

Demonstrating the value of herbaria to decision-makers

August 4, 8:00 am – 1:00 pm.

Savannah International Trade and Conference Center, room 105



Looking for new ideas to increase the broader impact of your herbarium on research and education? Join us for a half-day symposium that will explore how curators today are demonstrating the value of their collections to decision-makers.

A panel of invited speakers from a range of institution types will share what works, lessons learned and thoughts about how they pro-actively manage herbaria in a time of uncertain internal and external support.



We encourage attendance by curators and non-curators alike, as well as students and early-career botanists to learn about the many ways that these natural research collections impact formal education, public outreach and service to botanical science.

Sponsored by the Society of Herbarium Curators with support from the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. Registration includes coffee and box-lunch. Registration is provisionally limited to 40 participants.

Agenda

8:00–8:15: Welcome remarks

8:15–8:40: Barbara Thiers - William and Lynda Steere Herbarium, New York Botanical Garden, “Preserving for perpetuity in a changing world.”

8:40–9:05: Brent Mishler - University and Jepson Herbaria, University of California, Berkeley, “The Consortium of California Herbaria: Integrating curation, information, and research.”

9:05–9:30: John Herr - A.C. Moore Herbarium, University of South Carolina, “How the A. C. Moore Herbarium was brought from the unknown and unimportant to a place of high respect by the university and society.”

9:30–9:55: Lena Struwe - Chrysler Herbarium, Rutgers University, “The Herbarium Army at Rutgers - creating opportunities in research, education, and outreach at a university herbarium.”

9:55–10:15: Coffee break (20 min)

10:15–10:40: Neil Snow - T.M. Sperry Herbarium, Pittsburg State University, “Reference collections in herbaria: A versatile but underutilized tool to enhance teaching, outreach and research.”

10:40–11:05: Anna Monfils - Central Michigan University Herbarium, “Lessons learned in building educational networks that incorporate natural history collections.”

11:05–11:30: Wendy B. Zomlefer - University of Georgia Herbarium, “Best-practices for hosting regional herbarium curator workshops.”

11:30–11:55: Austin Mast - Robert K. Godfrey Herbarium, Florida State University, “The Worldwide Engagement for Digitizing Biocollections (WeDigBio) event—a global stage for your herbarium.”

11:55–12:10: Closing remarks - adjourn for lunch.

The Symposium is free for participants

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