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A Passion for Parasitoids - 45 Years of Chasing Eucharitid Wasps

John Heraty is a Professor of Entomology at the University of California, Riverside. After an undergraduate degree at the University of Guelph, he worked for 10 years in biological control, during which he completed a part-time Master's degree on, of course, the ant-parasitic Eucharitidae. He then did a PhD with Jim Woolley at Texas A&M, postdoc'd in Ottawa and then the Smithsonian and USDA-SEL lab in Washington DC, and moved to UCR in 1995. His research focus has always been on the ant-parasitic Eucharitidae, which has led him to collect in over 30 countries around the world to discover new specimens and new behaviors and host associations. With the help of many students and individuals, his career has ranged from simple hennigian phylogenetics to novel phylogenomics. Many of the big questions have been answered and many species have been described, but many of both still remain to be addressed and 45 years is still not enough.