

Florida Invasive Species Council 2025 Symposium Detailed Agenda

Tuesday, March 18

FISC Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs Meeting in Hawthorn Room

1:00-5:00 PM	FISC Officers, Board of Directors and Committee Chairs Meeting
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Wednesday, March 19

2025 Cisma Workshop in Century B & C Ballrooms

8:00 AM-1:00 PM	Check in/Registration for FISC 2025 Symposium.
9:00 AM-12:00 PM	2025 Cisma Workshop: Focus on Creating Animal EDRR Lists for the Cismas, Paul Evans and Deb Stone
12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch on your own.

Keynote and Plenary Session 1 Century B & C Ballrooms

CEUs: Program 39563, Class ID 90619, 3 CEUs

1:00-1:10 PM	Welcome and Opening Remarks, Lynn Proenza, Chair of FISC
1:10-2:00 PM	Keynote Address, Dr. Lyn Gettys Kill the Bad, Plant the Good: Aquatic Plant Management and Habitat Restoration
2:00-2:20 PM	BREAK – 20 minutes
2:20-2:30 PM	Vendor Update – Toad Busters, Jeannine Tilford
2:30-2:40 PM	Vendor Update – Environmental Quality, Inc., Katherine Murray
2:40-3:05 PM	A Comprehensive Assessment of the Non-native and Invasive Species in Florida, USA, Yunpeng Liu
3:05-3:30 PM	A Termite Tale: The Significance of Public Outreach for EDRR and Eradication Programs, Katherine Tenn
3:30-3:55 PM	Killer News: Identifying Prevalence in Invasion Science Media, Diane Sturgeon
3:55-4:15 PM	BREAK – 20 minutes
4:15-4:25 PM	Vendor Update – Florida Wildflower Foundation, Emily Bell
4:25-4:50 PM	Invasive Plant Control Across the Public Landscape: Translating the Uplands Program, Michael Sowinski
4:50-5:15 PM	(<i>Tentative</i>) Current Invasive Plant Research at the IFAS Center for Aquatic and Invasive Plants (CAIP) Center, Ian Talty
5:15-5:30 PM	Closing Remarks and Announcements Reminder of Evening Poster Session and Social, Explain Tomorrow's Field Trips, Silent Auction, Raffle Tickets

Evening Poster Session and Welcome Social in the Foyer

5:30-8:30 PM	Poster Session and Welcome Social
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Morning Field Trips (see underlined meeting locations below)

Note: All participants must return to the Hilton by 1:00 PM for the concurrent sessions. Additionally, field trips have limited availability, and attendees must be registered in advance to participate.

	Field Trip #1: Natural Areas Teaching Lab (NATL) CEUs: Program ID 39556, Class ID 90605, 2 CEUs
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	<p>Meet in the <u>Foyer of the hotel at 8:30 AM</u>. From here, the group will walk to the NATL to meet Gage LaPierre. We will return to the hotel foyer by 12PM for a boxed lunch.</p> <p>Explore Gainesville's diverse ecosystems with the Natural Areas Teaching Lab (NATL), just 0.7 miles from the Hilton/FISC 2025 Symposium venue. Led by the NATL Co-chair Gage LaPierre, this guided tour will showcase UF's 60-acre on-campus natural area dedicated to conservation and outdoor education. Learn about ongoing research, the integration of invasive species management with resource and land management, and the innovative work being conducted at the NATL. This walk showcases the University of Florida's research and ecological efforts to restore and manage a natural area on campus in a teaching lab setting.</p>
	Field Trip #2: Sweetwater Preserve CEUs: Program ID 39557, Class ID 90606, 2 CEUs
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	<p>Meet Jesse Natwick at this address at 8:30 AM: <u>Boulevard Springs Park, 3300 SE 15th St, Gainesville, FL 32641</u>. Return to the hotel by 12PM for a boxed lunch.</p> <p>Join Jesse Natwick from Alachua County Forever at the Boulevard Springs parking lot for a guided walk to the Sweetwater Preserve and back. This field trip will focus on managing invasive species such as natal grass, hairy indigo, and coral ardisia. Jesse will highlight ecological challenges and the conservation strategies while exploring Gainesville's natural landscapes, especially in small preserves within the suburban landscape and along a popular, heavily trafficked rail to trail. The field trip will begin and end at Boulevard Springs Park at the address above.</p>
	Field Trip #3: Serenola Forest Preserve CEUs: Program ID 39558, Class ID 90607, 2 CEUs
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	<p>Meet Rachel Townsend at this address at 8:30 AM: <u>Serenola Forest Preserve, 4800 SW 20th Terrace, Gainesville, FL 32608</u>. Return to the hotel by 12PM for a boxed lunch.</p> <p>**Important note: parking is limited to the side of the road, and can only accommodate three vehicles at a time. Serenola forest preserve is 3.3 miles from Hilton/FISC 2025 Symposium venue, approximately a 9-minute drive from the hotel.</p> <p>Alachua Conservation Trust's Fire Management Specialist Rachel Townsend will lead an in-depth tour of this 111-acre hardwood forest. The Serenola Forest Preserve, linked to Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, faces significant challenges in managing an extremely dense infestation of coral ardisia. Learn about the ecological impacts of this aggressive plant, the approaches being implemented to protect and restore this vital ecosystem, and other ecological restoration activities taking place in this small suburban preserve.</p>

