4:00-6:00. What’s Bugging You? Part 2: Specialty Crop Disease Identification

Speakers:

1. **Nick Dufault,**
   Assistant Professor,
   UF/IFAS Plant Pathology Department

   Dufault is an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist for agronomic and vegetable crops in Plant Pathology at the University of Florida, Gainesville. The focus of his research and extension program is to improve the management of crop diseases affecting both vegetable and agronomic crop production systems in Florida. His extension programs are aimed at increasing expertise of agricultural personnel. He holds a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the Pennsylvania State University and joined UF/IFAS in 2010.

2. **Gary Vallad,**
   Associate Professor,
   UF/IFAS Plant Pathology Department, Gulf Coast Research and Education Center, Wimauma, FL

   Dr. Vallad is an associate professor of Plant Pathology located at the Gulf Coast REC in Balm. His research and extension program focuses on the diagnosis and management of diseases common to vegetable production with an emphasis on the development and implementation of bio-based disease management strategies. His research and extension efforts are collaborative, working with growers, researchers, extension specialists, and other industry stakeholders throughout the U.S. He holds a Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison and joined UF/IFAS in 2007.