Zhiqiang Cheng

**College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources**

Department of Plant and Environmental Protection Sciences

FTE Distribution: 25% I; 15% R; 60% E

**Education**

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| **Degree** | **University** | **Major** |
| Bachelors, 2000 | Nanjing University, China | Environmental Biology |
| PhD, 2007 | The Ohio State University | Environmental Science |
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**Professional Appointments**

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| **Title** | **Employer** | **Dates Employed** |
| Associate Extension SpecialistAssistant Extension SpecialistPost-Doctoral Researcher | University of Hawaii at ManoaUniversity of Hawaii at ManoaThe Ohio State University | 2018 to Present2013 to 20182007 to 2013 |

**Courses Taught**

Course Number and Title (credits)

Spring 2014: PEPS 491, Special Topics: Turfgrass Pest Management, 2 credits

Spring 2014: PEPS 660, Seminar in Plant Pathology, 1 credit

Spring 2014: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Fall 2014: PEPS/TPSS 418, Turfgrass Pest Management, 4 credits

Fall 2014: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Spring 2015: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Fall 2015: PEPS/TPSS 418, Turfgrass Pest Management, 4 credits

Fall 2015: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Spring 2016: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Summer 2016: PEPS 615L, Diagnosis and Management of Tropical Plant Diseases **Laboratory**, 2 credits

Fall 2016: PEPS 491, Special Topics: Turfgrass Pest Management, 3 credits

Fall 2016: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Spring 2017: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Fall 2017: PEPS 491, Special Topics: Turfgrass Pest Management, 3 credits

Fall 2017: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Spring 2018: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Fall 2018: PEPS 405, Plant Pathogens and Diseases, 4 credits (50%, co-taught with Dr. Stephen Ferreira)

Fall 2018: PEPS 660, Tropical Plant Pathology Seminar, 1 credit

Fall 2018: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

Fall 2019: PEPS 405, Plant Pathogens and Diseases, 4 credits

Fall 2019: PEPS 691, Special Topics: Current Topics in Nematology, 1 credit

**Publications (reverse chronological order)**

Conference Proceedings

**Cheng, Z.**, Douglas S. Richmond, John Cardina, Seppo O. Salminen, and Parwinder S. Grewal. Influence of management intensity on the ecology of urban lawns. Conference Proceedings: Emerging Issues – along urban/rural interfaces 2, pp. 304-305. April 9-12, 2007. Atlanta, GA.

**Cheng, Z.**, Parwinder S. Grewal, and Benjamin R. Stinner. Effects of lawn management practices on soil nematode community and nutrient pools. Conference Proceedings: The First International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology (2005), American Academy of Sciences, Vol. 2, pp. 244. January 23-26, 2005. New Orleans, LA.

Refereed Journal Publications

Lindsey, A.J., J. DeFrank, and **Z. Cheng**. 2019. Seashore Paspalum and Bermudagrass Response to Spray Applications of Postemergence Herbicides. HortTechnology 29 (3), 251-257.

**Cheng, Z.**, H. Melakeberhan, S. Mennan, and P. S. Grewal. 2018. Relationship between soybean cyst nematode, *Heterodera glycines*, and soil nematode communities under long-term tillage and crop rotation systems. Nematropica, 48(1): 101-115.

Michalski, J., and **Z. Cheng**. 2018. Effects of “lights out” turfgrass renovation on plants, soil arthropod and nematode communities. Applied Soil Ecology, 127: 144–154.

**Cheng, Z.**, M. Kellar, N. Nagata, B. Bhandari, and R. Manandhar. 2018. Lobate lac scale (*Paratachardina pseudolobata* Kundo and Gullan) invades from Oahu into neighbor islands: state-wide survey in Hawaii. Proceedings of the Hawaiian Entomological Society, 50: 1–8.

Zhao, Y., G. Ren, **Z. Cheng**, G. Huang, and J. Li. 2018. Taxonomy of *Aulacochilus* Chevrolat (Coleoptera: Erotylidae: Erotylinae) From China, With a Key Based on Adult Characters. Journal of Insect Science, 18(2): 27; 1–5.

