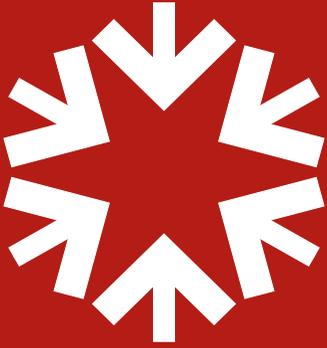




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# INTRODUCTION

By all measures, 1862 may be considered a pivotal year in America's history. Despite the raging Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln signed into law several seminal acts, including the Emancipation Proclamation—which would soon free the slaves—the Pacific Railroad Act, the Homestead Act, and last, but not least, creation of the United States Department of Agriculture and the land-grant colleges.

The uniquely American land-grant university system, construed as a partnership between the federal, state, and local governments across our nation, has helped solve problems of importance to food and agriculture for more than 150 years, and has contributed to America's global competitiveness.

As we scan across the horizon into the next 20 to 40 years, the increasing population—expected to surpass 9 billion by the year 2050—and diminishing land and water resources, combined with climate change, will require smarter, more efficient, and sustainable approaches to meet the food, fuel, shelter, and health needs of society. Our nation and the world look to the land-grant universities for solutions to these challenges.

The exceptional community of teachers, researchers, and

extension specialists and educators at our nation's system of land-grant universities are all part of the collective effort that ensures a well-educated workforce and scientific cadre for our nation and makes discoveries that are translated into innovations and solutions to address the challenges of the burgeoning population. Service for the greater public good is a hallmark of our unique partnership. Coordination among academia, government, and community-based organizations allows us to respond with a network of exceptionally committed individuals.

For more than 20 years, the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities have partnered to recognize the extraordinary efforts of educators, researchers, and extension specialists at this national awards ceremony.

The Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards recognize university faculty for engaging and preparing students for the future. The Excellence in Extension Award recognizes individuals committed to programs in lifelong learning and contributions to improving communities. The National Extension Diversity Award acknowledges outstanding efforts and accomplishments



*Sonny Ramaswamy*  
**SONNY RAMASWAMY**

Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture

within the Cooperative Extension Service to enable and sustain diverse cultures and abilities. Finally, the Multistate Research Award recognizes the collaborative efforts of state Agricultural Experiment Stations working together to address critical, regional needs.

These awards honor a group of outstanding recipients who are dedicated to their fields and have made outstanding scholarly contributions. Additionally, these awards recognize the educational, extension, and research system that has long been—and will continue to be—critical to the success of our great nation.

On behalf of the National Institute of Food and Agriculture, my congratulations to the award winners being recognized today.



**MURIEL HOWARD**

President, AASCU



**PETER MCPHERSON**

President, A·P·L·U

## PRESIDENTS' LETTER

At its best—the ideal we must relentlessly pursue—higher education must be a seamless web uniting learning, discovery, and the extension and application of knowledge to serve and enhance society. This ideal depends on the superb dedication of remarkable individuals in our institutions who promote the development and sustainability of learning communities, which flows from them both on and off campus. It is, after all, the creativity of these individuals who care about America and our world that sustains us all and ensures a vibrant future tomorrow.

The women and men we honor in these programs have been selected as the best from the hundreds of thousands they represent in our colleges and universities. They have engaged themselves as participants and leaders

in the learning processes and are distinguished by their successes. They will be remembered not only for the honor that we bestow upon them, but especially for the impact they have made on the thousands of individuals who have benefited from their devotion.

As the presidents of the two associations dedicated to public four-year higher education, we congratulate the recipients of the 2013 Food and Agriculture Excellence Awards. They personify excellence! Their efforts in sound scholarship, highlighted by exemplary pedagogy and personal dedication, represent enduring examples of the ways institutions of higher education must respond to the challenges before us. We warmly congratulate these outstanding individuals and extend our appreciation for their unwavering commitment to excellence.

*Live* as  
if you were  
to die  
tomorrow.  
Learn as  
if you were  
to live  
forever.

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## TIFFANY HENG-MOSS

Professor  
Entomology  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln

Since joining the University of Nebraska–Lincoln faculty in 2001, Dr. Tiffany Heng-Moss has developed and taught both undergraduate and graduate courses and provided leadership for the development and implementation of the insect science bachelor's degree program. One of her primary teaching responsibilities is an introductory insect biology course, which is taken by approximately 200 students per semester and was the first online concurrent course offered at UNL through the Advanced Scholars program.

Dr. Heng-Moss provides leadership for a university-wide agriculture and natural resources literacy program that seeks to integrate classroom instruction on food, energy, water, and sustainability within the UNL undergraduate curriculum, along with partnering with educational entities to map food, energy, and water programming with PK-12 next generation science standards. She played a pivotal role in the development of the first undergraduate online degree completion program at UNL and is making contributions to student learning and the quality of the student experience as a co-PI on a \$1.2 million National Science Foundation grant.

She has received several teaching awards, including the USDA Regional Award for Excellence in College and University Teaching in the Food and Agricultural Sciences, the Entomological Society of America Distinguished Achievement Award, and the University of Nebraska Outstanding Teaching and Instructional Creativity Award. She has authored or co-authored more than 50 refereed teaching and research publications and secured over \$4 million in teaching and outreach grants and \$7.5 million in research funds.

She holds B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from UNL.

# MICHAEL EUGENE WETZSTEIN

Josiah Meigs Professor  
Agricultural and Applied Economics  
University of Georgia



To instill his love for economics in students, Dr. Michael E. Wetzstein casts information in a form they are comfortable learning. In class, economic concepts and connections are presented by webbing a variety of learning forms—prose, graphics, and numerical examples. He believes that long after students have forgotten most of the specific content within a course, they will be left with positive impressions.

