

## About Barbara



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I've been studying bees for over 25 years ever since graduating first in my class at [Tattersal College](#) and later, Université de Boniface. Like humans, bees are simple creatures with complex behaviours. Perhaps this is why I am so fascinated by them. But bees are not just my research subjects, they are also my coworkers, my confidantes, my friends, and in a way, my family. My graduate thesis, [Disorders in Developing Queens and the Colonial Psychosomatic Repercussions Thereof](#), was the lead article in [Apiology Today](#) (The Annual Edition). Making me the first student to ever be published in such a prestigious academic journal. Since then, I have been fortunate enough to have a career that includes four [Entomology Society of America](#) awards and two National Merit Certificates. I'm helping to bring *Apiology* out of the shadows of *Entomology*. Discovering Bernard has prompted me to alter my research focus. Though I am still passionate about bees, Bernard is the most exciting and potentially groundbreaking discovery of my career, and I'm quite excited about the doors this could open.