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**Research Interests:**

Systematics, natural history, and evolution of angiosperms. Current projects include higher-level phylogenetic studies of Melastomataceae, using a global, multi-locus, molecular phylogeny that will serve as a foundation for a revised familial classification and biogeographical analyses. Additionally, I am conducting phylogenetic investigations using molecular and morphological characters on several tribes, some of which I recently discovered. I am especially interested in character evolution, particularly as pertains to plant-animal interactions and ecology.

**Education:**

2008-2010	Postdoc	California Academy of Sciences
2007-2008	Postdoc	Université Paul Sabatier / Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)
2007	Ph.D., Botany	University of Florida
2001	M.S., Botany	University of Florida
1992	B.S., Biology	Southern Connecticut State University

**Teaching Experience:**

2015-present	<u>Assistant Professor</u> , Department of Biology and Marine Biology, University of North Carolina Wilmington
2006-2007	<u>Graduate Teaching Assistant, Local Flora of North Florida</u> , Department of Botany, University of Florida (Lecture & lab)
2003	<u>Instructor, Biology I. Cells, Organisms, &amp; Genetics</u> , Department of Biological Sciences, University of Florida (Lecture)
2001-2002	<u>Instructor, Local Flora of North Florida</u> , Department of Botany, University of Florida (Lecture & lab)
2000	<u>Graduate Teaching Assistant; Tropical Botany</u> , Department of Botany, University of Florida (Lab)
2000	<u>Graduate Teaching Assistant; Introductory Plant Systematics</u> , Department of Botany, University of Florida (Lab)
1998-1999	<u>Graduate Teaching Assistant; Integrated Principles of Biology I</u> , Department of Biological Sciences, University of Florida (Lab)
1996	<u>Teaching Assistant, Tropical Biology</u> , Council on International Educational Exchange, Monteverde, Costa Rica (Lecture & lab)
1995	<u>Teaching Assistant, Tropical Dendrology</u> , Monteverde Cloud Forest Preserve, Costa Rica

**Students:**

California Academy of Sciences:

M.Sc. student: Jeffrey Mancera.

Postgraduates: Lisa Ogata, Cher Pon, Jing Sun, Elaine Zhang.

Undergraduates: Diana Dinh, Zackary Guignardi, Tony Hua, David West.

High School: Sean Fitzhoward.

North Carolina State University:

Ph.D. student: Juliet A. Lindo.  
 Université Paul Sabatier, Toulouse, France:  
 M.Sc. students: Diana Bailleul, Marie LeCoz.  
 University of North Carolina Wilmington:  
 M.Sc. student: Deanna Hardesty.  
 Undergraduate (Directed Independent Study): Carl Buddin.  
 University of Vienna, Austria:  
 M.Sc. & Ph.D. student: Agnes Dellinger.

### **Research Experience:**

2015-present Keeper of the Herbarium, Sieren Herbarium (WNC), University of North Carolina  
 Wilmington  
 2012-present Research Fellow, Department of Botany, California Academy of Sciences  
 2011-2012 Research Associate, Department of Botany, California Academy of Sciences  
 2008-2010 John J. Rose Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Phylogenetics of the Melastomataceae,  
 Department of Botany, California Academy of Sciences  
 2007-2008 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, The BRIDGE, Université Paul Sabatier – Centre National  
 de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), France  
 2005-2006 Research Assistant in Melastome Systematics, Department of Botany, University of  
 Florida  
 2002-2005 Research Assistant in Plant Systematics, Department of Biological Sciences, University  
 of Florida  
 2001 Botanical Field Technician, Florida Natural Areas Inventory  
 2000-present Melastomataceae identifications, United States National Herbarium, Missouri Botanical  
 Garden, New York Botanical Garden, plus other national and local herbaria  
 throughout the U.S.A., Latin America, Europe, China, and the Philippines  
 1997-1998 Database Technician, University of Pennsylvania, Dan Janzen laboratory, Lepidoptera  
 of Guanacaste Conservation Area  
 1995-1996 Field Botanist, Flora of Monteverde, Costa Rica (Missouri Botanical Garden)  
 1994-1995 Field Botanist, Santa Elena Reserve, Monteverde, Costa Rica  
 1993-1994 Conservation Gardener, North Carolina Botanical Garden, University of North Carolina -  
 Chapel Hill  
 1991-1992 Botanical Technician, United States Forest Service, Fremont National Forest, Oregon