Dr. Wetzstein's current research emphasis is on food versus fuel security and associated climate change impacts. His recent research on biofuels policy influenced national policy toward developing a portfolio of fuels. His past research on integrated pest management was used in congressional hearings as the foundation for current and future funding. Other research discoveries led Georgia's Environmental Protection Division to significantly improve their ability to accurately estimate water demand for policy analysis, poultry producers to improve their laying hen replacement decisions, and Georgia peach producers to geographically scatter their orchards. His research has resulted in numerous publications and the authoring of a microeconomics textbook.

Wetzstein was an Open Society Scholar at both Baku State University in Azerbaijan and American University of Central Asia in Kyrgyzstan. He was also a Fulbright Teaching Scholar at the South Bohemian University in the Czech Republic, and he served as editor for the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* and the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

He received a B.A. from California State University, Sacramento, and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Davis.

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to change  
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## JOHN C. “JACK” CLAUSEN

Professor  
Natural Resources and the Environment  
University of Connecticut

Throughout his career, Dr. John C. “Jack” Clausen has distinguished himself as one who truly takes to heart the university’s tripartite mission of teaching, research, and service.



Since joining the University of Connecticut’s Department of Natural Resources and the Environment in 1990, Jack has been a model ‘pinch hitter’ who always steps up to tasks requested of him, regardless of their convenience or tie to his primary appointment. In addition to teaching a number of undergraduate and graduate water resources courses, Clausen has taught many other courses in the department, including those outside his specialty. Among his large repertoire are two courses that are in the required core for all natural resources and environmental science majors concentrating in natural resources.

Clausen’s instructional programs are marked by accessibility, creativity, and a commitment to excellence. For his efforts, he has been recognized with several teaching and service awards, including being named by students as one of the top three UC instructors and receiving the Soil and Water Conservation Society’s Commendation Award.

For 32 years, Jack has maintained an active, well-funded research program in water hydrology, successfully mentoring 34 graduate students to date. He has also served five years as the co-director of the interdisciplinary, cross-college undergraduate Environmental Science program and as chair of the University Senate Executive Committee.

Clausen received B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Minnesota.

## JANICE JEAN HAGGART

Instructor  
Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences  
North Dakota State University

Janice J. Haggart has taught more than 10,000 students in a variety of courses, including general microbiology and several laboratory courses, since joining North Dakota State University’s Department of



Veterinary and Microbiological Sciences in 1995. She has an outstanding reputation with students for fairness and objectivity and goes above and beyond to stimulate intellectual and personal growth in students.

Haggart’s novel team-advising approaches incorporate peer-mentoring. She is the faculty advisor for the student-run College Honor Commission, and she annually participates in the American Society for Microbiology Conference for Undergraduate Education. She has led several efforts for obtaining grants for teaching and professional development to enhance the learning of the students she serves and presented her pedagogical approaches in posters and publications. Janice was an integral member of the committee that developed the Food Safety Program at NDSU, one of the first such programs in the nation.

She received the NDSU Award for Excellence in Academic Advising of Undergraduates, H. Roald and Janet Lund Excellence in Teaching Award, Blue Key Distinguished Educator of the Year, Bison Ambassador Apple Polisher, Outstanding Greek Chapter Advisor of the Year, and Mortarboard Preferred Professor. She was inducted into Gamma Sigma Delta and Phi Sigma honor societies.

Haggart earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from North Dakota State University.

## SOO-YEUN LEE

Associate Professor  
Food Science and Human Nutrition  
University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign

Salty, bitter, umami, cotton candy, musty, cardboard, wet dog. These are examples of descriptors used in Dr. Soo-Yeun Lee’s discipline of sensory science, a field where human subjects use their senses to evoke, measure, analyze, and interpret reactions to products using quantitative and qualitative analyses. Lee utilizes a myriad of instructional approaches to promote student engagement and active learning. She seeks to motivate and develop students to become life-long expert learners who can creatively and critically apply what they have learned in class to real world problems.



Since 2001, Dr. Lee has mentored four visiting scholars, two post-doctoral research associates, as well as nine doctoral, 25 master’s, and 32 undergraduate students. The transforming impact she has had on her students is evidenced by the awards they have garnered under her mentorship and by the large number of former students who are now in highly responsible food industry positions.

Lee has regularly been cited on the “List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent by Their Students” since 2004. Additionally, she received her department’s 2007 Outstanding Advisor/Mentor Award, 2009 Funk Award for Excellence in Teaching in the College of Agricultural Consumer Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois, 2010 North America College Teachers Association Teacher Fellow Award, and a 2012 campus award for excellence in undergraduate teaching.

She earned a B.S. degree from Yonsei University in Korea and Ph.D. degree from the University of California, Davis.

## JEFFREY W. SAVELL

Regents Professor and E.M. “Manny”  
Rosenthal Chairholder  
Holder of the Cintron University Professorship  
in Undergraduate Teaching Excellence  
Department of Animal Science  
Texas A&M University

Since joining the Texas A&M University Department of Animal Science in 1979, Dr. Jeffrey W. Savell has been involved in teaching a wide variety of classes and mentoring countless present and future leaders in academia, government, and industry. Over the years, he has taught more than 8,000 students in TAMU’s “Meats” course. He also instructs an undergraduate livestock and meat marketing class and a graduate course in carcass composition and quality, and he team-teaches a first-year seminar class on Texas barbecue and graduate and undergraduate HACCP food safety courses.



Dr. Savell has been recognized by the TAMU Board of Regents as a Regents Professor, and he received the Association of Former Students’ Distinguished Achievement Award in Teaching at both the university and college levels. Nationally, he was selected by the North American Meat Processors Association for the Harry L. Rudnick Educator’s Award and was bestowed the American Meat Science Association’s Distinguished Teaching Award. Most recently, he was awarded the Cintron University Professorship in Undergraduate Teaching Excellence for his outstanding work with undergraduate students.

