

Mark Janowiecki, a native of Ohio, completed his undergraduate degree in entomology at the Ohio State University. As an undergrad, he worked with Dr. Susan Jones who first introduced him to termites. After graduating, he did an internship in Epcot at Disney World working with greenhouse pests in the “Living with the Land” attraction. Next, Mark joined Dr. Allen Szalanski’s lab at the University of Arkansas to complete his master’s degree in entomology. In Arkansas, Mark continued studying termites and expanded to learn molecular tools to differentiate populations and species. Mark went on to complete his Ph.D. with Dr. Edward Vargo at Texas A&M University. His project investigated physiological and behavioral factors that influence native subterranean termite colony spatial dynamics. In September of 2020, Mark joined the City of New Orleans Mosquito, Termite, and Rodent Control Board where he is currently running and expanding the molecular laboratory.