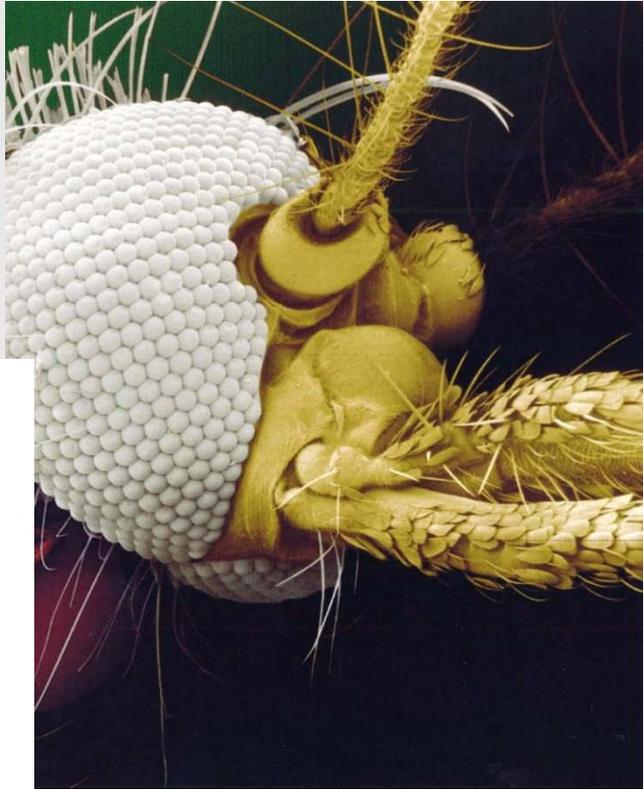
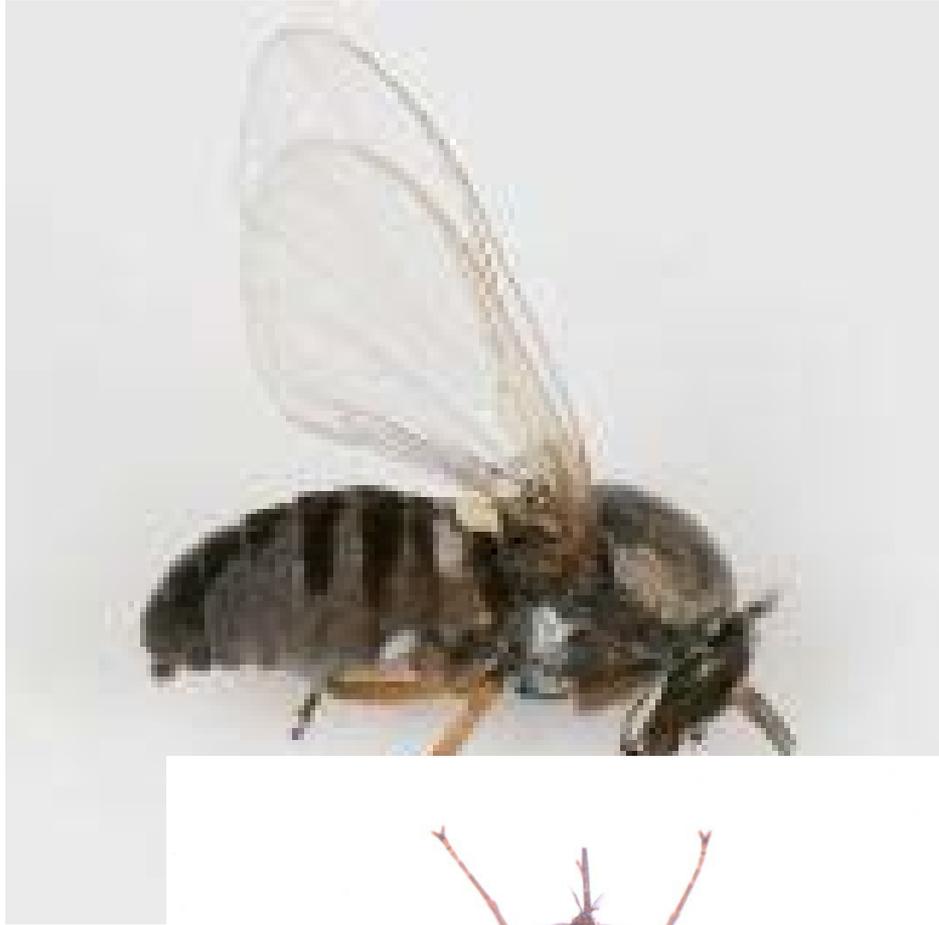


