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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- 2025/11 - present Postdoctoral Research Scholar | USF Center for Global Health and Inter-Disciplinary Research, University of South Florida, FL, USA
- 2025/01 - 2025/11 Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Plant Genetics and Nutritional Genomics Lab | Plants for Human Health Institute, North Carolina State University, NC, USA
- 2020/08 - 2024/12 Research Assistant in Plant Genetics and Nutritional Genomics Lab and Postharvest Physiology Lab | North Carolina State University, NC, USA
- 2017/07 - 2020/05 Environmental Analysis Senior Researcher (1st Lieutenant) | Republic of Korea Air Force - Chemical/Biological/Radiological Defense Research Institute, Seoul, South Korea
- 2015/03 - 2017/02 Research Assistant in Fruit Tree Physiology Lab | Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

EDUCATION

- 2020/08 - 2024/12 PhD, Horticultural Science, North Carolina State University, NC, USA
- 2015/03 - 2017/02 MS, Horticultural Science and Biotechnology, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea
- 2009/03 - 2015/02 BS, Horticultural Science and Biotechnology, Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea

PUBLICATIONS († indicate co-first authors)

Peer-reviewed

1. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Ma G, Giongo L, Pottorff M, Spencer J, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. 2025. Unraveling the genetic architecture of blueberry fruit quality traits: major loci control organic acid content while more complex genetic mechanisms control texture and sugar content. *BMC Plant Biology* 25, 36. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12870-025-06061-4>
2. Tan C, Li, C, Perkins-Veazie P, **Oh H**, Xu R, Iorizzo M. 2025. High throughput assessment of blueberry fruit internal bruising using deep learning models. *Frontiers in Plant Science* 16: 1575038. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpls.2025.1575038>

3. **Oh H**, Stapleton L, Giongo L, Johanningsmeier S, Mollinari M, Mainland CM, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. 2024. Prediction of blueberry sensory texture attributes by integrating multiple instrumental measurements. *Postharvest Biology and Technology* 218, 113160. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.postharvbio.2024.113160>
4. **Oh H**, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Mainland CM, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. 2024. Exploring shelf-life predictability of appearance traits and fruit texture in blueberry. *Postharvest Biology and Technology* 208, 112643. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.postharvbio.2023.112643>
5. Perkins-Veazie P, Ma G, Fernandez G, **Oh H**, Ochsenfeld C, Fister A, Redpath L, Rapp R. 2024. Anthocyanin profiles in fruit from seminal primocane and floricanes-fruiting *Rubus* cultivars. *Acta Horticulturae* 1388, 397-404. <https://doi.org/10.17660/ActaHortic.2024.1388.58>
6. Trandel-Hayse M, Johanningsmeier S, **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. 2023. Blueberry cell wall polysaccharide composition of three distinct fruit firmness phenotypes. *ACS Food Science & Technology*. <https://doi.org/10.1021/acsfoodscitech.3c00284>
7. Chung SW, Yu DJ, **Oh HD**, Ahn JH, Huh JH, Lee HJ. 2019. Transcriptional regulation of abscisic acid biosynthesis and signal transduction, and anthocyanin biosynthesis in ‘Bluecrop’ highbush blueberry fruit during ripening. *PLoS ONE* 14(7). <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0220015>
8. Chea S, Yu DJ, Park J, **Oh HD**, Chung SW, Lee HJ. 2019. Preharvest β -aminobutyric acid treatment alleviates postharvest deterioration of ‘Bluecrop’ highbush blueberry fruit during refrigerated storage. *Scientia Horticulturae* 246: 95-103. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scienta.2018.10.036>
9. Chea S, Yu DJ, Park J, **Oh HD**, Chung SW, Lee HJ. 2019. Fruit softening correlates with enzymatic and compositional changes in fruit cell wall during ripening in ‘Bluecrop’ highbush blueberries. *Scientia Horticulturae* 245: 163-170. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scienta.2018.10.019>
10. **Oh HD**[†], Yu DJ[†], Chung SW, Chea S, Lee HJ. 2018. Abscisic acid stimulates anthocyanin accumulation in 'Jersey' highbush blueberry fruits during ripening. *Food Chemistry* 244: 403-407. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodchem.2017.10.051>
11. Yu DJ, Hwang JY, Chung SW, **Oh HD**, Yun SK, Lee HJ. 2017. Changes in cold hardiness and carbohydrate content in peach (*Prunus persica*) trunk bark and wood tissues during cold acclimation and deacclimation. *Scientia Horticulturae* 219: 45-52. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scienta.2017.02.038>

