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Education

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Associate Editor/Editorial Board Member

Cladistics (2004–)

ZOOTAXA (Amblypygi, Schizomida, Scorpiones, Solifugae, Thelyphonida) (2005–)

American Museum Novitates and *Bulletin of the American Museum of Natural History* (2008–)

Arthropod Systematics and Phylogeny (Chelicerata, Pantopoda) (2010–)

ISRN Zoology (2010–2014)

Journal of Afrotropical Zoology (2004–2011)

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Professional Affiliations

African Arachnological Society; American Arachnological Society; Entomological Society of Southern Africa; The Explorer's Club (Fellow); International Society of Arachnology (Executive Committee, 2007–2010); Society of Systematic Biologists; South African Society of Systematic Biology; Willi Hennig Society (Fellow; Council, 2008–2011); Zoological Society of Southern Africa.

Publications

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Invited: University of Cape Town (1995, 1998, 2000); University of Pretoria (2000); Symposium, Scorpion Toxins from southern Africa, Katolieke Universiteit, Leuven (1998); AMNH, New York (2000, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2012); New Mexico State University, Las Cruces (2002); Cornell University, Ithaca (2003); Major Systematic Entomology Facilities Meeting, Plant Protection Research Institute, Pretoria (2003); Zoologisches Museum der Universität Humboldt, Berlin (2004); Friedrich-Schiller-Universität, Jena (2004); Villanova University, PA (2005); Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo (2013); Rutgers University, Newark (2013); Columbia University Club, New York (2013); Dana Biosphere Reserve, Jordan (2013); Systematics Association Biennial Meeting, Oxford, UK (2015).

Contributed: 5th International Colloquium, Research Group for the Study of African Arachnids (1996); 15th Meeting, Willi Hennig Society (1996); Symposia, Zoological Society of Southern Africa (1996, 1997); Joint congress: Entomological Society of Southern Africa (11th Congress) and African Association of Insect Scientists (12th Congress) (1997); XIV International Congress of Arachnology and 22nd Annual Meeting, American Arachnological Society (1998); 23rd Annual Meeting, American Arachnological Society (1999); 6th International Colloquium, African Arachnological Society (1999); 15th International Congress of Arachnology (2001), convened symposium on Scorpiology; 23rd Meeting, Willi Hennig Society (2004); 16th International Congress of Arachnology (2004); 17th International Congress of Arachnology (2007); 19th International Congress of Arachnology (2013).

Coauthored: 15th International Congress of Arachnology (2001); Symposium, Assembling the Tree of Life: Science, Relevance, and Challenges, AMNH, New York (2002); III Encuentro de Aracnólogos del Cono Sur (2003); IV Encuentro de Aracnólogos del Cono Sur (2003); 19th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Protection of Natural History Collections (2004); 16th International Congress of Arachnology (2004); Assembling the Tree of Life Principal Investigators' Meeting, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA (2004); Primer Congreso Latinoamericano de Aracnología (2005); 17th International Congress of Arachnology (2007); 32nd Annual Meeting, American Arachnological Society (2008); 24th European Colloquium of Arachnology (2008); 27th Meeting of the Willi Hennig Society and VIII Reunión Argentina de Cladística y Biogeografía (2008); 2 Congreso Latinoamericano de Aracnología (2008); 25th European Colloquium of Arachnology (2009); 29th Meeting, Willi Hennig Society (2010); 18th International Congress of Arachnology (2010); 2nd International Congress on Invertebrate Morphology (2011); 35th Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society (2011); 26th European Congress of Arachnology (2011); 3rd Latin American Congress of Arachnology (2011); X Reunion Argentina de Cladística y Biogeografía, Mendoza, Argentina (2012); 27th European Congress of Arachnology (2012); Young Systematists' Forum, London (2012); 19th International Congress of Arachnology (2013); 39th Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society (2015); 20th International Congress of Arachnology (2016).

