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## EDUCATION

### **Doctor of Philosophy, Horticulture, 2017.**

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Dissertation: *Environmental and Management Impacts in Turfgrass Systems: Nitrous Oxide Emissions, Carbon Sequestration, and Drought and Traffic Stress*

### **Master of Science, Horticulture, 2014**

Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Thesis: *Cultural Strategies to Improve Zoysiagrass Acceptability and Performance in the Transition Zone*

### **Bachelor of Science, Sports & Urban Turfgrass Management, 2011**

Minor: **Horticulture**, North Dakota State University, Fargo, ND

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **Assistant Professor**, Kansas State University, 2022-present
- **Director of Rocky Ford Turfgrass Research Center**, Kansas State University, 2022-present
- **Lead Research Scholar**, Purdue University, 2019–2022
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Purdue University, 2018–2019
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Kansas State University, 2017–2018
- **Graduate Research Assistant**, Kansas State University, 2012–2017
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Kansas State University, 2013–2016
- **Golf Course Intern and Maintenance Staff**,
  - Spring Hill Golf Club, Wayzata, MN, 2011,
  - Oxbow Country Club, Oxbow, ND, 2010,
  - The Powder Horn Golf Course, Sheridan WY, 2010
- **Self-Employed**, Braun Lawn Care, Leeds, ND, 2002–2009

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Kansas State University (Primary Instructor, 2022-present)**

- **HORT 282**, Foundations of Horticultural Pest Management (1 credit hour, Spring)
- **HORT 515**, Basic Turfgrass Culture (3 credit hours; Spring)
- **HORT 550**, Horticultural Irrigation Systems (3 credit hours; Fall)
- **HORT 587**, Turfgrass Diseases and Their Management (1 credit hour; Fall even yr)
- **HORT 588**, Turfgrass Weeds and Their Management (1 credit hour: Fall even yr)
- **HORT 589**, Turfgrass Insects and Their Management (1 credit hour; Fall even yr)
- **HORT 590**, Horticulture Internship (3-6 credit hours; Fall, Spring, Summer)

### **Purdue University (2018-2022)**

- **AGRY/HORT 51200**, Integrated Turfgrass Systems (3 credit hours; Fall 2019) (co-taught with Drs. Aaron Patton and Quincy Law).

### **Kansas State University (2012-2018)**

- **HORT 515**, Basic Turfgrass Culture (3 credit hours; Spring) 4 Semesters (2013-2016) (lab instructor, teaching and lecturer assistant).
- **HORT 516**, Intensive Culture of Golf/Sports Turf (1 credit hour; Spring) – 4 Semesters (2013–2016) (lab instructor, teaching and lecturer assistant).

### **Invited Guest Lecturer**

- “What You Need to Know About Sod to Make the Best Turf” Landscape Contracting and Management (HORT 31700).  
*Purdue University*, October (2020, 2021).

- “Utilizing Google Forms in the Workplace” Integrated Turfgrass Systems (HORT/AGRY 51200). *Purdue University*, October (2018, 2019, 2020, & 2021).
- “Networking” Golf Course and Sports Turf Operations (HORT 517). *Kansas State University*, September. 2014.

#### LEADERSHIP, SERVICE, & MEMBERSHIP RECORD

##### **National/International**

1. North American Colleges & Teachers of Agriculture, lifetime member, 2022-present
2. International Turfgrass Society, 2018-present.
3. Turfgrass Producers International (TPI), Educator, 2022-present.
4. Irrigation Association, Lifetime Technical Member, 2022-present.
5. American Society of America, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America (ASA, CSSA, SSSA), 2014–present.
6. American Society of Horticultural Science (ASHS), Professional, 2014–present.
7. Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), 2008–present.
8. Judge for C-5 Graduate Student Competitions, *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*. 2020–present
9. Judge for Collegiate Turf Bowl, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), 2023–present
10. *Ad hoc* manuscript reviewer for: *Crop Science*, *Agronomy Journal*, *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, *International Turfgrass Research Journal*, *HortTechnology*, *HortScience*, *Journal of Environmental Quality*, *European Journal of Horticultural Science*, *Agronomy*. 2017–present.
11. Guest editor: *Advancing Resilient Agricultural Systems: Adapting to and Mitigating Climate Change* (special virtual issue across multiple journals by ASA, CSSA, SSSA).