Abstracts, proceedings

1. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Ma G, Spencer J, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Identification of QTLs for non-volatile chemical compounds in blueberry. *HortScience* 58(9S): S196. (*Abstract*)
2. Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M, **Oh H**, Saeed F, Li C. Fruit bruising, firmness, and estimation of cell membrane damage across blueberry genotypes. *HortScience* 58(9S): S21. (*Abstract*)
3. **Oh H**, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Dissecting the texture characteristics determining the phenotypic variation and postharvest change of fruit texture in blueberry. *HortScience* 57(9S): S130. (*Abstract*)
4. Trandel-Hayse M, **Oh H**, Johanningsmeier S, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Peel and pulp texture parameters are negatively correlated to pectin and cellulose content in ten highbush blueberry cultivars. *HortScience* 57(9S): S130. (*Abstract*)
5. Perkins-Veazie P, Ma G, **Oh H**, Trandel-Hayse M, Bassil N, Luby C, Munoz PR, Iorizzo M. Development of a high-throughput method to evaluate soluble sugar content of large sets of blueberry fruit. *HortScience* 57(9S): S161. (*Abstract*)
6. **Oh H**, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Texture characteristics associated with fruit shelf-life in blueberry. *HortScience* 57(9S): S232-233. (*Abstract*)
7. **Oh H**, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Understanding the key players determining fruit shelf-life in blueberry. UKC 2021 Proceedings: 154. (*Abstract*)

AWARDS, CERTIFICATES, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

PhD

1. *Kenneth R. Keller Award for Excellence in Doctoral Dissertation Research* (College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, North Carolina State University, 2025)
2. Dale C. Bone and Genia Tyson Bone Specialty Crops Program Endowment Travel Award (North Carolina State University, 2024)
3. 2024 NAPB Graduate Student Travel Award (Plant Breeding Consortium, North Carolina State University, 2024)
4. *Krezdorn Award for Excellence in Doctoral Research and Writing* (Krezdorn Endowment, Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science, 2024)
5. Bayer 'Bring Them In' 2024 Spring Cohort (Bayer Crop Science, 2024)
6. Charles W. Stuber Graduate Student Travel Award (Plant Breeding Consortium, North Carolina State University, 2023)
7. ASHS 2023 Conference Travel Grant (American Society for Horticultural Science, 2023)
8. Tools for Polyploids Training Workshop Travel Grant (Tools for Polyploids, 2023)

9. Charles W. Stuber Graduate Student Travel Award (Plant Breeding Consortium, North Carolina State University, 2022)
10. *1st place* for the Bayer Two-Minute Pitch Research Competition (North Carolina Agricultural Research Services, 2022)
11. *Best Presentation Award* for the Scientists and Engineers Early Career Development Workshop (SEED) 2022 Three-Minute Lightning Talk Competition (Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association, 2022)
12. *2022-2025 FFAR Fellows* (Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR), 2022-2025). <https://arcg.is/1bir5X>
13. Honorable Mention for the Spring 2022 NCALS Foundation Board Student Research Competition (NCALS Foundation Board, 2022)
14. *1st place* for the Warren S. Barham PhD Graduate Student Paper Award (Annual Meeting of the Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science, 2022)
15. UKC 2021 Fellowship (Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association, 2021)
16. ALLI graduate leadership certificate (North Carolina State University, 2021)
17. KSEA-KUSCO graduate scholarship (Korean-American Scientists and Engineers Association, 2021)
18. University graduate fellowship (North Carolina State University, 2020 - 2021)