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Posters

16th International Congress of Arachnology (2004); Expanding the Ark: The Emerging Science and Practice of Invertebrate Conservation. Spring Symposium, Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History, New York (2004); Assembling the Tree of Life Principal Investigators' Meeting, National Science Foundation, Arlington, VA (2004); 22nd European Colloquium of Arachnology (2005); 23rd European Colloquium of Arachnology (2006); 31st Annual Meeting, American Arachnological Society (2007); 17th International Congress of Arachnology (2007); 2 Congreso Latinoamericano de Aracnología (2008); 14th Natural History Symposium, Gerace Research Center, San Salvador Island, Bahamas (2011); 35th Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society (2011); 26th European Congress of Arachnology (2011); 3rd Latin American Congress of Arachnology (2011); Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology, Annual Meeting (2014); Evolution Meetings (2015); 20th International Congress of Arachnology (2016); Annual Meeting of the Geological Society of America (2016); 12th Colloquium of the African Arachnological Society (2017).

Awards

Anglo-American Corporation Open Scholarship Book Prize (1992); Certificates of Merit (Botany, Zoology), University of the Witwatersrand (1992, 1993, 1994); South African Breweries Bronze Medal (1992), Silver Medal (1993), Gold Medal (1994); Tree Society of Southern Africa Prize (1993); Peter Thompson Prize (1993, 1994); John Twinch Memorial Prize (1994); Zoological Society of Southern Africa Award (1994, 1995); Wayne Rendell Memorial Award (1995); Purcell Memorial Prize (1995, 2002); 5th International Colloquium of the Research Group for the Study of African Arachnids (1996); 6th International Conference of the African Arachnological Society (1999); University of Sargodha, Pakistan (2012).

Scholarships and Bursaries

Corporate Sector, South Africa: Standard Bank of South Africa: ZAR 7,000 (1992–1994); The Premier Group: 85 % of tuition fees p. a. (1992–1994).

Private Organisations: Skye Foundation and Charitable Trust: ZAR 60,000 (2000).

Foundation for Research Development, South Africa: B.Sc. Bursary: ZAR 5,000 p.a. (1992–1994); B.Sc. (Hons) Bursary: ZAR 7,000 (1995); M.Sc. Bursary: ZAR 10,000 (1996); Prestigious Bursary, M.Sc.: ZAR 40,000 (1997); Prestigious Bursary, Ph.D.: ZAR 50,000 p.a. (1998, 1999).

University of Cape Town: Myer Levinson (EMDIN) Scholarship: ZAR 6,000 p.a. (1996, 1997); S.A. College Croll Scholarship: ZAR 4,900 p.a. (1996, 1997).

Grants

American Arachnological Society: Arachnology Research Fund: USD 400 (1998), USD 800 (2000).

Stavros Niarchos Foundation: Constantine S. Niarchos Expedition grant: USD 7,000 (2003), USD 7,000 (2007), USD 7,500 (2008), USD 6,000 (2009), USD 5,490 (2011), USD 17,788 (2016).

AMNH Explore21: 2015: 'Biodiversity Surveys in Poorly Explored Regions of Cuba: Developing New Research Collections and Collaborations' (USD 85,000), 2016: Part 2 (USD 26,716), Co-PI with S. Perkins et al.

Richard Lounsbery Foundation: Co-PI (with M.E. Siddall and R. DeSalle) on 'DNA barcoding of Leeches and Scorpions': USD 325,000 (2004–2007).

