

# North American Colleges & Teachers of Agriculture

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## 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

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# Awards Program 2014

**Saturday, June 28, 2014  
6:00 pm**



**“Learning Runs Through It”**

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## ***Celebrating 60 Years of NACTA***

The National Association of College Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) was officially born March 12, 1955, at Central Missouri State College in Warrensburg, Missouri. The first president of NACTA was Ewart B. Knight from the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. He stated, "It is our responsibility as educators to prepare our students for the kind of life they will enter upon graduation - big, rough, demanding and fast moving."

The 1957 conference was held at Stephen F. Austin College in Nacogdoches, Texas, and at that conference G. Carl Schowengerdt presented a small gavel to conduct business. It was felt that a small gavel in Texas was totally out of place and downright embarrassing. So a Texas gavel was constructed with a mallet 12 inches long, 7 inches in diameter, with a handle 3 feet long. That gavel was resurrected to conduct business at the 50th celebration for NACTA and again for the 60th.

A perspective on the financial requirements for membership in NACTA is gained from the 1959 Executive Committee, which set NACTA dues at \$3. This included a subscription to the NACTA Journal, a peer-reviewed journal dedicated to teaching improvement. The annual conference registration fee for that year was \$5, but this fee was waived for the host school staff members.

A constitution and bylaws were put in place, and the early years set the foundation for the organization in many ways. The first meetings of representatives from non-land-grant colleges involved discussions to define the purpose and function of NACTA, as well as how NACTA should relate to the land-grant institutions. After many lengthy and heated discussions over the early years of NACTA, the constitution was modified in 1967 to allow total integration of junior colleges, colleges, and universities into NACTA.

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**Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014, 6:00 pm  
Ballroom A, Strand Union Building  
Montana State University, Bozeman**

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Jeff Hattey  
NACTA President  
The Ohio State University

## Banquet

Introduction of Officers and Guests

Jeff Hattey

## Award Presentations

E.B. Knight Journal Award

Neil Douglas  
Berea College, Kentucky

Jack Everly Journal Award

Neil Douglas

NACTA Judging and Student Service Award

Kevin Donnelly  
Kansas State University

NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Awards

Nick Fuhrman  
University of Georgia

NACTA Teacher Fellow Awards

Nick Fuhrman

NACTA Regional Outstanding Teacher Awards

Nick Fuhrman

NACTA Teaching Award of Excellence

Nick Fuhrman

NACTA Murray Brown Leadership Award

Jeff Hattey

NACTA Distinguished Educator Awards	Jeff Hattey
2013-2014 NACTA President's Remarks	Jeff Hattey
Installation of 2014-2015 President and Officers	Jeff Hattey
2014-2015 Incoming President's Remarks	Bonnie Walters University Of Wisconsin, River Falls



Appreciation is extended to Montana State University for hosting the 60th Annual NACTA Conference. Our sincere gratitude goes to the local planning committee. Your hard work is most appreciated.

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# NACTA Journal Awards

## Selection Process

Each member of the NACTA Journal Awards Committee reads and evaluates each article published in the NACTA Journal in the past year. Then, a ballot is submitted to the Chair in January with the top eight articles ranked. The Chair tabulates results. In early February, participating committee members rank a second ballot containing the few leading candidates. The final tabulation determines the award recipients.

## E. B. Knight Journal Award

Award established by the NACTA Executive Committee after Knight's death in 1965, in recognition of his outstanding contributions to NACTA. E.B. Knight received his graduate degrees from the University of Missouri. He taught 1939-1949 at the University of Tennessee and 1949-1964 at the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute. E.B. Knight was a charter member of NACTA, served as first President 1955-56, was Editor of the Journal from 1958-1960, and author of numerous articles published in the NACTA Journal

**Article:** *Class Attendances: An Investigation of Why Undergraduates Choose to Not Attend Class*

**Authors:** Christopher T. Stripling, T. Grady. Roberts and Glenn D. Israel

## Christopher T. Stripling, University of Tennessee



Dr. Christopher T. Stripling is an assistant professor and undergraduate coordinator in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications at the University of Tennessee. He joined the faculty at the University of Tennessee in 2012 after completing his PhD in agricultural education from the University of Florida. Dr. Stripling teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in research methods, foundations of agricultural leadership, education and communications, teaching methods, and teaching and learning theory. Dr. Stripling also holds BS and MAL degrees from the University of Georgia. His research interests include the teaching of contextualized mathematics and teaching and learning in secondary and postsecondary settings. He has authored/co-authored 20 refereed journal articles and 46



refereed conference presentations. Dr. Stripling's recent awards include the *Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education* Runner-up Article of the Year Award, Honorary Tennessee State FFA Degree, and the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences' Young Alumni Achievement Award from the University of Georgia.

## **Glenn D. Israel, University of Florida**



Dr. Glenn Israel is a Professor in Program Development and Evaluation in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication. His assignment is 50% extension, 35% research, and 15% teaching. Dr. Israel's extension programs focus on professional development for new county faculty, training on survey design and implementation, and assessing client satisfaction. He teaches 'Evaluating Programs in Extension Education' and 'Applied Data Analysis and Interpretation'. Dr. Israel's research currently focuses on educational achievement, reducing error in surveys, and evaluation of Extension programs. He earned a BS degree in Community

Development from University of New Hampshire in 1979. He received his MS degree in 1982 and PhD in 1985, both in Rural Sociology from Pennsylvania State University.

## **T. Grady Roberts, University of Florida**



Dr. T. Grady Roberts is an Associate Professor of Agricultural Education in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication at UF. He holds BS, MAg, and PhD degrees in agricultural education and communication from UF, with a program emphasis in teaching and learning. Roberts has taught a field based research experience in Trinidad and Tobago. His research interests include experiential learning and global competence development. He is author/co-author of over 75 refereed journal articles and over 50 refereed conference research papers. Roberts has served as PI or Co-PI on externally funded grants totaling over

\$3,000,000, including a projects designed to engage Hispanic students in agricultural education and several projects to globalize curricula. He serves as the Director for the UF CALS Teaching Resource Center.

## Jack Everly Journal Award

Award established by the NACTA Executive Committee in recognition of Jack's outstanding contributions to the NACTA Journal. Jack C. Everly taught at the University of Illinois. In 1971, he received the E.B. Knight Journal Award and received the NACTA Distinguished Educator Award in 1984. Jack served 25 years as Associate Editor (1971-74) and Editor (1974-96) of the NACTA Journal.

**Article:** *Actual Versus Preferred Laboratory Classroom Practices: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Laboratory Classroom Teaching at the Post-Secondary Level*

**Authors:** Sarah E. Burleson and Brian E. Myers

### Sarah Sapp, University of Florida



Sarah Sapp (Burleson) obtained her Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Education and Communication in 2011 from the University of Florida. During that time, she completed an Honors Thesis. Sarah's undergraduate Honors Thesis led to the development of a manuscript that was then accepted and published in Volume 57 Issue 1 of the *NACTA Journal*. Following her undergraduate degree, Sarah began work on her Master of Science degree at the University of Florida focusing in Agricultural Education. Mrs. Sapp graduated in the spring of 2013, and began her teaching career at Jefferson County Middle High School in Monticello,

Florida where she continues to serve as the agri-science teacher and FFA advisor.

### Brian E. Myers, University of Florida



Brian E. Myers is an Associate Professor and the Associate Chair of the AEC Department. Since December 2013, Dr. Myers has also served as Interim Associate Dean for Extension & State 4-H Youth Development Program Leader. Brian was raised on a grain and livestock farm in west-central Illinois. He received his BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Education from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. Myers taught high school agriscience at Unity High School in Mendon, IL for four years prior to beginning his doctoral studies. Dr. Myers completed his

PhD at the University of Florida. His research interests include: Agriscience Curriculum Development and Implementation, Agriscience Instructional Methods, and the Design and Delivery of Teacher Professional Development. Dr. Myers has advised over 35 graduate students (MS & PhD) and served on the supervisory committee for dozens more. He has authored or co-authored over 100 refereed journal articles and conference papers. As an author or co-author, Dr. Myers has received outstanding article or paper presentation awards at the regional or national levels on 19 different occasions. He is a member of the University of Florida *AG-STEM Education Research Laboratory*, the American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE) *Enhancing STEM through Agricultural Education* Special Interest Group (SIG) and serves as chair of a multi-state research project, S1057: A framework for secondary schools agriscience education programs that emphasizes the STEM content in agriculture. Overall, Dr. Myers' work is guided by the mission to develop passionate educators equipped with the knowledge, skills, and desire to make a positive difference in the lives of students.

