



**USDA-ARS**  
**Southeast Area**  
SOUTHERN INSECT MANAGEMENT RESEARCH UNIT

### Mission

- *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

**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

**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

## Rescuing Honeybees



Dr. Zhu and Joel rescuing honeybees on March 15, 2016

## SPECIAL THANKS

- Special thanks to Tabatha Nelson, Essanya Winder, and Yolanda Harvey for representing SIMRU during the African American History program on February 26, 2016.

## Developing a Strategic Plan for Your Life

If a strategic plan can help your organization focus on its purpose and goals, why shouldn't it work for you? Since you can't do everything, you need to identify the most important aspects of your life and center your efforts on them. Doing so will benefit your organization as well as yourself, because you'll be investing your time and energy wisely. Here's how to develop your own strategic plan:

1. **Start a personal strategic-planning notebook.** Begin by writing down your responses to the following exercises. Write in the present tense.
2. **Picture yourself three years from now** reflecting on your most significant accomplishments over that time. Write down what you see. Figure out what will have to happen to make you happy with your progress. Are the things you're doing now taking you where you want to go? Which things should you be doing more of? Which things could you let go of? Write down your answers.
3. **List the six or seven areas of your life** that are extremely important to you. For example, you might name family, health, work, spirituality, and so on.
4. **For each area, develop a clear vision** of where you're going. Write down what it looks like when you're living your best expectations in each of the areas.
5. **Keep your notebook** near at hand, and refer to it when you're wondering which tasks to concentrate on and which to set aside.

### MARCH National Women's History Month

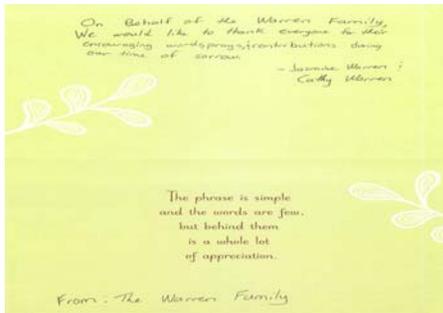
- **Women's History Month** is an annual declared month worldwide that highlights contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. March has been set aside as this month in the United Kingdom and in the United States. In India, this month is celebrated in October and corresponds with the celebration of Persons Day, which is October 18.



### SPECIAL THANKS

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### Thank you



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Dear Friends -  
I thank you so much for the love, grace, the decision to return and support, primarily because of the good people I worked with. I will miss the daily interaction but am looking forward to more family time and fun projects and more fun XMAS to other meaningful activities. I will be around and hope to see you regularly. I appreciate the further interaction and support and will miss you all -  
Pamella

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS CELEBRATION

- Leslie (Mar. 2)
- Larry (Mar. 31)

