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I. Education

Ph.D.	Horticulture, Texas A&M University	Aug. 2021
<u>Dissertation</u>	Biochar as a way to increase environmental friendliness for potted plants production and disease suppression	
M.S.	Horticulture, Nanjing Forestry University, China	Jun. 2017
<u>Thesis</u>	The evaluation and breeding of Ginkgo in Beijing main areas	
B.S.	Horticulture, Sichuan Normal University, China	Jun. 2014
<u>Graduation Project</u>	Landscape design of the Qingcheng Street Garden	

II. Research Experience

1. **Assistant Professor/Ornamental Specialist** Jul. 2022 -
Horticulture Department
University of Georgia, Griffin, GA.
Responsibilities:
 - Generate and deliver related ornamental research through peer reviewed publications, grant writing, and conference presentations
 - Outreach in all aspects affecting the green industry with close collaboration with Georgia Nursery and Landscape Association (GGIA) to provide educational programming and industry support
 - Serve as the faculty liaison to the Georgia Nursery and Landscape Association (GGIA) and the Center for Applied Nursery Research (CANR)
 - Teach HORT 4630-6630 "Nursery Management"

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2. **Post-Doctoral Associate** Sep. 2021- Jun. 2022
Supervisor: Dr. S. Christopher Marble
Department of Environmental Horticulture,
University of Florida, Mid-Florida Research and Education
Center, Apopka, FL.
Responsibilities:
 - Generate and deliver related weed science research through peer reviewed publications, grant writing, and conference presentations
 - Manage greenhouse, field, and lab complex, including greenhouse and field research plot establishing
 - Create and conduct core research programs including weed management in nursery production and invasive crops

3. **Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant, Lab Manager** 2017 - 2021
Advisor: Dr. Mengmeng Gu
Department of Horticultural Sciences,
Texas A&M University, College Station, TX.
Responsibilities:
 - Manage greenhouse, field, and lab complex, including student worker training, greenhouse crops production, and field research plot establishing
 - Create and conduct core research programs including soilless system production, fertilizer reduction studies, plant physiology, plant pathogen, crape myrtle breeding, sparkleberry propagation, mint production, IR4 chemical trial
 - Expand related research and conversation initiatives through extension events and publications
 - Generate and deliver related research through peer reviewed publications, grant writing, and conference presentations

4. **Graduate Research Assistant** 2014 - 2017
Advisor: Dr. Zunling Zhu
Department of Architecture and Landscape,
Nanjing Forestry University, Nanjing, China
Responsibilities:
 - Manage lab and field complex, including *Gingko biloba*, *Carpinus betulus* production and evolution, woody seeds germination
 - Initiate *Gingko biloba* new variety application
 - Promote university landscape program through international communication slides
 - Generate and deliver related research through peer reviewed publications

5. **Group Research Project Leader** 2013
Department of Life Science,

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Sichuan Normal University, Chengdu, China

Responsibilities:

- Initiate lettuce soilless production project
- Manage group members
- Generate project report

III. Professional Outputs

A. Grants

1. **P. Yu**, S. C. Marble, 2021. Using Mulches to Reduce Preemergence Herbicide Leaching and Improve Weed Control for Ornamental Productions, National Horticultural Foundation, (Co-PI, \$25,356.97, Funded)
2. **P. Yu**, S. C. Marble, 2021. Incorporating sustainable weed control management into container nursery productions, Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program, On-Farm Grant (Co-PI, \$18,676.03, Not funded)
3. **P. Yu**, M. Gu, Sep. 2020. Texas A&M University Internal Fund, Open Access to Knowledge Fund (OAK Fund, \$1,380.20, Funded)
4. **P. Yu**, M. Gu, Jan. 2020. Texas A&M University Internal Fund, Open Access to Knowledge Fund (OAK Fund, \$1,027.29, Funded)
5. **P. Yu**, M. Gu, Nov. 2019. Texas A&M University Internal Fund, Open Access to Knowledge Fund (OAK Fund, \$1,507.80, Funded)
6. **P. Yu**, M. Gu, 2020. Reducing Phosphorus leaching in nursery production with biochar, Center for Applied Nursery Research (CANR) Grant Program (\$2,500.00, not funded)
7. **P. Yu**, M. Gu, 2020. Exploring the benefits of biochar on biological agents for root-borne diseases, Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program, Graduate Student Grant (\$15,451.00, not funded)
8. **P. Yu**, M. Gu, 2019. Exploring benefits of biochar on biological control for root-borne diseases of tomato and pepper in Texas, Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE) Program, Graduate Student Grant (\$16,304.00, not funded)