Savell’s research efforts have also been recognized with numerous university, regional, and national awards for individual and team efforts to solve key issues in the livestock and meat industries. He is a past-president of the American Meat Science Association and a member of the Meat Industry Hall of Fame.

He earned B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from Texas A&M University.

## WILLIAM J. SILVIA

Professor  
Animal and Food Sciences  
University of Kentucky

A faculty member in the University of Kentucky's Department of Animal and Food Sciences since 1985, Dr. William J. Silvia now directs undergraduate studies for the animal sciences program. He is the lead instructor in the introductory animal science course and assists in other courses, including reproductive biology and dairy cattle science. Additionally, he developed a novel and very popular course on the application of livestock management principles to the management of wildlife in captive environments.



Silvia has been a leader in the adoption of new technologies to the large classroom while preserving the tradition of experiential learning in labs and extracurricular activities. He is a co-principal investigator on a USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant to develop innovative instructional support materials for exceptionally difficult concepts in agriculture. He annually advises 40 students and is research mentor to several students, and over the years, he has provided support to numerous student organizations such as the UK Dairy Club, UK Block and Bridle Club, UK Student Affiliate of Heifer International, and Wildcat Service Dogs.

Dr. Silvia was awarded the Kentucky Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta's Master Teacher Award in 2010 and the UK Provost's Award for Outstanding Teaching in 2012. He is most proud of receiving the UK Alumni Association's Great Teacher Award in 2009, an award based solely on student nominations.

He earned a B.S. from Cornell University, M.S. from West Virginia University, and Ph.D. from Colorado State University.

## BRIAN KENT WARNICK

Assistant Professor  
Agricultural Systems Technology and Education  
Utah State University

Brian Warnick joined Utah State University's Department of Agricultural Systems Technology and Education in 2004. His primary teaching responsibility is preparing successful agricultural educators, and providing his students with solid, content-specific pedagogical skills and knowledge is at the forefront of his teaching agenda. In addition to agricultural education teaching methods courses, he also teaches a general education life science course intended for students who are not majoring in a life science-related degree program, as well as an array of graduate courses including advanced teaching methods, evaluation and ethics of research, and diffusion of innovations.



A highlight of Warnick's work is the supervision of student teachers. Since arriving at USU, he has supervised more than 100 students through their student teaching experience. He derives a strong sense of satisfaction from observing the growth of students as they develop as teachers from their entrance into the program through their student teaching experience. Related to this growth, his research focuses on the career-long professional development of teachers.

Warnick received USU's Eldon J. Gardner Professor of the Year Award in 2012 and USU's Faculty Advisor of the Year Award in 2008. He was also honored by the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, the National Academic Advising Association, and the American Association for Agricultural Education.

He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Utah State University and a Ph.D. from Oregon State University.



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## LESLIE DAWN EDGAR

Associate Professor  
Agricultural and Extension Education  
University of Arkansas

An associate professor of agricultural communications at the University of Arkansas since 2007, Dr. Leslie D. Edgar has made a consistent contribution to curriculum improvement in the Department of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology (AECT). She has developed 15 courses in agricultural communications and education, converted six courses for asynchronous delivery, and provided the leadership to expand the agricultural communications core curriculum to create an agricultural communication minor. Edgar has developed curriculum for five graduate courses, which have been instrumental in the AECT's offering of a distance, web-based master's degree.



In 2011, Edgar initiated an international student exchange and internship program with the Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research and the University of Ghent in Belgium. She has chaired or advised 11 master's-level graduate students and six undergraduate research projects. She has served as a committee member on 19 Ph.D. or M.S. degrees and one undergraduate research project. Dr. Edgar has secured \$936,187.16 in funded grant proposals.

Edgar has received four teaching, 17 research, and two service awards during her teaching career. She has authored or co-authored 24 peer-reviewed research articles and 103 peer-reviewed conference proceedings and poster presentations and published six non-refereed publications. Additionally, she has presented numerous local, regional, national, and international professional development seminars.

She earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from Utah State University and a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University.

## DAVID W.W. JONES

Associate Professor  
Agricultural and Extension Education  
North Carolina State University

Relationships and relationship building are the catalysts for the methods and style Dr. David Jones uses in his teaching as an associate professor at North Carolina State University. His love for students and his passion for agriculture allow him to use his coursework to promote these passions to create responsible, global citizens. Through teaching, Jones aims to empower students while serving the agriculture industry by training a future workforce of responsible, critical-thinking, problem solvers who view themselves as individuals working together as a whole.



His proudest moments come from contact from former students who share how his courses changed their lives. Nothing is more fulfilling to him than when a student realizes that the world is larger than them, that they can make a difference, and that their attitude plays a major role in their successes and failures.

Jones's teaching methods and style have earned him many teaching awards including the NCSU University Outstanding Teaching Award and the American Association of Agricultural Educators Southern Region Distinguished Teaching Award. He is a member of the NCSU Academy of Outstanding Teachers and is an ACTE Fellow. He was one of three professors nominated in 2012 by the NCSU student body as a professor who has made significant impacts on their lives.

