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### Education

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### Professional Experience

- Assistant Professor, Washington State University (WSU), June 2013 – Present.
- Affiliate Assistant Professor, Center for Precision & Automated Agricultural Systems, WSU, January 2014 – Present.
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### Refereed Publications (Corresponding author, <sup>†</sup>Graduate Student, <sup>††</sup>Postdoc/Visiting Scholar)

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28. Zhou<sup>††</sup>, J.\*, **Sankaran, S.**, Khot, L.R., Pumphrey, M., and Carter, A. 2015. Crop height estimation in wheat using proximal sensing techniques, Paper No. 2188566, ASABE 2015 Annual International Meeting, 26-29 July, 2015, New Orleans, LA.
29. Khot, L.R., Zhou<sup>††</sup>, J.\*, **Sankaran, S.**, and Sathuvalli, V. 2015. Evaluation of viral infection in potatoes using proximal and remote sensing techniques, Paper No. 2246054, ASABE 2015 Annual International Meeting, 26-29 July, 2015, New Orleans, LA (Poster).
30. **Sankaran, S.\***, Khot, L.R., Zhou<sup>††</sup>, J., Trapp, J., and Miklas, P. 2015. Evaluating plant responses to water stress in dry bean genetic breeding populations using remote sensing technique, Paper No. 2190729, ASABE 2015 Annual International Meeting, 26-29 July, 2015, New Orleans, LA.
31. **Sankaran, S.\***, Panigrahi, S., and Garzynski, S. 2015. Odorant binding protein-based biosensor for volatile organic compounds detection in agriculture, Paper No. 2211853, ASABE 2015 Annual International Meeting, 26-29 July, 2015, New Orleans, LA.
32. Zhou<sup>††</sup>, J.\*, Ellsworth, P., Wang<sup>††</sup>, M., Cousins, A., **Sankaran, S.** 2015. Evaluation of water-use efficiency in *Setaria italica* using thermal imaging and visual-near infrared spectroscopy, Paper No. 94, Western American Society of Plant Biologists Section Meeting, 26-28 June, 2015, Pullman, WA.
33. **Sankaran, S.\***2015. Leaf-level to Field Phenomics: Advancements and Challenges. PhytoPhenomics: EMSL Workshop in Plant Phenotyping, 12-13 Mar., 2015, Organized by Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, WA. (Invited, 25 participants)
34. Zúñiga Espinoza, C., Jarolmasjed<sup>†</sup>, S., Kalcsits, L.A., **Sankaran, S.**, Khot, L.R., Dhingra, A., and Lewis, K. M. 2014. Fourier transform infrared and X-Ray fluorescence spectrometry based analogies of calcium and magnesium in healthy and bitter pit Honeycrisp apples, 110<sup>th</sup>



- Annual Meeting of the Washington State Horticultural Association (WSHA), 1-3 Dec., 2014, Kennewick, WA (Poster).
35. Jarolmasjed<sup>†</sup>, S., Zúñiga Espinoza, C., Khot, L.R., **Sankaran, S.**, Dhingra, A., and Lewis, K. M. 2014. X-ray computer tomography imaging and visible-near infrared spectroscopy for non-destructive apple bitter pit detection, 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the WSHA, 1-3 Dec., 2014, Kennewick, WA (Poster).
  36. Khot, L.\* , **Sankaran, S.**, Cummings, T., Johnson, D., Carter, A., Serra, S., and Musacchi, S. 2014. Applications of Unmanned Aerial System in Washington State Agriculture, 12th International Conference Precision Agriculture, 20-23 July, 2014, Sacramento, CA.
  37. Wang<sup>††</sup>, M., **Sankaran, S.\*.**, Ellsworth, P., and Cousins, A. 2014. Rapid sensing for water stress detection in foxtail millet (*Setaria italica*), 12th International Conference Precision Agriculture, 20-23 July, 2014, Sacramento, CA.
  38. **Sankaran, S.\***, Khot, L.R., Carter, A., Garland-Campbell, K. 2014. Unmanned aerial systems based imaging for field-based crop phenotyping: winter wheat emergence evaluation, ASABE 2014 Annual International Meeting, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 13-16 July, 2014, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
  39. **Sankaran, S.\***, Pappu, H., and Brown, C. 2014. Computer tomography (CT) imaging for detecting anomalies in potato tubers, ASABE 2014 Annual International Meeting, 13-16 July, 2014, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
  40. **Sankaran, S.**, Brown, C., Quick, R., Hamlin, L., and Pappu, H\*. 2014. Magnetic resonance imaging for detecting viral infections in potato tubers. American Phytopathological Society-Canadian Phytopathological Society (APS-CPS) 2014 Annual Joint Meeting, 9-13 Aug., 2014, Minneapolis, MN.
  41. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2013. Advanced Sensing Technologies for Crop Monitoring, Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center Guest Seminar, 9 Oct., 2013, Wenatchee, WA (Invited Presentation).
  42. **Sankaran, S.\***, Khot, L.R., and Ehsani, R. 2013. Applications of an unmanned aerial system for field-based crop phenotyping, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center's Fall Symposium on 'PhenoDays: Imaging and Robotics for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Science', 25-27 Sep., 2013, Saint Louis, MO (Poster).
  43. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2013. Advancements in Sensing Technologies for Detecting Diseases in Crops, Plant Pathology Special Guest Seminar, Pullman, WA, August 26, 2013 (Invited Presentation).
  44. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Ehsani, R. 2013. Overview of non-invasive sensing technologies for detecting citrus diseases, ASABE 2013 Annual International Meeting, 21-24 July, 2013, Kansas City, MO.
  45. **Sankaran, S.**, Khot, L.R., Maja, J.M.\*, and Ehsani, R. 2013. Comparison of two multiband cameras for use on small UAVs in Agriculture. 5<sup>th</sup> IEEE Workshop on Hyperspectral Image and Signal Processing: Evolution in Remote Sensing (WHISPERS), 25-28 June, 2013, Gainesville, FL.
  46. Ehsani, R\*., and **Sankaran, S.** 2013. Low-cost remote sensing tool for agricultural applications in developing countries, Innovations for International Development Symposium, University of Florida. 2 May, 2013, Gainesville, FL (Poster).