## 2014 Journal Awards Committee Members

Name.....	Institution
Neil Douglas, Chairman .....	Berea College, KY
Crystal Allen.....	University Of Illinois
James C. Cooke .....	Abilene Christian University, TX
Christopher Estepp.....	Sul Ross State University
John Ewing.....	Penn State University
Rodney Gilbert .....	Delaware Valley College, PA
JoAnne Logan .....	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Harouna Maiga.....	University of Minnesota, Crookston
Lurline Marsh .....	University Of Maryland, Eastern Shores
Michael Nicodemus.....	Abilene Christian University
Michael Olexa .....	University Of Florida
Rama Radhakrishna.....	Penn State University
C. Robert Stark.....	University Of Arkansas-Monticello
Robert Stephenson .....	Fort Hays State University, KS
Lyle Westrom .....	University Of Minnesota-Crookston

## NACTA Journal Award Honorable Mention

This award was started in the 1980s by former Chair Bob Sorenson to recognize outstanding paper(s) that contended for an award, but lacked the necessary votes. One to rarely three awards, at discretion of the Chair.

**Article:** *Comparison of Factors Influencing the College Choice of Matriculant and Non-Matriculant Students into a College of Agriculture*

**Author:** Steven J. Rocca

### **Steven J. Rocca, California State University, Fresno**



Dr. Steven J. Rocca grew up near Fresno, California and attended Washington Union High School where he was a very active FFA member. Dr. Rocca completed his BS degree in Agricultural Education in 1995 and his teaching certification in 1996 at California State University, Fresno. Dr. Rocca began teaching secondary agriculture at Washington Union in 1996. While teaching, Dr. Rocca completed his MS degree in Agricultural Education at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo in 2000. In 2001, he accepted a lectureship in Agricultural Education at California State University, Fresno where he taught for two and a half years. Dr. Rocca received an Alumni

Fellowship at the University of Florida and began his doctoral program in agricultural education in 2003, with an emphasis on teacher education. During his time at the University of Florida, he served as a graduate teaching and research assistant. After completing his Ph.D., Dr. Rocca accepted his current position as Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education at California State University, Fresno and in 2011 he was promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Dr. Rocca teaches undergraduate courses in agricultural education and communication, he coordinates outreach activities and the college's Ambassador Program, and co-advises the student organizations responsible for the State FFA Leadership Conference and the FFA Field Day and State Finals Career Development Events.

**Article:** *Using Interactive Flash Games to Enhance Students' Learning in Animal Sciences*

**Authors:** Harouna A. Maiga and Marc L. Bauer



**Marc L. Bauer**

**North Dakota State University**



**Harouna A. Maiga**

**University of Minnesota Crookston**

## Bob Gough Teaching Tip Award



Bob Gough, Montana State University, served as editor from 1996 to 2002. As editor he introduced many changes to the Journal that we still benefit from today, for example: a style guide, more manuscripts in each issue, condensed reports and a color change. His advice: "Write tight," still applies.

**Article:** *Student-Centered Teaching through Experiential Learning and its Assessment*

**Authors:** Kulbhushan Grover and Shelly Stovall

### **Kulbhushan Grover, New Mexico State University**



Kulbhushan Grover is an assistant professor in the Department of Plant and Environmental Sciences at New Mexico State University. He enjoys teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in sustainable crop production, including organic agriculture. He strives to integrate his research and extension activities into his teaching, and to stimulate his students to think critically and apply the knowledge gained to solve real-world problems. Dr. Grover is also actively engaged in assessing the impact of his innovative teaching tools and continuously modifying them to enhance student-centered learning. He has published his work in scholarly journals including the NACTA journal, and delivered workshops and presentations at regional and international meetings. Dr. Grover recently received the Teaching Innovation Award from New Mexico State University for his scholarly work on experiential learning. He also received the 2013 Educator of the Year Award from the New Mexico Department of Agriculture Organic Program for his excellent educational services. His other notable teaching innovations include inquiry based learning, collaborative learning and a student-farmer-extension colloquium.

## Shelly Stovall, New Mexico State University



Shelly Stovall is the Director of Assessment at New Mexico State University (NMSU). Formerly a faculty member in the Department of Music, she taught numerous music courses, both in and out of her area of expertise – music theory. Dr. Stovall’s interest in assessment developed throughout her graduate studies and gained a foothold in her service to NMSU, first in coordinating assessment initiatives in the music department and later in serving on and chairing several university assessment committees. Her most recent, and perhaps most rewarding initiative was her development of the “Provost’s Research Scholars” course, a service-learning

research methods course in which undergraduate students develop and implement an action research project to assess learning across the institution on NMSU’s Baccalaureate Experience learning objectives. She taught the first iteration of this course Spring 2014.

In 2011, Dr. Stovall was recognized nationally as a Teagle Assessment Scholar, and in 2010 was awarded the NMSU Teaching Academy Honorary Lifetime Membership Award for her development of the ChAMPION (CHampioning Assessment Mentors to Promote Institutional Outcomes Networks) program, a program for faculty and staff development in outcomes assessment. Dr. Stovall is past president of the New Mexico Higher Education Assessment Association, has served on the New Mexico Higher Education Department Assessment and Articulation Task Forces, presents regularly at national, state and regional conferences, and is the director of NMSU’s ChAMPION program. She is wholeheartedly committed to empowering faculty to improve student learning through use of authentic assessment practices.

## **NACTA Judging and Student Service Award**

This award is new to NACTA this year and was started to recognize exceptional service to students by coaching competitive teams in the NACTA Judging Conference, integrating the judging program into the overall academic experience and institutional mission, and demonstrating excellence in teaching and student service activities.

### **Steve R. Sears, Hutchinson Community College**



Steve Sears has been involved in the NACTA Judging Conference as a coach at Hutchinson Community College for 29 years. He has coached crops and soils teams at every national judging conference since 1985, except the two years that HCC hosted the national event in 1993 and 2007. Steve has also coached NACTA teams in computers and horticulture, and is co-coach for the quiz bowl team which HCC has participated in every year since quiz bowl was added to the judging conference event schedule. The HCC crops team has won the national championship 18 times total and 12 times in the last 13 years. His soils teams have placed first three times and second five times. The

HCC quiz bowl team has consistently been first or second most years. Steve and his faculty peers at HCC have developed one of the top NACTA two-year judging programs in the nation. HCC frequently takes 30-40 different students to the conference each year, and they have won the NACTA Sweepstakes Award five times in the last 12 years. Steve teaches courses in Plant Science, Soils, Farm Crop Production, Range Management, and Crop and Weed Identification at HCC. He also manages the greenhouse facilities and the campus farm and coordinates the Farm Management Program.



## **Gary C. Steinhardt, Purdue University**



Gary earned B.S. and M.S. degrees at Michigan State University. Gary was a Lieutenant in US Army and later earned his Ph.D. in Agronomy at Purdue University. His research on soil physical properties, tillage practices and characterization and mapping of soil properties has made him a great resource to students and Extension clientele. He is a key member of the soils teaching faculty. He teaches six courses in soils. Dr. Steinhardt has served as undergraduate advisor/counselor and mentor for over 288 soil and crop science students. He serves as Club Advisor for Purdue's Student Chapter of Soil and Water Conservation Society, Alpha Zeta, Theta Chi, and has

been coach of Purdue Soils Team for 27 years. He has been recognized as a Fellow of both the Soil and Water Conservation Society and Indiana Academy of Science. He has twice served as President of Soil and Water Conservation Society.

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## **NACTA Graduate Student Awards**

### **Bryson Haverkamp, Kansas State University**



Bryson Haverkamp is a graduate research and teaching assistant at Kansas State University where he is attaining his MS in crop production and ecology. He is set to graduate in December of 2014 and hopes to attain a job as a research associate or agronomist for a seed company. His thesis research work involves maximizing soybean yield and quality and also teaches labs for the introductory Crop Science course. Bryson received his BS in Agronomy at K-State in 2012 where he was actively involved holding officer positions in the Wheat State Agronomy Club and participating on the Collegiate and NACTA Crops Judging Teams. He grew up on a family farm outside of Bern, KS where he

helped his dad and uncles raise hogs, cattle, and crops.

