

# KHPA Spring 2020 Conference Speakers

## KeyNote Speakers

Our guest speakers will be **Kim Flottum**, **Nathalie Steinhauer**, and from Fort Hays University: **Dr. James Balthazor**, as well as Fort Hays University graduate students **Ryan Engel**, and **Sara Nansel-Lantz**.

## Keynote Speaker #1

We are working on a great line of guest speakers for this meeting. **Kim Flottum**, newly retired editor of the Bee Culture Magazine, will be one of our guests. After receiving a degree in horticulture from UW Madison, **Kim Flottum** worked four years in the USDA Honey Bee Research Lab, studying pollination ecology. After that, he spent two years raising acres of fruits and vegetables, where bees played a large role. He brings this experience, plus nearly 20 years of writing and editing articles for beekeepers in the monthly magazine Bee Culture. He is the publisher of books on honey bee pests and diseases, marketing, queen production, beekeeping history, beginning beekeeping, and the classic industry reference, The ABC & XYZ of Bee Culture.

## Keynote Speaker #2

Our other guest is **Nathalie Steinhauer**, the Research Coordinator of the Bee Informed Partnership, she is based out of the University of Maryland's Entomology Department where she completed her PhD working under Dennis vanEngelsdorp. She previously obtained a Master in Biology from Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium). During her PhD, she worked on applying epidemiological approaches to honey bee health and identifying best management practices associated with reduced colony mortality.

## Speaker #3

We are also honored to have several guest speakers from Fort Hays State University. **Dr. James Balthazor**, Assistant Professor of Chemistry will speak on "Saving Bees By Killing Them: A Preliminary Research Topic. (presenting Friday, March 6, 2020)

## Speaker #4

From Fort Hays State University, **Ryan Engel**, a graduate student will speak on "The Influence of land Use on the Pollen Diet of Honey Bee Colonies in Western Kansas". (presenting Friday, March 6, 2020)

## Speaker #5

From Fort Hays State University. **Sara Nansel-Lantz**, a graduate student, will share her research on "Determining Effective Levels of Antibacterial Qualities of Kansas honeys".

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Meeting: Whiskey Creek Wood Fire Grill, 3203 Vine St., Hays  
Sleeping Rooms: Days Inn, 3205 Vine St., Hays 785-628-8261

\*\*Room reservations need to be made by 07 February 2020 for the special rate.