47. **Sankaran, S.**, and Ehsani, R\*. 2013. Comparison of optical sensing techniques for detecting citrus diseases, 3<sup>rd</sup> International Research Conference on Huanglongbing (IRCHLB III), 4-8 Feb., 2013, Orlando, FL (Poster).
48. Ehsani, R.\*, Maja, J.M., and **Sankaran, S.** 2012. Applications of low-cost multi-rotor remote sensing UAV in agriculture, CAFEi2012-135, 2012 CAFEi, 26-28 Nov., 2012, Selangor, Malaysia.
49. Ploetz, R.\*, Smith, J., Hughes, M., Inch, S., Dreaden, T., Spence, D., Carrillo, D., Duncan, R., Peña, J., Kendra, P., **Sankaran, S.**, Ehsani, R., Held, B., Blanchette, R., Campbell, A., and White, T., Laurel wilt: An unusual and destructive disease of American members of the Lauraceae, Ambrosia Beetle/Fungal Symbiont Workshop, 12-14 Aug., 2012, Riverside, CA (Poster).
50. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Ehsani, R. 2012. Identification of Laurel-Wilt infected avocado plants using visible-near infrared spectroscopy, ASABE 2012 Annual International Meeting, 29 July 29-1 Aug., 2012, Dallas, TX.
51. Ehsani, R., **Sankaran, S.**, Maja, J.M., Neto, J.C., and Saraswat, D.\* 2012. Implementation of multi-rotor remote sensing system for stress detection in citrus, ASABE 2012 Annual International Meeting, 29 July 29-1 Aug., 2012, Dallas, TX.
52. Ploetz, R.\*, Smith, J., Peña, J., Hughes, M., Inch, S., Dreaden, T., Spence, D., Carrillo, D., Kendra, P., **Sankaran, S.**, Ehsani, R., Mayfield, B., Campbell, A., Hulcr, J. and Stelinski, L., Laurel wilt: Understanding an unusual and exotic vascular wilt disease, 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Southern Insect Work Conference/Southwide Forest Disease Workshop, 24-27 July, 2012, Charlottesville, VA.
53. Ehsani, R., **Sankaran, S.**, Maja, J.M.\*, and Neto, J.C. 2012. Affordable multi-rotor remote sensing platform for applications in precision horticulture, 11<sup>th</sup> International Conference Precision Agriculture, 15-18 July, 2012, Indianapolis, IN.
54. Ehsani, R.\*, **Sankaran, S.**, and Albrigo, G.L. 2011. Optical sensors and sensor platforms for detection of citrus greening (HLB) diseases, 2011 American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) Annual Conference, 25-28 Sep., 2011, Waikoloa, HA.
55. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Ehsani, R. 2011. Stress detection in citrus leaves using fluorescence spectroscopy, ASABE 2011 Annual International Meeting, 7-10 Aug., 2011, Louisville, KY.
56. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Mishra, A\*. 2010. Mid-infrared and near-infrared spectroscopy for Huanglongbing (HLB) detection in citrus, UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, 18 Oct., 2010, Lake Alfred, FL.
57. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Valentine, A\*. 2010. Disease management and mechanical harvesting in citrus orchards, UF/IFAS Citrus Research and Education Center, 9 Sep., 2010, Lake Alfred, FL.
58. **Sankaran, S.**, Ehsani, R.\*, and Dima, C. 2010. Development of ground-based sensor system for automated agricultural vehicle to detect diseases in citrus plantations, 10<sup>th</sup> International Conference Precision Agriculture, 18-21 July, 2010, Denver, CO.
59. Mishra, A., Ehsani, R., Albrigo, G.L., and **Sankaran, S.\*** 2010. Application of hyperspectral imaging for the detection of citrus greening, ASABE 2010 Annual International Meeting, 20-23 June, 2010, Pittsburg, PA.
60. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Ehsani, R. 2010. Detection of Huanglongbing (greening) in citrus plantations using mid-infrared spectroscopy, ASABE 2010 Annual International Meeting, 20-23 June, 2010, Pittsburg, PA (Poster).