### **Laura Ingwers, University of Georgia**



Laura Ingwers is finishing her last semester of her Masters degree in Agricultural Leadership at the University of Georgia. She is a graduate and teaching assistant for the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, currently teaching a discussion section of Agricultural Leadership and Service. Her research interests include sustainable agriculture, local food systems and community gardens. Her thesis is entitled, "Community Garden Impact Study in Athens, GA". She grew up in Davis, California and received her Bachelor of Science in Animal Science and Management from the University of California, Davis. She plans to pursue a

PhD in Educational Psychology and ultimately, a career as a University educator.

## **Kim Kerschen, Kansas State University**



Kim Kerschen grew up on a grain and dairy farm in Garden Plain, KS located just west of Wichita. She graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in Agronomy in 2012. She is currently a graduate student under Dr. Mickey Ransom. Her research focuses on teaching with the *Simplified Guide to Soil Taxonomy*. Upon completing her degree, she will begin her new position as Instructor and Academic Coordinator for the Agronomy Department at Kansas State. Outside of school she enjoys attending K-State sporting events, spending time with family and friends, and working in her garden.

## **Natalie Kincy, University of Georgia**



Natalie Kincy is a second year student in the Master of Agricultural Leadership program at the University of Georgia. Originally from Dallas, TX, Natalie earned a Bachelor of Science in Horticultural and Turf Grass Sciences from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, TX in 2012. She is currently a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication's Agricultural Leadership and Service class, as well as Floral Design which is cross listed with the Horticulture Department. Her thesis is entitled "Teachers' commitment to using gardens: A case study." She hopes to start a career in promotion of the agriculture

industry before pursuing her PhD with hopes of ultimately teaching at the University level.

## **Andrew “Dewey” Mann, The Ohio State University**



Andrew “Dewey” Mann was raised on a 1,000 acre diversified row crop and livestock farm in Shelby County, Missouri. As a youth, he was active in 4-H and FFA. Mr. Mann received a B.S. in Agricultural Systems Management (ASM) from the University of Missouri-Columbia in May 2007. In August 2010, Dewey received a M.S. in Agricultural and Biological Engineering (ABE) from Purdue University. He accepted a position as a Lecturer-BE at The Ohio State University in the department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering (FABE) September 2010. Dewey is also enrolled as a PhD student in the Agricultural Safety and Health program at The Ohio State University, with

an anticipated completion date of December 2015.

## **Douglas Masser, University of Idaho**



Douglas Masser was born and raised on a 1200-acre fruit and vegetable farm in central Pennsylvania. Growing up, he was involved in both 4-H and FFA where he raised Boer goats and helped manage the family farm as his experiences. A major part of his job revolved around managing the family’s three farmers markets. It was both his agricultural background and his passion for teaching others about the industry that led him to become an agricultural educator. Doug completed his Bachelors of Science in Agricultural and Extension Education at The Pennsylvania State University in 2012. He then attended University of Idaho as part of a research assistantship to complete a

Masters of Science in Agricultural Education. His future plans are to become a high school agricultural educator.

## **Sara Pena Ho, Texas A&M University**



Sarah Peña Ho is third year doctoral student in the department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications at Texas A&M University. Originally from a small farming community in south Texas and the daughter of two public school educators, Sarah grew up with a sincere appreciation for agriculture and education. Thus, she chose to pursue a career in higher education. Currently, Sarah serves as a course instructor and academic advisor for the Agricultural Leadership and Development degree program. Her research interests include leadership pedagogy, academic advising, and high impact experiences. Sarah received her BS in Human Resource Development and MS in Higher Educational Administration, both from Texas A&M University.



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hosting the NACTA 2014 Conference**

## **Tobin Redwine, Texas A&M University**



Tobin Redwine grew up on a farm in Lazbuddie, a rural community in Northwest Texas. After serving as the Texas FFA President in 2003-2004, he earned a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Leadership and Development at Texas A&M University in 2008. While there he developed an affinity for ugly shirts, and cheesy jokes. He earned a Master of Science degree in Agricultural Communications at Texas Tech University in 2009. Tobin is currently an academic advisor and instructor in the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communications at Texas A&M University, as well as a PhD student in the department. He advises

undergraduate students in Agricultural Communications and Journalism, and also teaches photography and introduction to agricultural communications. Tobin and his wife Shanna, who is infinitely better looking and more intelligent than he, live in Montgomery, Texas, with an overweight bloodhound named Cotton, and an angry Chihuahua-alien hybrid named Charlie. They are expecting their first child, a boy, in May 2014. Hilarity ensues. An enthusiastic presenter, Tobin has shared encouragement and optimism at more than 800 schools. His speaking and teaching style have led him to more than 30 states and 4 countries. He will complete his Ph.D. in Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication in December 2014. Tobin is also a freelance journalist, photographer, music enthusiast, and amateur habanero salsa maker.

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## **Sarah Scholl, University of Illinois**



Sarah Scholl is currently pursuing her PhD in Food Science from the University of Illinois. She has served as a Teaching Assistant for six semesters and her passion and enthusiasm for food science is central to her teaching philosophy. During her time at the University of Illinois, Sarah has received several teaching and research awards and most recently earned the Louis V. Logeman Graduate Student Teaching Award from her College. In her spare time she also enjoys teaching group fitness and coaching field hockey.

## **Mohammad Torshizi, University of Saskatchewan**



Born in the north of Iran in 1983, Mohammad grew up in the beautiful city of Gorgan, situated beside the Caspian Sea. His passion for farming and mathematics led him to a BSc in Agricultural Economics where he could have a bit of both. Mohammad went on to do his Masters in the same field after he was ranked first in the National MSc Examination. In 2009, Mohammad moved to Canada to do his PhD in Agricultural Economics-Agricultural Policies at the University of Saskatchewan where he discovered teaching to be one of the greatest joys in his life. While Mohammad's research focuses on the economics of innovation, he has chosen show jumping as his challenging but gratifying hobby outside of academia.

## Daniel Weber, University of Illinois



Daniel Weber received a Bachelor of Science and a Masters of Computer Science from the University of Illinois. There he discovered his love of teaching as a teaching assistant for an undergraduate-level, computer programming course. Post-graduation, he was employed as a software developer at the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, where he designed early web-based technologies and immersive virtual-reality environments with the Theoretical Relativity Group. Given an opportunity to advance his teaching abilities, he transferred to the Beckman Visualization Facility at the Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology. There

he served as a scientific visualization consultant, training graduate students through tenured faculty from all disciplines how to use cutting-edge technology to advance their research and their art. He was eventually promoted to manager of the facility, where he oversaw a staff of undergraduate research consultants. While at Beckman, he became a founding member of *Bugscope*, an educational outreach program that continues to give K-12 classrooms free access to a live, online scanning electron microscope for the exploration of insect specimens. He remains an occasional, invited participant. In 2003, he was offered the opportunity to pursue a doctoral degree in Horticulture under small fruits specialist Dr. Robert M. Skirvin. He began his studies while continuing to manage the visualization laboratory. In 2007, he entered graduate school full time. His research topic is genetic linkage mapping in tetraploid blackberry species, but his primary interest is in teaching undergraduate students how technologies can change our perception of horticulture.



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## **NACTA Teacher Fellow Awards**

### **Shannon Arnold, Montana State University**



Shannon Arnold is an Assistant Professor within the Division of Agricultural Education at Montana State University, specializing in Extension education. Shannon holds a PhD degree from University of Florida in Agricultural and Extension Education. Dr. Arnold teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in extension education, agricultural communications, non-formal teaching methods, youth event management, and program development and evaluation. She serves as the Ag Education- Relations Option Advisor and Internship Coordinator, and coordinates the MSU Online Master's program. She received the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Teaching Award of Merit, the AAAE Western Region Outstanding Young Member Award, and the MSU Award for Excellence in Teaching. She has served on the Western Region and National AAAE Professional Development Committee as Secretary, President-Elect, and President and is the current National AAAE Secretary. Recently, she co-organized a "Building Global Leaders" trip to Washington DC for MSU and Texas Tech students.

### **Dawn Bohn, University of Illinois**



Dawn Bohn graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science degree in Food Science in May, 1998. Upon the completion of her degree, Dawn became an Operations Manager at the Beloit, Wisconsin Frito-Lay site. In August of 2000, she returned to the University to begin her graduate work. The main focus of her doctoral research was the development, validation, and uncertainty analysis of a novel method that utilized dynamic vapor sorption coupled with fast-gas chromatography as a means to study how temperature and humidification affect volatile release from amorphous carbohydrate systems. Dawn's research also focused on coupling dynamic vapor sorption with differential scanning calorimetry to study how humidification affects the glass

transition temperature of, and subsequent volatile release from, amorphous carbohydrate volatile entrapping systems. After she earned her Ph. D. in 2004, Dawn reentered to the food industry, this time in a research and development role, as a Sr. Scientist for Diageo Global Supply. In 2006, Dawn returned to the University of Illinois once again, first as a visiting assistant professor, but now serves the department as a Teaching Associate, Director of Off-Campus Programs, and Research Assistant Professor. Dawn enjoys living in central Illinois with her husband Joe and two daughters Isabelle (6) and Gianna (3).

