

# USDA-ARS Southeast Area

SOUTHERN INSECT MANAGEMENT RESEARCH UNIT

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## Mission

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*The mission of the Southern Insect Management Research Unit (SIMRU) is to generate new knowledge of arthropod pest biology, ecology and management and integrate this knowledge into contemporary farming systems that will promote economical and environmentally stable pest management practices for the southern U.S.*

*The vision of SIMRU is to be a recognized center of innovation for negating agricultural pest problem through deployed scientific knowledge of pest biology, ecology and management options.*

## CRIS PROJECT

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**Insecticide Resistance Management and New Control Strategies for Pests of Corn, Cotton, Sorghum, Soybean, and Sweetpotato**

PROJECT INVESTIGATORS

Clint Allen (Project Leader)  
Randall Luttrell  
Katherine Parys  
OP Perera  
Yu Cheng Zhu

## CRIS PROJECT

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**Control of Tarnished Plant Bugs by Biocontrol and Other Methods**

PROJECT INVESTIGATORS

Randall Luttrell  
Maribel Portilla (Project Leader)

## CRIS PROJECT

Effect of Resistance on Insect Pest Management in Transgenic Cotton

### PROJECT INVESTIGATORS

Clint Allen  
 Nathan Little  
 Randall Luttrell  
 Katherine Parys  
**OP Perera (Project Leader)**  
 Maribel Portilla

## Welcome SIMRU's New PSA Sakinah Parker

Ms. Sakinah T. Parker has accepted the position of Program Support Assistant for the Southern Insect Management Research Unit. She will provide overall oversight for the unit's budgetary, personnel management and day-to-day administrative services, and she will be responsible for communications and networking SIMRU to ARS administration, sister research units, university collaborators and a wide-range of internal and external clientele. Ms. Parker is a native of Greenville, Mississippi, and she's an honor graduate of Lane College in Jackson, Tennessee with a B. A. degree in Business Administration. She also holds a MBA from Delta State University with an emphasis in Human Resource Management. Since 2009, Sakinah has been the Office Automation Assistant for the Southern Insect Management Research Unit. Over the past year, she handled duties of the Program Support Assistant and the Office Automation Assistant position for the unit. She was officially detailed into the Program Support Assistant position in February through June 2015.

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Parker to her new position as Program Support Assistant with the Southern Insect Management Research Unit. We are pleased to have someone of her academic training and experience in the position, and we looked forward to her leadership and influence on the professional operations of the unit. Ms. Parker is located in Rm. 344 of the Jamie Whitten Delta States Research Center, and she can be reached by phone at (662) 686-5231 or via email at [sakinah.parker@ars.usda.gov](mailto:sakinah.parker@ars.usda.gov).



## Earth Day Brown Bag Luncheon



**Time/Place:** Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Bldg. #1 at 12Noon  
**Presenter:** Dr. Katherine Parys – SIMRU / USDA-ARS  
**Title:** Biodiversity of Native Bees

## Dr. Katherine Parys Certification of Appreciation



Earth Day 2016

Theme: The Power of the Tree  
USDA-ARS Jamie Whitten Delta States Research Center



**earth day**

for more information call  
(662) 686-3050

Thursday, APRIL 21, 2016 9:00 – 11:30 AM  
**CHARLES CAPPS CENTER**  
Delta Research and Extension Center — Stoneville, MS 38776

9:00 am – 11:00 am  
The Earth Day Fair will feature displays by vendors, dealers, universities, state, federal, and private agencies that highlight environmental concerns, services, and products.

11:00 am – 11:30 am  
Earth Day Challenge  
Speaker: Mr. Kevin Kennedy  
Delta Conservation Director  
Natural Resource Manager  
Performance Director  
Credits: 20 years of experience as a Soil Conservationist. Currently serving as the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations of the Mississippi Delta Area.

**GUEST LIST SNAPSHOT**  
Lower Delta Oakes

DELTA STATE UNIVERSITY Many, Many, More!

MVSU hosted  
19th Annual Women in Science and Technology (WIST) Conference



Yolanda Harvey presented at the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual WIST conference at Mississippi Valley State University

Chat & Chew Conference  
MVSU



Tabatha Nelson presented at the Chat and Chew conference at Mississippi Valley State University  
04/18/2016

Congratulations

Grandparents Randall and Connie Luttrell welcomed baby Hannah Mercy Luttrell born March 24, 2016 Weighing 7 lb 2 oz.

*It's a Girl!*



Congratulations  
Grandparents Larry & Mellannie Adams  
welcomed baby Mabree Lynn  
born April 11, 2016 Weighing 7 lb 9 oz 20in.



### Retirement Reception for Larry Adams



*The Southern Insect Management Research Unit  
and EISA invite you to a  
Retirement Reception  
honoring*

**Mr. Larry Adams**  
*Come help us celebrate Larry's 38 years of dedicated service*

**Thursday, April 21, 2016**  
1:00 p.m.

JWDSRC—1st Floor Conference Room

There will be a card located on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor in main office if you want to sign and/or contribute  
toward a gift by April 15, 2016. Letters are welcomed also.

Contact Sakinah Parker (602) 686-5232 or Yolanda Harvey (602) 686-3063



### Happy Retirement Larry Adams



### Outreach



Bayou AgScience students toured SIMRU on April 20, 2016

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION

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Jasmine (Apr. 5)  
Clint (Apr. 18)  
Calvin (Apr. 28)