Bhandari, B. P., and **Z. Cheng**. 2018. Lobate lac scale, *Paratachardina pseudolobata* (Hemiptera: Keriidae), in Hawaii’s urban landscape: hosts and management. International Journal of Tropical Insect Science, 38(1): 71-76. **(co-first author)**

Bal, H., N. Acosta, **Z. Cheng**, P. S. Grewal, and C. Hoy. 2017. Effect of habitat and soil management on dispersal and distribution patterns of entomopathogenic nematodes. Applied Soil Ecology, 121: 48-59.

Li, J., Y.-C. Zhao, G.-D. Ren, and **Z. Cheng**. 2017. Taxonomic study on specimens of the genus *Micrencaustes* deposited in the Bernice P. Bishop Museum (Coleoptera, Erotylidae). ZooKeys, 645: 27-35.

Moore, A., R. Quitugua, I. Iriarte, M. Melzer, S. Watanabe, **Z. Cheng**, and J.M. Barnes. 2016. Movement of Packaged Soil Products as a Dispersal Pathway for Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros* (Coleoptera: Scarabaeidae) and Other Invasive Species. Proceedings of the Hawaiian Entomological Society, 48: 21-22.

Bhandari, B. P., and **Z. Cheng**. 2016. Trunk injection of systemic insecticides to control stem and leaf gall wasps, *Josephiella* species (Hymenoptera: Agaonidae), on Chinese banyan (Rosales: Moraceae) in Hawaii. Florida Entomologist, 99(2): 172-177.

Sharma, K., **Z. Cheng**, and P. S. Grewal. 2015. Relationship between soil heavy metal contamination and soil food web health in vacant lots slated for urban agriculture in two post-industrial cities. Urban Ecosystems, 18: 835-855.

Wang, K.-H., T. Radovich, A. Pant, and **Z. Cheng**. 2014. Evaluating soil and plant health improvement effects of cover crops and vermicompost water extract in a short-term vegetable cropping system. Applied Soil Ecology, 82: 26-37.

Bal, H. K., N. Acosta, **Z. Cheng**, H. Whitehead, P. S. Grewal, and C. W. Hoy. 2014. Effect of soil management on *Heterorhabditis bacteriophora* GPS11 persistence and biological control in a vegetable production system. Biological Control, 79: 75-83.

**Cheng, Z.**, E. L. McCoy, and P. S. Grewal. 2014. Water, sediment, and nutrient runoff from urban lawns established on subsoil or topsoil and managed with inorganic or organic fertilizers. Urban Ecosystems, 17: 277-289.

Reeves, J., **Z. Cheng**, J. Kovach, M. D. Kleinhenz, and P. S. Grewal. 2014. Quantifying soil health and tomato crop productivity in urban community and market gardens. Urban Ecosystems, 17: 221-238.

Knight, A., **Z. Cheng**, S. S. Grewal, K. R. Islam, M. D. Kleinhenz, P. S. Grewal. 2013. Soil health as a predictor of lettuce productivity and quality: A case study of urban vacant lots. Urban Ecosystems, 16: 637-656.

Grewal, S. S., **Z. Cheng**, S. Masih, M. Wolboldt, N. Huda, A. Knight, and P. S. Grewal. 2011. An assessment of soil nematode food webs and nutrient pools in community gardens and vacant lots in two post-industrial American cities. Urban Ecosystems, 14: 181-194.

**Cheng, Z.**, S. O. Salminen, and P. S. Grewal. 2010. Effect of organic fertilizers on the greening quality, shoot and root growth, and shoot nutrient and alkaloid contents of turf-type endophytic tall fescue, *Festuca arundinacea.*Annals of Applied Biology, 156: 25-37.

Park, S., **Z. Cheng**, B. B. McSpadden Gardener, and P. S. Grewal. 2010. Are nematodes effective bioindicators of soil conditions and processes along distance from roads and age of development in urban areas? Journal of Environmental Indicators, 5: 28-47.

Park, S., **Z. Cheng**, H. Yang, E. E. Morris, M. Sutherland, B. B. McSpadden Gardener, and P. S. Grewal. 2010. Differences in soil chemical properties with distance to roads and age of development in urban areas. Urban Ecosystems, 13: 483-497.

**Cheng, Z.**,and P. S. Grewal.2009.Dynamics of the soil nematode food web and nutrient pools under tall fescue lawns established on soil matrices resulting from common urban development activities. Applied Soil Ecology, 42: 107–117.

**Cheng, Z.**, D. S. Richmond, S. O. Salminen, and P. S. Grewal. 2008. Ecology of urban lawns under three common management programs. Urban Ecosystems, 11: 177-195.