National Science Foundation, U.S.A.: Co-PI (with W.C. Wheeler, J.A. Coddington, G. Hormiga and P. Sierwald) on EAR 0228699 'Assembling the Tree of Life: Phylogeny of Spiders': USD 2,738,000 (2002–2006); PI (with W.D. Sissom) on DEB 0413453 'REVSYS: Revisionary Systematics of the North American Scorpion Family Vaejovidae' [<http://www.vaejovidae.com/>]: USD 414,578 (2004–2008); Major User (PI: A. Klaus) on DBI 0619559 'Acquisition of a Variable Pressure SEM at the American Museum of Natural History': USD 386,563 (2006); Co-PI (with P.E. Cushing) on DEB 0640219 'Collaborative Research: Global Survey and Inventory of Solifugae' [<http://www.solpugid.com/>]: USD 649,984 (2007–2011); PI (with Lauren Esposito) on DEB 0910147 'Dissertation Research: Revision of the New World scorpion genus *Centruroides*

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Marx, 1890: Systematics and Biogeography': USD 14,847 (2009–2010); PI (with Lionel Monod) on DEB 0910091 'Dissertation Research: The Liochelidae of the Indo-Pacific Region: Systematics and Biogeography': USD 14,750 (2009–2010); PI (with Stephanie Loria) on DEB 1310855 'Dissertation Research: Patterns of Diversity and Endemism in South-East Asian scorpions: Systematics and Biogeography of Chaerilidae': USD 20,766 (2013–2014).

Australian Biological Resources Study: Co-PI (with E.S. Volschenk and M. Harvey), on 'Revision and Phylogeny of the Australian scorpion genus *Urodacus* Peters (Scorpiones)': AUD 181,135 (2006–2009).

Mohammad bin Zayed Species Conservation Fund: PI on grant 11252329 'Assessing the Conservation Status of Endangered Scorpions (Scorpionidae: *Opisththalmus*) in the Western Cape Province, South Africa' [<http://www.speciesconservation.org/case-studies-projects/black-legged-burrowing-scorpion/2329>]: USD 20,000 (2011–2012).

Higher Education Commission, Pakistan: PI on 'Molecular systematics of medically important scorpions (Family Buthidae) from Pakistan': stipend and subsistence for 12 months in New York for postdoctoral fellow, Muhammad Tahir; USD 10,000 bench fees for Prendini (2012–2013); Visiting Scholar Program: airfare and expenses to lecture and conduct workshop at University of Sargodha, Punjab, and visit collections at Pakistan Museum of Natural History, Islamabad (2012).

Israel Taxonomy Initiative: Funds for fieldwork and intensive course on 'Systematics and Diversity of Scorpions, with Introduction to the Israeli Fauna' at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer, in August 2013 (USD 3,020).

JRS Biodiversity Foundation: Co-PI (with Bridgit Davis) on 'Improvement and Integration of Arachnid Biodiversity Information in South Africa' [<http://jrdbiodiversity.org/grant/national-museum-bloemfontein/>] (USD 180,000), 2012–2014.

Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Jacob Blaustein Center for Scientific Cooperation: Award from Foreign Visiting Lecturers' Program: Salary and travel expenses for fieldwork and intensive course on 'Systematics and Diversity of Scorpions, with Introduction to the Israeli Fauna' at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer, in August 2013.

United States-Israel Binational Science Foundation: Co-PI (with E. Gefen) on BSF 2014046 'Diversity, Origins and Affinities of the Israeli Scorpion Fauna': USD 135,000 (2015–2018).

South African National Research Foundation (NRF), Foundational Biodiversity Information Programme (FBIP): 'BioGaps: Filling Biodiversity Information Gaps to Support Development Decision Making in the Karoo' [<http://www.sanbi.org/biogaps>] (ZAR 972,000), Collaborator with co-PIs Domitilla Raimondo and Krystal Tolley from the South African National Biodiversity Institute and ca. 30 participants including ca. 10 taxon specialists; AMNH budget: ZAR 89,000 for fieldwork in South Africa and identification of materials collected plus ZAR 140,000 to support South African student to digitize 8,000 scorpion records in AMNH collection.

U.S. Academic Institutions: Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Fund, American Museum of Natural History: USD 1,500 (1997), USD 1,500 (1998); Ernst Mayr Grant, Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University: USD 1,500 (1998); Collections Study Grant, American Museum of Natural History: USD 1,000 (1999); Visiting Researcher, Program for the Promotion of International Partnerships, University of Michigan: airfare from Cape Town, board, lodging and research expenses in Ann Arbor for 3 weeks (1999).