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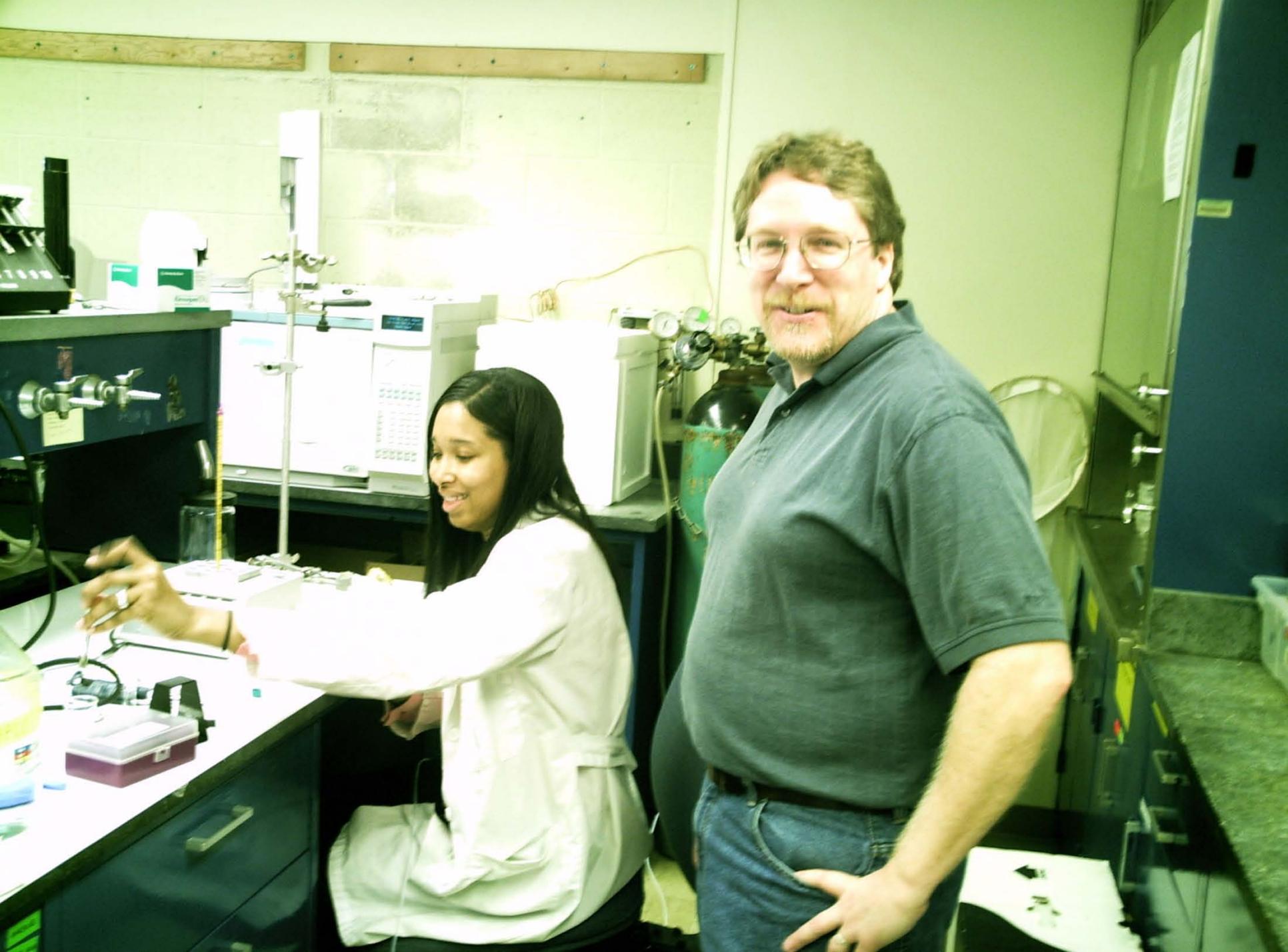
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Background resources

- ARS
 - 66 projects coded to biological control
 - 4 overseas biological control laboratories
 - Screwworm Research Unit
- APHIS
 - PPQ-Alan Dowdy and Jo-Ann Bentz-Blanco
 - IS
 - VS
- CSREES (NIFA)
 - Bob Nowierski

Vision

- ✦ Operational orientation from APHIS
- ✦ Evidence-based orientation from ARS
- ✦ Emphasis on practical and sustainable
- ✦ Leadership
- ✦ Public good
- ✦ International resource
- ✦ Connect stovepipes in ARS and APHIS

Goals

- Core expertise that can reach out from the COE in all fields that affect successful outcome
 - Legal
 - Business
 - Social
 - Biology and IPM
- Targets: Invasive plants and insects
- Fix the fussy bits of successful programs
- Center of area-wide demonstration projects

Outcomes

- Sustainable NWS, FF, PBW, etc. programs
- Dramatically reduced operational costs
- Broader application of biological control
 - In response to increasing invasive species
 - In response to security threat of world hunger
- More predictable path from target to application
- Shorter time for development of programs

What do we need to do?

- Support from those not present (e.g., PPQ)
- High level support
- Written plan and responsibilities
- Range of funding options from current to fully funded