### **Skills:**

Molecular techniques: Proficient with genomic DNA extraction and purification (phenol-chloroform and kits) from fresh and degraded tissue samples, primer design, PCR optimization and amplification, DNA sequencing. Use of lab equipment, including mill-mixer, fume hood, incubator, Qubit, Nanodrop, centrifuge, thermocyclers, gel electrophoresis, imaging systems, DNA sequencers, etc.

Morphological techniques: Herbarium curation, plant identification, operation of dissecting and compound microscopes, scanning electron microscope, sputter coater, digital photography, character and character state delimitation.

Software and web: Microsoft Office, Adobe Acrobat Pro, Adobe Illustrator, Adobe Photoshop, WordPress, EndNote, NCBI BLAST, BioEdit, Macclade, Mesquite, PAUP\*, MrBayes, RAxML, GARLI, BEAST, MEGA, Sequencher, Geneious, MAFFT, FigTree, TreeView.

### **Publications:**

34. Michelangeli, F.A., A.N. Nicolas, M. Reginato, G. Ocampo, R. Goldenberg, F. Almeda, W.S. Judd, E.R. Becquer-Granados, J.D. Skee, Jr., R. Kriebel, K. Sosa, M.K. Caddah, G. Ionta, **D.S. Penneys**, M. Alvear, J.M. Burke, and L. Majure. Historical biogeography of the Neotropical tribe Miconieae (Melastomataceae) reveals a pattern of progressive colonization from Amazonia to other Neotropical forests. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Submitted.