**Cheng, Z.**, P. S. Grewal, B. R. Stinner, K. A. Hurto, and H. B. Hamza. 2008. Effects of long-term turfgrass management practices on soil nematode community and nutrient pools. Applied Soil Ecology, 38: 174-184.

Briar, S. S., G. B. Jagdale**, Z. Cheng**, C. W. Hoy, S. A. Miller, and P.S. Grewal. 2007. Indicative value of soil nematode food web indices and trophic group abundance in differentiating habitats with a gradient of anthropogenic impact. Environmental Bioindicators, 2: 146-160.

Long, C., Q. Zhang, Z. Xu, A. Li, J. Chen, and **Z. Cheng**. 2002. Treatment of DSD acid manufacturing wastewater on macroporous resin.Ion Exchange and Adsorption, 18(1): 45-50.

**Cheng, Z**. 2001. Distribution and comparison of heavy metal Cu and radioactive nuclein 3H in crucian body. Jiangsu Environmental Science and Technology, 14(3): 5-6.

Long, C., Q. Zhang, Z. Xu, J. Chen, A. Li, and **Z. Cheng**. 2001. Adsorption and desorption of DSD acid manufacturing wastewater on macroporous resin. Chinese Journal of Reactive Polymers, 10(1): 37-44.

Extension Publications

**Cheng, Z.**, M. Kellar, and M. Russo. 2019. Research update on management of new invasive pests of *Ficus*trees in Hawaii’s urban landscapes. Western Arborist, Fall 2019, Volume 45, Number 3: 46-48.

Fu, Z., S. Chavoshi, H. Mojtahedi, S. Sathuvalli, K.S. Grimm, I. Zasada, and **Z. Cheng**. 2019. Stubby root nematodes and associated corky ringspot disease. Potato Progress, February 2019, Volume XIX, Number 1.

**Cheng, Z.**, and N. Nagata. 2019. Research update on management of frit fly, a challenging turfgrass pest in Hawaii. Landscape Hawaii, January/February 2019: 24-25.

**Cheng, Z.** 2018. Nematodes associated with turfgrass in Hawaii. Landscape Hawaii, March/April 2018: 22-23.

Lindsey, A., J. DeFrank, and **Z. Cheng**. 2017. Incorporating goose grass and Bermuda grass management with renovation of seashore paspalum greens. Landscape Hawaii, November/December 2017: 8-11.

**Cheng, Z.** 2017. Current and recent research projects in Turfgrass and Landscape pest management Lab at University of Hawaii at Manoa. Landscape Hawaii, July/August 2017: 24-26.

DeFrank, J., **Z. Cheng**, and A.J. Lindsey. 2017. Research update on Bermuda grass treatment. Landscape Hawaii, May/June 2017: 16-17.

**Cheng, Z.** 2017. Frit fly: A challenging turfgrass pest in Hawaii. Landscape Hawaii, March/April 2017: 28.

**Cheng, Z.**, and J. DeFrank. 2016. Suppressing bermudagrass in seashore paspalum turf. Landscape Hawaii, September/October 2016: 30.

**Cheng, Z.** 2016. Fungal disease take-all patch of turfgrass in Hawaii. Landscape Hawaii, March/April 2016: 12-13.

**Cheng, Z.** 2015. Leaf and sheath spot of turfgrass in Hawaii. Landscape Hawaii, September/October 2015: 25.

**Cheng, Z.**, and B.P. Bhandari. 2015. Lobate Lac Scale (*Paratachardina pseudolobata*): Invasive plant insect pest invades Oahu’s urban landscape. Landscape Hawaii, March/April 2015: 16-17.

**Cheng, Z.**, E. Sanders, and G. Nakashima. 2015. Rover ant control in Hawaii. Golf Course Management Magazine, April 2015: 95.

**Cheng, Z.** 2015. Benefits of turf to the environment. Landscape Hawaii, January/February 2015: 23-24.

**Cheng, Z.**, and B.P. Bhandari. 2015. Biology, Management, and Updated Host Range of the Lobate Lac Scale (*Paratachardina pseudolobata*) in Hawai‘i’s Urban Landscapes. CTAHR Extension, Insect Pests, January 2015, IP-34.