B. Refereed Journal Articles

1. **P. Yu**, S.C. Marble. Improving Pennsylvania bittercress (*Cardamine pensylvanica*) weed control efficacy with mulch and herbicide in containers, HortTechnology. (accepted)
2. **P. Yu**, S.C. Marble. Herbicide selection for controlling Tahitian bridal veil (*Gibasis pellucida*), Invasive Plant Science and Management. (under review)
3. D. Li, **P. Yu**, H. Zhang, M. Song, Q. Sheng, Y. Chen, L. Cao, Z. Zhu. 2022. Study on photosynthetic characteristics of three early germinating ginkgo cultivars,

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- Molecular Plant Breeding, (2022), online available <https://kns.cnki.net/kcms/detail/46.1068.s.20220120.1915.005.html>. (in Chinese)
4. **P. Yu**, S. C. Marble. 2021. Practices in nursery weed control -- review and meta-analysis. *Frontiers in Plant Science*, 12: 807736. [https://doi:10.3389/fpls.2021.807736](https://doi.org/10.3389/fpls.2021.807736)
 5. L. Lin, **P. Yu (co-first author)**, Q. Li, M. Gu. 2021. Gibberellic acid and cold stratification improve sparkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum*) germination under different collection times, *Scientia Horticulturae*, 291 (2022), 110606. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scienta.2021.110606>.
 6. H. Zhang, **P. Yu**, M. Song, D. Li, Q. Sheng, F. Cao, and Z. Zhu. 2021. Leaf color changes and photosynthetic characteristics of five superior late-deciduous *Ginkgo biloba* cultivars, *HortScience*, 56 (11), 1416-1422. <https://doi.org/10.21273/HORTSCI16065-21>.
 7. Q. Li, **P. Yu**, J. Lai, M. Gu. 2020. Micropropagation of the potential blueberry rootstock—*Vaccinium arboreum* through axillary shoot proliferation, *Scientia Horticulturae*, 280 (2021), 109908. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scienta.2021.109908>.
 8. **P. Yu**, Q. Li, L. Huang, K. Qin, G. Niu, M. Gu. 2020. The effects of mixed hardwood biochar, mycorrhizae, and fertigation on container tomato and pepper plant growth, *Sustainability*, 2020, 12, 7072. <https://doi.org/10.3390/su12177072>.
 9. J. Yan, **P. Yu (co-first author)**, C. Liu, Q. Li, M. Gu. 2020. Replacing peat moss with mixed hardwood biochar as container substrates to produce five types of mint (*Mentha spp.*), *Industrial Crops and Products*, 2020, 155. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.indcrop.2020.112820>.
 10. L. Huang, M. Gu, **P. Yu**, C. Zhou, X. Liu. 2020. Biochar and vermicompost amendments affect substrate properties and plant growth of basil and tomato, *Agronomy*, 2020, 10(2), 224. <https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy10020224>.
 11. **P. Yu**, Q. Li, I. Lima. P. White. M. Gu. 2020. Effects of mixed hardwood and sugarcane biochar as bark-based substrate substitutes on container plants production and nutrient leaching, *Agronomy*, 2020, 10(2), 156. <https://doi.org/10.3390/agronomy10020156>.
 12. **P. Yu**, Q. Li, M. Gu, G. Niu. 2019. Mixed hardwood and sugarcane bagasse biochar as potting mix components for container tomato and basil seedling production, *Appl. Sci.* 2019, 9(21), 4713. <https://doi.org/10.3390/app9214713>.
 13. L. Huang, **P. Yu**, M. Gu. 2019. Evaluation of Biochar and Compost Mixes as Substitutes to a Commercial Seed Propagation Mix, *Appl. Sci.* 2019, 9(20), 4394. <https://doi.org/10.3390/app9204394>.
 14. Q. Sheng, X. Fang, Z. Zhu, W. Xiao, Z. Wang, G. Ding, L. Zhao, Y. Li, **P. Yu**, Z. Ding, Q. Shu. 2016. Seasonal variation of pheophorbide and flavonoid in different organs of two *Carpinus* species and its correlation with immunosuppressive activity, *In Vitro Cellular & Developmental Biology—Animal*, 2016, 52 (6), 654-661. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11626-016-0041-1>.

