

# Meet the Entomologist



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I'm a systematist. That means I discover new species and study their family trees. I specialize in beetles that live on the tops of mountains.



Mountain tops are a great place to find endemic species – animals that don't live anywhere else in the world. Lots of mountain beetles have lost the ability to fly. Why do you think that is?

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## Biogeography

Ever wonder why different plants and animals live where they do? To find out, we have to look into the past. Mountain insects like to be cold so they can tell us how animals moved around the world during the Ice Age.



### A bit about me!

I am the curator at the Mississippi Entomological Museum. It's my job to care for, organize, and grow the museum's insect collection.

### Why Did I Choose Entomology?

I love insects because there is so much left to discover! You can find new species in your own backyard

I study rove beetles – small beetles that have traded the tough armor of other beetles for flexibility. This lets them live in tight spaces, like under rocks and leaf litter.