33. Morales-Puentes, M.E., **D.S. Penneys**, W.S. Judd, and F. González. Revisión taxonómica del clado *Chalybea/Huilaea* (Melastomataceae: Blakeeae). *Revista de la Academia Colombiana de Ciencias Exactas, Físicas y Naturales*. In press.
32. Almeda, F., H. Mendoza-Cifuentes, **D.S. Penneys**, F.A. Michelangeli, and M. Alvear. 2015. Melastomataceae. Pp. xxx-xxx. In: R. Bernal, S.R. Gradstein, and M. Celis (eds). *Catálogo de plantas y líquenes de Colombia*. Instituto de Ciencias Naturales, Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogotá. In press.
31. **Penneys, D.S.**, C. Ulloa Ulloa, D.A. Neill, and D. Fernández. 2015. A new species of *Chalybea* (Blakeeae, Melastomataceae) from the Ecuador-Peru border. *Phytotaxa* 212: 264-270.
30. Almeda, F., H. Mendoza-Cifuentes, **D.S. Penneys**, F.A. Michelangeli, and M. Alvear. 2015. Melastomataceae. Pp. 3-5. In: R. Bernal, S.R. Gradstein, and M. Celis (eds). *New names and new combinations for the catalogue of the plants and lichens of Colombia*. *Phytoneuron* 22: 1-6.
29. Dellinger, A.S., **D.S. Penneys**, Y.M. Staedler, L. Fagner, W. Weckwerth, and J. Schoenenberger. 2014. A specialized bird pollination system with a bellows mechanism for pollen transfer and staminal food body rewards. *Current Biology* 24: 1615-1619. [doi: 10.1016/j.cub.2014.05.056]
28. Almeda, F., and **D.S. Penneys**. 2014. New and reconsidered species of Tropical American Melastomataceae. *Brittonia* 66: 160-169. [doi:10.1007/s12228-013-9320-2]
27. **Penneys, D.S.** 2013. Preliminary phylogeny of the Astronieae (Melastomataceae) based on nuclear and plastid DNA sequence data, with comments on the Philippine endemic genus, *Astrocalyx*. *Philippine Journal of Science* 142 (Special Issue): 159-168.
26. **Penneys, D.S.**, and W.S. Judd. 2013. Combined molecular and morphological phylogenetic analyses of the Blakeeae (Melastomataceae). *International Journal of Plant Sciences* 174: 802-817. [doi:10.1086/670011]
25. **Penneys, D.S.**, and W.S. Judd. 2013. New combinations and a revised circumscription for the Blakeeae (Melastomataceae). *PhytoKeys* 20: 17-32. [doi:10.3897/phytokeys.20.4344]
24. Michelangeli, F.A., P.J.F. Guimaraes, **D.S. Penneys**, F. Almeda, and R. Kriebel. 2013. Phylogenetic relationships and Distribution of New World Melastomeae (Melastomataceae). *Botanical Journal of the Linnean Society* 171: 38-60. [doi:10.1111/j.1095-8339.2012.01295.x]
23. Renner, S.S., D. Triebel, F. Almeda, R. Goldenberg, H. Mendoza-Cifuentes, F.A. Michelangeli, **D.S. Penneys**, R.D. Stone, and C. Ulloa. 2012. MELnet: Melastomataceae.Net (version 1.0, May 2011). In: F. Bisby, Y. Roskov, A. Culham, T. Orrell, D. Nicolson, L. Paglinawan, N. Bailly, W. Appeltans, P. Kirk, T. Bourgoin, G. Baillargeon, D. Ouvrard (eds). *Species 2000 & ITIS Catalogue of Life*, 30th April 2012. Digital resource at [www.catalogueoflife.org/col/](http://www.catalogueoflife.org/col/). Species 2000: Reading, UK.
22. **Penneys, D.S.**, and E. Cotton. 2011. Melastomataceae. Pp. 393-423. In: R. Valencia, N. Pitman, S. León-Yáñez, and P.M. Jørgensen (eds). *Libro rojo de las plantas endémicas del Ecuador*, II Edition. Publicaciones del Herbario QCA, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Ecuador, Quito.
21. Judd, W.S., G.M. Ionta, J.D. Skee, Jr., K. Campbell, and **D.S. Penneys**. 2011. Noteworthy collections of *Heterotis rotundifolia* in Jamaica and Dominica. *Castanea* 76: 311-312.
20. Wanntorp, L., C. Puglisi, **D.S. Penneys**, and L. Ronse De Craene. 2011. Multiplications of floral organs in flowers – a case study in *Conostegia* (Melastomataceae, Myrtales). Pp. 218-235. In: L. Wanntorp and L. Ronse De Craene (eds). *Flowers on the Tree of Life*. Systematics Association Special Volume, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, England.
19. **Penneys, D.S.**, and W.S. Judd. 2011. Phylogenetics and morphology in the Blakeeae (Melastomataceae). *International Journal of Plant Sciences* 172: 78-106. [doi:10.1086/657284]
18. **Penneys, D.S.**, W.S. Judd, F.A. Michelangeli, and F. Almeda. 2010. Henrietteae (Melastomataceae): A new Neotropical berry-fruited tribe. *Systematic Botany* 35: 783-800. [doi:10.1600/036364410X539862]
17. Morales-Puentes, M.E., and **D.S. Penneys**. 2010. New species of *Chalybea* Naud. and *Huilaea* Wurdack. *Brittonia* 62: 26-34. [doi:10.1007/s12228-009-9092-x]
16. **Penneys, D.S.**, and L. Jost. 2009. *Blakea attenboroughii* (Melastomataceae: Blakeeae): A new species from Ecuador. *Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences* 60: 69-72.