61. **Sankaran, S.**, and Ehsani, R.\* 2010. Optical methods for Huanglongbing (HLB) detection in citrus orchards. 2010 Florida Society Horticultural Society (FSHS) Annual Meeting, 6-8 June, 2010, Crystal River, FL.
62. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Panigrahi, S. 2009. Biomimetic olfactory sensing for detection of volatile organic compound associated with Salmonella contamination in meat, 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of Institute of Biological Engineering (IBE) on 'Biological Engineering: An Emerging Discipline', 19-21 Mar., 2009, Santa Clara, CA (Poster).
63. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Panigrahi, S. 2008. Investigation on selected metal oxide-based nanocomposite sensors for contamination detection in Food, ASABE 2008 Annual International Meeting, 29 June 29- 2 July, 2008, Providence, RI.
64. Panigrahi, S.\*, **Sankaran, S.**, and Khot, L.R. 2008. Evaluation of metal-oxide-based nanostructured sensing material for detection of compounds associated with meat contamination, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of IBE on 'A Platform for Partnerships and Progress', 6-8 Mar., 2008, Chapel Hill, NC (Poster).
65. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Panigrahi, S. 2007. Systematic performance evaluation of nanoparticulate ZnO thin film based chemoresistive sensor for food safety, CSBE/ASABE 2007 North Central Inter-Sectional Conference, 12-13 Oct., 2007, Fargo, ND.
66. **Sankaran, S.\***, Panigrahi, S., and Chang, Y. 2007. Evaluation of nanostructured novel sensing material for food contamination applications, ASABE 2007 Annual International Meeting, 17-20 June, 2007, Minneapolis, MN.
67. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Panigrahi, S. 2006. Olfactory sensing: Overview of the biology, mechanism and applications for food safety, CSBE/ASABE 2006 North Central Inter-Sectional Conference, 5-7 Oct., 2006, Saskatoon, SK, Canada.

#### **Extension/Outreach Presentations**

1. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2016. High-Throughput Sensing in Agriculture. SciTech Northwest '16, 9 Nov., 2016, Seattle, WA. Event partnership: TechAlliance, Washington State University, University of Washington, and Pacific Northwest National Laboratory (Invited). Link: <http://www.technology-alliance.com/scitech/>. Number of participants: 200+.
2. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Khot, L.R. 2016. Role of sensor technologies in precision agriculture and high-throughput phenomics. 2nd International Workshop on the Role of Robotics in Precision Agriculture, 13 Oct., 2016, Lahore, Pakistan (Invited, Webinar). Number of participants: 60.
3. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2016. Advancing sensing tools and future of phenomics. North American Plant Phenotyping Network Inaugural Convening Event, Cohosted by Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) and Purdue University, 29-31 Aug., 2016, West Lafayette, IN (Invited). Number of participants: 170.
4. Zúñiga Espinoza, C.\*, Jacoby, P., Khot, L.R., and **Sankaran, S.** 2016. Role of non-contact sensing for water management in grapevines. 2016 Viticulture Field Day, co-sponsored by Washington State University Viticulture Extension and the Washington State Grape Society, 12 Aug., 2016, Benton City, WA.
5. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2016. Wheat field phenomics. Western Wheat Workers Meeting, WERA-97, 7-8 July, 2016, Pullman, WA (Invited). Approximate number of participants: 35.
6. Khot, L.R.\*, and **Sankaran, S.** 2016. sUAS technology for precision ag and high-throughput phenotyping. Tutorial at Emerging sUAS Technology for Precision Agriculture Applications (AgDroneTech16), The 2017 International Conference on Unmanned Aircraft Systems, IEEE