Dr. Jones earned his B.S. and M.S. from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, California and a Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

# UNIVERSITIES OF EXCELLENCE

As recognized by the Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards

Kansas State University (13)  
University of Florida (12)  
University of Illinois (12)  
Texas A&M University (11)  
Cornell University (9)  
Iowa State University (8)  
University of Connecticut (8)  
North Carolina State University (7)  
The Ohio State University (7)  
The University of Georgia (7)  
Purdue University (6)  
New Mexico State University (5)  
Oklahoma State University (5)  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (5)  
University of Missouri–Columbia (5)  
University of Nebraska (5)  
Colorado State University (4)  
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (4)  
The Pennsylvania State University (4)  
The University of Arizona (4)  
University of Kentucky (4)  
University of Rhode Island (4)  
University of Wyoming (4)  
Utah State University (4)  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University (4)  
Louisiana State University (3)  
Oregon State University (3)  
University of California, Davis (3)  
University of Idaho (3)  
University of Massachusetts (3)  
University of Minnesota (3)  
University of Wisconsin–Madison (3)

Utah State University (4)  
Washington State University (3)  
California State University, Fresno (2)  
Clemson University (2)  
Delaware State University (2)  
Langston University (2)  
South Dakota State University (2)  
University of Vermont (2)  
Auburn University (1)  
California State Polytechnic University,  
Pomona (1)  
California State University, Chico (1)  
Florida State University (1)  
Illinois State University (1)  
Michigan State University (1)  
Montclair State University (1)  
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical  
State University (1)  
North Dakota State University (1)  
Sam Houston State University (1)  
Southern University and A&M College (1)  
Southwest Missouri State University (1)  
Tarleton State University (1)  
Texas Tech University (1)  
University of Delaware (1)  
University of Hawaii (1)  
University of Maryland, College Park (1)  
University of Michigan (1)  
University of Nevada, Reno (1)  
University of North Carolina, Greensboro (1)  
University of Wisconsin–River Falls (1)  
West Virginia University (1)  
( ) denotes number of recipients

## TEACHING AWARDS SELECTION PANEL

### **Antoine Alston**

School of Agriculture and  
Environmental Sciences  
North Carolina Agricultural and  
Technical State University

### **Donna Brown**

College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences  
University of Wyoming

### **Dennis Buckmaster**

College of Agriculture  
Purdue University

### **Rob Kinucan**

School of Agricultural and Natural Resources  
Sul Ross State University

### **Susan Sumner**

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University

### **Anne Veeger**

College of Environment and Life Sciences  
University of Rhode Island

# ROLL OF RECIPIENTS

## Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards (2002–2013 only)

### NATIONAL

George Acquah  
Langston University, 2007

Teresa C. Balsler  
University of Wisconsin, 2009

Michael J. Boehm  
The Ohio State University, 2010

Donna Marie Brown  
University of Wyoming, 2004

Daniel L. Civco  
University of Connecticut, 2007

John L. Crompton  
Texas A&M University, 2012

Michael J. Ellerbrock  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute  
and State University, 2002

Ronald J. Hanson  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2003

Tiffany Heng-Moss  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2013

Prasanta K. Kalita  
University of Illinois, 2005

M. Douglas Kenealy  
Iowa State University, 2009

Kerry K. Litzenberg  
Texas A&M University, 2011

Lyle G. McNeal  
Utah State University, 2003

Joshua J. Millspaugh  
University of Missouri, 2008

Robert A. Milvae  
University of Connecticut, 2011

Gail Romberger Nonnecke  
Iowa State University, 2006

Michael A. Reiter  
Delaware State University, 2005

Rick D. Rudd  
University of Florida, 2006

Shelly J. Schmidt  
University of Illinois, 2002

Candice Ann Shoemaker  
Kansas State University, 2012

Ricky W. Telg  
University of Florida, 2010

R. Elaine Turner  
University of Florida, 2004

Michael Eugene Wetzstein  
University of Georgia, 2013

M. Susie Whittington  
The Ohio State University, 2008

### NORTH CENTRAL REGION

Jay T. Akridge  
Purdue University, 2003

Michael Boland  
Kansas State University, 2008

C. Lee Burras  
Iowa State University, 2011

Ann D. Christy  
The Ohio State University, 2005

Joseph F. Donnermeyer  
The Ohio State University, 2010

Allen M. Featherstone  
Kansas State University, 2011

Janice Jean Haggart  
North Dakota State University, 2013

Richard W. Hartel  
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2011

Tiffany Marie Heng-Moss  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2006

Keith M. Irvin  
The Ohio State University, 2003

Sara J. Kadolph  
Iowa State University, 2002

Darrel J. Kesler  
University of Illinois, 2002

James B. Kliebenstein  
Iowa State University, 2006

Laurie F. Kramer  
University of Illinois, 2004

Soo-Yeun Lee  
University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign, 2013

Donald Jiann-Tyng Liu  
University of Minnesota, 2007

## Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards, continued

Christian Y. Oseto  
Purdue University, 2008

Richard C. Schultz  
Iowa State University, 2008

Michael F. Smith  
University of Missouri, 2010

Janice C. Swanson  
Kansas State University, 2004

Daniel U. Thomson  
Kansas State University, 2012

Michel A. Wattiaux  
University of Wisconsin–Madison, 2009

Kimberly A. Williams  
Kansas State University, 2009

### NORTHEAST REGION

Louis DeMont Albright  
Cornell University, 2005

Kenneth P. Blemings  
West Virginia University, 2012

John C. “Jack” Clausen  
University of Connecticut, 2013

Ashim K. Datta  
Cornell University, 2011

David M. Galton  
Cornell University, 2003

Karl Guillard  
University of Connecticut, 2002

Paul Heinz Heinemann  
The Pennsylvania State University, 2004

Thomas P. Husband  
University of Rhode Island, 2007

Barbara A. Knuth  
Cornell University, 2002

Roger Arthur LeBrun  
University of Rhode Island, 2006

David A. Levitsky  
Cornell University, 2009

Rama B. Radhakrishna  
The Pennsylvania State University, 2010

Karen M. Schaich  
Rutgers, The State University of  
New Jersey, 2003

Robert S. Tyzbir  
University of Vermont, 2004

### SOUTHERN REGION

George Acquaah  
Langston University, 2002

Antoine J. Alston  
North Carolina A&T State University, 2010

Sarah Liberman Ash  
North Carolina State University, 2007

David S. Buchanan  
Oklahoma State University, 2006

Dale A. Coleman  
Auburn University, 2011

W. Stephen Damron  
Oklahoma State University, 2007

Kim E. Dooley  
Texas A&M University, 2005

Jason Lee Emmert  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 2004

Molly Espey  
Clemson University, 2012

William Lucas Flowers  
North Carolina State University, 2005

Jeffory A. Hattey  
Oklahoma State University, 2008

Donald Mack Johnson  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 2004

Michael E. Kane  
University of Florida, 2009

Stanley F. Kelley  
Sam Houston State University, 2012

James W. Knight  
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and  
State University, 2002