15. Goldenberg, R., **D.S. Penneys**, F. Almeda, W.S. Judd, and F.A. Michelangeli. 2008. Phylogeny of *Miconia* (Melastomataceae): Patterns of stamen diversification in a megadiverse Neotropical genus. *International Journal of Plant Science* 169: 963-979. [doi:10.1086/589697]
14. Judd, W.S., J.D. Skee, Jr., **D.S. Penneys**, and F.A. Michelangeli. 2008. A new species of *Henriettea* (Melastomataceae) from the Sierra de Baoruco, the Dominican Republic. *Brittonia* 60: 217-227. [doi:10.1007/s12228-008-9021-4]
13. Varassin, I. G., **D.S. Penneys**, and F.A. Michelangeli. 2008. Comparative anatomy and morphology of nectar-producing Melastomataceae. *Annals of Botany* 102: 899-909. [doi:10.1093/aob/mcn180]
12. Bécquer-G., E. R., K.M. Neubig, W.S. Judd, F.A. Michelangeli, J.R. Abbott, and **D.S. Penneys**. 2008. Preliminary molecular phylogenetic studies in *Pachyanthus* (Miconieae, Melastomataceae). *Botanical Review* 74: 37-52. [doi:10.1007/s12229-008-9010-z]
11. Michelangeli F.A., W.S. Judd, **D.S. Penneys**, J.D. Skee, Jr., E.R. Bécquer-G., R. Goldenberg, and C.V. Martin. 2008. Multiple events of dispersal and radiation of the tribe Miconieae (Melastomataceae) in the Caribbean. *Botanical Review* 74: 53-77. [doi:10.1007/s12229-008-9004-x]
10. Almeda, F., P.E. Berry, A. Freire-Fierro, A. Gröger, B.K. Holst, N.G. Luckana, F.A. Michelangeli, T. Morley, **D.S. Penneys**, S.S. Renner, O.R. Robinson, J.J. Wurdack, and K. Yatskiyevych. 2007. Melastomataceae. Pp. 397-417. *In*: V. Funk, T. Hollowell, P. Berry, C. Kelloff, and S.N. Alexander (eds.). Checklist of the plants of the Guiana Shield (Venezuela: Amazonas, Bolivar, Delta Amacuro; Guyana, Surinam, French Guiana). Contributions from the United States National Herbarium, Washington D.C.
9. Blanco, M.A., W.M. Whitten, **D.S. Penneys**, N.H. Williams, K.M. Neubig, and L. Endara. 2006. A simple and safe method for rapid drying of plant specimens using forced-air space heaters. *Selbyana* 27: 83-87.
8. **Penneys, D.S.**, and W.S. Judd. 2005. A cladistic analysis and systematic revision of *Charianthus* (Miconieae: Melastomataceae) using morphological and molecular characters. *Systematic Botany* 30: 559-584. [doi:10.1600/0363644054782125]
7. Judd, W.S., and **D.S. Penneys**. 2004. Taxonomic studies in the Miconieae (Melastomataceae). VIII. A revision of the species of the *Miconia desportesii* complex on Hispaniola. *Rhodora* 106: 124-147.
6. Michelangeli, F.A., **D.S. Penneys**, J. Giza, D.E. Soltis, M.H. Hils, and J.D. Skee, Jr. 2004. A preliminary phylogeny of the tribe Miconieae (Melastomataceae) based on nrITS sequence data and its implications on inflorescence position. *Taxon* 53: 279-290.
5. **Penneys, D.S.**, and W.S. Judd. 2004. Two new species of *Charianthus* (Melastomataceae: Miconieae) from the Lesser Antilles. *Brittonia* 56: 19-27. [doi:10.1663/0007-196X(2004)056[0151:TNSOCM]2.0.CO;2]
4. Judd, W.S., **D.S. Penneys**, and J.D. Skee, Jr. 2004. Rediscovery of *Ossaea alloeotricha*, an endemic of the high-elevation Massif de la Hotte, Haiti, and its transfer to *Miconia* (Melastomataceae: Miconieae). *Brittonia* 56: 56-62. [doi:10.1663/0007-196X(2004)056[0159:ROOAAE]2.0.CO;2]
3. **Penneys, D.S.**, and W.S. Judd. 2003. The resurrection and lectotypification of *Tetrazygia fadyenii* (Melastomataceae: Miconieae): A hummingbird-pollinated treelet endemic to Jamaica. *Sida* 20: 877-884.
2. **Penneys, D.S.** 2001 - onward. Melastomataceae of the World [online]. Available at: <http://www.melastomes.com> (not peer-reviewed)
1. **Penneys, D.S.** 1996. A guide to the common flowering plant families of Monteverde, Costa Rica. Published by the author. 65 pp. (not peer-reviewed)

#### Presentations:

28. **Penneys, D.S.**, F. Almeda, F.A. Michelangeli, and P.W. Fritsch. Progress towards a revised classification of the Melastomataceae. Botany 2015, 25 July – 29 July 2015, Edmonton, Canada.
27. Dellinger, A., **D.S. Penneys**, and J. Schönenberger. Floral food-bodies and a special pollen dispersal mechanism in bird-pollinated *Axinaea* (Melastomataceae). Botany 2014, 27 July – 31 July 2014, Boise, Idaho.

