification

Speakers:

1. **Hugh Smith**, 
   Professor, Department of Entomology and Nematology, 
   UF/IFAS Gulf Coast Research and Education Center

   Hugh Smith is an Assistant Professor of Entomology at the Gulf Coast REC near Tampa. He works on the development of integrated pest management programs for vegetable and berry crops. He has a Ph. D. from the University of Florida, and joined UF/IFAS in 2011.

2. **Crystal Snodgrass**, 
   Extension Agent 
   UF/IFAS Manatee County

   Crystal is an extension agent for commercial vegetable production in Manatee County, Florida. Her focus areas include vegetable production practices, pest management, farm safety and pesticide training. She holds a M.S. in Entomology and Nematology from the University of Florida and began her work in extension in 2008.

3. **Camille Esmel McAvoy**, 
   Commercial Horticultural Extension Agent 
   UF/IFAS Sumter County

   Cami Esmel McAvoy is the multi-county commercial horticulture extension agent for Sumter & Pasco counties. She has worked in extension for 2 years assisting producers of fruits, vegetables, and ornamental crops.

4. **Chris Miller**, 
   Extension Agent 
   UF/IFAS Palm Beach County

   Christian Miller is an Extension Agent in Palm Beach County focusing on commercial vegetables and tropical fruit. Chris holds a Ph.D. in Plant Medicine from University of Florida and joined UF/IFAS in 2012 after more than a decade as a crop consultant in south Florida.

5. **Jim DeValerio**, 
   UF/IFAS Bradford County Extension Agent

   Jim is an Agricultural Extension in Bradford County. Having worked for the UF, IFAS for over thirty years, Jim has worked in a variety of fields including growing woody fiber for bio-fuels and developing biological control agents of weeds using plant
pathogens. His current activities include working with strawberry, fruit and vegetable farmers, managing the Bradford County Mosquito Integrated Pest Management Program and coordinating the Bradford Master Gardener Program.

6. **Stephanie Stocks**,  
   UF Department of Entomology and Nematology

   Stocks is an Assistant In Extension Entomologist in the Entomology and Nematology Department. She develops online training material on invasive species that affect plants for the National Plant Diagnostic Network, the Sentinel Plant Network, Protect U.S. and Florida First Detector.

7. **Michele Samuel-Foo**,  
   Southern Region Field Coordinator  
   UF/IFAS IR-4

   Dr. Samuel-Foo is an Associate Research Scientist at the University of Florida in the Food Science and Human Nutrition department. Her primary responsibility is coordination of the IR-4 Southern region minor use pesticide field program which facilitates reduced risk pesticide registrations for specialty crops and minor uses. She received her Ph.D. in Entomology from the University of Georgia and joined UF/IFAS in 2009.