##### **University/Local**

1. Director of Rocky Ford Turfgrass Research Center, 2022-present
2. Advisor of the K-State Chapter of the Golf Course Superintendents Association (GCSAA) Undergraduate Student Club, Kansas State University, 2022-present.
3. Board of Directors Member, Kansas State University Golf Course Management and Research Foundation, 2023-present
4. Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Diversity Committee, Purdue University, 2021–2022.
5. Riverside Covenant Church, West Lafayette, IN. (Youth group leader: 2021–2022), (Welcome team 2019–2021).
6. The First Green, The Fort Golf Course, Indianapolis, IN. September 2018.
7. Kansas State University Horticulture and Natural Resources Graduate Organization, 2013–2017 (President: 2015–2016).
8. Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society, 2015–2018.
9. Kansas State University Graduate Student Council Participant, 2014–2017.
10. North Dakota State University (NDSU) Plant Sciences Curriculum Committee, 2009–2011.
11. North Central Turfgrass Association, 2009–2012 (Undergraduate Student Representative: 2010–2011).
12. North Dakota State University Student GCSAA Chapter, 2008–2012 (President: 2010–2011).
13. YouthFront Camp West service day volunteer, Edgerton, KS. 2015–2016.
14. Wildcat Ministries, Manhattan, KS. 2015–2017.
15. Habitat for Humanity ReStore volunteer, Manhattan, KS. 2015–2017.
16. National Society of Collegiate Scholars, 2008–2011.

#### SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL AWARDS & HONORS

1. 2022 Editor’s Citation for Excellence Award for the *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management Scientific Journal* for outstanding professional contributions for manuscript review in 2022.
2. Top cited article 2021-2022 in *Agronomy Journal*, Investigation of cool-season species, seeding rate, and nitrogen fertilization in sod production: I. Establishment and sod tensile strength.
3. Top cited article 2020-2021 in *Crop Science* journal, Fine fescues: A review of the species, their improvement, production, establishment, and management.
4. Gamma Sigma Delta Graduate Student PhD Research Award, Kansas State University. 2017.
5. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Agricultural Sciences Poster Competition: *Kansas State University Graduate Research, Arts and Discovery Forum*, 2017.
6. 1<sup>st</sup> Place Graduate Student Oral Competition: Golf Turf Management. *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, 2016
7. 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Graduate Student Poster Competition: Turf Ecology and Management. *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, 2016.
8. Timothy R. Donoghue Graduate Scholarship, *Kansas State University*, 2014–2017.

9. Richard Elmore Brown Outstanding College of Agriculture Graduate Student Teaching Award, *Kansas State University*, 2016.
10. Chris Stiegler Turfgrass Science Student Travel Award, *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, 2015.
11. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings* Photo Contest, 2015.
12. 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Graduate Student Oral Competition: Turfgrass Cultural Practices, Ecology and Environment. *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, 2015.
13. North Dakota State University Undergraduate Representative, *Jacobsen Future Turf Managers Program*, Charlotte, NC. 2012.
14. Graduated with honors of Magna Cum Laude, *North Dakota State University*, 2011.
15. North Dakota State University Academic Dean's List, 2008–2011.

