

Meet the Entomologist

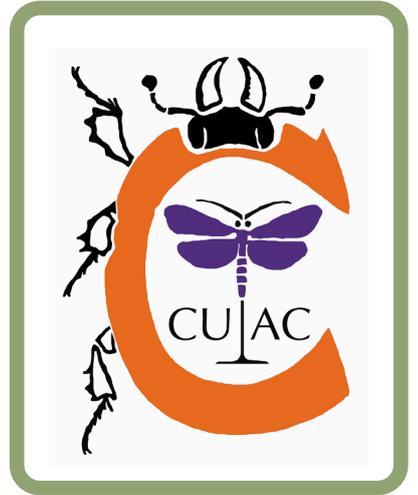


I like obscure beetles, the tinier the better!



Dr. Michael Caterino

I've been studying the diversity and evolution of beetles for almost 30 years, from California, to the tropics, to Appalachia.



Taxonomy and Phylogenetics

I enjoy the entire process of collecting new species in the field, laboratory and museum analyses to compare them to others, and naming and describing them to share them with the broader scientific and popular communities.



A bit about me!

I hold the 'John and Suzanne Morse Chair in Arthropod Biodiversity', am a professor of entomology at Clemson, and am the director of the Clemson Arthropod Collection.

Why Did I Choose Entomology?

I chose entomology because the opportunity to make new discoveries is never-ending.

The wing covers of beetles (protecting, in nearly all species, fully functional flight wings) are their superpower, allowing them to burrow, bore, and tunnel into places that few other adult insects can.