

# Olivia Magaletta (University of Florida, Medical Entomology Laboratory, USA)

“Attending the BVBD course expanded my knowledge of vector-borne diseases impacting plants, animals, and humans, with a focus on ecological interactions, transmission dynamics, and public health relevance. The class facilitated connections with peers and professionals, encouraging collaboration and supporting both domestic and international research opportunities”





# Carolina Hernández (Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, USA)

“The Biology of Vector-borne Diseases course at the University of Idaho was a transformative experience that deepened my multidisciplinary understanding of vector-borne diseases and strengthened my commitment to advancing genomic surveillance for their control”





# Amber Wimsatt (Clackamas County Vector Control District, USA)

“What an amazing opportunity to learn about other vector-borne diseases. It is useful to develop control methods that make sense with a changing climate. Also, having the opportunity to share that knowledge with the rest of my team and the community we serve.”





# Fabiola Guzman (Fund for the Protection of Water - FONAG, Ecuador)

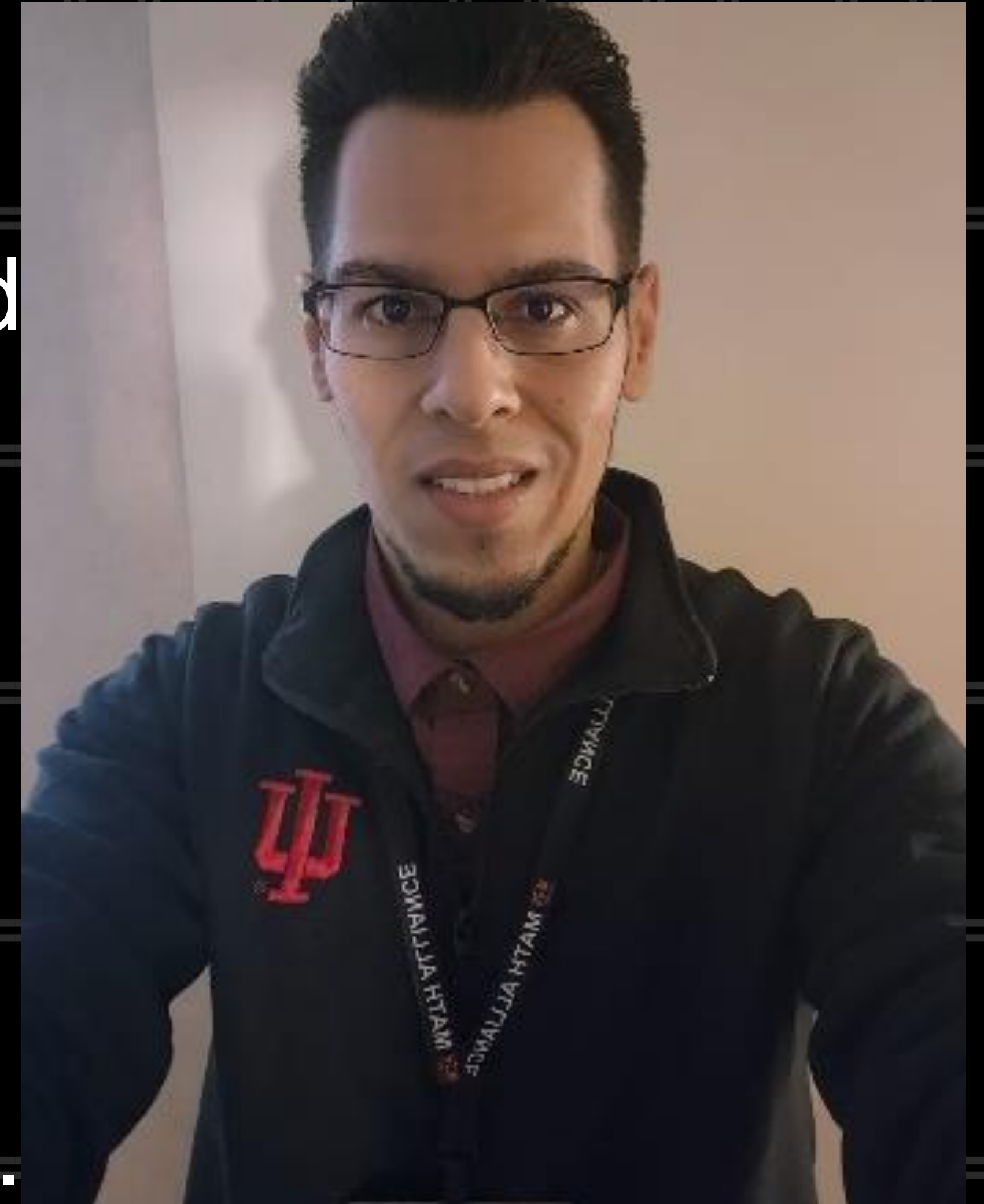
“This course was a transformative experience. I gained valuable knowledge, practical tools, and connected with inspiring peers. The content was engaging and well-structured, and it deepened my commitment to environmental action. I feel more empowered to contribute meaningfully to sustainability efforts.”





