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a. Professional Preparation

University of Central Florida	B.S.	1982	Biology
University of Florida	M.S.	1987	Botany (Molecular Biology)
University of Florida	Ph.D.	1990	Botany (Molecular Biology)
USDA/ARS	Postdoctoral	1990-1994	Molecular Biology
University of Florida	Postdoctoral	1994-1996	Molecular Biology

b. Appointments

2002-Present	Assistant Professor, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602
1996-2002	Assistant Research Scientist, Department of Plant Biology University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia 30602

c. Publications

Related Publications (5)

- Nairn, C.J., Lennon, D.M., Wood-Jones, A., Nairn, A.V., Dean, J.F.D. (2008) Carbohydrate-Related Genes and Cell Wall Biosynthesis in Vascular Tissues of Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda* L.). *Tree Physiology* (in press)
- Liepmann, A.H., Nairn, C. J., Willats, W.G.T., Sørensen, I., Roberts, A.W., Keegstra, K. (2007) Functional genomic analysis supports conservation of function among CslA gene family members and highlights diverse roles of mannans in plants. *Plant Physiology* 143:1881-1893.
- Zhou, G-K., Zhong, R., Richardson, E.A., Morrison, W.H.III, Nairn, C.J., Wood-Jones, A., Ye, Z-H. (2006) The poplar glycosyltransferase GT47C is functionally conserved with *Arabidopsis Fragile Fiber8*. *Plant Cell Physiol.* 47: 1229-1240.
- Zhong, R., Pena, M.J., Zhou, G.K., Nairn, C.J., Wood-Jones, A., Richardson, E.A., Morrison, W.H.III, Darvill, A.G., York, W.S., Ye, Z.H. (2005) The *FRA8* gene, which encodes a putative glucuronyltransferase, is essential for normal secondary wall synthesis. *Plant Cell* 17:3390-3408.
- Nairn, C.J., Haselkorn, T. (2005) Three loblolly pine *CesA* genes expressed in developing xylem are orthologous to secondary cell wall *CesA* genes of angiosperms. *New Phytologist* 166:907-915.

Other Publications (5)

- Merkle, S.A., Andrade, G.M., Nairn, C.J., Powell, W.A., Maynard, C.A. (2007) Restoration of Threatened Species: A Noble Cause for Transgenic Trees. *Tree Genetics and Genomes* 3:111-118.
- Polin, L.D., Liang, H., Rothrock, R.E., Nishii, M., Diehl, D.L., Newhouse, A.E., Nairn, C.J., Powell, W.A., Maynard, C.A. (2006) *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation of American Chestnut (*Castanea dentata* (Marsh.) Borkh.) somatic embryos. *Plant Cell, Tissue & Organ Culture* 84: 69-78.
- Zhong, R., Burk, D.H., Nairn, C.J., Wood-Jones, A., Morrison, W.H. III, Ye, Z.H. (2005) Mutation of SAC1, an *Arabidopsis* SAC Domain Phosphoinositide Phosphatase, Causes Alterations in Cell Morphogenesis, Cell Wall Synthesis, and Actin Organization. *Plant Cell* 17:1449-1466.
- Merkle, S.A., Nairn, C.J. (2005) Hardwood tree biotechnology. *In Vitro Cell. Dev. Biol. – Plant* 41:602-619.
- Joshi, M., Niu, C., Fleming, G., Hazra, S., Chu, Y., Nairn, C.J., Yang, H., Ozias-Akins, P. (2005) Use of green fluorescent protein as a non-destructive marker for peanut genetic transformation. *In Vitro Cell. Dev. Biol. – Plant* 41:437-445.

d. Synergistic Activities

Organizer, curriculum development, and lead instructor for the University of Georgia Molecular Marker Workshop. University of Georgia Institute of Bioinformatics, Faculty member.
University of Georgia Plant Center, Organizer 2004 Plant Center Retreat and 2004 Spring Symposium .
Curriculum development and instructor for Conservation Genetics, FORS 4350 and 6350.