Grace Wasike Namwamba  
Southern University and  
A&M College, 2003

Douglas C. Needham  
Oklahoma State University, 2006

Sue E. Nokes  
University of Kentucky, 2003

Lawrence R. ‘Dick’ Oliver  
University of Arkansas, 2009

## Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards, continued

Carol Elliot O'Neil  
Louisiana State University, 2005

Jeffrey W. Savell  
Texas A&M University, 2013

Robert L. Shewfelt  
The University of Georgia, 2008

William J. Silvia  
University of Kentucky, 2013

George W. Wardlow  
University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, 2008

Elizabeth B. Wilson  
North Carolina State University, 2010

### WESTERN REGION

Amin Ahmadzadeh  
University of Idaho, 2007

Janet B. Anderson  
Utah State University, 2006

Kenneth Arthur Barbarick  
Colorado State University, 2004

Joseph J. Cech, Jr.  
University of California, Davis, 2003

Stephen Devadoss  
University of Idaho, 2010

William D. "Dan" Edge  
Oregon State University, 2002

John F. "Jack" Elliot  
The University of Arizona, 2002

Thomas R. Famula  
University of California, Davis, 2012

Wanda H. Howell  
The University of Arizona, 2003

James A. Knight  
The University of Arizona, 2007

Judith L. Li  
Oregon State University, 2005

Dennis T. Ray  
The University of Arizona, 2009

Brian Kent Warnick  
Utah State University, 2013

Karen C. Williams  
University of Wyoming, 2012

Richard Stanley Zack  
Washington State University, 2004

### NEW TEACHER

Leslie Dawn Edgar  
University of Arkansas, 2013

Miriam Ferzli  
North Carolina State University, 2011

Jason Hans  
University of Kentucky, 2009

Jennifer L. Hardesty  
University of Illinois, 2008

Julie Fawn Harlin  
Texas A&M University, 2005

David W.W. Jones  
North Carolina State University, 2013

Amy Leigh Kaleita  
Iowa State University, 2007

Tracy Kitchel  
University of Missouri, 2011

Neil A. Knobloch  
University of Illinois at  
Urbana-Champaign, 2007

Roel R. Lopez  
Texas A&M University, 2006

Kyle W. McGregor  
Tarleton State University, 2006

Brian E. Myers  
University of Florida, 2008

Maria Navarro  
The University of Georgia, 2012

Franklin Bailey Norwood  
Oklahoma State University, 2005

Michael S. Retallick  
Iowa State University, 2012

T. Grady Roberts  
University of Florida, 2010

Lori Unruh Snyder  
Purdue University, 2009

Amanda D. Weaver  
South Dakota State University, 2010



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## JEFFREY T. EDWARDS

Small Grains Cooperative Extension Specialist  
Warth Distinguished Professor of Agronomy  
Oklahoma State University

**D**r. Jeff Edwards currently serves as the Small Grains Extension Specialist and Warth Distinguished Professor of Agronomy at Oklahoma State University, after joining the faculty in 2004.

Edwards supervises an Extension and research program focused on increasing the productivity, profitability, and end-use quality of the Oklahoma small grains industry through improved management practices. Oklahoma wheat farmers report a \$37 million annual impact in their farming operations as a result of wheat variety information supplied by Dr. Edwards at field day activities around the state.

As information exchange lead for the OSU Wheat Improvement team, he worked to increase adoption of improved wheat cultivars and integrated pest management practices. In 2010 alone, the adoption of a disease and Hessian-fly resistant cultivar on 8 percent of Oklahoma wheat acres equated to a roughly 4.2 million bushels of wheat increase statewide with a market value of approximately \$40 million. He has set a target of replacing 1.2 million acres over the next five years with one of OSU's newest cultivars, creating potential increase in Oklahoma farm revenue of \$53 million annually.

Dr. Edwards has received more than \$4.5 million in external awards from both nationally competitive programs and commodity-based support. He served as the Crop Science Society of America Division C3 Chair and was named the 2007 Wheat Promoter of the Year by the Oklahoma Wheat Growers Association.

Edwards earned a B.S. from Western Kentucky University and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Arkansas.



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## 1890 REGION

### MARION F. SIMON

Professor and State Extension Specialist for  
Small Farm and Part-time Farmers  
Interim Chair of the Division of Food  
and Animal Sciences  
Kentucky State University

Dr. Marion F. Simon has been Kentucky State University's state specialist for small farm and part-time farmers since 1984 and state co-coordinator for sustainable agriculture since 1995. In that time, she has led, developed, and orchestrated a number of educational programs that benefit thousands of Kentucky farmers each year.



Some 12,000 contacts with small farmers are made annually through the Small Farm and Socially Disadvantaged Farmer Outreach Program, which annually enrolls 250 to 500 limited-resource farmers in the one-on-one educational programs. Additionally, more than 20,000 participants have studied sustainable agriculture in Simon's "The Third Thursday Thing" monthly workshops. Simon also leads the Risk Management Education efforts, and co-developed the Beginning Farmer program, which focuses on agriculture economics and risk management education, social issues, and farm safety for alternative farm enterprises.