**Cheng, Z.,** and J. DeFrank. 2014. “Lights Out” – A pesticide-free way for turf restoration and weed control.Landscape Hawaii, September/October 2014: 10-11.

**Cheng, Z.** 2014.Soil food web: The foundation of turfgrass growth and health. Landscape Hawaii, May/June 2014: 24-25.

**Cheng, Z.** 2013. Turfgrass integrated pest management. HānaiʻAi (CTAHR Sustainable and Organic Agriculture Program Newsletter), December 2013 l January/February 2014.

**Cheng, Z.** 2013. Brief introduction on turfgrass IPM, Part II. Landscape Hawaii, September/October 2013: 25.

**Cheng, Z.** 2013. Brief introduction on turfgrass IPM, Part I. Landscape Hawaii, July/August 2013: 25-27.

**Cheng, Z.,** S. O. Salminen, and P. S. Grewal. 2009. Effect of organic fertilizers on the quality and shoot alkaloid contents of endophytic tall fescue. TurfNews, September 2009: 1-2.

**Cheng, Z.**, P. S. Grewal, B. R. Stinner, K. A. Hurto, and H. B. Hamza. 2009. How do long-term organic and chemical turfgrass management practices influence soil microbial biomass, organic matter and the food web? News from Ohio Lawn Care Association, Spring 2009: 15-19.

**Cheng, Z.**, D. S. Richmond, S. O. Salminen, and P. S. Grewal. 2008. Effectiveness of professional and do-it-yourself (DYI) approaches to lawn care: A survey of home lawns.TurfNews**,** September 2008: 1-2.

**Cheng, Z.**, E. McCoy, D. Gardener, and P. S. Grewal. 2008. Assessing nutrient runoff from turfgrass lawns established on subsoil and topsoil: a preliminary report. News from Ohio Lawn Care Association, Summer 2008: 16-18.

Grewal, P. S., **Z. Cheng**, and E. L. McCoy. 2005. Turfgrass is an effective means of controling soil erosion and run-off. TPI Turf News, May/June 2005: 44.

Creative Works (i.e., Extension Videos, Websites, Blogs, Creative Designs and Exhibitions, etc.)

University of Hawaii Turfgrass Management Extension Program website:

<http://turfgrass.ctahr.hawaii.edu/index.shtml>

University of Hawaii at Manoa Turfgrass and Landscape Pest Management Lab website:

<https://cms.ctahr.hawaii.edu/cheng/>

Leadership Roles (Committees, Boards, Advisory, etc.)

Search committee chair for Pesticide Training APT position (2019 to present);

Search committee member for tenure-track Assistant/Junior Extension Agent Position for Floriculture and Nursery Industry in Hilo (2019 to present);

Search committee member for TPSS tenure-track Assistant Researcher in Urban Horticulture and Landscape Management position (2019 to present);

CTAHR Faculty Senate (2019 to 2021), and Instruction Committee chair (2019 - present);

Editorial Board Member for journals: *Frontiers in Plant Science*; *Frontiers in Microbiology*. 2019 to present;

Search committee member for CTAHR ADSC Manager position (2019);

UH System-wide agriculture panel (2019);

IR-4 Program PI and coordinator (April 2018 – present);

Steering committee member and chapter author, Hawaii Golf Course Best Management Practice Handbook. 2018 to 2019;

Pest Control Board member, State of Hawaii Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs. January 2018 to September 2019;

CTAHR Instruction workload committee member (2018);

TAE curriculum committee member (2018 to present);

PEPS DPC member (2018 to present);

Co- Chief Judge and Coordinating Committee member, 2018 CTAHR/COE Student Research Symposium. April 2018. Honolulu, HI;

Organizer and Chair of the symposium “Palm Pests” in the 2017 Pacific Entomology Conference in Honolulu, HI, December 2017;

*ad hoc* review committee member for CTAHR State-wide IPM project proposals administered by Dr. Mark Wright (PEPS) (2017);

Co- Chief Judge and Coordinating Committee member, 2017 CTAHR/COE Student Research Symposium. April 2017. Honolulu, HI;

Organizer and host, 2016 Western Regional Turfgrass Research Group (WERA-011) meeting in Honolulu, July 24 to 27, 2016. Seventeen turfgrass professors and scientists from nine U.S. states and territory attended this meeting;

Organizer and Chair of the symposium “Nematode Adaptation to Extreme Environments” in The Society of Nematologists and Organization of Nematologists of Tropical America joint meeting in Montreal, Canada, July 2016;