26. **Penneys, D.S.** From systematics to sex: The evolutionary biology of the Meadow Beauties (Melastomataceae). Invited lecture, 12 May 2014, Cenral Mindanao University, Philippines.
25. **Penneys, D.S.** From systematics to sex: The evolutionary biology of the Meadow Beauties (Melastomataceae). Invited lecture, 10 April 2014, Southern Illinois University.
24. **Penneys, D.S.**, F. Almeda, F.A. Michelangeli, and P.W. Fritsch. A survey of remarkable evolutionary trends in the Melastomataceae. Botany 2013, 27 July – 31 July 2013, New Orleans, Louisiana.
23. Almeda, F., **D.S. Penneys**, and M. Reginato. Patterns of chromosome number diversity and evolution in the Melastomataceae. Botany 2013, 27 July – 31 July 2013, New Orleans, Louisiana.
22. Majure, L., W.S. Judd, G. Ionta, J.D. Skean, Jr., E.R. Becquer, R. Kriebel, M. Reginato, J. Burke, **D.S. Penneys**, G. Ocampo, M. Alvear, R. Goldenberg, F. Almeda, and F.A. Michelangeli. Evaluating morphological evolution in tribe Miconieae (Melastomataceae): homoplasy is the rule not the exception. Botany 2013, 27 July – 31 July 2013, New Orleans, Louisiana.
21. **Penneys, D.S.** Melastomataceae phylogenetics: exceptional examples of morphology, migrations, and mating. Invited lecture, 22 May 2013, University of Vienna (Universität Wien).
20. Dellinger, A., **D.S. Penneys**, and J. Schönenberger. Floral food-bodies and a bellows-like mechanism in bird-pollinated *Axinaea* (Melastomataceae). Annual Conference of the Society for Tropical Ecology, 2 – 5 April 2013, Vienna, Austria.
19. Morales-P., M.E., F. González, **D.S. Penneys**, and W.S. Judd. Recircunscripción y revisión del complejo *Chalybea* + *Huilaea* (Melastomataceae) con base en un análisis filogenético de datos morfológicos y moleculares. VI Congreso Colombiano de Botánica, 11 – 15 August 2011, Cali, Colombia.
18. **Penneys, D.S.**, F. Almeda, and F.A. Michelangeli. Progress towards a comprehensive phylogenetic analysis and revised classification of the Melastomataceae. Botany 2010, 31 July – 4 August 2010, Providence, Rhode Island.
17. **Penneys, D.S.**, and W.S. Judd. Phylogeny and character evolution in the Blakeeae (Melastomataceae). Botany 2010, 31 July – 4 August 2010, Providence, Rhode Island.
16. Guimaraes, P.J.F., **D.S. Penneys**, and F.A. Michelangeli. A phylogenetic analysis of Neotropical Melastomeae (Melastomataceae), with an emphasis on *Tibouchina*. Botany 2010, 31 July – 4 August 2010, Providence, Rhode Island.
15. **Penneys, D.S.** Tropical plant collecting expeditions, and evolution of the Princess Flowers. Invited lecture, 19 February 2010, California Academy of Sciences. Available at: [http://fora.tv/2010/02/19/Darin\\_Penneys\\_Tropical\\_Plant\\_Collecting\\_Expeditions](http://fora.tv/2010/02/19/Darin_Penneys_Tropical_Plant_Collecting_Expeditions)
14. **Penneys, D.S.** Meandering through the Melastomataceae: Evolutionary studies in the Princess Flower family. Invited lecture, 12 November 2009, California Academy of Sciences.
13. **Penneys, D.S.** Phylogeny and character evolution in the Blakeeae (Melastomataceae): Neotropical hemiepiphytes with mite and ant domatia. Invited lecture, 1 May 2009, University of California - Berkeley.
12. Varassin, I.G., **D.S. Penneys**, and F.A. Michelangeli. Comparative anatomy and morphology of nectar producing Melastomataceae. Botany & Plant Biology Joint Congress, 7 – 11 July 2007, Chicago, Illinois.
11. Morales-P, M., **D.S. Penneys**, W.S. Judd, and F. Gonzalez. Reevaluación de *Huilaea* Wurdack y *Chalybea* Naudin (Melastomataceae) como géneros endémicos de Colombia. IV Congreso Colombiano de Botánica, 22 – 27 April 2007, Medellín, Colombia.
10. Sandino, T., M.E. Morales-P., X. Marquínez, and **D.S. Penneys**. Exploración de caracteres anatómicos de inflorescencia y flor de Blakeeae (Melastomataceae) filogenéticamente informativos. IV Congreso Colombiano de Botánica, 22 – 27 April 2007, Medellín, Colombia.
9. Michelangeli, F.A., W.S. Judd, **D.S. Penneys**, J.D. Skean, Jr., E. Bécquer, R. Goldenberg, and C.V. Martin. La tribu Miconieae (Melastomataceae) en las Antillas: múltiples eventos de dispersión y radiación. IX Congreso Latinoamericano de Botánica, 19 – 25 June 2006, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