Dr. Simon has collaborated with the University of Kentucky AgrAbility, National Goat Conferences, numerous 1890 goat and sustainable agriculture education initiatives, and 1890 Small Farmer Leadership Institutes. She led the 1890 initiatives on non-commercial scale animal health and zoonotic disease prevention and developing the Animal Health Network of the Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense Center and currently serves on the National Small Farm Committee, the Southern Region PLN, and the 1890 AEA Small Farm Committee.

Simon received the 2006 George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Award from Tuskegee University.

## NORTH CENTRAL REGION

### KIMBERLY A. GREDER

Associate Professor  
and Family Life State Program Specialist  
Department of Human Development  
and Family Studies  
Iowa State University

Dr. Kimberly A. Greder has dedicated her career to focusing on family resiliency, with an emphasis on family health and well-being and parenting.



Greder's co-leadership efforts on NC1171-*Rural Families Speak about Health* are impactful. One community created a community-sponsored meal site in an area where several Latino families resided, and another community brought Latino families together to strategize how they want to learn about issues important to them such as health and raising children.

Her leadership regarding food security and food assistance outreach led to 167 trainings that have reached over 6,000 residents, professionals, and policy makers; and county poverty and food profiles were used by 2,160 Iowans to assist with local planning. Her work contributed to the development of the annual Iowa Hunger Summit, a diabetes nutrition education program for adults who visit food pantries, a food pantry designed for people with special health needs in Des Moines, and the initiation of the Iowa Food Access and Health Working group.

Additionally, Greder's *Partnering with Parents* training program has helped more than 600 professionals nationwide. She also developed five national parenting satellite programs that reached 11,000 family professionals.

Her work has been disseminated through more than 230 peer-reviewed manuscripts, curricula, extension publications, videos, interviews, and presentations. She has secured over \$4 million to support Extension education and research and mentored 50 graduate and undergraduate students.

## NORTHEAST REGION

### ELAINE BOWEN

Associate Professor  
Extension Specialist, Health Promotion  
West Virginia University Extension Service

Dr. Elaine Bowen has 34 years experience as an Extension educator at local and state levels. Her career began in rural Morgan County, where she established a strong reputation for community health programs. She has served in several state administrative roles, as director of the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, and as interim program center director for 4-H and Youth, Family, and Adult Development. She also helped develop sustainable organization-wide faculty accountability systems.



As West Virginia University Extension's health promotion specialist since 2004, Dr. Bowen has focused on tackling chronic health issues in West Virginia, including dental health, heart disease, women's health, and childhood obesity. She has acquired more than \$700,000 in new resources to support Extension's health programming; partnered with WVU Health Sciences to increase awareness of women's health and oral health resources for youth camps and limited-resource families; and aligned Health Motivators in about 300 community organizations that lead monthly health activities.

Her programs include Love Your Heart, which helps women protect their heart and health; Wild Wonderful Walking Groups across the state; and the 4-H Health Initiative, which gets kids involved in leadership and health challenges and teaches families about dental care, physical activity, nutrition, safety, and healthy relationships. The LiveWellWV website challenges online clients to try practical ideas in all facets of healthy living.

Bowen earned a B.S. from Virginia Tech, and M.S. and doctorate degrees from West Virginia University.

## SOUTHERN REGION

### DENISE M. HOLSTON-WEST

Instructor and Smart Bodies Program Director  
Louisiana Cooperative Extension Service  
Louisiana State University Agricultural Center

Denise Holston-West is an instructor in the School of Nutrition and Food Science and the Department of 4-H Youth Development at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center (LSU AgCenter).



She serves as director of the LSU AgCenter's Smart Bodies Program, a comprehensive, school-based, nutrition education and physical activity program for elementary children. The program helps schools meet federal and legislative mandates for wellness and physical activity, and since its inception in March 2005, more than 450 elementary schools in Louisiana have implemented it. Formal research results indicate that students participating in the Smart Bodies program significantly increased their knowledge about the health benefits of eating fruit and vegetables and participating in physical activity, significantly improved self-efficacy scores related to fruit and some vegetable intake, and increased physical activity levels. The program is the result of a public-private partnership with the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Louisiana Foundation and has been recognized as a Blue Works award winner and twice as a 4-H National Program of Distinction.

Holston-West is also responsible for co-coordinating the 4-H Youth Development Healthy Living Mandate across Louisiana. She currently serves as the co-advisor of the State 4-H Food and Fitness Board Teen Leadership Board and as co-principal investigator of the National 4-H Council Youth Voice-Youth Choice grant.

She earned B.S. and M.S. degrees from LSU and completed her dietetic internship there. She is a registered dietitian and licensed dietetic nutritionist.

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ROBERT FROST

## WESTERN REGION

### BRIAN J. HIGGINBOTHAM

Associate Vice President and Associate Director  
Utah State University Cooperative Extension

Since 2005, Dr. Brian Higginbotham has worked as the Family Life Extension Specialist for Utah State University. He provides statewide leadership for Extension programs and directs several federally and state-funded projects.



Now in its seventh year, Higginbotham's Stepfamily Education program, a 12-hour course offered in English and Spanish, has reached thousands of stepfamilies and led to 18 publications documenting best practices for stepfamily education and related impacts on parenting and relationship quality. His co-authored *Marriage Handbook* is used in high schools around the state to teach teens and young adults how to become better prepared for dating, relationships, and marriage, and is also distributed by county clerks when couples receive marriage licenses. Additionally, he directs 100, six-hour *How to Avoid Falling for a Jerk or Jerkette* pre-marital education courses each year.

The statewide Marriage and Relationship Strengthening Team, which Dr. Higginbotham co-directs, has received numerous awards for innovative educational efforts to strengthen families and individuals. In addition, his evaluative work on the 4-H Mentoring: Youth and Families with Promise program earned Program of Distinction recognition by the national 4-H Headquarters and a Family Strengthening Award from the Annie E. Casey Foundation.