Chair, Ecology Committee of the Society of Nematologists, 2016;

Chair of Search Committee for the tenure-track Assistant/Junior Extension Agent Position for Floriculture and Nursery Industry in Hilo (January 2016 – August 2017);

PEPS representative for multi-departmental Magoon greenhouse committee (May 2016 – present);

PEPS mediation committee (2016);

Co- Chief Judge and Coordinating Committee member, 2016 CTAHR/COE Student Research Symposium. April 2016. Honolulu, HI;

Chief Judge and Coordinating Committee member, 2015 CTAHR/COE Student Research Symposium. April 2015. Honolulu, HI;

Co-manage Sui Shan & Easton Scholarship (February 2015 - present);

CTAHR Faculty Senate (2014 - 2016), and Elections Committee member (2015 - 2016);

CTAHR’s Revenue Generation Sub-Committee (2014-2015);

Judge and Coordinating Committee member, 2014 CTAHR/COE Student Research Symposium. April 2014. Honolulu, HI;

Hawaii representative for the Western Regional Turfgrass Research Group (WERA-011), 2014 to present;

Member of CTAHR Strategic Planning Revenue Generation team (2013-2014);

Initiator and coordinator of “Turf Column” in a professional magazine “Landscape Hawaii”, published by Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH). 2013 to present.

Search Committee member for tenure-track AgroSecurity Assistant Researcher Position (2013);

Judge and member of the Awards Committee for 2013 Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) Conference Student Award. June 2013. Pittsburgh, PA.

**Graduate Students**

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| Category | Current Number of Students | Number Graduated (Career) |
| *Chair* of Master’s Committees | 1 | 5 |
| *Chair* of PhD Committees | 0 | 0 |
| Member of Master’s Committees | 0 | 10 |
| Member of PhD Committees | 0 | 3 |

**Grant Support**

Grants received in 2019:

**Cheng, Z.**, and M. Melzer. 2019-2020. Biological and Chemical Control of Oriental Flower Beetle, *Protaetia*

*orientalis* (Year 2). USDA-ARS (via CTAHR Competitive Supplemental Grant Program). $40,000.

**Cheng, Z.**, and M. Melzer. 2019-2020. Chemical and Biological Control of Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle in Hawaii.

USDA-APHIS Farm Bill. $48,355.

**Cheng, Z.** IR-4 Minor Crop Pest Management FY19. 2019-2020. University of California, Davis. $97,250.

**Cheng, Z.** 2020. Pesticide Safety Education Train-The-Trainer Program. eXtension Foundation. $17,300.

Melzer, M.J. and **Cheng, Z.** 2019-2020. Monitoring coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-

Hickham (JBPHH). USDOD-ACoE-CW. $268,456.

Melzer, M.J., Oishi, D., and **Cheng, Z.** 2019-2020. Response to coconut rhinoceros beetle in Hawaii. USDA-APHIS-PPQ Farm Bill, $1,300,000.

Melzer, M.J., Jenkins, D., and **Cheng, Z.** 2019-2020. Development and implementation of genetic and physical management approaches for coconut rhinoceros beetle. USDA-APHIS-PPQ Farm Bill, $260,815.

Grants received in 2018 and before: information available upon request.

**Career Total as Principal Investigator (PI)** = $1,072,787

**Career Total as Co-PI** = $10,166,432

**Career Total as PI and Co-PI** = $11,239,219

**Presentations at Conferences**

\* First author of presentation is the presenter, unless otherwise noted.

Russo, M., **Z. Cheng**, K. Mitsuda, J. Li, and M. Kellar. Potential use of local strains of entomopathogenic fungus to control the coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros,* on Oahu, Hawai‘I (virtual poster). 2019 Annual Entomological Society of America (ESA) meeting. November 17-20, 2019. St. Louis, MO.

**Cheng, Z.** Invasive species in Hawaii (panel discussion presentation). 2019 Hawaii Agriculture Conference. October 15-16, 2019. Honolulu, HI.

**Cheng, Z.** Research updates on management of several important landscape and turfgrass pests in Hawaii. 2019 Annual Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH) Green Industry Conference and Trade Show. October 14, 2019. Honolulu, HI.