## **Jan Brooks, University of Illinois**



Jan Brooks is a teaching associate in the Department of Human and Community Development, College of Agricultural, Consumer, and Environmental Sciences at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She holds a Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction and a Bachelor of Science degree in Early Childhood Education from The University of Illinois. Jan teaches courses in Lifespan Human Development, Early Childhood Classroom Curriculum, Children and Families with Special Needs, and has lead study abroad service learning experiences since 2007 to

Cape Town, South Africa. She has designed the study abroad experience to include university students with disabilities as role models for South African children with disabilities, and is invested in nurturing worldwide the health, education, and well-being of children. In 2010 she began a project designing curriculum for training modules for parents and foster parents of children who are HIV positive or chronically ill. Jan is academic advisor to students with career goals relating to child development, early childhood education, and child life specialists in hospital settings. Jan is an affiliate of The University of Illinois Center for African Studies, in 2011 was awarded the College of ACES Teaching Associate Teaching Award, and in 2012 participated in the ACES Academy for Global Engagement facilitating relationships with institutions in Ghana.

## **David Greiger, Kansas State University**



Dr. Greiger grew up in Indiana with three brothers and no sisters. It was rural and fun. He attended Purdue University and Washington State University for 10 years and finally had to get a job. He gladly accepted a teaching and research position at Kansas State University. Dr. G teaches courses in reproductive physiology and biotechnology and serves as academic advisor for 45 undergraduates. Dr. G's applied research emphasizes the improvement of timed A.I. breeding systems for beef heifers and using vaccines to decrease estrous behavior in mares. Dr. G's basic research studies genes important to early embryo

development. Dr. G's fantastic family consists of one wife, two daughters, a son, a neutered cat and neutered dog. In his massive amount of spare time, Dr. G converses with his wife, dominates his son in basketball, plays music with other old guys, and goes fishing to provide for his family.

## **Hartwig (Henry) Hochmair, University of Florida**



Hartwig Hochmair has a background in land surveying and Geographic Information Systems from the Technical University of Vienna. He has been teaching in various universities in Austria, Germany, and the United States. He joined the School of Forest Resources and Conservation of the University of Florida in 2008 to build a statewide teaching program in Geomatics. Being located in Fort Lauderdale 300 miles from the UF main campus in Gainesville, he uses innovative distance education methods to reach students located all over Florida, out of the state, and

out of the country. He led the establishment of an online Geomatics concentration within the non-thesis Master of Science degree and an online graduate certificate in Geospatial Analysis. In his research, Hartwig is passionate about the spatial analysis of invasive species such as termites, transportation, and volunteered geographic information. In his spare time he does cycling, plays piano, and wrestles with his five-year old "Octopus" daughter.

## **Brian Jackson, North Carolina State University**



Brian Jackson is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Horticultural Science at North Carolina State University. He currently holds an 85% teaching and 15% research appointment. Brian earned his Bachelor's degree from NC State University in 2002, a Master's degree from Auburn University in 2005, and his PhD from Virginia Tech in 2008, all in Horticulture. Brian teaches five undergraduate courses each year including courses in both the two-year associates program and the four-year degree program. Courses include Principles of Horticulture, Power of Plants, and three Plant Identification courses. Brian is also the Co-

Director of the Horticultural Substrates Laboratory at NC State University. Brian's research program specializes in 1) research and development of new organic substrates for horticultural crop production, 2) plant available and unavailable water in container substrates and 3) root growth physiology of container-grown horticultural crops.

## **Elizabeth Karcher, Michigan State University**



Dr. Elizabeth Karcher is an academic specialist in the Department of Animal Science at Michigan State University. Dr. Karcher is originally from Pennsylvania and holds degrees from Penn State University, Purdue University and Iowa State University. She joined the faculty of MSU in 2008. She specializes in undergraduate education and advising. Dr. Karcher teaches a variety of courses, including mammary physiology, animal health and dairy management. She

also leads a study abroad program focused on dairy husbandry and environmental stewardship in the Netherlands and a program in Vietnam focusing on sustainability in animal agriculture. Dr. Karcher advises approximately 60 undergraduate Animal Science students enrolled in the Production Animal Scholars concentration. She co-advises the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Student Association. Her research interests include the

influence of nutrition on health of dairy cattle. She and her husband have three young daughters.

## **Joanna Kouban, Kansas State University**



Dr. Kouba was born and raised in Bellevue, Nebraska (south of Omaha). She entered Northeast Missouri State University (now formally named Truman State University) in 1989, majoring in Animal Science with an Equine emphasis. She completed an MS in Animal Physiology from Clemson University in 1995. She completed her PhD in Equine Reproductive Physiology at Texas A&M University in spring 1996. While at Texas A&M, Dr. Kouba was also heavily involved in their undergraduate program, teaching courses in horse training, horsemanship, reproduction and management, as well as the introductory animal science labs.

In the fall of 2001, Dr. Kouba joined the KSU faculty as the horse teaching and research specialist with a 80% teaching and 20% research appointment. She currently teaches 7 on-campus equine courses as well as 3 distance courses, advises ~60 students, serves as the faculty coordinator for the KSU Horse Teaching and Research Unit, is the advisor for the KSU Horseman's Association, and mentors a number of graduate students pursuing advanced degrees with an equine emphasis.

Beyond her on-campus classes, Dr. Kouba also believes in enhancing educational opportunities for students through international experiences. In May of 2008 and 2012, she led study tours that focused on the diverse equine industries in Ireland, Scotland and England. In May of 2010 she led a similar equine tour to Spain, Portugal and Morocco.



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## **Jason Kruse, University of Florida**



Dr. Jason Kruse is an assistant professor in the Environmental Horticulture Department at the University of Florida, Gainesville where he teaches and studies turfgrass science. He received his B.S. from the University of Idaho, his M.S. from the University of Florida, and his PhD from Iowa State University. Dr. Kruse teaches courses in Turfgrass Culture, Golf and Sports Turf Management, and Undergraduate Professional Development. In addition to his teaching responsibilities he serves as the Undergraduate Coordinator for the Environmental Horticulture

Department and is actively involved in curriculum development for the college and university. The primary goal of his research program is to improve the management and use of turfgrass systems. Dr. Kruse's responsibilities as a turfgrass specialist include managing the University of Florida Turfgrass Envirotron teaching and research facility, planning and implementing turfgrass educational field days and leading the statewide turfgrass teaching design team.

## **D.K. Lee, University of Illinois**



D.K. Lee is an assistant professor in the Department of Crop Sciences at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. He is a production agronomist with the broad range of research and educational background in the area of crop production, perennial grasses, soil science, and international agriculture, with expertise in dedicated energy crop production. His goal in biomass production research is to optimize agricultural systems for sustainable feedstock production. In addition to bioenergy crops, he is also conducting research in the area of soil and water conservation and brown field re-vegetation using our native perennial grasses. He

earned BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Chemistry from Chungnam National University in Korea and he has a PhD in agronomy from South Dakota State University.

He developed and teaches two courses, "Bioenergy Crops" and "The Prairie and Bioenergy" at the University of Illinois. He is currently serving as an honorary research scientist and advisor on agricultural green technology for the Korea Rural Development Administration, as well as an associate editor for Agronomy

Journal. He serves on the grant review panel of the USDA and USDOE Biomass Research and Development Initiative and the USDOE Sustainable Bioenergy Feedstock Production Research. Currently, he is serving as the primary investigator of several biomass feedstock research funded by federal agencies.

## **Nathan Nelson, Kansas State University**



Nathan Nelson is an Associate Professor in the Kansas State University Department of Agronomy. He received his B.S. degree from Kansas State University and M.S. and PhD degrees from North Carolina State University.

Dr. Nelson's research program focuses mainly on improving phosphorus management in agroecosystems. He also conducts research on the interaction between nutrient response and crop genetics. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in soil fertility and nutrient management and has developed K-12 outreach programs in Agronomy.

