

# NORS-DUC Field Day 2025

***Tuesday, October 7, 2025, 9:00am-2:00pm; lunch provided***

*Dominican University of California  
Edgehill Mansion, Garden Room; 75 Magnolia Avenue; San Rafael, CA)*

NORS-DUC, the National Ornamentals Research Site at Dominican University of California, studies plant diseases caused by invasive pathogens, and develops control strategies for diseases which occur in nurseries. At our annual Field Day we will present new and on-going research, discuss Best Management Practices and have field demonstrations of diagnostic and control methods.

Presenter	Topic	Location	Time
	Coffee and donuts. Welcome.	Edgehill Mansion Garden Room	9:00-9:15
Wolfgang Schweigkofler	Managing Phytophthora diseases in nurseries: an ongoing challenge	Garden Room	9:15-10:00
Vernon Huffman	Successful Steaming: updates from our field treatments	Garden Room	10:00-10:30
Tomas Pastalka and Hieu Pham	New host plants of <i>Phytophthora ramorum</i>	Garden Room	10:30-10:50
Haley Liu	Effect of heat treatment on plant seeds germination	Garden Room	10:50-11:00
Johanna Del Castillo	Accreditation to Improve Restoration : Program updates and plant testing findings.	Garden Room	11:00-11:30
Saskia Mesquida Pesci	Detecting Phytophthora from water: Developing a rapid and sensitive diagnostics assay .	Garden Room	11:30-11:50
	Wrap up; final questions	Garden Room	11:50-12:00
<b>Lunch</b>		Garden Room	12:00-12:45
	<b>Walking from conference room to field site</b>		10-15 minutes
Kayleigh Lampe	Demonstration of RPA (=Recombinase Polymerase Assay) for Phytophthora detection	NORS-DUC Research site	1:00-2:00
Vernon Huffman	Demonstration of steaming technology	NORS-DUC Research site	1:00-2:00
Haley Liu and Tomas Pastalka	Hands-on demonstration of immunological tests using AGDIA-strips*	NORS-DUC Research site	1:00-2:00

\* at the nursery, participants will be divided into groups and take turns for the demonstrations.

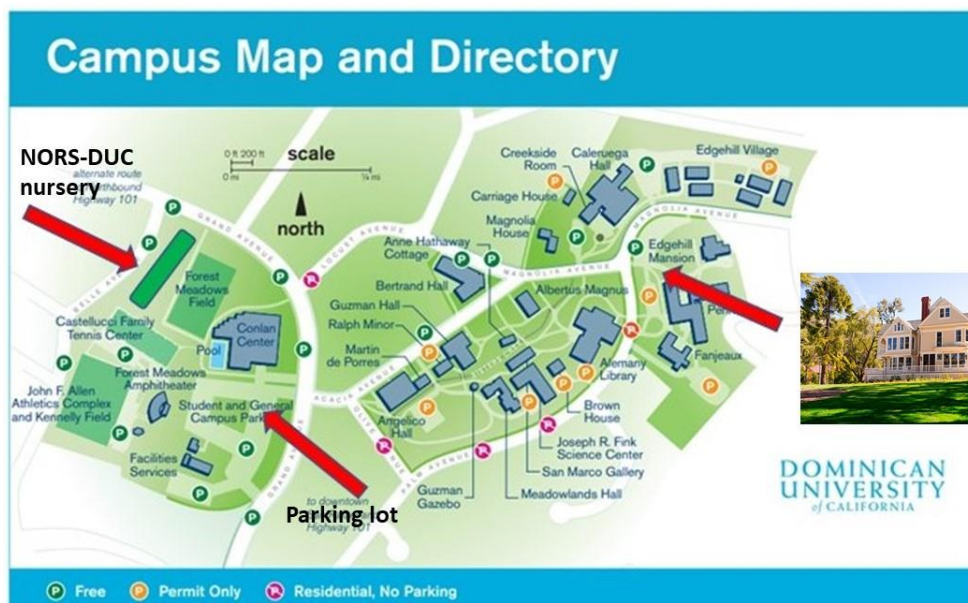
## Presenters:

Wolfgang Schweigkofler  
Haley Liu  
Tomas Pastalka  
Vernon Huffman  
Johanna del Castillo  
Saskia Mesquida Pesci  
Kayleigh Lampe

Program Manager NORS-DUC  
Lab manager NORS-DUC  
Plant pathologist NORS-DUC  
Nursery manager NORS-DUC  
Assistant Professor UC Davis  
Post-doctoral Fellow UC Davis  
Junior Specialist UC Davis

## Parking:

free parking is available at the big parking lot in front of the DUC Conlan Center,  
1475 Grand Avenue, San Rafael



Free parking at the DUC lot on 1475 Grand Avenue, San Rafael, CA. Please walk along Acacia and Magnolia Avenue to Edgehill Mansion (big yellow building on top of a small hill)

**Participation at the NORS-DUC Field Day is free, but registration by email is needed (maximum of 35 participants)**

Wolfgang Schweigkofler, PhD

Email: [wolfgang.schweigkofler@dominican.edu](mailto:wolfgang.schweigkofler@dominican.edu)

Phone: (415) 361-9104