## ACCEPTED PUBLICATIONS

### Peer-reviewed Scientific Journal Publications (45)

1. **Braun, R. C.**, Watkins, E., Hollman, A. B., & Patton, A. J. (2023). Assessing the fertilizer and pesticide input needs of cool-season turfgrass species. *Crop Science*, <http://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.21046>
2. Chandra, A., Genovesi, A., Fry, J., Patton, A., Meeks, M., **Braun, R.**, Xiang, M., Chhetri, M., & Kennelly, M. (2023). 'DALZ 1701', a third generation interspecific zoysiagrass hybrid. *Journal of Plant Registrations*, <http://doi.org/10.1002/plr2.20319>
3. **Braun, R. C.**, Straw, C. M., Soldat, D. J., Bekken, M. A. H., Patton, A. J., Lonsdorf, E. V., & Horgan, B. P. (2023). Strategies for reducing inputs and emissions in turfgrass systems. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 9, e20218. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cft2.20218>
4. Lai, Y., Yue, C., Watkins, E., Patton, A., & **Braun, R.** (2023). A Behavioral Approach to Identify the Barriers to the Adoption of New Technology: A Case Study of Low-input Turfgrasses. *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, 55, 72–99. <https://doi.org/10.1017/aae.2023.7>
5. **Braun, R. C.**, Courtney, L. E., & Patton, A. J. (2023). Seed morphology, germination, and seedling vigor characteristics of fine fescue taxa and other cool-season turfgrass species. *Crop Science*, 63, 1613–1627. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20936>
6. Hong, M., Zhang, Y., **Braun, R. C.**, & Bremer, D. J. (2023). Simulations of nitrous oxide emissions and global warming potential in a C<sub>4</sub> turfgrass system using process-based models. *European Journal of Agronomy*, 142, 126668. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.eja.2022.126668>
7. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Chandra, A., Fry, J. D., Genovesi, A. D., Meeks, M., Kennelly, M. M., Xiang, M., Chhetri, M., Richardson, M. D., Richmond, D. S., Pudzianowska, M. T., & Baird, J. H. (2022). Development of winter hardy, fine-textured zoysiagrass hybrids for the upper transition zone and similar climates. *Crop Science*, 62, 2486–2505. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20834>
8. **Braun, R. C.**, Bremer, D. J., Ebdon, J. S., Fry, J. D., & Patton, A. J. (2022). Review of cool-season turfgrass water use and requirements: II. Responses to drought stress. *Crop Science*, 62, 1685–1701. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20790>
9. **Braun, R. C.**, Bremer, D. J., Ebdon, J. S., Fry, J. D., & Patton, A. J. (2022). Review of cool-season turfgrass water use and requirements: I. Evapotranspiration and responses to deficit irrigation. *Crop Science*, 62, 1661–1684. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20791>
10. **Braun, R. C.**, Watkins, E., Hollman, A. B., Mihelich, N. T., & Patton, A. J. (2022). Management, harvest, and storage characteristics of low-input cool-season turfgrass sod mixtures. *Agronomy Journal*, 114, 1752–1768. <https://doi.org/10.1002/agj2.21051>
11. **Braun, R. C.**, & Patton, A. J. (2022). Species, clover-inclusion, and nitrogen fertilizer effects on sod tensile strength of fine fescue taxa. *Agronomy Journal*, 114, 1705–1716. <https://doi.org/10.1002/agj2.21039>
12. **Braun, R. C.**, Braithwaite, E. T., Kowalewski, A. R., Watkins, E., Hollman, A. B., & Patton, A. J. (2022). Nitrogen fertilizer and clover-inclusion effects on the establishment of fine fescue taxa. *Crop Science*, 62, 947–957. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20704>
13. **Braun, R. C.**, & Patton, A. J. (2022). Perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*) culm and inflorescence density in lawns: Effects of nitrogen fertilization and scalping timing and height. *Crop Science*, 62, 489–502. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20665>
14. **Braun, R. C.**, Bremer, D. J., & Hoyle, J. A. (2022). Simulated traffic on turfgrasses during drought stress: II. Soil water content, soil compaction, and rooting. *International Turfgrass Society Research Journal*, 14, 516–527. <https://doi.org/10.1002/its2.62>