Reviewer

Books: Catalog of the Scorpions of the World (1758–1998) (Fet et al., 2000); Methods and Tools in Biosciences and Medicine: Techniques in Molecular Evolution and Systematics (DeSalle et al., 2001); Proceedings of the 19th European Colloquium of Arachnology (Scharff & Toft, 2001); The Biology of Opiliones (Pinto-da-Rocha, Machado & Giribet, 2007); The Evolution of 'Primary' Sexual Characters in Animals (Leonard & Cordoba-Aguilar, 2008); Arachnids of the World (Beccaloni, 2008); Scorpions: On the Hunt (2008); Grzimek's Animal Life Encyclopedia (2009); Springer Handbook of Toxinology (Gopalakrishnakone, 2015); book proposal for the University of Arizona Press.

Grants: Australian Biological Resources Study; British Ecological Society; Czech Science Foundation; Fondo para la Investigación Científica y Tecnológica, Argentina; Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique, Belgium; National Geographic Society (Expedition Grants); National Research Foundation, South Africa; National Science Foundation, U.S.A. (panelist); Netherlands

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Organization for Scientific Research (Innovational Research Incentives Scheme); U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation (panelist); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Evaluator: Rating of South African scientists for National Research Foundation, South Africa (2008); referee for South African Council for Natural Scientific Professions (2012).

Journals: Acta Amazonica; Acta Zoologica; African Entomology; African Invertebrates; Amazoniana; American Museum Novitates; Animal Biology; Arachnologische Mitteilungen; Arachnology; Arnoldia Zimbabwe; Arthropod Structure and Development; Biota Colombiana; Biota Neotropica; BMC Evolutionary Biology; Canadian Journal of Zoology; Caribbean Journal of Science; Cimbebasia; Cladistics; Comptes Rendus Biologie; Conservation Biology; Current Opinion in Insect Science; Entomological News; Environmental Entomology; Fauna of Arabia; Frontiers in Zoology; Insect Systematics and Evolution; International Journal of Modern Biological Research; Invertebrate Systematics; Israel Journal of Zoology; Journal of Arachnology; Journal of Arid Environments; Journal of Biogeography; Journal of Ethology; Journal of Genetics; Journal of Insect Conservation; Journal of Insect Science; Journal of Morphology; Journal of Natural History; Journal of Threatened Taxa; Living World: Journal of the Trinidad and Tobago Field Naturalists Club; Molecular Ecology; Molecular Phylogenetics and Evolution; Natural History Magazine; North-Western Journal of Zoology; Organisms, Diversity and Evolution; Palaeontology; Palaeontologia Electronica; Pan-Pacific Entomologist; PLoS One; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, USA; Revista Ibérica Aracnología; Revista Mexicana de Biodiversidad; Rivista Italiana di Paleontologia e Stratigrafia; Revue Suisse de Zoologie; Scientifica; Scientific Reports, Nature; Senckenbergiana biol.; Studies on Neotropical Fauna and Environment; Systematic Biology; Systematic Entomology; Terrestrial Arthropod Reviews; Texas Memorial Museum, Speleological Monographs; Texas Tech University, Occasional Papers of the Museum; Transactions of the Royal Society of Edinburgh: Earth and Environmental Science; Transactions of the Royal Society of South Africa; Turkish Journal of Zoology; ZooKeys; Zoologica Scripta; Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society; Zoologischer Anzeiger; Zoology; Zoosystema; ZOOTAXA.