Notable educational contributions include the development of a soybean growing contest for K-12 students that uses Agronomy to teach STEM skills (Willie and the Beanstalk contest) and the development of an audio podcast to help motivate undergraduate students to study soil fertility (Soil Fertility and Beyond).

## **Kim Niewolny, Virginia Tech**



Dr. Kim Niewolny is an assistant professor and extension specialist in the Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education at Virginia Tech. She joined the department in the fall of 2009. Kim's teaching, extension, and research activities are highly integrated and center on the role participatory, adult and community-based education plays in historical and emerging agricultural and community development with a specific focus on "civic agriculture" within the context of the land-grant system and civil society, and the interactions between the two. Her scholarship emphasizes: asset-based community

development; action research and community-based participatory research; sociocultural, experiential, and social movement learning in higher, extension,

and community education Dr. Niewolny holds research training and experience in qualitative research methods with special interest in narrative inquiry. Current funded research and extension initiatives center on: 1) beginning farmer training and program development, 2) community food security, and 3) farm-to-school program development. Kim serves as the Director of the Virginia Beginning Farmer and Rancher Coalition Program (VBFRCP), a state-wide coalition-based Extension program that aims to improve opportunities for viable farm start-up and sustainability. Kim is also a co-director of the USDA AFRI funded Appalachian Foodshed Project (AFP), a community-university initiative focusing on enhancing community food security in the Appalachian regions of Virginia, North Carolina, and all of West Virginia. In addition to teaching several graduate courses in community development, adult agricultural education, and community food systems, Kim provides teaching leadership in Virginia Tech's undergraduate minor in Civic Agriculture and Food Systems (CAFS). Kim received her Ph.D. and M.S. degrees in Adult and Extension Education from Cornell University. She also received a master's degree in Community and Rural Development from Cornell's Development Sociology Department, and her B.S. degree in Biology and Wildlife Resource Management from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Kim is a proud native of rural, north-central Wisconsin whose family heritage includes a long line of dairy farmers and tavern owners.

## **Wendell Porter, University of Florida**



Dr. Porter is a Lecturer and Advisor with the Agricultural & Biological Engineering Department of the University of Florida. Dr. Porter advises approximately sixty students in the Agricultural Operations Management program. Dr. Porter teaches many energy related courses, one of which; Global Sustainable Energy, is taught online. This course has been updated to the Coursera massive open, online course platform (MOOC) and has been delivered to over 35,000 students. Dr. Porter first taught at a University thirty years ago teaching thermodynamics.

After a ten year detour in aerospace to work on military hardware and the International Space Station, he returned to academia, working with Cooperative Extension programs at the University of Florida. A persistent faculty member convinced him to go back to school where he earned a PhD in 2003. This winding career path brought Dr. Porter back to teaching, where he hopes to remain for the rest of his career.



## **Shannon Pratt Phillips, North Carolina State University**



Shannon E. Pratt Phillips is an Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Science at North Carolina State University. She has an appointment of 80% teaching, where she teaches in the field of general equine science and equine nutrition, both via traditional face-to-face classes and online, and was recently awarded an NC State University Outstanding Teacher Award and an Alumni Association Outstanding Teacher Award. She has an appointment of 20% research and conducts research in the field of glucose metabolism, insulin resistance and obesity in horses.

Pratt Phillips received her B.S. (1997, Nutritional Science) from the University of Guelph, her M.S. (1999, Animal Science) from the University of Kentucky and her PhD (2005, Animal Science) from the University of Guelph. She is a member of the Equine Science Society, North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture, American Society of Animal Science, American Registry of Professional Animal Scientists and the American Academy of Veterinary Nutrition.

## **Robert Schooley, University of Illinois**



Robert Schooley received his B.S. from Pennsylvania State University, M.S. from University of Maine, and PhD in Ecology from Colorado State University. Following a postdoctoral appointment at the University of Florida, I moved to the University of Illinois where I am now an Associate Professor in the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences. I conduct basic and applied research within the general area of wildlife ecology and conservation. Specific research interests include habitat fragmentation and landscape connectivity, ecological restoration, and effects of human land use on biodiversity. I currently teach four classes: Wildlife Population Ecology, Vertebrate Natural History, Wildlife Field Techniques and African Wildlife Discovery. I also serve as the Teaching Coordinator for our department.

## **Michelle Schroeder-Moreno** **North Carolina State University**



Dr. Michelle Schroeder-Moreno is an Associate Professor in the Crop Science Department at NC State University and serves as the Assistant Director of Educational Programs at the Center for Environmental Farming Systems (CEFS). CEFS is a 2,000 acre facility whose mission is to promote farming systems that protect the environment, strengthen local communities, and provide economic opportunities in NC and beyond.

Dr. Schroeder-Moreno provides leadership for the Agroecology Minor and Concentration programs, directs a new student farm and advises for a student-run Campus Farmers Market. She teaches four agroecology courses, including an online course and sustainable agriculture internship program. Throughout all her courses, she engages students in active learning and critical thinking about the food system around them. In 2010 she was recognized for her innovation in teaching and awarded the NC State Outstanding Teaching Award. Dr. Schroeder-Moreno was also the past Chair of the Sustainable Agriculture Education Association.

## **Paul Stoddard, University of Illinois**



Paul Stoddard is a Lecturer in Agribusiness in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Originally from a cash grain farm in Piatt County, he received a degree from the University of Illinois in Economics in 1981.

Courses he teaches include ACE 222 Agricultural Marketing, ACE 231 Food and Agribusiness Management, ACE 232 Management of Farm Enterprises, and ACE 240 Personal Financial Planning. He co-teaches ACE 398 Issues in Agribusiness Markets and Management. Paul also supervises the off-campus internships of selected students from the Department, helping them use their work experience to learn more about the management challenges related to their employer's company,

industry, and product. He's also the advisor for the Agricultural and Consumer Economics Club. Since 2001, about 3900 students have enrolled in Paul's courses.

Paul joined the Department on a full time basis in January of 2012 after a 30 year career in agricultural real estate, commodity trading, farm management, and agricultural lending. He spent the prior 14 years at Farm Credit Services of Illinois, most recently serving as Chief Appraiser. Paul taught in the Department on a part time basis since 2001.

Paul is licensed in Illinois as a Certified General Real Estate Appraiser and has earned the Accredited Rural Appraiser designation of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. He is also licensed in Illinois as a Managing Real Estate Broker. Paul serves as a Lead Facilitator for LeaderShape, a nonprofit organization based in Champaign that provides leadership training to about 4000 college students per year nationwide. He also serves as mentor for the Illinois Leadership Center at the University of Illinois.

## **Kyle Stutts, Sam Houston State University**



Dr. Stutts is currently an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences at Sam Houston State University. He holds B.S. and PhD degrees in animal science from Texas A&M University and a M.S. in animal science from Oklahoma State University. He is the advisor for the SHSU Beef Cattle Show Team and Pre-Vet Society. He is the recipient of the 2014 ASAS Southern Section Outstanding Young Animal Scientist in Education award, the 2011 SHSU Department of Agricultural and Industrial Sciences Faculty Member of the Year, the NACTA Teaching Award of Merit, and a finalist for the SHSU Mentor

Award. Dr. Stutts teaches Animal Reproduction, Animal Breeding and Genetics, and Beef Cattle Production. His research focuses on animal reproduction and factors that affect academic performance of animal science students. Dr. Stutts serves as a superintendent for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

## **Bob Tripepi, University of Idaho**



Bob Tripepi is a professor of plant physiology and horticulture at the University of Idaho in Moscow. He is a native of northeastern Ohio, and earned a B.S. in horticulture at The Ohio State University, a M.S. in horticulture at The Pennsylvania State University and PhD in Plant Physiology from Purdue University. After finishing there, he became a faculty member at the UI and has worked there for over 30 years. He currently has a 40% teaching, 20% research, and 40% administration appointment. He teaches nursery management, landscape maintenance, plant propagation, plant tissue culture, principles of

horticulture, and senior seminar. His research involves examining alternative components for potting mixes, using plant tissue culture for propagating native landscape plants, and testing organic fertilizers for their abilities to promote the growth of landscape plants. His administration appointment is as division chair for the Plant Science North faculty members at the UI.