**Cheng, Z.** Research updates on management of several landscape pests in Hawaii – Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle, Lobate Lac Scale, Ficus Stem and Leaf Gall Wasps. 2019 CTAHR Invasive Pest Conference. August 22-23, 2019.Hilo, HI.

**Cheng, Z.** Effectiveness of fungicide programs against turfgrass fungal disease leaf and sheath spot (mini ring) on Bermuda grass in Hawaii. 2019 American Phytopathological Society (APS) annual meeting. August 3-7, 2019. Cleveland, OH.

**Cheng, Z.** Management of several key invasive landscape pests in Hawaii. 85th Annual Western Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Conference & Trade Show. April 29 – May 2, 2019. Honolulu, HI.

Russo, M., **Z. Cheng**, K. Mitsuda, J. Li, and M. Kellar. Potential use of local strains of entomopathogenic fungus to control the coconut rhinoceros beetle, *Oryctes rhinoceros,* on Oahu, Hawai‘I (virtual poster). 2019 Entomological Society of America (ESA) International Branch annual meeting. April 8-10, 2019. Virtual Symposium.

**Cheng, Z.**, M. Kellar, B. Bhandari, and M. Russo. Hosts, distribution, and management of lobate lac scale, a recently established landscape pest in Hawaii. 2018 Annual Entomological Society of America (ESA) meeting. November 11-14, 2018. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

Russo, M., **Z. Cheng**, J. Li, M. Kellar, and K. Mitsuda. Potential use of local strains of entomopathogenic fungus to control the coconut rhinoceros beetle, Oryctes rhinoceros, on Oahu, Hawaii. 2018 Annual Entomological Society of America (ESA) meeting. November 11-14, 2018. Vancouver, BC, Canada.

**Cheng, Z.** Research updates on management of several important landscape and turfgrass pests in Hawaii. 2018 Annual Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH) Green Industry Conference and Trade Show. October 10, 2018. Honolulu, HI.

Coughlin, J., J. Kam, M. Kawate, and **Z.** **Cheng**. Minor Crop Registration (IR4) Pesticide Updates. Research-based Support for Oahu's Fast-Paced Edible Crop Industry. 2018 Hawaii Growers Conference. August 01, 2018. Pearl City, HI.

**Cheng, Z.** Application of principal component analysis in ecological nematology research: A hands-on demonstration. 2018 Annual Society of Nematologists Meeting. July 22-25, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.

Waisen, P., K.-H. Wang, **Z. Cheng**, and B. Sipes. Managing plant-parasitic nematodes and soil health through ecological based biofumigation using brown mustard and oil radish. 2018 Annual Society of Nematologists Meeting. July 22-25, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.

Alhussaini, A., B. Sipes, K.-H. Wang, and **Z. Cheng**. Identification of the bacterial symbiont from entomopathogenic nematode (*Oscheius*) and its biological control potential (poster). 2018 Annual Society of Nematologists Meeting. July 22-25, 2018. Albuquerque, NM.

**Cheng, Z.**, M. Kellar, K. Mitsuda, R. Manandhar, and J. Li. Research updates on chemical and biological control of coconut rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) in Hawaii. XVI Pacific Entomology Conference. December 5-7, 2017. Honolulu, HI.

**Cheng, Z.**, B. Bhandari, and M. Kellar. Management of key pests attacking *Ficus* trees in Hawaii’s urban landscapes. XVI Pacific Entomology Conference. December 5-7, 2017. Honolulu, HI.

**Cheng, Z.**, M. Kellar, and B. Bhandari. Management of key insect pests of *Ficus* trees in Hawaii. 2017 Annual Entomological Society of America (ESA) meeting. November 5-8, 2017. Denver, CO.

Kellar, M., and  **Z. Cheng**. Efficacy of Systemic Insecticides against Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (Oryctes rhinoceros) in Lab Assays (poster). 2017 Annual ESA meeting. November 5-8, 2017. Denver, CO.

**Cheng, Z.** Research updates on management of several important landscape and turfgrass pests in Hawaii. 2017 Annual Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH) Green Industry Conference and Trade Show. October 05, 2017. Honolulu, HI.

DeFrank, J., A. Lindsey, **Z. Cheng**, L. Jeremiah, I. Hunt, D. Kira, and R. Ito. Incorporating goose grass & Bermuda grass control with renovation of seashore paspalum greens. 2017 Annual Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH) Green Industry Conference and Trade Show. October 05, 2017. Honolulu, HI.

