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(90% Research, 10% Teaching)

Education

- B.S., University of Cincinnati (Chemistry), 1971
- M.S., University of Cincinnati (Biological Sciences), 1974
- Ph.D., Purdue University (Entomology), 1978

Relevant Employment History

- Professor (1988-present); Associate Professor (1985-1988) Dept. Entomology and Nematology, University of Florida, Gainesville.
- Associate Professor (1983-1985); Assistant Professor (1978-1983), Tropical Research and Education Center, Homestead, Florida.
- Research Assistant, Purdue University, (1974-1978).
- Teaching Assistant, University of Cincinnati, (1972-1974).

Research

- Agricultural Ecology - sustainable agricultural practices; pest management (especially nematodes, insects, weeds); combining pest management and soil/crop fertility; environmental impacts of agriculture
- Nematode Ecology - factors affecting nematode community structure; role of non-parasitic nematodes in nutrient cycling and decomposition; nematodes as bioindicators of ecosystem health or disturbance
- Alternative Methods for Nematode Management - managing nematode pests by resistant cultivars, solarization, cover crops, crop rotation, and other nonchemical practices; alternatives to methyl bromide

Teaching

- ALS 3153, Agricultural Ecology
- ALS 5136, Agricultural Ecology Principles and Applications
- NEM 6201, Nematode Ecology

Books

- Powers, L. E., and R. McSorley. 2000. Ecological Principles of Agriculture. Delmar Thomson Learning, Albany, NY. (see <http://www.agriscience.delmar.com/>)
- Gallaher, R. N., and R. McSorley. 1997. Proceedings of the 20th Annual Southern Conservation Tillage Conference for Sustainable Agriculture. Special Series SS-AGR-60, Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.

Publications (selected recent publications)

Recent Book Chapters

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- McGovern, R.J., and R. McSorley. 2012. Management of bacterial and fungal plant pathogens by soil solarization. Pp. 53-62 in A. Gamliel and J. Katan (eds.). Soil solarization: Theory and practice. APS Press, The American Phytopathological Society, St. Paul, MN.
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Publications in Refereed Journals (last 5 years)

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- Linares, J.C., J.M.S. Scholberg, K. Boote, C.A. Chase, J. Ferguson, and R. McSorley. 2008. Use of the cover crop weed index to evaluate weed suppression by cover crops in organic citrus orchards. *HortScience* 43:27-34.
- McSorley, R., K.-H. Wang, and G. Church. 2008. Suppression of root-knot nematodes in natural and agricultural soils. *Appl. Soil Ecol.* 39:291-298.
- Seman-Varner, R., R. McSorley, and R.N. Gallaher. 2008. Soil nutrient and plant responses to solarization in an agroecosystem utilizing an organic nutrient source. *Renewable Agric. Food Syst.* 23:149-154.
- Wang, K.-H., and R. McSorley. 2008. Exposure time to lethal temperatures for *Meloidogyne incognita* suppression and its implication in soil solarization. *J. Nematol.* 40:7-12.
- Wang, K.-H., R. McSorley, R.N. Gallaher, and N. Kokalis-Burelle. 2008. Cover crops and organic mulches for nematode, weed, and plant health management. *Nematology* 10:231-242.
- McSorley, R., K.-H. Wang, and J.J. Frederick. 2008. Integrated effects of solarization, sunn hemp cover crop, and amendment on nematodes, weeds, and pepper yields. *Nematropica* 38:115-125.
- Gill, H.K., R. McSorley, and D.D. Treadwell. 2009. Comparative performance of different plastic films for soil solarization and weed suppression. *HortTechnol.* 19:769- 774.
- McGroarty, P., W.T. Crow, R. McSorley, R.M. Giblin-Davis, and J.L. Cisar. 2009. Seasonal fluctuations of *Belonolaimus longicaudatus* in bermudagrass. *Nematropica* 39:99-110.

- McSorley, R., K.-H. Wang, E.N. Rosskopf, N. Kokalis-Burelle, H.N. HansPetersen, H.K. Gill, and R. Krueger. 2009. Nonfumigant alternatives to methyl bromide for management of nematodes, soil-borne disease, and weeds in production of snapdragon (*Antirrhinum majus*). *Internat. J. Pest Manage.* 55:265-273.
- Portman, S.L., J.H. Frank, R. McSorley, and N.C. Leppla. 2009. Fecundity of *Larra bicolor* (Hymenoptera: Crabronidae) and its implications in parasitoid: host interaction with mole crickets (Orthoptera: Gryllotalpidae: *Scapteriscus*). *Florida Entomol.* 92:58-63.
- McSorley, R., D.R. Seal, W. Klassen, K.-H. Wang, and C.R.R. Hooks. 2009. Non-target effects of sunn hemp and marigold cover crops on the soil invertebrate community. *Nematropica* 39:235-245.
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