Teaching and Mentoring

Postgraduate Teaching: New Mexico State University, Las Cruces: Arthropod Diversity and Evolution (2002); AMNH, Richard Gilder Graduate School: Core Course in Systematic Biology (2008–2010): lectures covering Classification, Taxonomy, Nomenclature, PhyloCode, DNA Barcoding, Species Concepts, Reticulation, Phylogeography and Coalescence; Entomology Course, guest lecture (2012): 'Insect Relatives with Introduction to Chelicerata'. Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Sede Boqer, Israel: Israel Taxonomy Initiative: Systematics and Diversity of Scorpions, with Introduction to the Israeli Fauna (2013), seven lectures ('The Fascinating World of Scorpions'; 'Collecting, Preserving and Documenting Scorpions for Systematics Research'; two lectures on 'Phylogeny and Classification of Scorpions'; 'Identification of Biological Taxa'; two lectures on 'Israeli Scorpion Fauna'; two afternoon practicals on how to identify scorpions and construct dichotomous identification keys, two nights of fieldwork (rocky and sandy desert habitats); and a final examination.

Postdoctoral Fellows: Erich S. Volschenk (2003–2006); Camilo I. Mattoni (2004–2006); Jose A. Ochoa Camara (2007–2009); Carsten Kamenz (2009–2011); H. Muhammad Tahir (2013–2014). Patricia Carrera, Cordoba University, Argentina (four months, 2009).

Major Advisor: Ph.D.: Lauren Esposito, City University of New York (2004–2011); Edmundo González Santillan, City University of New York (2005–2012); Lionel Monod, City University of New York (2005–2011); Stephanie Loria, Richard Gilder Graduate School, AMNH (2011–2015). M.S.: Jayson Slovak, City University of New York (2016–).

External Examiner: Ph.D.: Erich S. Volschenk, Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia (2002); Imtiaz Alam, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan (2013); Rabia Yaqoob, University of Sargodha, Pakistan (2015).

Committees: Ph.D.: Joyce Fassbender, City University of New York (2004–2008); Tharina Bird, Colorado State University (2008–2014); Ed Stanley, Richard Gilder Graduate School (RGGS), AMNH (2010–2011); Ansel Payne, RGGS (2011–2012); Bernardo Santos, RGGS (2013–2016); Jeremy Frank, RGGS (2015–). M.S.: Sonia Maartens, University of Pretoria, South Africa (2007–

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2008); Samuel Mwangi, Africa Nazarene University, Nairobi, Kenya (2007–2008), West Texas A&M University (2015–2016); Jessica Azzinari, West Texas A&M University (2015–2016).

Visiting Students: Undergraduate: Samuel Mwangi, National Museums of Kenya, Nairobi (8 weeks, 2005). M.S.: Lionel Monod, University of Geneva, Switzerland (4 weeks, 2002); Christina Bisulca, University of Delaware (6 months, 2003–2004); Alfonso Ballesteros Chavez, UNAM, Mexico (8 weeks, 2008); Stephan Schaffrath, University of Cologne, Germany (3 months, 2013–2014); Samuel Mwangi, West Texas A&M University (4 weeks, 2016). Ph.D.: Valerio Vignoli, University of Siena, Italy (8 weeks, 2004; 8 weeks, 2006); Christian Wirkner, Humboldt University, Berlin, Germany (12 weeks, 2004); Andres Ojanguren Affilastro, Museo Argentino de Ciencias Naturales 'Bernardino Rivadavia' (MACN), Buenos Aires (6 weeks, 2005; 6 weeks, 2007); Alexander V. Gromov, Institute of Zoology, Almaty, Kazakhstan (3 months, 2007); Carsten Kamenz, Humboldt University, (12 weeks, 2005–2006; 8 weeks, 2008); Humberto Yamaguti, Universidade São Paulo, Brazil (5 months, 2009; 1 month, 2010); Carlos Santibañez-López, UNAM, Mexico (2 weeks, 2009; 4 months, 2011, 1 month, 2012; 1 month, 2014); Tharina Bird, Colorado State University, Fort Collins (3 months, 2009; 4 months, 2010–2011; 6 months, 2012); Rene Barba, Instituto de Ecología y Sistemática, Havana, Cuba (3 weeks, 2012); Roberta Engel, University of Connecticut, Storrs (several days, 2012); David Vrech, Universidad Nacional de Córdoba, Argentina (1 month, 2012); Rodrigo Monjaraz-Ruedas, UNAM, Mexico (1 month, 2014, 2 months, 2016); Daniela Ramírez, UNAM, Mexico (2 weeks, 2014); Gustavo de Miranda, Copenhagen Museum, Denmark (1 week, 2014; 3 months, 2015); Ingrid Catalina-Ortíz, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá (10 days, 2015); Bastian Klussmann-Fricke, Rostock University, Germany (2 months, 2015); Gerardo Contreras-Felix, UNAM, Mexico (1 month, 2015, 3 months, 2016); Rebecca Godwin, Auburn University, AL (1 week, 2016); Diego Barrales Alcala, UNAM, Mexico (2 months, 2016); Ricardo Botero-Trujillo, MACN, Buenos Aires (2.5 months, 2016).

