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I was born and raised in Loughborough, in England's east midlands, and left for the USA at 18 to pursue a tennis scholarship, and in search of some sun! Having picked up an undergraduate degree and a Division II National Tennis Championship with the Armstrong Atlantic State University Lady Pirates in 2005, I returned to Armstrong and got a Masters in Public Health in 2009. It was during my masters where I really came to enjoy zoonotic diseases and parasitology. I managed to pick up an internship at Chatham County Mosquito Control (CCMC), where in 2010 they offered me a position as Entomology Technician. I spent three seasons servicing our northern coastal islands, from Oatland Island to Tybee Island, finding and treating larval habitats, monitoring adult populations, and assisting the public with mosquito-related problems. I was offered the Taxonomist position at CCMC at the end of 2012, and I have the dream job of working with mosquitoes and being able to help our Chatham County citizens. I will be finishing up with a MSc in Infectious Diseases degree from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 2022.