Higginbotham has received more than \$8 million in external funding and been a visiting scholar with USDA-NIFA. He chairs the National Awards Committee for Family Life Extension Specialists and serves on the National Extension Relationship and Marriage Education Network and the National Stepfamily Resource Center.



NATIONAL  
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## SUSAN GIVEN-SEYMOUR

Director of Outreach and Community Education,  
and Director of Cooperative Extension  
Northwest Indian College Cooperative Extension

**S**usan Given-Seymour is the director of both Northwest Indian College's Outreach and Community Education and the Cooperative Extension Office. During her 24 years at Northwest, Ms. Given-Seymour has served in administrative positions related to community education.

Under her leadership, her staff has initiated and expanded programs and led conferences on many topics. Programs, all geared toward Native Americans from Pacific Northwest tribes, have included individual and family health and wellness; revitalization of traditional culture and arts; financial literacy; tribal museum studies; positive parenting; youth development; life skills; job readiness; and professional development. Conference topics have included healthy lifestyles through traditional foods and medicines; weavers teaching weavers; family strengthening through culture; financial literacy; best practices among native language teachers; diabetes control and prevention; healing from historical trauma; fetal alcohol syndrome/ effects prevention; addictions recovery; and more.

Given-Seymour was a founding member of the First Americans Land-Grant College and Organization Network (FALCON), a national organization that fosters communication, cooperation, and professionalism among Tribal College Land Grant educators. She currently serves as a member of the Native American Advisory Board to the Burke Museum and as a board member for the Chuckanut Health Foundation.

She is delighted to receive this award on behalf of Northwest Indian College Cooperative Extension. She gives credit for all the work of her department to her team and her husband, David, who served as the department's grantwriter for the past 12 years.

# AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN EXTENSION

## NATIONAL

Elizabeth L. Andress  
The University of Georgia, 2012

G. A. 'Art' Barnaby, Jr.  
Kansas State University, 2009

Barbara Chamberlin  
New Mexico State University, 2011

Jeffrey T. Edwards  
Oklahoma State University, 2013

Ronald J. Hustedde  
University of Kentucky, 2007

Edwin G. Smith  
University of Nevada Cooperative  
Extension, 2006

Marilyn J. Smith  
University of Nevada, 2008

Alison Van Eenennaam  
University of California, Davis, 2010

## 1890 REGION

Fitzroy 'Roy' D. Bullock  
Tennessee State University, 2009

Kevin Crenshaw  
Alabama A&M University, 2012

David Heikes  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 2010

Irene K. Lee  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 2006

Thelma Sanders-Hunter  
Tennessee State University, 2007

Marion F. Simon  
Kentucky State University, 2013

Claudette L. Smith  
North Carolina Agricultural and  
Technical State University, 2011

Nathan M. Stone  
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, 2008

## NORTH CENTRAL REGION

William J. Angell  
University of Minnesota, 2009

Frederick P. Baxendale  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2007

John DeFrain  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2010

Kimberly A. Greder  
Iowa State University, 2013

Richard K. Koelsch  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2006

Kathleen A. Lodl  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2011

Richard J. Rasby  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2008

Fred Whitford  
Purdue University, 2012

## NORTHEAST REGION

Chester Arnold  
University of Connecticut, 2009

Elaine Bowen  
West Virginia University, 2013

Jerome L. Frecon  
Rutgers, The State University of  
New Jersey, 2008

Elizabeth "Betsy" Greene  
University of Vermont, 2011

Walter E. Kee, Jr.  
University of Delaware, 2007

Barbara M. O'Neill  
Rutgers, The State University of  
New Jersey, 2006

Chad Ripberger  
Rutgers, The State University of  
New Jersey, 2010

## SOUTHERN REGION

Clark D. Garland  
University of Tennessee, 2010

Robert C. Hochmuth  
University of Florida, 2006

Denise M. Holston-West  
Louisiana State University, 2013

Garry D. Lacefield  
University of Kentucky, 2008

Mark L. McFarland  
Texas A&M University, 2009

Nancy M. Porter  
Clemson University, 2007

## Award for Excellence in Extension, continued

Tom A. Vestal  
The Texas A&M University System, 2012

Lisa Whittlesey  
Texas A&M University, 2011

## WESTERN REGION

Michael Bondi  
Oregon State University, 2010

Mary E. Burrows  
Montana State University, 2012

Susan Donaldson  
University of Nevada, 2006

Daniel L. Fagerlie  
Washington State University, 2009

Brian J. Higginbotham  
Utah State University, 2013

Donald B. Meehan  
Washington State University, 2008

Marcia R. Ostrom  
Washington State University, 2007

Michael P. Vogel  
Montana State University, 2011

## NATIONAL EXTENSION DIVERSITY AWARD

Kathy Castania  
Cornell University, 2003

Marilyn Corbin  
The Pennsylvania State University, 2005

Curtis Gear  
University of Wisconsin, 1996

Susan Given-Seymour  
Northwest Indian College Cooperative  
Extension, 2013

Jeff G. Hart  
University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2007

Patreese Ingram  
The Pennsylvania State University, 2000

Clint Jacks  
Oregon State University, 1993

Hector Mendiola  
Utah State University, 2009

Michigan State University, 1999

Juan Moreno  
University of Minnesota, 2004

James Oliver, University of Illinois  
Cooperative Extension Service  
University of California  
Cooperative Extension Service  
University of Maine Cooperative Extension  
Service Task Force on Diversity, 1991