Undergraduate Interns: NSF-funded summer Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) program, AMNH: Lauren Esposito, University of Texas, El Paso (2002); Samara Maaliki, City University of New York (2003) [joint UMEB (Undergraduate Mentoring in Evolutionary Biology) program]; Michelle McCoy, University of North Carolina (2004); Kanvaly Ben Bamba, Yale University (2004); Steve Webb, Muhlenberg College (2005); Sarah Schoenbrun, Brown University (2007); Margaret Rubin, Oberlin College (2016). Other: Gena Esposito, University of Texas, El Paso (2007); Angela Holuba, Barnard College, New York (2008); Sylvia Johnson, Barnard College, New York (2008); Michelle Yun, York College, New York (2010); Diogo Castellato, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro and Baruch College, Brazil Scientific Mobility Program of the Institute for International Education (2015–2016).

High-school Interns: NSF-funded After-School Centers in Exploration and New Discovery (ASCEND) program, AMNH: Adrian Tung (1998); Brian Webster (1999); Bernard Laszczower (2003–2004); Boitumelo McCallum (2003–2004). AMNH High School Science Research Program in Biodiversity: Connie Cai (2004–2005); Melanie Ng (2004–2005); JianHua Lin (2006–2007); Qiao Rong Huang (2006–2007); Eleanor Goetz and Sasha Reiter (2013–2014). Other: Michelle Bayefsky-Anand (2008); Adam Getzler (2011); Massimiliano Roppo (2013); Billy Conlan (2015); Chelsea Silva (2015, 2016).

Molecular Systematics Laboratory

University of Cape Town (1996); American Museum of Natural History (1997–2000, 2002–); University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (1999).

Fieldwork

Angola (2015), Argentina (2003), Botswana (2011), Chile (2003), Israel (2011, 2013), Jordan (2013), Kazakhstan (2003), Laos (2012, twice), Malawi (2007), Malaysia (2013), Mexico (2002, 2005), Mozambique (2007), Namibia (1996/1997, 1999, 2003/2004, 2006–2010 annually, 2015), Pakistan (2012), Puerto Rico (2009), South Africa (1989–2000 annually, 2003–2016 annually), Swaziland (2001), Tanzania (2015), Trinidad and Tobago (1999), U.S.A. (AZ, CA, NM, NV, TX) (1997, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2012), U.S. Virgin Islands (2009), Uzbekistan (2003), Venezuela (2009), Vietnam (2012, twice), Zimbabwe (2013). Twenty-six years (1989–) in southern Africa. Field trips (e.g. the Namib, Kalahari, Kaokoveld, Richtersveld and Sperrgebiet) required

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proficiency in off-road driving with a 4x4, and complete self-sufficiency (all necessary fuel and water had to be brought, in addition to standard supplies). Two 5-day hikes to survey scorpion fauna of Brandberg Massif, which involved carrying all supplies and water in a 40 kg backpack (2004, 2006). Hiked up El Tucuche, Trinidad (1999) and Auyan Tepui, Venezuela (2009). 4-day kayak trip through Xe Bang Fai River Cave, Laos (2012). A collection of ca. 8,000 scorpion specimens, accumulated during six years' collecting in southern Africa, was disseminated to various southern African, North American, and European museums; collections enlarged annually at the AMNH since 2002.