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15. **P. Yu**, Z. Zhu, L. Cheng. 2016. Effects of different media on growth and physiological characteristics of one-year old *Carpinus betulus*, Central South University of Forestry & Technology, 2016 (09):44-50. (in Chinese)
16. **P. Yu**, L. Cheng, Z. Zhu. 2016. Effects of different substrates on photosynthetic diurnal changes of *Carpinus betulus*, Journal of Agricultural university of HeBei. 2016 (03):60-65. (in Chinese)
17. Z. Zhu, **P. Yu**, Long. Cheng. 2016. Selection of Efficient Low-cost Substrate of *Carpinus betulus*, Northern Horticulture, 2016 (05):95-98. (in Chinese)
18. Y. Wu, **P. Yu**, Z. Zhu. 2016. Physiological and biochemical characteristics of *Carpinus turczaninowii* leaves with different colors in spring, Journal of Northwest University (Natural Science Edition). 2016 (05):120-126. (in Chinese)

C. Paper Under Preparation

1. **P. Yu**, S.C. Marble. Fertilizer placement affecting Pentas plant growth, nutrient leaching, and Pennsylvania bittercress (*Cardamine pensylvanica*) weed control. (in draft)
2. **P. Yu**, S.C. Marble. Herbicide comparison for controlling Tahitian bridal veil (*Gibasis pellucida*) and Small-leaf Spiderwort (*Tradescantia fluminensis*), Invasive Plant Science and Management. (in draft)
3. **P. Yu**, M. Gu. Biochar replacing peat moss as a container substrate to increase environmental friendliness for potted plants production—A review. (ready to submit)
4. **P. Yu**, K. Ong, J. Ueckert, K. Crosby, T. Gentry, M. Gu. Biochar and *Trichoderma* reduced pepper blight caused by *Phytophthora capsici* in container. (ready to submit)
5. **P. Yu**, K. Ong, J. Ueckert, M. Gu. Biochar and *Trichoderma* reduced poinsettia root rot caused by *Pythium aphanidermatum* in container. (ready to submit)
6. **P. Yu**, M. Gu. Reducing phosphorus leaching in greenhouse production with biochar by using mint and rosemary as model plants. (in draft)
7. **P. Yu**, C. Zhou, M. Gu. Biochar enhancing petunia and zinnia growth in greenhouse. (in draft)
8. C. Zhou, **P. Yu (co-first author)**, M. Gu. Biochar enhancing vinca and marigold growth in greenhouse. (in draft)

D. Conference Presentations & Proceedings

1. **P. Yu**, S. C. Marble. 2022. Improving Pennsylvania bittercress (*Cardamine pensylvanica*) weed control efficacy with mulch and herbicide in containers. Southern Region American Society for Horticulture Sciences (SR-ASHS) annual meeting, Feb. 11-13, 2022, New Orleans, LA. (**Oral**)