8. Bécquer-G., E., **D.S. Penneys**, K.M. Neubig, and W.S. Judd. Sistemática, taxonomía y biogeografía de *Pachyanthus* (Miconieae, Melastomataceae), un género endémico de las Antillas Mayores. IX Congreso Latinoamericano de Botánica, 19–25 June 2006, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
7. Bécquer-G., E., **D.S. Penneys**, K.M. Neubig, W.S. Judd, and J.R. Abbott. Análisis filogenético preliminar de *Pachyanthus* (Miconieae: Melastomataceae) basado en datos moleculares. IX Congreso Latinoamericano de Botánica, 19–25 June 2006, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
6. Morales-P., M., **D.S. Penneys**, W.S. Judd, and F. Gonzalez. Estudio preliminar de las relaciones filogenéticas de los generos *Huilaea* Wurd. y *Chalybea* Naud. en la tribu Blakeeae (Melastomataceae). IX Congreso Latinoamericano de Botánica, 19 – 25 June 2006, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
5. Michelangeli, F.A., R. Goldenberg, W.S. Judd, **D.S. Penneys**, C.V. Martin, J.D. Skean, Jr, and E. Bécquer-G. Estudos filogenéticos em Miconieae (Melastomataceae). 56 Congresso Nacional de Botânica, October 2005, Curitiba, Brasil.
4. **Penneys, D.S.**, F.A. Michelangeli, W.S. Judd, and J.D. Skean, Jr. Henrietteae, a new tribe of neotropical Melastomataceae. Botany 2004, 31 July – 5 August 2004, Snowbird, Utah.
3. Judd, W.S., **D.S. Penneys**, and J.D. Skean, Jr. Systematic diversity of *Miconia* (Melastomataceae) on Hispaniola. Botany 2004, 31 July – 5 August 2004, Snowbird, Utah.
2. Almeda, F., R. Goldenberg, F.A. Michelangeli, **D.S. Penneys**, and S.S. Renner. Progress in *Miconia* (Melastomataceae): 1531 names, 1061 readily distinguishable entities. Systematics 2003. 4th Biennial Meeting of the Systematics Association, 18 – 23 August 2003, Dublin, Ireland.
1. **Penneys, D.S.**, and W.S. Judd. A cladistic analysis of *Charianthus* (Miconieae: Melastomataceae) using morphological and molecular characters. Botany 2001, 12 – 16 August 2001, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

