Meet our new faculty!

**Sophie Millard**

Sophie Millard joined the BioSci department as a faculty member with a service-first mindset. She came to Clemson from the University of London, and her research focuses on the ecology and evolution of phacelia, or Phacelia dubia, which is a bee-pollinated annual native to the eastern United States. It is found from the Great Lakes to the eastern mountains of the Southeast. I'm excited to explore the Clemson area and experience the natural beauty surrounding the campus. I received my Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Connecticut. Before joining the BioSci department, I was a graduate student at the University of California, Davis, where I conducted research on terrestrial ecosystems, with a focus on pollinator diversity. I look forward to continuing to explore these themes here while also getting to know the local flora.

**Natalia Leigh Diaz**

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