15. **Braun, R. C.**, Milla-Lewis, S., Carbajal, E., Schwartz, B. M., & Patton, A. J. (2021). Performance and playability of experimental low-input coarse-textured zoysiagrass in multiple climates. *Grass Research*, 1, 10 1–12. <https://doi.org/10.48130/GR-2021-0010>
16. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Reiter, M., Elmore, M. T., & Tuck, D. P. (2021). Tolerance of fine fescues in minimal-to-no mow golf course rough to indaziflam formulations. *Crop Forage, & Turfgrass Management*, 7, e20134, 1-4. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cft2.20134>
17. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Watkins, E., Hollman, A. B., Murphy, J. A., Park, B. S., Kowalewski, A. R., & Braithwaite, E. T. (2021). Optimal fine fescue mixture seeding dates in the northern United States. *Agronomy Journal*, 113, 4413–4428. <https://doi.org/10.1002/agi2.20859>
18. **Braun, R. C.**, Watkins, E., Hollman, A. B., Mihelich, N. T., & Patton, A. J. (2021). Investigation of cool-season species, seeding rate, and nitrogen fertilization in sod production: I. Establishment and sod tensile strength. *Agronomy Journal*, 113, 4176–4189. <https://doi.org/10.1002/agi2.20810> \*Top cited article in *Agronomy Journal* in 2021-2022 award
19. Patton, A. J., **Braun, R. C.**, Bearss, R. C., & Schortgen, G. P. (2021). Herbicide tolerance in eleven grass species for minimal-to-no-mow golf course rough. *Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment*, e20204. <https://doi.org/10.1002/agg2.20204>
20. **Braun, R. C.**, Watkins, E., Hollman, A. B., Mihelich, N. T., & Patton, A. J. (2021). Investigation of cool-season species, seeding rate, and nitrogen fertilization in sod production: II. Management and shelf-life. *Agronomy Journal*, 113, 3460–3474. <https://doi.org/10.1002/agi2.20777>
21. Law, Q. D., Trappe, J. M., **Braun, R. C.**, & Patton, A. J. (2021). Greenhouse gas fluxes from turfgrass systems: Species, growth rate, clipping management, and environmental effects. *Journal of Environmental Quality*, 50, 547–557. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jeq2.20222>
22. Patton, A. J., & **Braun, R. C.** (2021). Measurement of turf height and growth using a laser distance device. *Crop Science*, 61, 3110–3123. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20295>
23. **Braun, R. C.**, Bremer, D. J., & Hoyle, J. A. (2021). Simulated traffic on turfgrasses during drought stress: I. Performance and recovery of turf canopies. *Crop Science*, 61, 2926–2938. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20324>
24. Alderman, E. J., Hoyle, J. A., **Braun, R. C.**, & Reeves, J. A. (2020). Winter golf cart traffic, colorants, and overseeding influence winter green cover and spring recovery of buffalograss. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 6, e20077. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cft2.20077>
25. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Braithwaite, E. T., & Kowalewski, A. R. (2020). Establishment of low-input turfgrass from seed with patch and repair mixtures: Mulch and starter fertilizer effects. *Crop Science*, 60, 3362–3376. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20266>
26. Patton, A. J., **Braun, R. C.**, Schortgen, G. P., Hoyle, J. A., & Reicher, Z. J. (2020). Irrigation following a fall proxy (ethephon) application affects spring seedhead suppression of ‘Meyer’ zoysiagrass. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 6, e20023. <https://doi.org/10.1002/cft2.20023>
27. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Watkins, E., Koch, P., Anderson, N. P., Bonos, S. A., & Brilman, L. A. (2020). Fine fescues: A review of the species, their improvement, production, establishment, and management. *Crop Science*, 60, 1142–1187. <https://doi.org/10.1002/csc2.20122> \*Top cited article in *Crop Science* in 2020-2021 award
28. Patton, A. J., **Braun, R. C.**, & Weisenberger, D. V. (2019). Single applications of natural postemergence weed control options do not provide effective ground ivy control. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 5, 180101. <https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2018.12.0101>
29. Thompson, C. S., Hoyle, J. A., & **Braun, R. C.** (2019). Scalping tall fescue as soon as one day after treatment does not reduce glyphosate efficacy. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 5, 180098. <https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2018.12.0098>
30. **Braun, R. C.**, & Bremer, D. J. (2019). Carbon sequestration in zoysiagrass turf under different irrigation and fertilization management regimes. *Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment*, 2, 180060. <https://doi.org/10.2134/age2018.12.0060>
31. Alderman, E. J., Hoyle, J. A., Reeves, J. A., & **Braun, R. C.** (2019). Evaluating the effects of nitrogen rate and simulated golf cart traffic on ‘Cody’ buffalograss roughs. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 5, 180079. <https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2018.09.0079>
32. Patton, A. J., **Braun, R. C.**, Schortgen, G. P., Weisenberger, D. V., Branham, B. E., Sharp, B., Sousek, M. D., Gaussoin, R. E., & Reicher, Z. J. (2019). Long-term efficacy of *Poa annua* control strategies on golf course putting greens. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 5, 180068. <https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2018.09.0068>

33. **Braun, R. C.**, Hoyle, J. A., Van Ryzin, B., Sousek, M. D., & Thompson, C. S. (2018). Postemergence herbicide tolerance of buffalograss entering winter dormancy. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 4, 180064.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2018.08.0064>
34. Hoyle, J. A., **Braun, R. C.**, Thompson, C. S., & Reeves, J. A. (2018). Late-season bermudagrass control with glyphosate, fluazifop, and mesotrione combinations. *Agrosystems, Geosciences & Environment*, 1, 180014.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/age2018.06.0014>
35. **Braun, R. C.**, & Bremer, D. J. (2018). Nitrous oxide emissions in turfgrass systems: A review. *Agronomy Journal*, 110, 1–11.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/agronj2018.02.0133>
36. Hoyle, J. A., **Braun, R. C.**, & South, P. E. (2018). The effect of human insect repellents on perennial ryegrass (*Lolium perenne*) injury and recovery. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 4, 180023.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2018.03.0023>
37. **Braun, R. C.**, & Bremer, D. J. (2018). Nitrous oxide emissions in turfgrass receiving different irrigation amounts and nitrogen fertilizer forms. *Crop Science*, 58, 1762–1775. <https://doi.org/10.2135/cropsci2017.11.0688>
38. Hoyle, J. A., **Braun, R. C.**, Reeves, J. A., Keeley, S. J., & Bremer, D. J. (2018). Mowing height and cultivation effects on tall fescue conversion to buffalograss. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 4, 170061.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2017.08.0061>
39. Thompson, C. S., **Braun, R. C.**, Hoyle, J. A., & Van Ryzin, B. (2018). Mowing timing does not affect the efficacy of broadleaf herbicides applied to control dandelion (*Taraxacum officinale*). *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 4, 170074.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2017.10.0074>
40. **Braun, R. C.**, Hoyle, J. A., Reeves, J. A., Flessner, M. L., & McElroy, J. S. (2018). Design and construction of mowing track for turfgrass experimentation in greenhouses. *Agronomy Journal*, 110, 1180–1183.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/agronj2017.11.0625>
41. **Braun, R. C.**, Fry, J. D., Kennelly, M. M., Bremer, D. J., & Griffin, J. J. (2017). Single and sequential colorant application effects on buffalograss and zoysiagrass color during dormancy. *HortTechnology*, 27, 393–398.  
<https://doi.org/10.21273/HORTTECH03690-17>
42. Thompson, C., Fry, J., **Braun, R.**, & Kennelly, M. (2017). Rough bluegrass incidence in a new tall fescue sward as affected by seeding rate and mowing height. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 3, 1–4.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2016.11.0074>
43. **Braun, R.**, Fry, J., Kennelly, M., Bremer, D., & Griffin, J. (2016). Colorant application volume and color persistence on a ‘Chisholm’ zoysiagrass lawn. *HortTechnology*, 26, 314–319. <https://doi.org/10.21273/HORTTECH.26.3.314>
44. Miller, G. L., Earlywine, D. T., **Braun, R.**, Fry, J. D., & Kennelly, M. M. (2016). Influence of nitrogen source and application timing on large patch of zoysiagrass. *Crop, Forage and Turfgrass Management*, 2, 1–9.  
<https://doi.org/10.2134/cftm2015.0189>
45. Thompson, C., **Braun, R.**, & Kennelly, M. (2014). Evaluation of fungicides for control of dollar spot and brown patch of greens height creeping bentgrass in Kansas. *2013 Plant Disease Management Reports*, 8, p. T041.

