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News

- Bass, A. K. 2024. Investigating the Persistence of the Boxwood Blight Pathogen *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* and the Role of Microsclerotia in Its Survival. PhD Thesis, University of Georgia.
- Dr. Ayse Feliz Gurel from Dr. Pooler's Lab visited the Baysal-Gurel lab at Tennessee State University to learn hands-on about practices for handling and testing *C. pseudonaviculata*.

Research Publications

- Ghimire, B., Pendyala, B., Patras, A., and Baysal-Gurel, F. 2024. Evaluating UV-C sensitivity of *Calonectria pseudonaviculata* in model buffer solution using UV-C light emitting-diode system. Plant Disease Open access at <https://doi.org/10.1094/PDIS-03-24-0618-SC>.

Extension Publication

- Hong, C. X. 2024. Boxwood blight buster. Arborist News (August issue):26-28.

Extension Program & Presentation

- Pscheidt, J. 2024. Smart spraying grapes leads to new boxwood blight management. Farwest Show. Portland, OR, August 21.
- Santamaria, L. 2024. Advancing boxwood blight monitoring techniques. Farwest Show. Portland, OR, August 22.
- Santamaria, L. 2024. Growing awareness: enhancing plant health in nurseries through education. Farwest Show. Portland, OR, August 22.
- Weiland, J.E. 2024. Production decisions influence risks for boxwood blight outbreaks. Farwest Show. Portland, OR, August 21.

Online Resources

- [Boxwood Blight Knowledge Center](#).
- [Updated list of boxwood cultivars](#) resistant to both boxwood blight and leafminer.
- [Boxwood blight infection risk model](#) to help time fungicide treatment.
- [Boxwood leafminer risk model](#) to help time insecticide application.

BBIG Membership

Membership is open to everyone who is interested in fighting against boxwood blight. You can join by sending an email to boxwood-advocate-g+subscribe@vt.edu or chhong2@vt.edu.

Call for Submission

If you have news items to share with the BBIG community, please send to kls13@cornell.edu.

Together we can save boxwood crops and plantings.

