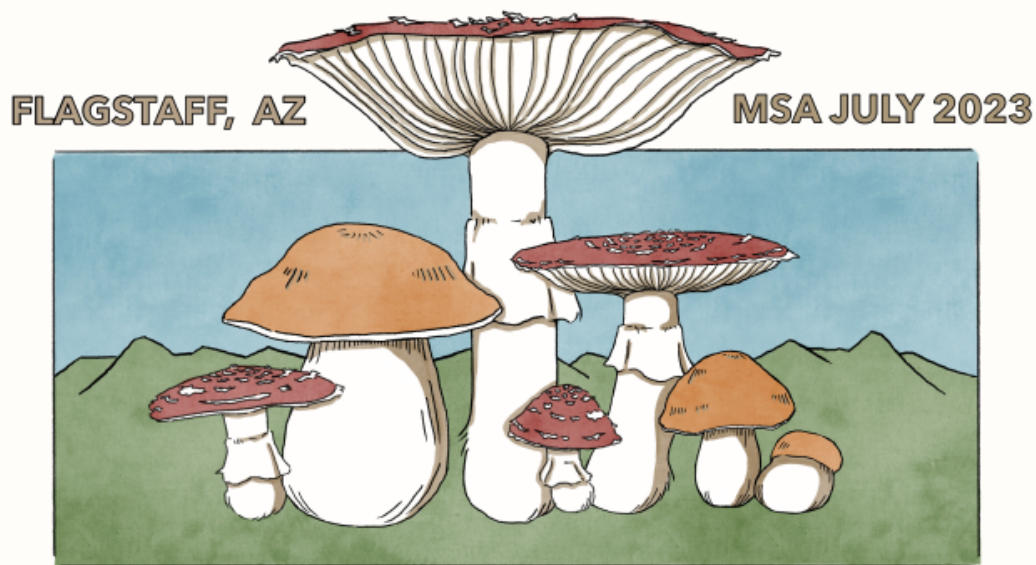




# MSA STUDENT AND POSTDOC SECTION

Mycological Society of America



 **ELEVATING MYCOLOGY** 

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# General Announcements

## SPS Events at MSA 2023

Join the Student and Postdoc Section for these events at the MSA conference:

- **7/30 5:00 pm - SPS Board Meeting** - meet the new board and learn about what the MSA SPS does
- **Mornings - Mycologists & Musings** - every morning, join us for a casual conversation with a leading mycologist: **Catalina Salgado-Salazar** (8:00 am Mon), **Javier Tabima** (8:00 am Tues), **Nancy Johnson** (7:30 am Wed)
- **8/1 7:30 pm - Trivia** - relax after the conference with your fellow students and postdocs while enjoying Mycology Trivia (with prizes!) and some snacks at Grand Canyon Brewery Flagstaff

## MSA Student/Postdoc Spotlight

We are accepting nominations for our

## MONTHLY SPOTLIGHT

Get featured in our monthly newsletter - it is free and open to everyone!



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# MSA 2023 Annual Meeting

FLAGSTAFF, AZ

MSA JULY 2023



## ELEVATING MYCOLOGY

We are looking forward to connecting with you at the 2023 MSA annual meeting Elevating Mycology in Flagstaff, Arizona.

### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

#### **Already Registered? Next Steps:**

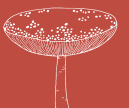
Check the meeting schedule here

First MSA Meeting? Read our helpful guide to get an idea of what's in store!

Stop by the MSA SPS poster to learn more about us!



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# SPS Discounted Event

## Intro to Spalted Wood (ONLINE), Dr. Seri Robinson

Driftless Folk School ~ August 20, 2023 1pm - 3pm

SPS & Friends Discount: enter code **MSASTU5** for \$5 off registration

The technique of using pigments of wood decaying fungi (spalting fungi) has a long history in woodcraft. Spalted wood use has been traced back as far as the 1400s, but is also prevalent in modern woodwork and is experiencing a surge in renewed popularity. The pigments themselves have potential as thin films for photovoltaic cells, textile dyes, and much more. Join Dr. Spalting on a journey tracing spalted wood through cultures, time, art, and science, and learn how you too can work with this dynamic art form. [Register here.](#)

TICKETS	
	COST
<b>Supported</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>
<b>Sustainer</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Supporter</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>



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# 2023 SPS Art Contest Winners

**MSA SPS Winner: Melodie Griffin**

~ Rooted Ascension ~



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# 2023 SPS Art Contest Winners

**MSA SPS & DEI Winner: Prasanth Prabhu**

~ Diversity Matters ~





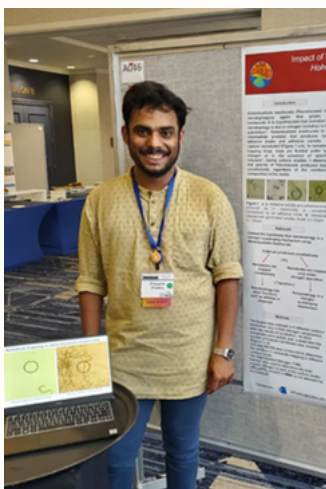
# 2023 SPS Art Contest Winners

## MSA SPS Winner: Melodie Griffin

Melodie Griffin is an Indiana-based multimedia artist. Though she spent much of her childhood hiking and morel hunting around the midwest, she's never had an eye for spotting mushrooms. In any case, Melodie continues to explore the wooded hollars of Indiana, using nature to inspire much of her artwork. Visit [www.melodie.website](http://www.melodie.website) to see more of Melodie's work.



## MSA SPS & DEI Winner: Prasanth Prabhu



I am Prasanth Prakash Prabhu, a fourth-year Ph.D. student in the Department of Biology, Clark University. Before coming to Clark, I did my bachelor's and masters in Botany where I studied different aspects of Plant biology. My current project is focused on the "evolution of nematophagy in Pleurotaceae". For this project, I am combining a wide range of techniques including cultural studies, metabolomics, comparative genomics, and transcriptomics to get a holistic view of the evolution of nematophagy in Pleurotaceae (Oyster mushroom and allies). In addition to research, I also serve as a mentor in the 2023 SPORES program and with this opportunity, I hope to create an inclusive environment to train next generation mycologists.



# Resources

Mycological Society of America

[MSA membership portal and renewal](#)

[MSA awards](#)

Student and Postdoc Section

[Mycology colloquium signup form](#)

[Student spotlight signup form](#)

[Mycology group spotlight signup form](#)

[Musings and Mycologists \(MnMs\) nomination form](#)

[Photos of the month submission form](#)

[MSA SPS swag](#)

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MSA SPS Social Media