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2. **P. Yu**, K. Ong, J. Ueckert, K. Crosby, T. Gentry, M. Gu. 2021. Biochar and Trichoderma reduced pepper blight caused by *Phytophthora capsici* in container. American Society for Horticulture Sciences (ASHS) annual meeting, Aug. 5-9, 2021, Denver, CO. **(Poster)** HortScience 56 (9S), 252.
3. **P. Yu**, K. Ong, J. Ueckert, M. Gu. 2021. Biochar and *Trichoderma* reduced poinsettia root rot caused by *Pythium aphanidermatum* in container. American Society for Horticulture Sciences (ASHS) annual meeting, Aug. 5-9, 2021, Denver, CO. **(Oral)** HortScience 56 (9S), 28-29.
4. Q. Li, R. Xie, B. Wu, **P. Yu**, M. Gu. 2020. Effects of shade on the population dynamics of crape myrtle bark scale. American Society for Horticulture Sciences (ASHS) annual meeting, Aug. 9, 2020. **(Poster)** HortScience, 55 (9S), 221-222.
5. **P. Yu**, Q. Li, M. Gu. 2019. Pine and Sugarcane Biochar as Container Media Amendments for Seedlings Production of Tomato (*Solanum copersicum*) and Basil (*Ocimum basilicum*), American Society for Horticulture Sciences (ASHS) annual meeting, July 21-25, 2019, Las Vegas, NV. **(Poster)** HortScience, 54 (9S), 85-86.
6. **P. Yu**, M. Gu. 2019. A ‘black’ future for horticulture? Biochar as amendment for plant production, American Society for Horticulture Sciences (ASHS) annual meeting, Jul. 21-25, 2019, Las Vegas, NV. **(Oral, Ignite)**
7. **P. Yu**, L. Huang, M. Gu. 2019. The effects of biochar, mycorrhizae and fertilizer on tomato and pepper plants in container, American Society for Horticulture Sciences (ASHS) annual meeting, July 21-25, 2019, Las Vegas, NV. **(Oral)** HortScience, 54 (9S), 193-193.
8. Huang, L., **P. Yu**, and M. Gu. 2017. Effect of chicken manure compost and high percentage of biochar on container-grown basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) production. The International Plant Propagators’ Society-Southern Region (IPPS-SR) annual meeting, October 28-31, 2017, Dallas, TX. **(Poster)** Acta Hort. 1212, 351-356.

IV. Honors & Awards

1. **ASHS Graduate Student Scholars Award (Doctoral Level, \$1,500)** 2021
American Society for Horticultural Sciences (1/yr)
2. **ASHS Graduate Student Spotlight** 2021
American Society for Horticultural Sciences
3. **ASHS Outstanding Graduate Student** 2021
American Society for Horticultural Sciences (10/yr)
4. **Dissertation Fellowship (\$22,200)** 2020
Texas A&M University (15/yr)
5. **Louise B. Belsterling Scholarship (\$6,500)** 2020
Texas A&M University (2/2yr)
6. **American Floral Endowment Scholarship (\$2,000, \$3,000)** 2019, 2020
Texas A&M University
7. **Aggie Ring Scholarship (\$500)** 2020
The Association of Former Students, Texas A&M University

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8. **Horticultural Science Poster Symposium** 2020
3rd Place, Texas A&M University
9. **Charlie Parkerson Student Research Competition (\$500)** 2019
2nd Place Oral Presentation, International Plant Propagators' Association-
Southern Region (IPPS-SR)
10. **ASHS Travel Awards (\$500)** 2021
American Society for Horticultural Sciences
11. **IPPS Travel Award (\$500)** 2019
International Plant Propagators' Association-Southern Region (IPPS-SR)
12. **OGAPs Travel Award (\$500)** 2019
Office of Graduate and Professional Studies (OGAPs)
Texas A&M University
13. **Departmental Travel Award (\$500)** 2019
Department of Horticulture Sciences, Texas A&M University
14. **Excellence Fellowship (\$27,496)** 2017
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University

V. Leadership

A. Professional Organizations

1. **Commercial Horticulture (CHEX), ASHS:** 2022 - Present
President-elect
2. **International HORT Issues and Networking (IHIN), ASHS:** 2021- Present
Secretary
3. **Commercial Horticulture (CHEX), ASHS:** 2021- 2022
Secretary

B. Student Organizations

1. **Horticultural Graduate Council** 2018 - 2020
Dept. of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University
Secretary
2. **Horticultural Graduate Council,** 2017- 2018
Dept. of Horticultural Sciences, Texas A&M University
Vice-President