Raygene Paige  
Mississippi State University, 1997

Hiram Palmertree  
Mississippi State University, 1995

People of the Land  
University of Nevada, 2011

Francis Price  
Utah State University, 1998

Rural Agricultural Improvement and  
Public Relations Project  
New Mexico State University Cooperative  
Extension Service, 2008

Ann Schauber  
Oregon State University, 2006

Tuyet Seethaler, Utah State University  
Los Angeles County Cooperative  
Extension Service Staff Team  
Michigan State University Cooperative  
Extension Service, 1992

Texas Cooperative Extension, 2002

The University of California Small Farm  
Program, 2010

University of Missouri–Lincoln University  
Cooperative Extension Task Force, 1994

Michael P. Vogel  
Extension Tribal Housing & Health Program  
Montana State University, 2012

# UNIVERSITIES OF EXCELLENCE

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As recognized by the Award for Excellence in Extension

University of Nebraska–Lincoln (5)	New Mexico State University (1)
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (3)	North Carolina A&T State University (1)
Texas A&M University (3)	Oklahoma State University (1)
University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff (3)	Oregon State University (1)
University of Nevada, Reno (3)	Purdue University (1)
Washington State University (3)	University of California, Davis (1)
Montana State University (2)	University of Connecticut (1)
Tennessee State University (2)	University of Delaware (1)
University of Kentucky (2)	University of Florida (1)
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Clemson University (1)	University of Minnesota (1)
Iowa State University (1)	University of Tennessee (1)
Kansas State University (1)	University of Vermont (1)
Kentucky State University (1)	Utah State University (1)
Louisiana State University (1)	West Virginia State University (1)

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Mississippi State University (2)	Texas A&M University (1)
Oregon State University (2)	University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign (1)
The Pennsylvania State University (2)	University of Maine (1)
University of California (2)	University of Minnesota (1)
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Lincoln University (1)	University of Nebraska (1)
Montana State University (1)	University of Nevada (1)
	University of Wisconsin (1)

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2013

# SERA 5 (IEG-14)

*Sweetpotato Collaborators Conference*

The National Sweetpotato Collaborators group was initiated in 1939 to “exchange information about all aspects of sweetpotato production and post-harvest research and extension.” The group has collaborators that touch on all aspects of production, genetics, plant pathology, entomology, economics, food safety, post-harvest storage, weed science, basic physiology, and extension.

Though no single member institution has a full complement of scientists to explore every priority area of this specialty crop, the collaborative effort of the group allows for a comprehensive approach. Post-harvest storage facility research is centered in North Carolina, equipment design in Mississippi, and virus disease research in Louisiana. Breeding programs at USDA-ARS (Charleston, SC), Louisiana State University AgCenter, and North Carolina State University serve the needs of all.

A key function of the group is testing advanced breeding program selections. Although the number of breeding programs has declined, there is widespread participation in trials—17 in the United States and Canada in 2012. Varieties which make it through the evaluation process are adopted worldwide. Additionally, collaborators have consistently formed alliances to address critical shortfalls in chemical registration and have developed successful management strategies for insects, weeds, and diseases. Research on post-harvest handling and disease management has contributed to the success of 12-month marketing and continues to investigate ways to reduce reliance on prophylactic use of fungicides on packing lines. Collaborators’ research provided the impetus for development of virus-tested seed programs that now serve most sweetpotato-producing states.

With the research and extension efforts of the group, U.S. sweetpotato productivity has incrementally increased nearly every year since 1939, reaching its current record high of 209 hundredweight per acre in 2012 (nearly 4.5 times the yields when the group



was founded). The group boasts well over 1,000 refereed and extension publications (including a comprehensive postharvest disease compendium and a new sweetpotato disease compendium) and 94 released varieties. The group is now approaching its 75th year, and represents the most organized and systematic approach to sweetpotato research and extension in the world.



## PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS

Alcorn State University

Auburn University

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Louisiana State University

Mississippi State University

North Carolina State University

Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey

Texas A&M University

Tuskegee University

University of Arkansas–Pine Bluff

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Virginia Tech University

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## EXCELLENCE IN MULTISTATE RESEARCH AWARD

Sweetpotato Collaborators Conference NCERA 5 (IEG-14), 2013

Response to Emerging Threat: Soybean Rust (NCERA-208), 2012

Improving the Sustainability of Livestock and Poultry Production in the United States (S-1032), 2011

Biological Improvement of Chestnut through Technologies that Address Management of the Species, its Pathogens, and Pests (NE-1033), 2010

Porcine Reproductive and Regulatory Disease: Methods for Integrated Control, Prevention, and Elimination of PRRS in United States Swine Herds (NC-229), 2009



FOOD SYSTEMS  
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2013

# FOOD SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

The Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) is dedicated to developing individual and institutional leadership for a twenty-first century food system. The program curriculum focuses on a series of core leadership competencies and three complementary threads: individual leadership; leading change within organizations; and understanding and influencing complex, diverse food systems. This curriculum lays the groundwork for leaders who will transition food systems research, education, and outreach to broader, more holistic approaches.

FSLI is a program of the Association of Public Land-grant Universities with support from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. North Carolina State University is the primary host institution, responsible for program implementation and hosting FSLI scholars during one of their three onsite residential sessions. The Ohio State University and University of Vermont are also partners in the FSLI, providing their expertise in leadership and food systems to the FSLI curriculum and hosting onsite residential sessions for FSLI participants.

The FSLI is committed to developing additional partnerships with individuals and organizations dedicated to leadership development and food systems.

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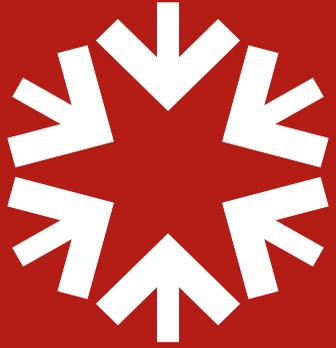
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