#### Trade Journals, Magazines, and Newsletters (31)

1. **Braun, R.** (2023). Reconsidering Fine Fescues for Kansas. Kansas Turfgrass Foundation *TurfNews*, September.
2. **Braun, R.** (2023). What are the potential ecosystem benefits of turfgrass? *Decode 6*. June 29, 2023.  
<https://decode6.org/articles/potential-turfgrass-ecosystem-services/>
3. **Braun, R.** (2023). How can I reduce turfgrass fertilization, mowing, irrigation, and pesticide use? *Decode 6*. June 29, 2023.  
<https://decode6.org/articles/reduce-turfgrass-inputs/>
4. **Braun, R.** (2023). 6 Ways to cut back on greenhouse gas while cutting your grass. *Decode 6*. June 12, 2023.  
<https://decode6.org/articles/6-ways-to-cut-back-on-greenhouse-gas-while-cutting-your-grass/>
5. **Braun, R.**, Bremer, D., Ebdon, S., Fry, J., & Patton, A. (2023). Breaking down the research on cool-season turfgrass water use and needs. *Golfdom*, June, 79,34-43.
6. **Braun, R.** (2023). Where does all the nitrogen go after an application? Kansas Turfgrass Foundation *TurfNews*, April, 3–4.
7. **Braun, R. C.**, Chandra, A., Patton, A. J., & Fry, J. D. (2023). Zoysiagrass hybrid development for the transition zone: A systematic process. *Golf Course Management*, February, 58–62.
8. Fry, J., & **Braun, R.** (2023). New zoysiagrass cultivar coming out. Kansas Turfgrass Foundation *TurfNews*, January, 3.
9. **Braun, R.** (2022). Hello from the new guy on the K-State turf & landscape management team. Kansas Turfgrass Foundation *TurfNews*, July, 3–4.
10. **Braun, R.**, & Hoyle, J. (2022). Efficacy of late-season bermudagrass removal using herbicide combinations. *Golfdom*, October, 24–29.