- Robotics and Automation Society, 8-10 June, 2015, Arlington, VA (Invited). Approximate number of participants: 35.
7. Zhou<sup>††</sup>, J.\*, and **Sankaran, S.** 2016. High-throughput crop phenotyping at Washington State University. Phenotypic Prediction: Image Acquisition and Analysis Workshop, Iowa State University, 23-25 Feb., 2016, Ames, IA (Invited, Poster).
  8. Zhou<sup>††</sup>, J.\*, Khot, L.R., **Sankaran, S.**, and Boydston, R. 2016. Estimation of yield and water use efficiency in dry beans using airborne multispectral and thermal imagery. The 2016 Precision Farming Expo, 7-8 Jan., 2016, Kennewick, WA (Poster).
  9. Zhou<sup>††</sup>, J.\*, Khot, L.R., Pavek, M., and **Sankaran, S.** 2016. Remote sensing based crop loss assessment: an application in the evaluation of potato crop damage due to hailstorms. The 2016 Precision Farming Expo, 7-8 Jan., 2016, Kennewick, WA (Poster).
  10. **Sankaran, S.\***. 2016. Envisioning phenomics advancements relevant to northwest wheat, legumes and potatoes. The 2016 Precision Farming Expo, 7-8 Jan., 2016, Kennewick, WA (Invited). Approximate number of participants: 75-100.
  11. Jarolmasjed<sup>†</sup>, S.\*, and **Sankaran, S.** 2016. Phenotyping in potato cultivars using proximal and remote sensing techniques. The 2016 Precision Farming Expo, 7-8 Jan., 2016, Kennewick, WA (Poster).
  12. **Sankaran, S.\***, Zhou<sup>††</sup>, J.\*, and Bahlol, H. 2015. Drones in Agriculture. Drones @ THE REACH Program, 15 Oct., 2015, Richland, WA. Approximate number of participants: 300 (Invited Public Presentation and Demo for Elementary, Middle, High School students, and Public).
  13. Zúñiga Espinoza, C.\*, Jarolmasjed<sup>†</sup>, S., Jacoby, P., Khot, L.R., and **Sankaran, S.** Evaluating water-use efficiency using advanced sensing techniques. 2015 CPAAS Open House and Agricultural Technology Day, 17 Sep., 2015, Prosser, WA. Approximate number of participants: 150-200.
  14. Jarolmasjed<sup>†</sup>, S.\*, Zúñiga Espinoza, C., Kalcsits, L.A., **Sankaran, S.**, and Khot, L.R. 2015. Sensing technologies in apple bitter pit management. 2015 CPAAS Open House and Agricultural Technology Day, 17 Sep., 2015, Prosser, WA. Approximate number of participants: 150-200.
  15. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Khot, L.R. 2015. High-throughput sensing technologies for evaluating phenotypes in crop improvement programs. 2015 CPAAS Open House and Agricultural Technology Day, 17 Sep., 2015, Prosser, WA. Approximate number of participants: 150-200.
  16. Khot, L.R.\*, and **Sankaran, S.** 2015. Unmanned aerial systems in agricultural production management. 2015 CPAAS Open House and Agricultural Technology Day, 17 Sep., 2015, Prosser, WA. Approximate number of participants: 150-200.
  17. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2015. Sensors for high-throughput phenotyping. 2015 Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Fall Symposium, 2 Sep., 2015, Pullman, WA.
  18. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Khot, L.R.\*. 2015. Phenotype-sensing technologies for plant breeding and precision agriculture applications, Element 8 Angels Tour, 19 May, 2015, Pullman, WA. Approximate number of participants: 15.
  19. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2015. Unmanned aerial systems for Field Phenomics. 5<sup>th</sup>: National Association of Plant Breeders Annual Meeting/9<sup>th</sup> Plant Breeding Coordinating Committee Annual Meeting, 28-30 July, 2015, Pullman, WA. Approximate number of participants: 150-200.

20. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Garzynski, S. 2015. Development of biosensor technology using olfactory proteins. WTFRC Technology Review Meeting, 2 Feb., 2015, Prosser, WA. Approximate number of participants: 25.
21. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2014. Unmanned aerial systems (drones) in agricultural production and high-throughput phenotyping for plant breeding research. 2014 Washington State Crop Improvement Association (WSCIA/WNISA) Annual Meeting, 10 Nov., 2014, Pullman, WA. (Invited) Approximate number of participants: 100-125.
22. **Sankaran, S.\***, Khot, L.R., Pavek, M., and Knowles, R. 2014. Developing Emerging technologies towards improving agronomic practices in field conditions. Northwest Potato Research Consortium Meeting, 31 Oct., 2014, Moscow, ID. Approximate number of participants: 30.
23. **Sankaran, S.\*** and Khot, L.R\*. 2014. Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Research program highlight, AgriBusiness Council, Greater Spokane Cooperated, WSU Tour, 28 Oct., 2014, Pullman, WA. (Invited) Approximate number of participants: 25-30.
24. **Sankaran, S.\***, Khot, L.R., Carter, A.H. 2014. Evaluating plant responses using aerial sensing techniques in wheat. Washington Grain Commission Research Review Meeting, 22 Oct., 2014, Pullman, WA.
25. **Sankaran, S.\*** Sensors for Phenomics in Plant Breeding, WSU Innovation Open House, WSU Foundation Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees, 18 Sep., 2014, Pullman, WA. (Invited) Approximate number of participants: 25-30.
26. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Khot, L.R\*. 2014. 'WSU Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Research in Agriculture', WSU Congressional & Legislative Staff Fact Finding Tour, 14 Aug., 2014. Pullman, WA. (Invited). Approximate number of participants: 30-50.
27. **Sankaran, S.\*** and Khot, L.R\*. 2014. Unmanned Aerial System: Rapid Sensing Technologies in Potato Production and Management Participation, WSU Potato Field Day, 26 June, 2014, Othello, WA. Approximate number of participants: 50-70.
28. Khot, L.R.\* , and **Sankaran, S.\*** 2014. Unmanned Aerial System in Agriculture. Wilbur-Ellis Field Day, 24 June, 2014, Colfax, WA. (Invited) Approximate number of participants: 35-40.
29. Khot, L.R.\* , and **Sankaran, S.\*** 2014. Unmanned Aerial System in Agriculture. WSU Weed Science Field Tour, 18 June, 2014, Pullman, WA. (Invited) Approximate number of participants: 20-30.
30. **Sankaran, S.\*** and Khot, L.R\*. 2014. Unmanned aerial systems (UAS) for field-based crop phenotyping in wheat. WSU Lind Dryland Research Station Field Day, 12 June, 2014, Lind, WA. Approximate number of participants: 20-30.
31. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2014. Drones in Agriculture, The Othello Sandhill Crane Festival, Othello, WA, sponsored by the Greater Othello Chamber of Commerce and the Columbia National Wildlife Refuge (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service), 29 Mar., 2014, Othello, WA (Invited Public Lecture).
32. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2014. Advanced Sensing Technologies for Crop Stress and Phenotyping Monitoring, Controlled Environment Agriculture Center, University of Arizona, 6 May, 2014, Tuscon, AZ (Special Presentation).
33. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Naidu, R. 2014. Non-destructive Sampling Methods for the Detection of Grapevine Leafroll disease in Vineyards. WA State Grape and Wine Research Program, Research Review Meeting, Washington State University Tricities campus, 28 Feb., 2014, Richland, WA.

34. Khot, L.R.\* , and **Sankaran, S.** 2014. Optical sensors for non-symptomatic ‘bitter pit’ detection in apples. 2014 Apple/Apple Crop Protection Research Review, 29-31 Jan., 2014, Yakima, WA.
35. Mazzola, M\*., Mussacchi, S., Khot, L.R., and **Sankaran, S.** 2014. Investigation on a canker disease in pears. PNW Pear Research Committee Research Review Meeting, 18 Feb., 2014, Yakima, WA.
36. **Sankaran, S.\***, Khot, L.R., and Chen, W. 2014. Early Detection of Ascochyta Blight in Chickpeas using Optical Sensing Technologies. USA Dry Peas and Lentil Council, Research Review Meeting, 6-7 Feb., 2014, Moscow, ID.
37. Khot, L.R., **Sankaran, S.\***, and Johnson, D. 2013. Early anomalies detection by unmanned aerial systems for reducing potato crop losses. Northwest Potato Research Consortium Fall Research Planning Meeting, 22-23 Oct., 2013, Boise, ID.
38. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Johnson, D. 2013. Feasibility study: evaluation of visible-near infrared sensing technology for rapid detection of late and early blight in potatoes. Northwest Potato Research Consortium Fall Research Planning Meeting, 22-23 Oct., 2013, Boise, ID.
39. **Sankaran, S.\***, and Pappu, H. 2013. Non-invasive imaging techniques for mitigating potato quality, processing, marketing and trade issues. Northwest Potato Research Consortium Fall Research Planning Meeting, 22-23 Oct., 2013, Boise, ID.
40. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2013. Advanced Sensing Technologies for Crop Monitoring, Tree Fruit Research and Extension Center Guest Seminar, 9 Oct., 2013, Wenatchee, WA (Invited).
41. **Sankaran, S.\*** 2013. Advancements in Sensing Technologies for Detecting Diseases in Crops, Plant Pathology Special Guest Seminar, 26 Aug., 2013, Pullman, WA (Invited).
42. Ehsani, R.\* , and **Sankaran, S.** 2013. Low-cost remote sensing tool for agricultural applications in developing countries, Innovations for International Development Symposium, University of Florida. 2 May, 2013, Gainesville, FL.
43. **Sankaran, S.\*** and Ehsani, R. 2010. HLB detection using fluorescence spectroscopy, Integrated Automation for Sustainable Specialty Crops Farming Field Day, Lykes Bros., 19 Nov., 2010, Ft. Basinger, FL (Poster).
44. **Sankaran, S.\*** and Ehsani, R. 2010. HLB Detection using visible-near infrared spectroscopy, Integrated Automation for Sustainable Specialty Crops Farming Field Day, Lykes Bros., 19 Nov., 2010, Ft. Basinger, FL (Poster).
45. **Sankaran, S.\*** and Ehsani, R. 2010. HLB Detection using mid-infrared spectroscopy, Integrated Automation for Sustainable Specialty Crops Farming Field Day, Lykes Bros., 19 Nov., 2010, Ft. Basinger, FL (Poster).

