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Fort Lauderdale  
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**Academic background:**

B.A. (1968), Trenton State College, Trenton, NJ  
M.A. (1972), Trenton State College, Trenton, NJ  
Ph.D. (1975) Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ

**Professional certification:**

***Certified Professional Horticulturist***, Certification number 5989, American Society for Horticultural Science

**Positions held:**

Professor of Environmental Horticulture, University of Florida, 1995 - present

Coordinator, University of Florida Academic Program at Homestead, 2000 - 2004

Coordinator, University of Florida Academic Program at Fort Lauderdale, 1991 - 2000

Visiting Instructor, University of the Virgin Islands, St. Croix, 1998

Visiting Instructor, Universidad de Costa Rica, San Jose, 1995

Associate Professor of Environmental Horticulture, University of Florida, 1984 - 1995

Assistant Professor of Environmental Horticulture, University of Florida, 1979 - 1984

Assistant Research Scientist, Entomology, University of Florida, 1976 - 1979

Postdoctoral Research Associate in Forest Entomology, Mississippi State University, 1975 - 1976

**Areas of Special Interest:**

**Academic:** Development and management of university degree programs for placebound students; curriculum development, distance education technologies; horticultural and arboricultural certification programs.

**Research:** Horticultural substrates; recycling of solid waste materials through composting; investigation of process parameters on the efficacy of finished composts used as horticultural media.

**Honors and Awards:**

**Outstanding Academic Advisor of the Year Award.** College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, University of Florida. 2001

**Teaching Incentive Program Award,** University of Florida, 1995

**Rufus Chaney Award for Research Excellence,** U.S. Composting Council, 1995

**Outstanding Paper Award,** Florida State Horticultural Society, Garden and Landscape Section, 1983

**Election to Sigma Xi,** the Scientific Research Society of North America, 1975.

**Professional Affiliations:**

International Society for Horticultural Science

International Society of Arboriculture

Society for Economic Botany

American Society for Horticultural Science

Florida State Horticultural Society

**Selected Publications:**

Fitzpatrick, George E. and C. Way Hoyt. 2007. Arborist's Study Guide to the Trees of Southern Florida. Arborist Supply House, Oakland Park, Florida. 97 p.

Moore, Kimberly K., George E. Fitzpatrick and William L. Kern, Jr. 2006. Student Perceptions on Course Delivery Methods. *Proceedings of the Florida State Horticultural Society* 119:434-436.

Fitzpatrick, George E., Eva C. Worden and Wagner A. Vendrame. 2005. Historical Development of Composting Technology During the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. *HortTechnology* 15(1):48-51.

Ozores-Hampton, Monica, Thomas A. Obreza, Peter J. Stoffella and George E. Fitzpatrick. 2002. Immature Compost Suppresses Weed Growth Under Greenhouse Conditions. *Compost Science and Utilization* 10(2):105-113

Moore, Kimberly K. and George E. Fitzpatrick. 2002. Sequential Composting to Determine Compost Quality. In Goldstein et al., (eds.) *Proceedings of the 2002 International Symposium on Composting and Compost Utilization*. Columbus, OH.

Fitzpatrick, George E. 2001. Compost Utilization in Ornamental and Nursery Crop Production Systems. Pp. 135-150 in Stoffella, P.J. and B.A. Kahn (eds.). 2001. *Compost Utilization in Horticultural Cropping Systems*. Lewis Publishers, Boca Raton, Florida.

Lamberts, Mary L. and George E. Fitzpatrick (eds.) 2001. Index to the Proceedings of the Florida State Horticultural Society, Volumes 99-112. Florida State Horticultural Society, Lake Alfred, Florida. 125 p.

Klock-Moore, Kimberly A., George E. Fitzpatrick and Richard K. Schoellhorn. 2000. Development of a Bachelor of Science Degree Program in Horticulture at the University of Florida for Place-bound Students. *HortTechnology* 10(2):390-393.

Klock-Moore, Kimberly A., George E. Fitzpatrick and Gladis Zinati. 2000. Container Production of Ornamental Horticulture Crops. *BioCycle* 41(11):58-60.

Klock-Moore, Kimberly A. and George E. Fitzpatrick. 1999. Management of Urban Waste Compost Amendments in Ornamental Production Systems in Florida. *Soil and Crop Science Society of Florida, Proceedings* 59:14-16.

Fitzpatrick, George E., Edwin R. Duke and Kimberly A. Klock-Moore. 1998. Use of Compost Products for Ornamental Crop Production: Research and Grower Experience. *HortScience* 33(6):941-944.

### **Avocational Interests:**

Wood collecting, wood turning and wood working

Deltiology, with emphasis on late 19<sup>th</sup> century and early 20<sup>th</sup> century horticultural images

Collection and restoration of mid 20<sup>th</sup> century electronic, meteorological and time-keeping devices

Basket collecting and basket weaving, with emphasis on pre-industrial era African, Native American and South Pacific Island designs.