C. Undergraduate Mentoring

1. Jackson Whatley, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2021
Currently, Texas A&M University Undergraduate
2. Osaze Chimeka-Tisdale, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2021
Currently, Texas A&M University Undergraduate

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3. Siyuan Zhao, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2020
Currently, Texas A&M University Master Student
4. Yilin Zhu, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2019 - 2020
Currently, Texas A&M University Master Student
5. Katie Clark, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2019 - 2020
Currently, Texas A&M University Undergraduate
6. Sydney Maulsby, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2019 - 2020
Currently, Texas A&M University Undergraduate
7. Daniel Liu, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2019
Currently, Texas A&M University Undergraduate
8. Eduardo Martinez, Undergraduate Research Assistant, 2017 - 2018
Currently, Greenleaf Nursery Planting Supervisor

VI. Teaching Activities

A. Teaching Certificate

Academic for Future Faculty

Texas A&M University

- Two-semester long professional development program
- Work with a faculty member as a mentor (Dr. David Reed)
- Complete 4 required seminars including:
Learning Outcomes & the Course Development Cycle
Philosophy of Teaching Statement
Syllabus Design
Curriculum Vitae
- Perform 2 classroom observations
- Attend 4 elective seminars
- Reflection on all the seminars
- Write teaching philosophy, CV, and syllabus

B. Teaching Experience

1. Texas A&M University, College Station, TX
Graduate Teaching Assistant
Course: HORT 203: Floral Design
Class size: 35 (16/lab) Fall 2019 -
Spring 2020
2. Jiangsu Special Educational College, Nanjing, China
Part-time instructor
Course: Plant Physiology, Plant Landscape, Landscape Dendrology
Class size: 32 Fall 2015 -
Spring 2016

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C. Guest Lectures

1. HOS6932, "Literature Review" Spring 2022
Cultivation, Extraction, and application of Medicinal plants and their Bioactive Compounds, University of Florida (Class size: 8)
2. HORT 435, "Horticultural principles 1" Fall 2020
Urban Horticulture, Texas A&M University (Class size: 30)
3. HORT 435, "Horticultural principles 2" Fall 2020
Urban Horticulture, Texas A&M University (Class size: 30)
4. HORT 203, "Design Element: Proportion" Spring 2020
Floral Design, Texas A&M University (Class size: 70)
5. 13407 Plant for Landscape, "Using Shrubs in Landscape Designs" Spring 2015
Nanjing Forestry University (Class size: 65)

VII. Extension and Outreach

A. Extension Publications

1. **P. Yu**, E. Kraka, and S.C. Marble. 2022. Biology and Management of Johnsongrass (*Sorghum halepense*) in Ornamental Crop Production and Landscapes, UF/EDIS EP620/ENH1356, 4/2022.
2. M. Gu, and **P. Yu**. 2020. Ms. Margie Jenkins and what we learned at IPPS. TNLA GREEN Jan/Feb: 28-29.
3. **P. Yu**, and M. Gu. 2020. Using biochar as container substrates in horticulture production part 1: An introduction to biochar. TNLA GREEN May/Jun.: 24-25.
4. **P. Yu**, and M. Gu. 2020. Using biochar as container substrates in horticulture production part 2: The potential of biochar to replace peat moss as container substrate and its limitation. TNLA GREEN Jul/Aug.: 16-18.
5. **P. Yu**, and M. Gu. 2020. Using biochar as container substrates in horticulture production part 3: Physical and Chemical Properties, Guidelines for making the right biochar mix. TNLA Working for You. Sept. 18:15-17.
6. **P. Yu**, and M. Gu. 2020. Using biochar as container substrates in horticulture production. Part 4: Effects of biochar on plant growth. TNLA Working for You. Nov. 13: 8-9.
7. **P. Yu**, and M. Gu. Using biochar as container substrates in horticulture production. Part 5: Effects of biochar on plant health. (Under preparation)