## **John Unruh, Kansas State University**



Dr. John Unruh grew up on a diversified crop and registered Angus farm near Warden, Washington. The family ranch was also involved in commercial sheep production and was a charter member of the American Simmental Association. John attended Washington State University and received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Sciences. He enjoyed competition on the Livestock and Live Animal and Carcass Evaluation Teams and later coached both teams while pursuing a M.S. degree. John received his Ph.D. in Meat Science (Animal Sciences and Industry) at Kansas State University. Following completion of his

graduate studies, John joined the faculty in the Department of Animal Sciences at Washington State University. John returned to KSU accepting a teaching and research position in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry. While coaching the meat judging team from 1989 to 1996, the team won two national and four reserve national championships. Internationally, he has worked with university and producer organizations in Mexico and Costa Rica to improve the

production, composition, and quality of meat. His research interests integrate live animal production and management, carcass composition and quality, and sensory evaluation of meat. In 2009, John became chair of the Undergraduate Food Science program. John and his wife, Judy, live in Manhattan, KS and enjoy a variety of outdoor activities.

## **Xin Zhao, University of Florida**



Dr. Xin Zhao is an Associate Professor in Horticultural Sciences Department at University of Florida. Her teaching and research programs are in the area of organic and sustainable vegetable production. Dr. Zhao's teaching responsibilities include two core courses for the undergraduate organic crop production specialization, an introductory horticultural science course, a protected crop production course, and study abroad courses on organic production and marketing in Spain and protected agriculture in China, as well as undergraduate advising, independent study instruction, and participation in graduate student training and supervision. Emphasis in her research program is placed on applied and fundamental studies of crop nutrition and physiology, pest management, and food quality in organic and other integrated production systems. Current projects focus particularly on application of grafting technology in tomato and cucurbit production, comparison of organic vegetable cropping systems, and organic strawberry cultivar evaluation under high tunnel and open field production.

# NACTA Regional Outstanding Teacher Award

## Southern Region

### Kimberly Moore, University of Florida



Kimberly Moore joined the University of Florida in 1995 as part of the Environmental Horticulture faculty. She is located at the Fort Lauderdale Research and Education Center. She teaches 4 online undergraduate courses (Elementary Organic and Biological Chemistry, Introductory Nursery Management, Nutritional Monitoring and Management of Nursery Crops and Plant Science Capstone) and 2 online graduate courses. She mentors 2 PhD and 3 MS students. Her research program focuses on sustainable water and fertilizer use in ornamental plant production.

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# NACTA Teaching Award of Excellence

## Ricky Telg, University of Florida



Ricky Telg, professor in the University of Florida's Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, teaches courses in agricultural communication, instructional technologies, and news writing. Telg teaches students how to develop information content for various platforms – the Web, video, and print. Before joining UF in 1995, he was a newspaper reporter and editor, a television reporter and producer, and a radio announcer.

Telg has taken leadership roles in national organizations, where he has served on boards of directors and as an officer. Telg has received both UF's College of Agricultural and Life Sciences' Undergraduate Adviser of the Year Award and the CALS Undergraduate Teacher of the Year Award twice. Telg received the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Award for Excellence in College and University Teaching in 2010. Telg has more than 50 refereed journal articles on distance education- and agricultural communication-related topics.



## **Murray Brown NACTA Leadership Award**

This new award recognizes one member each year for a distinguished and sustained record of NACTA leadership. The award is named in honor of Dr. Murray Brown who served as president of NACTA in 1969-70 and as secretary-treasurer from 1972-1999. Dr. Brown received the Teacher Fellow Award in 1972, the Distinguished Educator Award in 1978, and a Distinguished Service Award in 1999. Dr. Brown began teaching dairy science as a graduate assistant in 1953 at Texas A & M and served for 30 years as an administrator and teacher of animal and dairy science at Sam Houston State University. The award is supported by generous donations from family and friends of Murray Brown following his passing in 2005.

### **Jean Gleichsner, Fort Hays State University, KS**



Dr. Jean A. Gleichsner grew up on a dairy farm in Wisconsin where she was involved in the high school chapter of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) and 4-H. She went on to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison where she graduated with highest distinction, receiving B.S. degrees in Agricultural Education (1982) and Agronomy (1983). She then attended Oregon State University where she earned both a M.S. and a Ph.D. in Weed Science in 1987 and 1988, respectively. Dr. Gleichsner joined the Agriculture Department at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) in 1988 as an Assistant Professor and was promoted to Associate Professor in

1994. Over the years, she has taught ten different courses. She has served as the Delta Tau Alpha (DTA) Chapter Co-advisor (1989-93), Chapter Advisor (1993-present) and was elected as the National DTA Advisor in 2004.

She is actively involved in campus and community activities and was recognized for her service to the College of Health and Life Sciences at FHSU in 1994, 1999 and 2002. She received the FHSU Outstanding Service Award for Spring 2006. Gleichsner joined NACTA in 1988 and has been a life-time member since 1994. Gleichsner served a two-year term (1997-98) as President of the Kansas Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (KACTA). She served a two-year term (1997-99) as Central Regional Director, Vice-President (1999-2000) and President of NACTA (2000-2001). Gleichsner served on the Teaching Recognition Committee since 1992 and was chair from 1997-1999. She has



presented twelve oral and poster presentations at NACTA Conferences. Gleichsner served as President of Phi Kappa Phi at FHSU (2001-2002) and served as Public Relations Officer (2002-2004). She has been involved with service-learning since 2002 and has received almost \$42,000 in funding to support these efforts. Gleichsner served as a 2011-12 FHSU Provost's Service-Learning Faculty Fellow and a 2012-13 Kansas Campus Compact Engaged Faculty Fellow. She was the recipient of the 2013 Kansas Compact Excellence in Community-Based Teaching and Scholarship Award.

## **Robert Stephenson, Fort Hays State University, KS**



Dr. Robert J. Stephenson grew up in Illinois and attended Black Hawk Junior College in NW Illinois. He later transferred to Western Illinois University where he received a B.S. in Agronomy, graduating with honors. He then attended Kansas State University, where he received both his M.S. and PhD in Agronomy. Dr. Stephenson went to work at the Ona Research Center in South Florida as an Extension Forage Specialist for 3 years and later joined the Agriculture Department at Fort Hays State University (FHSU) in 1988. He is an Associate Professor and teaches courses in "Agronomy", he advises approximately 30 students and coaches the Crops Judging Team. His involvement includes serving as advisor to the FHSU Delta Tau Alpha Chapter from 1992-2004 and as National Delta Tau Alpha Executive Treasurer (1992-2004). Dr. Stephenson advises the FHSU Agronomy Club. He has been actively involved in community service. Dr. Stephenson has been recognized both locally and nationally for his outstanding efforts in teaching.

Dr. Stephenson is an active NACTA life member, has been a member of the NACTA Teacher Recognition Committee for 19 years and served as Chair for 6 years, NACTA Journal Awards Committee for 2 decades, has made presentations at NACTA (oral and poster), NACTA Media Review Board, Publications Committee and NACTA Book Review Board and has served as Central Regional Director. In 1994 he received the NACTA Teacher Fellow and in 1997 the Central Regional Fellow award. He has taken an active role in the Kansas Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (KACTA) making presentations and serving as a director.

Dr. Stephenson has received several teaching and service awards at FHSU. He received the College of Health & Life Sciences (CHLS) Teaching Award in 2003

and 2013, CHLS Service Award in 1993, 1998 and 2004 and nominated for the Torch Award (FHSU outstanding faculty member) on four occasions. He cares about his students and is dedicated to their success.

## **NACTA Distinguished Educator Award**

### **Mike Mullen, North Carolina State University**



Dr. Mike Mullen serves as Vice Chancellor and Dean for the Division of Academic and Student Affairs at North Carolina State University. As Vice Chancellor, he is responsible for academic and student affairs programming across the student life cycle that contributes to the success of all students at NC State. He is also a Professor in the Department of Soil Science at NCSU. Prior to his arrival at NC State in 2012, Mullen served as Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education at the University of Kentucky from August 2009 to July 2012. He also was Associate Dean in the College of Agriculture from 2004 until 2009 and was on the Plant and Soil Science faculty from 2002 through 2012. Before joining the faculty at the University of Kentucky, Mullen spent 13 years in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at the University of Tennessee. Dr. Mullen has received several teaching awards, including the NACTA Teacher Fellow Award in 2002 and the TN Association of Colleges and Teachers Outstanding Teacher Award in 1996. He also received the University of Tennessee W.F. and Golda Moss Outstanding Teacher Award and the UT National Alumni Association's Outstanding Teacher award in 1996. The Southern Branch of the American Society of Agronomy also recognized him with the Early-Career Award in Education in 1996 and the Career Award in Education in 2003. Dr. Mullen is published in several journals including: Soil Science Society of America Journal, Soil Biology and Biochemistry, Transactions of the ASAE, Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry, Journal of Plant Physiology, and others. In addition to his current interests in college student success, his research interests include the fate of nitrogen and phosphorous in soils amended with biosolids, microbial ecology in agroecosystems, the fate of hormones from dairy wastes, and activity of soil organisms in soils of organic farming systems. A native of Fort Wayne IN, Dr. Mullen received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from

Purdue University. He completed the PhD in Soil Science from North Carolina State University in 1987. He and his wife Deborah have two sons, John and Michael.