11. **Braun, R. C.**, & Patton, A. J. (2021). Identifying water submersion tolerance differences. *Golf Course Management*, December, 74.
12. Patton, A. J., & **Braun, R. C.** (2021). Herbicide tolerance of grass species used in minimal-to-no mow golf course rough. *Golf Course Management*, November, 75–79.
13. **Braun, R. C.**, Bremer, D. J. & Hoyle, J. A. (2021). The impacts of golf cart traffic on turfgrass during and after drought. *Golf Course Management*, May, 63–67.
14. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Milla-Lewis, S., Carbajal, E. & Schwartz, B. (2021). Zoysiagrass for golf course roughs. *Golf Course Management*, March, 85.
15. **Braun, R. C.**, & Bremer, D. J. (2020). Specific management practices can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote carbon sequestration in golf course fairways. *United States Golf Association Green Section Record*, 58(13):1–10. <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/course-care/green-section-record/58/13/specific-management-practices-can-reduce-greenhouse-gas-emission.html#>
16. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Watkins, E., Koch, P., Anderson, N. P., Bonos, S. A., & Brilman, L. A. (2020). Use of fine fescues on golf courses: IV. Biotic stresses. *Golf Course Management*, September, 82–87.
17. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Watkins, E., Koch, P., Anderson, N. P., Bonos, S. A., & Brilman, L. A. (2020). Use of fine fescues on golf courses: III. Abiotic stresses. *Golf Course Management*, August, 64–69.
18. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Watkins, E., Koch, P., Anderson, N. P., Bonos, S. A., & Brilman, L. A. (2020). Use of fine fescues on golf courses: II. Availability, establishment, and management. *Golf Course Management*, July, 52–58.
19. **Braun, R. C.**, Patton, A. J., Watkins, E., Koch, P., Anderson, N. P., Bonos, S. A., & Brilman, L. A. (2020). Use of fine fescues on golf courses: I. Introduction and history. *Golf Course Management*, May, 60–64.
20. Patton, A. J., **Braun, R. C.**, Schortgen, G. P., Weisenberger, D. V., Branham, B. E., Sharp, B., Sousek, M. D., Gaussoin, R. E., & Reicher, Z. J. (2020). Controlling annual bluegrass on golf course putting greens. *Golfdom*, 76(5):26–30. <https://www.Golfdom.com/controlling-annual-bluegrass-on-golf-course-putting-greens>
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  - a. Twitter (<https://twitter.com/LowInputTurf>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/LowInputTurf>), Pinterest (<https://www.pinterest.com/lowinputturf/>), Instagram (<https://www.instagram.com/lowinputturf/>).

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#### INVITED PRESENTATIONS

##### **Extension/Outreach (95) (Estimated audience reach of >12,000 industry professionals)**

1. "Turf traffic management during suboptimal growing conditions" (2023). *73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kansas Turf and Landscape Conference*, Manhattan, KS.
2. "Customized agronomic programs for better turf results" (2023). *73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kansas Turf and Landscape Conference*, Manhattan, KS.
3. "Mowing Basics" (2023). *73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kansas Turf and Landscape Conference*, Manhattan, KS.
4. "Cultivation" (2023). *73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kansas Turf and Landscape Conference*, Manhattan, KS.
5. "Fine fescue and tall fescue NTEP trials" *Kansas State University Turf & Ornamentals Field Day*, Olathe, KS.
6. "Drought tolerant lawns of Kansas - Warm Season Turfgrasses" (2023). *K-State Garden Hour*, online.
7. "Managing minimum to no-mow areas of the golf course" (2023). *Nebraska Turf Conference*, La Vista, NE.

8. "Busting weed control myths" (2023). *Nebraska Turf Conference*, La Vista, NE.
9. "Seeding tips for turf areas" (2023). *Nebraska Turf Conference*, La Vista, NE.
10. "Managing minimum to no-mow turf areas on the golf course and landscape" (2022). *72<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kansas Turf and Landscape Conference*, Manhattan, KS.
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14. "Managing minimum to no-mow areas of the golf course" (2022). *Washington Turf and Landscape Show*, Virtual.
15. "Busting weed control myths" (2022). *Washington Turf and Landscape Show*, Virtual.
16. "New zoysiagrass cultivars finds its way out!" (2022). *Kansas State University Turf & Ornamentals Field Day*, Haysville, KS.
17. "Busting weed control myths" (2022). *Iowa Pesticide Applicators Continuing Instruction Course Program*, Virtual (2,280 attendees).
18. "Using fine fescues successfully in Indiana" (2022). *Indiana Green Expo Online*, Virtual.
19. "Sod production research at Purdue" (2022). *Indiana Green Expo Online*, Virtual.
20. "Turf cultural practices" (2022). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. March
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23. "Sod production research at Purdue" (2022). *Indiana Green Expo*, Indianapolis, IN.
24. "Turf math: Making the complicated seem simple" (2022). *Indiana Green Expo*, Indianapolis, IN.
25. "Busting weed control myths" (2021). *Iowa Pesticide Applicators Continuing Instruction Course Program*. Online.
26. "Seeding tips for home lawns and sports fields" (2021). *Turf and Landscape Seminar*. Online.
27. "Turf traffic management during suboptimal growing conditions" (2021). *Turf and Landscape Seminar*. Online.
28. "Busting weed control myths" (2021). *Indiana Professional Lawn & Landscape Association*. Danville, IN.
29. "Managing perennial ryegrass seedheads to improve turf quality" (2021). *Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day*. West Lafayette, IN.
30. "How turfgrass grows: The basics of turf maintenance" (2021). *Pest Management and Lawn Maintenance: A Workshop for Lawncare Professionals*. Online. June.
31. "Turf cultural practices" (2021). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. March
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33. "Helpful advice for identifying turfgrasses" (2021). *Michigan Green Industry Association 34th Annual Trade Show & Convention*. Online.
34. "Busting weed control myths" (2021). *Michigan Green Industry Association 34th Annual Trade Show & Convention*. Online.
35. "Preemergence herbicides you can use when seed goes down" (2021). *Michigan Green Industry Association 34th Annual Trade Show & Convention*. Online.
36. "Fine fescue sod production" (2021). *Turf Producers International online series*. Online.
37. "Seeding tips for sports fields" (2021). *Indiana Green Expo*. Online.
38. "Busting weed control myths" (2021). *Indiana Green Expo*. Online.
39. "How turfgrass grows: The basics of turf maintenance" (2020). *Pest Management and Lawn Maintenance: A Workshop for Lawncare Professionals*. Online. December.
40. "Busting weed control myths" (2020). *70<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*. Online.
41. "Developing a weed control program" (2020). *70<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*. Online.
42. "Preemergence herbicides you can use when seed goes down" (2020). *70<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*. Online.
43. "Busting weed control myths" (2020). *2020 Herbicide Workshop*. Online.
44. "Busting weed control myths" (2020). *Turf and Landscape Seminar*. Online.
45. "Managing minimal-to-no mow areas on the golf course" (2020). *Turf and Landscape Seminar*. Online.
46. "How turfgrass grows: The basics of turf maintenance" (2020). *Pest Management and Lawn Maintenance: A Workshop for Lawncare Professionals*. West, Lafayette, IN. October.
47. "What are fine fescues and how can you use them?" (2020). *Illinois Landscape Contractors Association Turf Education Day*. Online.
48. "Busting weed control myths" (2020). *Illinois Landscape Contractors Association Turf Education Day*. Online 8/20.