University of Georgia, Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Administrative Committee.
University of Georgia, University Council.

e. Collaborators and Other Affiliations

Collaborators and Co-Editors

Carroll, John, Univ. of Georgia
Conroy, Michael, Univ. of Georgia
Covert, Sarah F., Univ. of Georgia
Dean, Jeffrey, Univ. of Georgia
Keegstra, Kenneth, Mich. State Univ.
Liepman, Aaron, Mich. State Univ.
Lorenz, Walter, Univ. of Georgia
Merkle, Scott A., Univ. of Georgia
Ozias-Akins, Peggy, Univ. of Georgia
Parrott, Wayne, Univ. of Georgia
Peterson, Douglas, Univ. of Georgia
Roberts, Alison, Univ. Rhode Island
Warren, Robert, Univ. of Georgia
Ye, Zheng-Hua, Univ. of Georgia

Graduate and Postdoctoral Advisors

Burns, Jackie, Univ. of Florida (postdoctoral)
Ferl, Robert, Univ. of Florida (M.S. & Ph.D.)
Yelenosky, George, USDA/ARS (postdoctoral)

Thesis Advisor (4)

Majsztrik, John, Univ. of Maryland (M.S. 2004)
Reid, Allison, Atlanta, GA (M.S. 2005)
Shamblin, Brian (M.S. 2007, PhD. current)

Postgraduate-Scholar Sponsor (0)

Selected Presentations

- Nairn, C.J. (2007) Plant genomics: resources for investigating cell wall biosynthesis and fiber development. 234th American Chemical Society Fall Annual Meeting. August 2007.
- Nairn, C.J., Lennon, D.M., Wood-Jones, A., Nairn, A.V., Dean, J.F.D. (2007) Carbohydrate-Related Genes and Cell Wall Biosynthesis in Vascular Tissues of Loblolly Pine (*Pinus taeda* L.). North American Forest Biology Conference.
- Andrade, G.M., Nairn, C.J., Le, H.T., Merkle, S.A. (2006) Transgenic American Chestnut Trees: A Novel Approach for the Restoration of the Species. American Society of Plant Biologists and Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists Annual Conference.
- Nairn, C.J., Wood-Jones, A., Lorenz, W., Dean, J.F. (2006) Analysis of Candidate Genes for Wood Formation in Loblolly Pine by Quantitative Real-Time RT PCR. American Society of Plant Biologists and Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists Annual Conference.
- Merkle, S.A., Andrade, G.M., Nairn, C.J., Powell, W.A., Maynard, C.A. (2006) Restoration of Threatened Species: A Noble Cause for Transgenic Trees. Institute for Forest Biotechnology Annual Conference.
- Nairn, C.J., Wood-Jones, A., Lorenz, W., Dean, J.F. (2005) Molecular Genetics of Cellulose Synthesis in Developing Wood of Loblolly Pine. Southern Forest Tree Improvement Conference.
- Andrade, G.M., Nairn, C.J., Le, H.T., Merkle, S.A. (2005) Regeneration of transgenic American Chestnut plants following co-cultivation of embryogenic tissues with *Agrobacterium tumefaciens*. International Union of Forest Research Organizations Conference, South Africa.
- Zhong, R., Pena, M.J., Nairn, C.J., Wood-Jones, A., Morrison, W.H., Darvill, A.G., York, W.S., Ye, Z.H. (2005) Essential role of a novel glycosyltransferase in secondary wall synthesis. Plant Cell Wall Conference.

Research Interests

My primary research interest is in plant vascular development, particularly in tree species, including secondary cell wall biosynthesis. Our focus is on loblolly pine and other softwood species, which constitute the most abundant lignocellulosic biomass in the northern hemisphere. I believe that softwood species will provide a major feedstock for second generation bioenergy production.