## **Teaching Award of Merit Certificates**

### **June 2013-2014**

Mark Anderson.....	Sam Houston State University, TX
Shalamar Armstrong.....	Illinois State University
Rebecca Atkinson.....	Southern Illinois University
William Baldwin.....	Clemson University, SC
Jane Ann Boles.....	Montana State University
Kristofor R. Brye.....	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
David S. Conner.....	University of Vermont
Kay D. Cooksey.....	Clemson University, SC
John R. Cummings.....	Clemson University, SC
Jessica Ebert.....	North Dakota State University
Rachel Endecott.....	Montana State University
Chastity W. English.....	NC A&T State University
Terrance B.H. Fujimoto.....	California State Polytechnic University
Ryan Goss.....	New Mexico State University
Wesley Greene.....	ATI-Ohio State University
Rob Gulden.....	University of Manitoba
Donald L. Hagan.....	Clemson University, SC
Sarah L. Hall.....	Berea College, KY
David Hardin.....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Gary Hein.....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Peter Hobbs.....	Cornell University, NY
Thomas Janin.....	ATI-Ohio State University
David Kopsell.....	Illinois State University
Misty Lambert.....	Oregon State University
Bryce Lane.....	North Carolina State University
Jessica Lucia.....	Sam Houston State University, TX
Audrey Luke-Morgan.....	Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, GA
Tera Montgomery.....	University of Wisconsin-Platteville
S. Suzanne Nielsen.....	Purdue University, IN
Bill Park.....	University of Tennessee-Knoxville

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 Jason Roberts.....University of Tennessee at Martin  
 Steven J. Rocca.....California State University, Fresno  
 Christopher M. Saffron.....Michigan State University  
 P. Ryan Saucier.....Texas State University  
 Jon Schoonover.....Southern Illinois University  
 Barb Sharanowski.....University of Manitoba  
 Brian Smith.....University of Wisconsin-River Falls  
 Elton Solseng.....North Dakota State University  
 Tamara Steinitz.....Utah State University  
 Jovanka M. Voyich-Kane.....Montana State University  
 Danny Walker.....University of Tennessee at Martin  
 Tryon Wickersham.....Texas A&M University  
 Jennifer Williams.....Texas A&M University  
 Meeshay Williams-Wheel.....NC A&T State University  
 Loriena Yancura.....University of Hawaii-Manoa  
 Larry T. Zink.....Michigan State University  
 Ed Zweiacher.....Redlands Community College, OK

# NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit Certificates June 2013-2014

Dylan Bergman.....	University of Wyoming
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Heather Dunn.....	Clemson University, SC
Kristopher Elliott.....	Oregon State University
Megan Goodwin.....	University of Tennessee-Knoxville
Hilary Hafner.....	North Dakota State University
Vanessa K. Hilliard Young.....	Clemson University, SC
Evan J. Jordan.....	Michigan State University
Kaylee Kerbs.....	Sam Houston State University
Jennifer C. Miller.....	University of Vermont
Kristine Nicole Moody.....	Clemson University, SC
David Perkis.....	Purdue University
Alex J. Ramthun.....	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Stephanie Riche.....	North Carolina State University
Trevor Robinson.....	Utah State University
Pamela Santibanez.....	Montana State University
Kylie M. Smith.....	Clemson University, SC
Dianne Stroman.....	Texas A&M University
Jeffrey Swartz.....	Montana State University
Juan Vargas-Ramirez.....	North Dakota State University
Melissa Leiden Welsh.....	Purdue University, IN
Amber White.....	Sam Houston State University
Dru Yates.....	University of British Columbia

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2013-2014

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2007	Foy D Mills Jr	Abilene Christian University
2006	Rick Rudd	University of Florida, Ag Education & Communication
2005	Wayne Banwart	University of Illinois, Environmental Soil Science
2004	Allen Zimmerman	The Ohio State University-ATI, Engineering Technology
2002	Ronald J. Hanson	University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Agricultural Economics
2001	Linda C. Martin	Kansas State University, Animal Science
2000	Donald W. Hall	University of Florida, Entomology
1997	Keith J. Karnok	University of Georgia, Agronomy
1996	Gary E. Moore	North Carolina State University, Ag & Extension Education
1995	Bryan Schurle	Kansas State University, Agricultural Economics
1994	Bryce H. Lane	North Carolina State University, Horticultural Science
1993	Merle D. Cunningham	Purdue University, Animal Science
1992	Russell E. Mullen	Iowa State University, Agronomy
1991	Miles McKee	Kansas State University, Animal Science & Industry
1991	Thomas E. Loynachan	Iowa State University, Agronomy
1990	Jimmy G. Cheek	University of Florida, Ag & Extension Education
1989	Max B. McGhee	University of Florida, Ag & Extension Education
1988	Donald F. Post	University of Arizona, Soil Science
1987	Gerry L. Posler	Kansas State University, Agronomy
1986	A.W. Burger	University of Illinois-Urbana, Agronomy
1985	Charles L. Rhykerd	Purdue University, Agronomy
1984	Lyndon N. Irwin	Southwest Missouri State University, Animal Science
1983	Clinton O. Jacobs	University of Arizona, Ag Education
1982	Robert P. Patterson	North Carolina State University, Crop Science
1981	Lee W. Doyen	Cloud County Community College, Agribusiness
1980	Thomas M. Sutherland	Colorado State University, Animal Breeding & Genetics
1979	Maurice G. Cook	North Carolina State University, Soil Science
1978	Thomas L. Frey	University of Illinois, U. C., Ag Economics
1977	Donald M. Elkins	Southern Illinois University, Plant Science
1976	Robert R. Shrode	University of Tennessee, Animal Science
1975	Henry D. Foth	Michigan State University, Soil Science
1974	Donald A. Emery	North Carolina State University, Crop Science
1973	John R. Campbell	University of Missouri, Dairy Science
1972	David J. Mugler	Kansas State University, Dairy Science
1971	James L. Ahlricks	Purdue University, Agronomy
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2012	Foy Mills Jr. Edwin Miller	Sam Houston State University Oklahoma State University
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2010	Jean Gleichsner James Wangberg	Fort Hays State University University of Wyoming
2009	James R. McKenna Steven S. Waller	Virginia Tech University of Nebraska
2008	Wayne L. Banwart Kevin J. Donnelly Rick Parker	University of Illinois Kansas State University Rupert, Idaho
2007	Linda C. Martin	Oklahoma State University
2005	Larry Erpelding Jimmy Cheek L.H. Newcomb	Kansas State University University of Florida The Ohio State University
2003	Kenneth L. Esbenshade Harley W. Foutch	North Carolina State University Middle Tennessee State University
2002	Graham A. Jones	University of Saskatchewan
2001	R. Kirby Barrick Don M. Edwards Marvin E. Oetting	University of Illinois University of Nebraska College of the Ozarks
2000	Larry J. Connor John M. White	University of Florida Virginia Tech
1999	Joseph J. Jen	Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo
1998	W. Anson Elliot	Southwest Missouri State University
1997	Gerry L. Posler Thomas J Lindahl	Kansas State University University of Wisconsin-Platteville
1995	Marion E. Ensminger Detroy E. Green Robert M. McGuire James Mortensen	Agriservices Foundation Iowa State University State University of New York-Cobleskill Pennsylvania State University
1994	G. M. "Mike" Jenkinson James L. Oblinger	University of Guelph North Carolina State University
1993	David J. Mugler Robert C. Sorensen Charles E. Stufflebeam Thomas M. Sutherland	Kansas State University University of Nebraska Southwest Missouri State University Colorado State University
1991	Ted E. Hartung	University of Nebraska
1990	John R. Campbell	Oklahoma State University
1989	Lee W. Doyen	Cloud County Community College