Senior researcher (Chemical, Biological, Radiological Defense Research Institute)

19. Award certificate for excellent work/research performance (Chemical, Biological, Radiological Defense Research Institute, 2017 - 2018)

MS

20. *Outstanding Award of Oral Presentation* (Annual Autumn Conference of the Korean Society for Horticultural Science, 2016)
 - *1st place*
21. Scholarship from SNU Gwanak Residence Halls (Seoul National University, 2015)
 - *Residential advisor*
22. Scholarship from Brain Korea 21 Plus (National Research Foundation of Korea, 2015)

BS

23. Eminence scholarship (Seoul National University, 2014)

- *Full-tuition scholarship for academic excellence*

24. Gold prize for 'Next feeding the world idea' award (DuPont Korea Inc., 2014)

25. Scholarship for superior academic performance (Seoul National University, 2009 - 2011)

PRESENTATIONS

Oral Presentations

1. **Oh H**, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Assessing predictability of blueberry sensorial texture descriptors using instrumental measurements. VacCAP Webinar. March 25, 2024, Online. <https://youtu.be/p86G28yYI1c?si=tkCwNIW3F1LxNYGu>
2. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Ma G, Spencer J, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Unraveling the genetic basis of organic acids and sugars in blueberry. Plant & Animal Genomics Conference (PAG) 31. January 12-17, 2024, San Diego, CA, USA.
3. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Ma G, Spencer J, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Uncovering the genetic control of organic acids and sugars in blueberry. VacCAP Webinar. October 10, 2023, Online. <https://youtu.be/vH5KMxkE8h0?si=OgG6dskpdVqMzjnI>
4. **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Identifying fruit characteristics and characterizing QTLs associated with fruit shelf life in blueberry. Horticultural Science departmental seminar (NCSU): PhD introduction/proposal seminar. March 6, 2023, Raleigh, NC, USA.
5. **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Identifying fruit characteristics contributing to shelf-life quality in blueberry. VacCAP annual meeting. March 2, 2023, Charlotte, NC, USA.
6. **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Identification of key factors to predict postharvest fruit quality in blueberry. Bayer Two-Minute Pitch Research Competition. September 20, 2022, Raleigh, NC, USA.

- *1st Place Award*

7. **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Dissecting the texture characteristics of blueberry fruit to improve shelf-life quality. Plants for Human Health Institute Seminar. September 13, 2022, Kannapolis, NC, USA.

8. **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Comprehensive texture profiling to improve fruit shelf-life in blueberry. KSEA Scientists and Engineers Early Career Development Workshop 2022 Three-Minute Lightning Talk. August 16-17, 2022, Arlington, VA, USA.

- *Best Presentation Award*

9. **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Comprehensive texture profiling to improve fruit shelf-life in blueberry. Spring 2022 NCALS Foundation Board Student Research Competition. May 11, 2022, Raleigh, NC, USA.
 - *Honorable Mention*
10. **Oh H**, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Texture characteristics associated with fruit shelf-life in blueberry. 2022 Annual Meeting of the Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science. February 11-13, 2022, New Orleans, LA, USA.
 - *1st place for the Warren S. Barham PhD Graduate Student Paper Award*
11. **Oh H**, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Understanding the key players determining fruit shelf-life in blueberry. UKC 2021 Los Angeles – Pursuing Global Health and Sustainability. December 15-18, 2021, Garden Grove, CA, USA.
12. **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. VacCAP: to improve fruit quality in blueberry. KSEA Scientists and Engineers Early Career Development Workshop 2021 Two-Minute Lightning Talk. December 14-15, 2021, Garden Grove, CA, USA.
13. **Oh H**, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Understanding key players determining fruit shelf life in blueberry. Plants for Human Health Institute Seminar. August 10, 2021, Kannapolis, NC, USA.
14. Byun K, **Oh HD**. CBRN threats and our preparation. 4th International Symposium on Development of CBRN Protection Capabilities. September 3-5, 2018, Berlin, Germany.
15. Chea S, Park J, **Oh HD**, Yu DJ, Lee HJ. Changes in cell wall composition and cell wall modifying enzyme activities in ‘Bluecrop’ highbush blueberry fruit during ripening. 2017 Annual Autumn Conference of the KSHS & KSVS-KSHS Joint International Symposium on Plant Variety Protection. October 11-14, 2017, Incheon, Republic of Korea.
16. **Oh HD**, Chung SW, Yu DJ, Chea S, Lee HJ. Changes of endogenous abscisic acid and anthocyanin contents in ‘Jersey’ highbush blueberry fruits during development and accelerated fruit coloration by exogenous abscisic acid. 2016 Annual Autumn Conference of the Korean Society for Horticultural Science. October 26-29, 2016, Gwangju, Republic of Korea.
 - *Outstanding Award of Oral Presentation (1st place)*