### **Teaching Experience and Training**

1. Course instructor for BSysE 551: Sensors in Phenomics at Washington State University (1 credit, Spring, 2016).
2. Course instructor for BSysE 598: Graduate Seminar at Washington State University (1 credit, Fall 2015).
3. Course instructor for BSysE 541: Instrumentation and Measurements at Washington State University (3 credits, Spring, 2014; Spring, 2015; Fall 2016).
4. Guest lecture and laboratory for Biol 504: Methods in Plant Physiology at Washington State University (3 credits, Fall, 2013).

5. Course instructor for BSC 1005C: Survey of Biological Sciences at Polk State College (3 credits, Spring, 2013).

### **Extension and Trade Magazine Articles**

1. **Sankaran, S.** 2016. High-Throughput Crop Phenotyping Technologies. ASABE Resource Magazine, May/June Issue, pp. 24-25.  
Link: <http://www.asabe.org/media/227864/resource23-03mayjune2016.pdf>
2. Khot, L.R., Zhang, Q., Karkee, M., **Sankaran, S.**, and Lewis, K. 2016. Small Unmanned Aerial Systems in Agriculture: Part I (Systems). FS194E. Washington State University Extension and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Extension Bulletin. Link: <http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/CEPublications/FS194E/FS194E.pdf>
3. **Sankaran, S.** 2015. Phenotyping in the field goes high-tech. Good Fruit Grower, November 2015, pp. 20-21. Link: <http://goo.gl/SPFaPM>
4. Ehsani, R., **Sankaran, S.**, Maja, J., Garcia, F. 2012. Advanced tree stress detection technologies for citrus. Citrus Industry, May, 2012, pp. 6-7.
5. Ehsani, R., and **Sankaran, S.** 2010. Sensors and sensing technologies for disease detection. Citrus Industry, June, 2010, pp. 14-17.
6. Ehsani, R., **Sankaran, S.** and Dima, C. 2010. Growers expectations of new technologies for applications in precision horticulture (AE467). Agricultural and Biological Engineering Department, Florida Cooperative Extension Service, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida.

### **Leadership Activities**

- Generated funds, organized, and chaired successfully a conference on ‘*Advances in Field-Based High-throughput Phenotyping and Data Management: Grains and Specialty Crops*’ on Nov. 9-10, 2015 at Spokane, WA (Funds generated: USDA-NIFA-\$48,184; Monsanto- \$5,000; Total participants = 90+).
- Initiated the development of a lecture session in “Sensing for High-Throughput Phenotyping” to be available for abstract submission at 2016 ASABE AIM.

### **Grants Awarded**

1. Integration of large-scale genomics, phenomics, and systems-level modeling for next-generation biomarkers in breeding. PIs: Stephen Ficklin, Rebecca McGee, Sindhuja Sankaran. Funding Agency: WSU Agricultural Research Center –Emerging Research Issues (2017-2019).
2. High-throughput phenotyping techniques to advance variety selection in grain legume. PIs: Sindhuja Sankaran, Rebecca McGee, George Vandemark, Weidong Chen. Funding Agency: USDA-AFRI Foundation –Agricultural Engineering (2016-2020).
3. Multispectral camera (visible and near infrared) to phenotype wheat varieties. PIs: Sindhuja Sankaran, Mike Pumphrey. Funding Agency: Washington Wheat Foundation (2016-2017).
4. Next generation variety development and education for grains, apples, alternative crops, and cool season legumes. PIs: Arron Carter, Sindhuja Sankaran, Zhiwu Zhang, Deven See et al. Funding Agency: USDA-AFRI Food Security (2015-2019).