49. "Steps for successful fine fescue establishment" (2020). *Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Webinar Series*. Online.
50. "Zoysiagrasses for the Midwest: Research updates" (2020). *Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day*. Online.
51. "Fine fescue establishment and management: Research updates" (2020). *Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day*. Online.
52. "How turfgrass grows: The basics of turf maintenance" (2020). *Pest Management and Lawn Maintenance: A Workshop for Lawncare Professionals*. Online. June.
53. "Turf cultural practices" (2020). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. February 26.
54. "Management of turf weeds" (2020). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. February 26.
55. "Steps to successful fine fescue establishment" (2020). *Indiana Green Expo*, Indianapolis, IN.
56. "Turf cultural practices" (2020). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. February 4.
57. "Management of turf weeds" (2020). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. February 4.
58. "The art of knowing your turfgrass seed label, and identification, calculation, and establishment tips" (2019). *Turf and Landscape Seminar*, West Lafayette, IN.
59. "Environmental and management impacts in turfgrass systems: nitrous oxide emissions and carbon sequestration" (2019). *2019 Horticulture and Landscape Architecture Seminar*, Purdue University. West Lafayette, IN.
60. "Helpful advice for identifying turfgrasses" (2019). *Lawn Care Diagnostic Training*, West Lafayette, IN.
61. "Low-input options for grassing Indiana lawns" (2019). *Lawn Care Diagnostic Training*, West Lafayette, IN.
62. "Fixing dead spots: The number one reason homeowners fire their lawn care company" (2019). *Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day*. West Lafayette, IN.
63. "Zoysiagrass for roughs in Indiana? Low maintenance options" (2019). *Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day*. West Lafayette, IN.
64. "Performance of low input grasses" (2019). *Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day*. West Lafayette, IN.
65. "Turf cultural practices" (2019). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. February 20.
66. "Management of turf weeds" (2019). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. February 20.
67. "Enhancing winter aesthetics of warm season turf" (2019). *Professional Landscape Management School*, Evansville, IN.
68. "Turf cultural practices" (2019). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. February 13.
69. "Management of turf weeds" (2019). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN. February 13.
70. "Consumer preferences in lawns" (2019). *Indiana Green Expo*, Indianapolis, IN.
71. "Using pigments and colorants on dormant warm season turf" (2019). *Indiana Green Expo*, Indianapolis, IN.
72. "Customized agronomic programs for better turf results" (2018). *Turf and Landscape Seminar*, West Lafayette, IN.
73. "What are fine fescues and how can you use them?" (2018). *Lawn Care Diagnostic Training*, West Lafayette, IN.
74. "Where does all the nitrogen go after an application?" (2018). *Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day*. West Lafayette, IN.
75. "Weed ID and control tour" (2018). *Purdue Turf and Landscape Field Day*. West Lafayette, IN.
76. "Turf cultural practices" (2018). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Category 3b: Turf Management Training Program*. West Lafayette, IN.
77. "Weed ID & management in turf" (2017). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Workshop*. Wichita, KS.
78. "Disease ID & management in turf" (2017). *Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification Workshop*. Wichita, KS.
79. "Performance and recovery of turfgrasses subjected to golf cart traffic during prolonged drought" *United States Golf Association Turfgrass Environmental Research Committee*, Site visit to Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.
80. "Nitrous oxide emissions and carbon sequestration in turfgrass: Effects of irrigation and N fertilization" *United States Golf Association Turfgrass Environmental Research Committee*, Site visit to Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS.
81. "Environmental stewardship: Can smarter fertilizer and irrigation practices reduce greenhouse gas emissions?" (2016). *66<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.
82. "'No carts today' - The effects of traffic on drought-stressed turfgrasses" (2016). *66<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.