Poster Presentations

1. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Ma G, Spencer J, Mollinari M, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Characterizing QTLs and candidate genes for organic acids and sugars in blueberry. National Association for Plant Breeding (NAPB). July 21-25, 2024, Saint Louis, MO, USA.

2. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Ma G, Spencer J, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Unraveling the genetic basis of organic acids and sugars in blueberry. Plant & Animal Genomics Conference (PAG) 31. January 12-17, 2024, San Diego, CA, USA.
3. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Ma G, Spencer J, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Identification of QTLs for non-volatile chemical compounds in blueberry. ASHS Annual Conference. July 31 - August 4, 2023, Orlando, FL, USA.
4. Perkins-Veazie P, Li C, Saeed F, **Oh H**, Iorizzo M. Fruit bruising, firmness, and estimation of cell membrane damage across blueberry genotypes. ASHS Annual Conference. July 31 - August 4, 2023, Orlando, FL, USA.
5. Perkins-Veazie P, Ma G, Fernandez G, **Oh H**, Ochsenfeld C, Fister A, Redpath L, Rapp R. Anthocyanin profiles in fruit from seminal primocane and floricanes-fruiting Rubus cultivars. XIII International Rubus and Ribes Symposium (ISHS). July 19-21, 2023, Portland, OR, USA.
6. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Mapping QTLs for postharvest fruit texture and size characteristics in blueberry. Plant & Animal Genomics Conference (PAG) 30. January 13-18, 2023, San Diego, CA, USA.
7. **Oh H**, Mengist MF, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Perkins-Veazie P, Iorizzo M. Identification of QTLs related to fruit texture at harvest and postharvest in blueberry. Tools for Polyploids Workshop 2023. January 11-12, 2023, San Diego, CA, USA.
8. **Oh H**, Pottorff M, Mengist MF, Giongo L, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Examination of texture characteristics at harvest and postharvest and identification of QTLs in blueberry. The 31st International Horticultural Congress (IHC). August 14-20, 2022, Angers, France.
9. **Oh H**, Pottorff M, Giongo L, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Dissecting the texture characteristics determining the phenotypic variation and postharvest change of fruit texture in blueberry. ASHS Annual Conference. July 30 - August 3, 2022, Chicago, IL, USA.
10. Trandel-Hayse M, **Oh H**, Johanningsmeier S, Iorizzo M, Perkins-Veazie P. Peel and pulp texture parameters are negatively correlated to pectin and cellulose content in ten highbush blueberry cultivars. ASHS Annual Conference. July 30 - August 3, 2022, Chicago, IL, USA.
11. Perkins-Veazie P, Ma G, **Oh H**, Trandel-Hayse M, Bassil N, Luby C, Munoz PR, Iorizzo M. Development of a high-throughput method to evaluate soluble sugar content of large sets of blueberry fruit. ASHS Annual Conference. July 30 - August 3, 2022, Chicago, IL, USA.
12. Yu DJ, Hwang JY, Chung SW, **Oh HD**, Chea S, Yun SK, Lee HJ. Changes of cold hardiness and carbohydrate content of trunk bark and wood tissues in ‘Janghowonhwangdo’ peach trees

defoliated in early autumn. 2016 Annual Autumn Conference of the Korean Society for Horticultural Science. October 26-29, 2016, Gwangju, Republic of Korea.