5. Deep sub-surface micro-irrigation to increase water use efficiency in Washington vineyards. PIs: Pete Jacoby, Sindhuja Sankaran, Lav Khot, Sayed Sadeghi. Funding Agency: Washington State Department of Agriculture – Specialty Crop Block Grant (2015-2018).
6. Advances in high-throughput crop phenotyping. PIs: Sindhuja Sankaran, Arron Carter, Lee Kalcsits, Helmut Kirchhoff et al. Funding Agency: USDA-AFRI Foundation- Plant Breeding for Agricultural Production (2015-2016).
7. Rapid detection technologies for in-field and post-harvest apple bitter pit management. PIs: Lav Khot, Sindhuja Sankaran. Funding Agency: Washington State Department of Agriculture – Specialty Crop Block Grant (2014-2017).
8. Effectiveness of foliar calcium applications in apple bitter pit management. PIs: Lee Kalcsits, Sindhuja Sankaran, Lav Khot. Funding Agency: Washington Tree Fruit Research Commission (2015-2017).
9. 2D light detection and ranging (LiDAR) system for rapid field phenotyping of spring and winter wheat varieties. PIs: Sindhuja Sankaran, Arron Carter, Lav Khot, Mike Pumphrey. Funding Agency: Washington Wheat Foundation (2015-2016).
10. Developing high-throughput sensor technologies to screen water use efficiency in model crops. PIs: Sindhuja Sankaran, Asaph Cousins. Funding Agency: WSU Agricultural Research Center –Emerging Research Issues (2014-2016).
11. National Crop Insurance Services, Gift Funds.
12. External Mentor Program. PIs: Sindhuja Sankaran, Murat Kacira. Funding Agency: WSU NSF-Advance (2013-2014).

### **USDA-NIFA Hatch Project**

Rapid Sensing Systems for Monitoring Crop Growth and Physiology. Collaborators: Asaph Cousins, Arron Carter, Mike Pumphrey, Helmut Kirchhoff (2014-2019).

### **Honors and Awards**

- Outstanding Reviewer, Computers and Electronics in Agriculture, 2015.
- Certificate of Excellence in Reviewing, Computers and Electronics in Agriculture for year 2013.
- 2013 ASABE Superior Paper Award.
- Invited member of Alpha Epsilon.
- Invited member of Gamma Sigma Delta.
- Frank Bain Scholarship for the academic year, 2008-2009.
- North Dakota State University, Masters of Success’s ‘2008 Student of the year’ award, 2008.
- Lectureship eligibility through National Educational Test (NET) for the entrants in the teaching profession conducted jointly by University Grants Commission (UGC) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, 2002.
- University First Rank in MS, 2002.
- University Fourth Rank in BS, 2000.



## **Professional Memberships**

- American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE) (2007-Present)
- Institute of Biological Engineering (IBE) (2009-Present)
- Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors (AEESP) (2011-Present)
- Society of Applied Spectroscopy (SAS) (2013-Present)
- International Society of Precision Agriculture (ISPA) (2014-Present)

## **Professional Services**

### ***Reviewer/Editor***

- Serving as reviewer in 23 international agricultural and sensor journals such as Applied Engineering in Agriculture, Transactions of the ASABE, Agricultural Engineering International: CIGR Journal, IEEE Sensors, Talanta, Material Science and Engineering C. Materials for biological applications, Computers and Electronics in Agriculture, Biosensors and Bioelectronics and Crop Protection.
- Editorial Advisory Board Member, Computers and Electronics in Agriculture

### ***Grant Review Panel Member***

- USDA-NIFA Small Business Innovation Research Program: Phase 1 and 2 (
- USDA-AFRI Foundation

### ***Professional Society***

#### At ASABE Annual International Meeting (AIM):

- Member of following committees: Biosensors (ITSC-230); Electromagnetics and Spectroscopy (ITSC-348); Instrumentation and Controls Division (ITSC-353); Specialty Crop Engineering (MS-48); Precision Agriculture (MS-54).
- Served as a Chair for *Biosensors (ITSC-230)* committee.
- *Biosensors and Bioelectronics and Sensors in High-throughput Phenotyping* session moderator.
- Mentor, *Women in ASABE Speed Networking*, ASABE AIM.
- Currently serving as ASABE ITSC 02 Steering Committee member, as a representative to 'Meeting Council'.