Collections

Since 1995, the following collections visited, besides the AMNH: Albany Museum, Grahamstown; California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco; Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago; Forschungsinstitut und Natur-Museum Senckenberg, Frankfurt; Institute of Fundamental Studies, Kandy; Manuel A. González-Sponga Collection, Caracas; McGregor Museum, Kimberley; Musée Royal de l'Afrique Centrale, Tervuren; Museum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris; Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg; National Collection of Insects and Arachnids, Pretoria; National Museum of Namibia, Windhoek; National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC; National Museum, Bloemfontein; Natural History Museum of Zimbabwe, Bulawayo; South African Museum, Cape Town; Natural History Museum, London; Oxford University Museum of Natural History, U.K.; Pakistan Museum of Natural History, Islamabad; Transvaal Museum, Pretoria; Zoologisch Museum, Universiteit van Amsterdam; University of Puerto Rico, Rio Piedras; Zoologisches Forschungsinstitut und Museum Alexander Koenig, Bonn; Zoologisches Institut und Zoologisches Museum, Universität Hamburg; Zoologisches Museum, Universität Humboldt, Berlin. Material loaned from a further 16 collections. Curated, sorted, identified and partially digitized African scorpion collections (1995–2001, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2012–2015): McGregor Museum, Kimberley; Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg; National Collection of Arachnida, Plant Protection Research Institute, Pretoria; National Museum, Bloemfontein; National Museum of Namibia, Windhoek; South African Museum, Cape Town; Transvaal Museum, Pretoria. Arranged purchase of Alexis Harington Scorpion Collection (ca. 6,500 specimens) by the AMNH (2002) and currently oversee curation of arachnid and myriapod collections in the AMNH (2002–). Started and continue to enlarge the world's only synoptic collection of scorpion tissues at the Ambrose Monell Collection for Molecular and Microbial Research of the AMNH (1999–): ca. 20,000 tissue samples and associated vouchers, acquired by personal collections and donations from colleagues.

Exhibitions

At AMNH, contributed images and reviewed copy on UV fluorescence, SEM and CT to *Picturing Science: Museum Scientists and Imaging Technologies* (2011); provided images and reviewed copy for *Creatures of Light* (2011) and *Spiders Alive!* (2012); co-curated *Spiders Alive!* (2015).

Interests

Lorenzo Prendini's research program emphasises systematics, collections-based research and fieldwork. His primary research interests lie in the empirical study of phylogeny, macroevolution, speciation, biogeography, and comparative evolutionary biology, using scorpions and minor arachnid orders (specifically Amblypygi, Solifugae, Schizomida and Thelyphonida) as model organisms. Major research interests are: higher phylogeny and classification of scorpions; revisionary systematics of scorpions; phylogeny and classification of minor arachnid orders; systematic theory and practice; adaptation and biogeography of arachnids; distribution and conservation; evolution of insect-plant associations.

Biography

Dr Lorenzo Prendini curates the collections of Arachnida and Myriapoda at the AMNH, where he has worked for fifteen years. His research addresses the systematics, biogeography, and evolution of scorpions and lesser known arachnid orders (whip spiders, camel spiders and whip

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scorpions) using a combination of morphological, molecular, and distributional data, and diverse analytical tools. Current research on scorpions is focused in three areas: reconstructing the phylogeny and revising the contentious suprageneric classification of scorpions; systematic revisions of Afrotropical, New World, and Australasian scorpion families; testing adaptational and biogeographical hypotheses in sub-Saharan Africa. The search for interesting arachnids has taken Prendini and his research group to more than 30 countries on all continents except Antarctica. Besides arachnids, Prendini is interested in the evolution of insect-plant associations and in theoretical issues concerning the phylogenetic analysis of morphological data.