B. Industry Presentations

1. **P. Yu**, K. Ong, K. Crosby, T. Gentry, M. Gu. 2021. Using poinsettia and pepper as model plants to investigate biochar and *Trichoderma* suppressing effects on plant diseases. International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region (IPPS-SR) annual meeting, Oct. 8, 2021, virtual. (**Oral**)

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2. **P. Yu**, L. Lin, Q. Li, M. Gu. 2020. Effect of gibberellic acid (GA₃) and cold stratification on Sparkleberry (*Vaccinium arboreum*) germination under different collection times. International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region (IPPS-SR) annual meeting, Oct. 14, 2020, virtual. **(Oral)**
3. **P. Yu**, M. Gu. 2020. Mixed hardwood biochar and biocontrol agent effects on poinsettia plant growth and *Pythium* suppression. National Floriculture Forum, Feb. 28-Mar. 1, Charlotte, NC. **(Oral)**
4. **P. Yu**, M. Gu and Q. Li. 2019. Hardwood and sugarcane biochar replacing bark-based substrate for container production of tomato (*Solanum copersicum*) and basil (*Ocimum basilicum*) plants. The International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region (IPPS-SR) annual meeting, Oct. 16-21, 2019, Baton Rouge, LA. **(Oral)**
5. **P. Yu**, L. Huang, Y. Guo, M. Gu, 2019 The effects of biochar incorporation on plant growth in container production. The International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region (IPPS-SR) annual meeting, Oct. 16-21, 2019, Baton Rouge, LA. **(Oral)**
6. Li, L., **P. Yu**, Gu, M. 2018. Anatomical traits related to blue leaf coloration of *Selaginella uncinata*. 30th Annual Texas Plant Protection Conference, Dec. 4-5, 2018, Bryan, TX. **(Poster)**
7. **P. Yu**, Qi. Li., M. Gu. 2018. The effect of peat on pH and plant development in biochar substrate. 30th Annual Texas Plant Protection Conference, Dec. 4-5, 2018, Bryan, TX. **(Poster)**
8. **P. Yu**, S. Yan, L. Huang and M. Gu. 2017. The effects of biochar, mycorrhizae and fertigation on tomato and pepper plants in container. 29th Annual Texas Plant Protection Conference Dec. 5-6, 2017, Bryan, TX. **(Poster)**

C. Industry Activities

1. **Georgia Green Industry Association, Winter Green** 2022
Special attendee
2. **Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscape Association/EXPO** 2021
Attendee
3. **Texas A&M University, AgriLife Extension Services** 2019
Co-organizer for Short Course /Workshop
4. **Texas Nursery and Landscape Association Nursery/EXPO:** 2018, 2019
Moderator for education session
Volunteer for Parks and Patio workforce
5. **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension:** 2018, 2019
Volunteer for Extension booth

VIII. Professional Activities & Affiliations

A. Invited Reviewer

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| 1. Invited Reviewer for Journals: | <u>Total (23)</u> |
| • Scientific Report (1) | |
| • HortScience (1) | |
| • Journal of American Society for Horticulture Sciences (1) | |
| • Agronomy (5) | |
| • Biochar (2) | |
| • Sustainability (2) | |
| • Applied Science (1) | |
| • Horticulturae (2) | |
| • Agriculture (3) | |
| • Journal of Environmental Management (1) | |
| • Journal of Soil Science and Plant Nutrient (1) | |
| • Canadian Journal of Plant Science (1) | |
| • International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health (2) | |
| 2. Translation Reviewer | 2019, 2020 |
| American Public Garden Association | |

B. Volunteer

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| 1. ASHS Conference | 2021 |
| Moderator for oral and poster sessions | |
| 2. American Floral Endowment Webinar | 2021 |
| Moderator for Grower Pro webinar series | |

C. Membership of Organizations

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| 1. American Society for Horticultural Sciences | 2017 - Present |
| 2. AmericanHort | 2020 - Present |
| 3. American Floral Endowment/Young Professionals Council | 2018 - Present |
| 4. International Plant Propagators' Society-Southern Region | 2017 - Present |