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Afternoon Concurrent Sessions

	Century B Ballroom	Century C Ballroom
	Concurrent Session 1 – Invasive Species Ecology and Evolution	Concurrent Session 2 – Invasive Species Management, Education and Outreach
	CEUs: Program ID 39564 Class ID 90620, 3 CEUs	CEUs: Program ID 39565 Class ID 90621, 3 CEUs
1:00-1:25 PM	Climatic Suitability and Potential Distribution of Earleaf Acacia and Its Biological Control Agent: An Ecological Niche Modeling Study, Sara Salgado MacDonald	(<i>Tentative</i>) A Targeted Approach to Hydrilla Management on South Lake Utilizing In-water Treatment with Florpyrauxifen-benzyl, C. J. Greene
1:25-1:50 PM	Interactions Between Two Proposed Biological Control Agents of Earleaf Acacia (<i>Acacia auriculiformis</i>) in Florida, <i>Calomela intemerata</i> and <i>Trichilogaster</i> sp. nov., Philip T. Clark	Influence of Tiered Pay on Python Contractor Programs, Jenna Cole
1:50-2:15 PM	Linking Burmese Python Ecology with Removal Efforts in the Everglades, Brandon Welty	The Best-Kept-Secret Life of a Bugwood Resource Curator, Michaela Lubbers
2:15-2:40 PM	The Role of Local Adaptation and Post-introduction Hybridization in Frost Avoidance for Brazilian Peppertree, Drew Hiatt	Fostering Community Partnerships Through Programs and Print, Alissa Hevesh
2:40-3:00 PM	BREAK - 20 minutes	BREAK - 20 minutes
3:00-3:25 PM	Reducing Carrier Volume for Crested Floating Heart (<i>Nymphoides cristata</i>) Control, Corrina Vuillequez	Improving Management of Burmese Pythons with Contractor Data, Artificial Intelligence, and Demographic Weighting, Alex Romer
3:25 -3:50 PM	Multiple Biotic Interactions and Plant Invasions, Yukti Taneja	IPM in a Freshwater Ocean: Steps Towards Water-hyacinth Experimental Setup on Lake Okeechobee, Megan Reid
3:50-4:15 PM	--	Greenspace Analysis: Nonnative Vegetation, You, & Herpetofauna, Paul Evans

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Evening Banquet and Awards Ceremony – Century A Ballroom and the Foyer.

6:00-9:00 PM	Evening Banquet -The evening banquet will be held in the Century A Room.
6:30-8:00 PM	Raffle Tickets and Silent Auction -Enjoy beverages, look over available raffle prizes and silent bid items, review posters again, and make last minute raffle ticket purchases and silent auction bids in the Foyer.
7:30 – 8:00 PM	Socialize in the Foyer with Live Music -After the banquet meal, please join us in the Foyer to hear live music from a Gainesville musician while we socialize, catch up with colleagues, and contemplate the raffle prizes and silent auction items.
8:00-8:30 PM	Awards Ceremony -Please join us in the Foyer as we award the best student oral and poster presentations, offer awards of appreciation, and announce the winners of the silent auction bids.

Friday, March 21

Morning Keynote and Plenary Session 2, Century A Ballroom

CEUs: Program 39566, Class ID 90622, 3.0 CEUs

9:00-9:05 AM	Morning Remarks, Lynn Proenza, Chair of FISC
9:05-9:55 AM	Keynote, Dr. Luke Flory Mechanisms and Impacts of Plant Invasions: Lessons Learned From 25 Years in the Field
9:55-10:15 AM	BREAK – 20 minutes
10:15-10:25 AM	Vendor Update -Aquatic Vegetation Control, Inc., Sharon Gillenwalters
10:25-10:50 AM	Ensemble Modeling of Invasion Risk Under Future Climate and Land Use Change, Yunpeng Liu
10:50-11:15 AM	Power of Community: Year 2 Updates on SLAM Citizen Science Initiatives, Paul Evans
11:15-11:25 AM	Closing Remarks, Lynn Proenza, Chair of FISC Awarding of last door prizes, brief discussion of next year’s Symposium in Daytona Beach at the Crowne Plaza
11:25 AM-12:00 PM	FISC Business Meeting, Voting of New Officers and Board of Directors Members, Winning Raffle Tickets and Door Prizes Awarded
12:00 PM	<i>FISC 2025 Symposium Concludes</i>