**Cheng, Z.**, B. Bhandari, and M. Kellar. Management of stem and leaf gall wasps and lobate lac scale on *Ficus* in Hawaii. 2017 American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) Annual Conference. September 19-22, 2017. Waikoloa, HI.

Lindsey, A., J. DeFrank, and **Z. Cheng**. Response of seashore paspalum (*Paspalum vaginatum*), Bermudagrass (*Cynodon dactylon*), and goosegrass (*Eleusine indica*) to post-emergence herbicides (poster).2017 ASHS Annual Conference. September 19-22, 2017. Waikoloa, HI.

Marquez, J., K.‐H.Wang, B. S. Sipes, and **Z. Cheng**. Improving soil conditions for entomopathogenic nematodes with no‐till cover cropping. 2017 The Society of Nematologists Conference. August 13-16, 2017. Williamsburg, VA.

Waisen, P., K.‐H. Wang, **Z. Cheng**, and B. S. Sipes. Effective termination methods of Brassica cover crops for suppression of plant‐parasitic nematodes while enhancing soil health. 2017 The Society of Nematologists Conference. August 13-16, 2017. Williamsburg, VA.

**Cheng, Z.** Management of coconut rhinoceros beetle and lobate lac scale, two new landscape pests in Hawaii. 14th Annual Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii (LICH) Green Industry Conference and Trade Show. October 06, 2016. Honolulu, HI.

**Cheng, Z.**, M. Kellar, A. Hara, and R. Manandhar. Coconut rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) and its management effort on Oahu in Hawaii. 2016 XXV International Congress of Entomology. September 25-30, 2016. Orlando, FL.

Wang, K.-H., S. Ching, J. Marquez, S. Mishra, P. Waisen, and **Z. Cheng**. Relationships between cover crop plant available nitrogen mineralization rate and nematode soil health indicators (poster). 2016 Joint Meeting of The Society of Nematologists (SON) and The Organization of Nematologists of Tropical America (ONTA). July 17-22, 2016. Montreal, Canada.

Waisen, P., K.-H. Wang, **Z. Cheng**, and B.S. Sipes. Developing effective management strategies against plant-parasitic nematodes using oil radish in Hawaii. 2016 Joint Meeting of The Society of Nematologists (SON) and The Organization of Nematologists of Tropical America (ONTA). July 17-22, 2016. Montreal, Canada.

Marquez, J., K.-H.Wang, B.S. Sipes, and **Z. Cheng**. Understanding the roles of soil water conservation on indigenous entomopathogenic nematodes and entomopathogenic fungi in a no-till organic mulching system (poster). 2016 Joint Meeting of The Society of Nematologists (SON) and The Organization of Nematologists of Tropical America (ONTA). July 17-22, 2016. Montreal, Canada.

**Cheng, Z.** Management of new invasive landscape pests in Hawaii.2016 Kauai Landscape Conference. July 14, 2016. Lihue, HI.

**Cheng, Z.** Turfgrass maintenance and pest management.2016 Kauai Landscape Conference. July 14, 2016. Lihue, HI.

**Cheng, Z.**, B. Bhandari, A. Hara, and M. Kellar. Research updates on several important landscape pests in Hawaii: Management of coconut rhinoceros beetle, lobate lac scale, and banyan gall wasps. 2016 Annual ESA Pacific Branch meeting. April 03-06, 2016. Honolulu, HI.

Kellar, M., and **Z. Cheng**. Lab assay of systemic insecticides on the coconut rhinoceros beetle (*Oryctes rhinoceros*) (poster). 2016 Annual ESA Pacific Branch meeting. April 03-06, 2016. Honolulu, HI.

Manandhar, R., M. Kellar, and **Z. Cheng**. Survey of entomaopathogenic nematodes on Oahu: potential for the biological control of coconut rhinoceros beetle (poster). 2016 Annual ESA Pacific Branch meeting. April 03-06, 2016. Honolulu, HI.

**Cheng, Z**. Management effort on Brachymyrmex spp., a nuisance pest in Hawaii’s golf courses. 2015 Annual ESA meeting. November 15-18, 2015. Minneapolis, MN.

**Cheng, Z.**, B.P. Bhandari, P.S. Grewal, and D.S. Richmond. Turf management and the structure of the urban soil food web. 2015 Annual ESA meeting. November 15-18, 2015. Minneapolis, MN.

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