#### At Other Conferences:

- Scientific Committee, 30<sup>th</sup> International Horticultural Congress Symposium, ISHS. 12-16 August, 2018, Istanbul, Turkey.
- National Organizing Committee, AGRICONTROL 2016: The 5<sup>th</sup> IFAC Conference on Sensing, Control and Automation for Agriculture, 14-17 August, 2016, Seattle, WA.
- *High-throughput Crop Phenotyping* moderator, AGRICONTROL 2016: The 5<sup>th</sup> IFAC Conference on Sensing, Control and Automation for Agriculture, 14-17 August, 2016, Seattle, WA.
- Program Committee, SPIE conference on 'Autonomous Air and Ground Sensing Systems for Agricultural Optimization and Phenotyping', 18-19 April, 2016, Baltimore, MA.
- *Remote Sensing* session moderator, 48<sup>th</sup> Brazilian Congress of Phytopathology, 10-14 August, 2015, São Pedro, SP, Brazil.

## Other Services

### Community

- Participated at Drones @ The REACH, a community outreach program that provided about 275 and more elementary-, middle- and high-school students from different backgrounds (such as STEM, Computer Science, FFA, Technology) and general public an opportunity to interact and understand the use of advanced sensing technologies in agriculture, 15 Oct., 2015, Pullman, WA.
- Judge in Imagine Tomorrow (competition for 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> graders).
- Invited Public Lecture, The Othello Sandhill Crane Festival, Othello, WA.

### Media Releases

- **Plant biologists welcome their robot overlords.** *Nature*. 26 January, 2017, 541, 445-446. doi: 10.1038/541445a . Link: <http://www.nature.com/news/plant-biologists-welcome-their-robot-overlords-1.21352>
- Washington Scientists Forge Ahead Amid Uncertainty. Xconomy. 10 November, 2016. Link: <http://www.xconomy.com/seattle/2016/11/10/washington-scientists-forge-ahead-amid-uncertainty/>
- WSU researchers aim to make farming more efficient. The Spokesman-Review. 28 April, 2016. Link: <http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2016/apr/25/ws-u-researchers-aim-to-make-farming-more-efficient/>
- WSU researchers aim to make farming more efficient. Columbia Basin Herald. 28 April, 2016. Link: <http://goo.gl/Fg0QMh>
- Drones with Multispectral Cameras Bring Efficiency to High-Throughput Plant Phenotyping. BioPhotonics, April, 2016. Link: <http://www.photonics.com/Article.aspx?AID=58350>
- Agriculture 3.0: How researchers are harvesting the power of robots and drones to reboot farming. GeekWire News. 10 February, 2016. Link: <http://goo.gl/LE7MBN>
- Drones @ THE REACH Program. KEPR TV News, 15 October, 2015.
- Story 4. Murrow News Service, March 2015. Link: <https://caitlintompUniversitykins475.wordpress.com/2015/03/31/story-4/>
- Roving cameras see the big picture for wheat breeding. WSU News, 16 March, 2015. Link: <https://news.wsu.edu/2015/03/16/roving-cameras-see-the-big-picture-for-wheat-breeding/#.Vl33F3arRD8>
- The robot overhead. The Economist, 6 December, 2014. Link: <http://www.economist.com/news/technology-quarterly/21635326-after-starting-their-career-armed-forces-drones-are-now-entering-civilian>

### Postdoctoral Associates

- Dr. Yasin Osroosh, PhD (November 2016-Present)
- Dr. Jianfeng Zhou, PhD (September 2014-August 2016, Assistant Professor, University of Missouri)
- Dr. Gopi Kafle, PhD (January 2015- January 2016, Postdoc, Washington State University)
- Dr. Meng Wang, PhD (September 2013-July 2014, Imaging and Automation Scientist, Benson Hill Biosystems, Inc.)

**Visiting Scholars**

- Dr. Xiaodan Ma, Associate Professor, Heilongjiang Bayi Agricultural University (December 2016-November 2017, supported by Chinese Scholarship Council)
- Dr. Si Yongsheng, Agricultural University of Hebei (February 2015- February 2016, supported by Visiting Scholar Project, Agricultural University of Hebei)
- Ms. Honghong Gao, Xi'an Technological University (January 2015- January 2016, supported by Cultivation Fund, Xi'an Technological University)

**Graduate Students**

- Ms. Sanaz Jarolmasjed (Fall 2014-Present, PhD student)
- Mr. Carlos Zúñiga Espinoza (Fall 2014-Present, PhD student)
- Ms. Afef Marzougui (Fall 2016-Present, MS student, AMIDEAST Fulbright Student)
- Mr. Chongyuan Zhang (Fall 2015- Present, MS student)