83. "Carts during drought - How does the turf respond?" (2016). *Kansas State University Turf & Ornamentals Field Day*, Manhattan, KS.
84. "Water use management" (2015). *65<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.
85. "Fertilization" (2015). *65<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.
86. "Managing turfgrass under stress" (2015). *Kansas State University Turf & Ornamentals Field Day*, Olathe, KS.
87. "Waterwise solutions with warm season grass turf" (2015). *Kansas Water Symposium*, Hesston, KS.
88. "Colorants for warm-season grasses" (2014). *64<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.
89. "Mowing basics" (2014). *64<sup>th</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.
90. "Using colorants and paints" (2014). *Kansas State University Turfgrass Field Day*, Manhattan, KS.
91. "Managing turfgrass in HD: Paints, pigments, and more" (2013). *63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.
92. "Mowing basics" (2013). *63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.
93. "Fertilization" (2013). *63<sup>rd</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.
94. "Painting dormant warm-season grasses green" (2013). *Kansas State University Turfgrass Field Day*, Haysville, KS.
95. "Mowing basics" (2012). *62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Kansas Turfgrass Conference*, Topeka, KS.

### Academic Symposia (14)

#### Oral

1. "Nitrogen fertilizer and clover inclusion effects on the establishment of fine fescue taxa" (2021). *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Salt Lake City, UT.
2. "Recommended taxonomic classifications of fine fescue taxa used in turfgrass systems" (2020). *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Online.
3. "Evaluation of low-input turfgrass patch and repair ingredients" (2019). *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, San Antonio, TX.
4. "Performance and recovery of four turfgrass species subjected to golf cart traffic during prolonged drought" (2016). **1<sup>st</sup> Place**. Graduate Student Oral Competition: Golf Turf Management. *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Phoenix, AZ.
5. "Nitrous oxide emissions and carbon sequestration in turfgrass: Effects of irrigation and N fertilization" (2015). **2<sup>nd</sup> Place**. Graduate Student Oral Competition: Turfgrass Cultural Practices, Ecology and Environment. *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Minneapolis, MN.
6. "Enhancing winter aesthetics of zoysiagrass in the transition zone" (2015). Graduate Student Competition. *Kansas State Graduate Research, Arts and Discovery Forum*, Manhattan, KS.
7. "Enhancing winter aesthetics of zoysiagrass in the transition zone" (2014). Graduate Student Competition: Weeds, Diseases, and Growth Regulation. *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Long Beach, CA.

#### Poster

1. "Evaluation of harvest and storage limitations of low-input cool-season mixtures for sod production" (2021). *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Salt Lake City, UT.
2. "Evaluation of low-input turfgrass patch and repair ingredients" (2019). *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, San Antonio, TX.
3. "Postemergence herbicide tolerance of buffalograss entering winter dormancy" (2018). *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Baltimore, MD.
4. "Mowing timing doesn't affect common broadleaf herbicide efficacy" (2017). *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Tampa, FL.
5. "Nitrous oxide emissions in a turfgrass environment" (2017). **1<sup>st</sup> Place**. Graduate Student Competition. *Kansas State Graduate Research, Arts and Discovery Forum*, Manhattan, KS.
6. "Nitrous oxide emissions in a turfgrass environment" (2016). **3<sup>rd</sup> Place**. Graduate Student Competition: Turf Ecology and Management. *ASA, CSSA and SSSA International Meetings*, Phoenix, AZ.
7. "Nitrous oxide emissions and carbon sequestration in turfgrass: Effects of irrigation and N fertilization. (2015). Graduate Student Competition. *Research and the State*. Manhattan, KS.



CERTIFICATIONS

1. Kansas Department of Agriculture, 2023–present  
Kansas Commercial Pesticide Applicator License Number: 303998  
Categories(s): 3A & 3B (Core, Ornamentals, Turf Pest)
2. Office of Indiana State Chemist, West Lafayette, IN, 2018–2023  
Indiana Commercial Pesticide Applicator License Number: PB274276  
Categories(s): 3B (Core, Turf Management)
3. Minnesota Department of Agriculture, St. Paul, MN, 2011–2012  
Minnesota Non-Commercial Pesticide Applicator License Number: 20128343  
Categories(s): A & E (Core, Turf and Ornamentals)