# Felix Pabon-Rodriguez (Indiana University School of Medicine, Indiana, USA)

“I enjoyed the BVBD course. As a Biostatistician working on vector-borne disease modeling, this course deepened my understanding of system components essential for analysis. The experience reinforced the value of multidisciplinary collaboration. It was truly transformative, and I look forward to collaborating with the incredible colleagues I met. Highly recommended”.





# Teckla Angelo (National Institute for Medical Research Mwanza Centre, Tanzania)

“Attending the training on the Biology of vector-borne diseases was a transformative experience. The interdisciplinary approach offered potential lessons in my career development that I can apply in combating schistosomiasis as a vector-borne disease in Tanzania”.





# Clarence Mang'era (Egerton University, Mosquito Ecology and Control Lab, Kenya)

“The BVBD course was a gold mine—intense, insightful, and thought-provoking, packed into one memorable week featuring excellent presentations and case studies, in a warm community at U of I. This was a transformative week with a lasting impact on my work through the interdisciplinary approach that I learnt”.





# Seline Omondi (Kenya Medical Research Institute-Centre for Global Health Research, KEMRI-CGHR, Kenya)

“Participating in the BVBD course broadened my understanding of plant, animal, and human vectors. I’m grateful to the US NSF EEID for the scholarship, which enabled me to network, learn from global researchers, and form lasting friendships that could lead to future collaborations. Highly recommended!”





# Jane Wanjiku Kamau (Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service, Kenya)

“I recently participated in the BVBD2025 course hosted by UI’s IHHE, gaining valuable insights from global experts in vector-borne diseases. This knowledge is essential for plant health specialists to strengthen phytosanitary systems, supporting safe trade and food security through improved understanding of disease dynamics”.





# Antoinette Miyunga (Wildlife Research and Training Institute, Kenya)

“Interacting with professionals from diverse disciplines during the BVBD2025 course opened my eyes to the interconnectivity of vector borne diseases and highlighted the value of working together to tackle shared challenges”.





# Victor Mosha (Kilimanjaro Clinical Research Institute, Tanzania)

“As someone working in the One Health field, I have often overlooked the role of plants in disease transmission. This course has broadened my perspective, providing valuable insights that will enrich my research and strengthen my approach to One Health”





# Stephen Ezekiel (AP Leventis Ornithological Research Institute, Nigeria)

“The BVBD course was an eye opener beyond the boundaries of my current research. The course present an interdisciplinary approach to my current work as a research associate on infectious disease with the WAC-EID”.





# Edward Okonjo (The Technical University of Kenya, Kenya)

“What a privilege to attend the Biology of Vector Borne Diseases course. Very informative theory sessions, group work for case studies and the show stopper wicked challenge. I highly recommend this course for any person working on vector borne diseases”.