#### Posters:

8. Buddin, C., and **D.S. Penneys**. Plant-animal interactions: repeated evolutionary acquisitions of complex character suites in a tropical flowering plant family (Melastomataceae). Botany 2015, 25 July – 29 July 2015, Edmonton, Canada.
7. Alvear, M., Almeda, F., **D.S. Penneys**, and F.A. Michelangeli. Colombia, a major center of diversity for neotropical Melastomataceae. Botany 2009, 25 – 29 July 2009, Snowbird, Utah.
6. **Penneys, D.S.** Molecules, morphology, mites, and epiphytes: Phylogeny and character evolution in the Blakeeae (Melastomataceae). Evolution: California Academy of Sciences and University of California – San Francisco. 17 April 2009, San Francisco, CA.
5. Sandino, T., M.E. Morales-P., X. Marquínez, and **D.S. Penneys**. Anatomía de inflorescencias y flores de algunas especies de *Blakea* P. Browne y *Topobea* Aubl. (Melastomataceae: Blakeeae). IV Congreso Colombiano de Botánica, 22 – 27 April 2007, Medellín, Colombia.
4. Sandino, T., M.E. Morales-P., X. Marquínez, and **D.S. Penneys**. Morfología de inflorescencias y flores de algunas especies de *Blakea* P. Browne y *Topobea* Aubl. (Melastomataceae: Blakeeae). IV Congreso Colombiano de Botánica, 22 – 27 April 2007, Medellín, Colombia.
3. Morales-P., M.E., **D.S. Penneys**, F.A. González G., and W.S. Judd. Filogenía de *Huilaea* Wurdack y *Chalybea* Naudin (Melastomataceae) y reevaluación de su condición endémica para Colombia. IV Congreso Colombiano de Botánica, 22 – 27 April 2007, Medellín, Colombia.
2. Morales-P., M.E., **D.S. Penneys**, W.S. Judd, and F.A. González-G. Estudio preliminary de las relaciones filogenéticas de los géneros *Huilaea* Wurd. y *Chalybea* Naud. en la tribu Blakeeae (Melastomataceae). IX Congreso Latinoamericano de Botánica, 18 – 25 June 2006, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.
1. **Penneys, D.S.**, W.M. Whitten, N.H. Williams, and W.S. Judd. *Huilaea* and the Blakeeae (Melastomataceae): phylogenetic relationships reconsidered. Botany 2004, July 31 – August 5 2004, Snowbird, UT.

#### Theses:

Phylogeny and character evolution in the Blakeeae (Melastomataceae): Neotropical hemiepiphytes with mite and ant domatia. Ph.D. dissertation, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Committee: Walter S. Judd (Chair), Douglas E. Soltis, Frank Almeda, Norris H. Williams, Jon Reiskind.

A systematic revision and cladistic analysis of *Charianthus* (Miconieae: Melastomataceae) using morphological and molecular characters. Master's Thesis, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL. Committee: Walter S. Judd (Chair), J. Dan Skean, Jr., Norris H. Williams, Jon Reiskind.

### Television:

In September, 2011, filmed pilot episode of “Wicked Plants.” This was to be a documentary television series devoted to searching for deadly plants and describing cases of poisoning with historical significance. Examples include Socrates who died from drinking poison hemlock (*Conium* sp.), Bulgarian journalist Georgi Markov who was murdered after being jabbed by an assassin’s ricin (*Ricinus communis*)-laced umbrella tip, and Abraham Lincoln’s mother who died from milk sickness caused by snakeroot (*Ageratina altissima*).

### Grants and Awards:

- 2015 National Science Foundation – Plant-animal interactions, phylogenetics, and biogeography in the Merianieae (Melastomataceae). NSF DEB-1532654 (preliminary proposal invited and full proposal submitted, in review). **PI: D.S. Penneys**. Co-PIs: N. Mucchala, C. Ulloa, F.A. Michelangeli, P.W. Fritsch
- 2014 California Academy of Sciences – Lakeside Foundation Award. \$90,000
- 2012 National Science Foundation – Assessing phylogeny and biogeography in a megadiverse tropical plant family (Melastomataceae). NSF DEB-1146409. \$545,200. **PI: D.S. Penneys**. Co-PIs: F. Almeda, P.W. Fritsch, F.A. Michelangeli. Transferred to UNCW (\$111,573), new grant number NSF DEB-1543721.
- 2011 Global Biodiversity Information Facility – Travel Award. \$1200
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- 2006 Deep Time Travel Award. \$500
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- 2005 New England Botanical Club – Merritt Lyndon Fernald Award for best paper published in volume 106 of *Rhodora*. \$1500
- 2004 Botanical Society of America – Karling Award. \$500
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