13. **Oh HD**, Chung SW, Yu DJ, Chea S, Lee HJ. Changes of anthocyanin biosynthesis by exogenous abscisic acid in ‘Jersey’ highbush blueberry fruits. The Second Asian Horticultural Congress. September 26-28, 2016, Chengdu, China.
14. **Oh HD**, Chung SW, Yu DJ, Chea S, Lee HJ. Changes of endogenous abscisic acid and anthocyanin contents during ripening in ‘Bluecrop’ highbush blueberry fruits. Plant Biology 2016. July 9-13, 2016, Austin, TX, USA.
15. Yu DJ, Hwang JY, Chung SW, **Oh HD**, Yun SK, Lee HJ. Seasonal changes of cold hardiness and carbohydrate content in bark and wood tissues of stem in peach trees. 2015 Annual Autumn Conference of the Korean Society for Horticultural Science. October 28-31, 2015, Yeosu, Republic of Korea.
16. Chung SW, **Oh HD**, Yu DJ, Lee HJ. Changes of anthocyanin biosynthesis by exogenous ABA in 'Bluecrop' highbush blueberry (*Vaccinium corymbosum* L.) fruits during ripening. Plant Biology 2015. July 26-30, 2015, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
17. **Oh HD**, Chung SW, Yu DJ, Lee HJ. Effects of daylength and abscisic acid on ripening characteristics in post-harvested ‘Jersey’ highbush blueberry fruits. 2015 Annual Spring Conference of the Korean Society for Horticultural Science. May 20-23, 2015, Jeonju, Republic of Korea.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

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| 2023/01 - 2023/05 | Teaching assistant (Home Horticulture), North Carolina State University |
| 2021/08 - 2021/12 | Teaching assistant (Home Food Production), North Carolina State University |
| 2021/01 - 2021/05 | Teaching assistant (Postharvest Physiology), North Carolina State University |
| 2016/09 - 2016/12 | Teaching assistant (Pomology and Experiments), Seoul National University |
| 2015/09 - 2015/12 | Teaching assistant (Pomology and Experiments), Seoul National University |

SERVICES AND EXTENSION ACTIVITIES

1. Informational video “Texture analysis of blueberry fruits”. December 23, 2024. <https://vimeo.com/1041829495>
2. Webinar “Assessing predictability of blueberry sensorial texture descriptors using instrumental measurements”. March 25, 2024. <https://youtu.be/p86G28yYI1c?si=OBbTvSpqR3KKdDEt>

3. Webinar “Uncovering the genetic control of organic acids and sugars in blueberry”. October 10, 2023. <https://youtu.be/vH5KMxkE8h0?si=OgG6dskpdVqMzjnI>
4. Faculty search committee member for the Translational Phenomics for Crop Management and Breeding Assistant Professor Position, Department of Horticultural Science, NCSU. 2023.
5. Judge for the North Carolina 4-H State Presentation Contest - Horticultural Science category. July 16, 2022.
6. Lab representative for the 30th Annual CALS Tailgate. September 18, 2021.
7. Production of instruction video “How to use a handheld Brix meter for blueberries”. August 5, 2021. <https://youtu.be/VP2maYLt0C0>.
8. Production of instruction video “How to use an acidity meter and the ‘offset function’ for blueberries”. August 5, 2021. <https://youtu.be/w1uXscw3jXo>.
9. Grad Student Leader of the 'Strategic Initiative: Cultivate International Presence' team in the NCSU Horticulture Strategic Plan Implementation Program. 2021-2024.