	E. Grant Moody	Arizona State University
1988	J. Wayland Bennett	Texas Tech University
1987	Robert R. Shrode	University of Tennessee
1986	H. Bradford Craig	North Carolina State University
1985	Russell L. Miller	Louisiana State University
1984	Hal B. Barker	Louisiana Tech University
	A. W. "Tom" Burger	University of Illinois
	Franklin E. Eldridge	University of Nebraska
	Jack C. Everly	University of Illinois
	J. Keith Justice	Abilene Christian University
1983	Frank R. Carpenter	Kansas State University
	Thomas J. Stanly	Stephen F Austin State University
1982	O. J. Burger	Cal State University-Fresno
	Edward C. Frederick	University of Minnesota-Waseca
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1980	Darrell S. Metcalfe	University of Arizona
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# Annual NACTA Conferences & Dates

<b>Dates</b>		<b>Site</b>
March 11-12	1955	Central Missouri State College
March 8-10	1956	Central Missouri State College
March 28-30	1957	Stephen F Austin State College, TX
March 20-22	1958	Arkansas State College
March 5-7	1959	Berea College, KY
March 17-19	1960	Southwest Missouri State College
March 23-25	1961	Abilene Christian College, TX
March 18-20	1962	Fresno State College, CA
March 31- Apr 2	1963	Ft. Hays State College, KS
April 5-7	1964	Sam Houston State College, TX
April 25-27	1965	Wilmington College, OH
April 17-19	1966	Southeast Missouri State College
April 2-4	1967	Arizona State University
April 7-9	1968	California Polytechnic Institute
June 16-18	1969	SUNY Ag and Tech - Alfred, NY
June 24-26	1970	University of Illinois
June 16-18	1971	Northeast Jr. College, Sterling, CO
June 14-16	1972	Middle Tennessee State University
June 13-15	1973	SUNY Ag and Tech - Cobleskill, NY
June 19-21	1974	University of Nebraska - Lincoln
June 16-18	1975	California State University - Fresno
June 16-18	1976	Texas Tech University
June 12-15	1977	Penn State University, PA
June 11-14	1978	University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, Canada
June 10-13	1979	University of Minnesota
June 15-18	1980	New Mexico State University
June 7-10	1981	Louisiana State University
June 13-16	1982	Delaware Valley College, PA
June 12-15	1983	Kansas State University
June 17-20	1984	Washington State University
June 16-19	1985	North Carolina State University
June 15-18	1986	Ridgetown College, Ontario, Canada
June 14-17	1987	University of Missouri - Columbia
June 26-29	1988	Oregon State University
June 11-14	1989	University of Tennessee
June 17-20	1990	SUNY Ag and Tech - Morrisville, NY

June 16-19	1991	University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
June 20-23	1992	University of Wisconsin - River Falls
June 13-16	1993	College Of Southern Idaho, Twin Falls
June 12-15	1994	Texas A&M University
June 18-21	1995	Penn State University, PA
June 15-18	1996	University of Minnesota - Crookston
June 22-25	1997	Iowa State University, Ames
June 21-24	1998	Wenatchee Valley College, WA
June 20-23	1999	Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg
June 18-21	2000	Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA
June 20-23	2001	University of Saskatchewan, Canada
June 19-22	2002	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
June 18-21	2003	Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo
June 21-23	2004	University of Florida, Gainesville
June 14-17	2005	The Ohio State University-ATI Wooster
June 7-9	2006	University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
June 20-22	2007	University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
June 10-13	2008	Utah State University, Logan
June 16-20	2009	Oklahoma State University, Stillwater
June 22-25	2010	Penn State University, PA
June 14-17	2011	University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada
June 26-29	2012	University of Wisconsin - River Falls
June 25-29	2013	Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg
June 25-28	2014	Montana State University, Bozeman

# Annual NACTA Themes

Dates		Themes
June 16-18	1969	2-Year Technical Programs and Their Baccalaureate Degree Programs
June 24-26	1970	New Dimensions in Teaching Agriculture
June 16-18	1971	Teaching Agriculture in an Ecologically Conscious World
June 14-16	1972	Agricultural Industry in Transition
June 13-15	1973	Teaching Agriculture—Changing Concepts and New Dimensions
June 19-21	1974	Communication between the Agricultural Classroom and the Consumer
June 16-18	1975	Education in Agriculture: Accountability, Responsibility, and Technology
June 16-18	1976	Education in Agriculture: Our Third Century
June 12-15	1977	Effective Teaching in Agriculture by All Means
June 11-14	1978	Teaching-learning Procedure: A Universal Concern
June 10-13	1979	Education in Agriculture: Sterling Performance-Golden Opportunities
June 15-18	1980	Education in Agriculture: Unlimited Frontiers
June 7-10	1981	Education in Agriculture: A New Dimension for a New Decade
June 13-16	1982	Agricultural Education-Feeding Minds to Feed the World
June 12-15	1983	Improving the learning Climate in Agriculture
June 17-20	1984	Agricultural Curriculum and the Changing Student
June 16-19	1985	Quality Education: Strategies for Success

June 15-18	1986	Future Challenges in Agricultural Education
June 14-17	1987	Recruiting, Advising, and Retaining Good Students
June 26-29	1988	Our Students-Matching Needs and Expectations
June 11-14	1989	The Making of Agricultural Professionals
June 17-20	1990	Faculty Development and Evaluation-Improving College Teaching
June 16-19	1991	Developing Agricultural Leaders for the 21st Century
June 20-23	1992	Undergraduate Preparation for Careers in Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences
June 13-16	1993	Learning to Think and Thinking to Learn-Critical Thinking Skills for Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences
June 12-15	1994	The Future-Using Technology to Attract, Educate, and Graduate
June 18-21	1995	Improvement of Teaching Styles of learning and Teachers
June 15-18	1996	Evaluation/Rewarding Teaching
June 22-25	1997	Distance Learning
June 21-24	1998	Diversity
June 20-23	1999	Assessment of Instructional Quality
June 18-21	2000	The Future at Hand
June 20-23	2001	Focusing on Internationalization of Curriculum and Faculty Development
June 19-22	2002	The Impact of Student Advising: Assessing and Rewarding
June 18-21	2003	Developing Leadership in a Changing World
June 21-23	2004	Teaching Students to Think and Learn
June 15-17	2005	Experiential and Student-Centered Learning



June 7-9	2006	Making Connections Across the Curriculum
June 20-22	2007	The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
June 10-13	2008	Retaining the Best
June 16-20	2009	Making Assessment Work for You
June 22-25	2010	Communicate, Collaborate, Celebrate!
June 14-17	2011	Get Engaged...
June 26-29	2012	Celebrating and Sustaining Agriculture
June 25-29	2013	Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries
June 25-28	2014	Learning Runs Through It



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## **Consider nominating someone for the 2015 NACTA Awards**

- Distinguished Educator
- Teaching Award of Excellence
- Regional Outstanding Teacher
- Murray Brown Leadership Award
- Teacher Fellow Award
- Graduate Student Teaching Award
- E.B. Knight Journal Award
- Jack Everly Journal Award
- NACTA Judging and Student Service Award
- Bob Gough Teaching Tip Award

Award nominations are due March 1, 2015.

Complete details here: <http://www.nactateachers.org/awards.html>

The name of the organization in 1963 was The National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. As the organization grew in scope and included representatives from Canada, it was decided to once again change the name in 2002, to North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. From the start, the acronym has been and remains NACTA.

The first 25 years of the history of NACTA was summarized by G. Carl Schowengerdt, professor of agriculture emeritus, Southeast Missouri State University. Dr. Schowengerdt was a charter member of NACTA and served as its president and in many other roles, including historian. He was one of several individuals that gave unselfishly of their time to an organization that has been and continues to be dedicated to the improvement of college teaching of agriculture. A detailed history titled, 1955 to 1979 history of the National Association of Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA): 25 Years Dedicated to the Improvement of College Teaching of Agriculture was published and is available on the NACTA website. It provides an interesting review of where we have come from. Murray A. Brown, NACTA secretary-treasurer compiled a publication entitled Forty Years in NACTA in 1994 to celebrate the 40th anniversary of NACTA. Now the history of NACTA is maintained on their website: <http://www.nactateachers.org/nacta-history.html>

A key role in keeping the NACTA organization viable financially and respected professionally has been not only leadership from outstanding presidents but also the dedication and leadership of the offices of secretary, treasurer, and editors. While adequate credit can never be expressed to all that have filled the offices of NACTA, there are those like Murray Brown, who served as secretary-treasurer from 1972 to 1999, and Jack Everly, who was editor from 1975 to 1996, who deserve a "medal of honor."

Bob Gough, Montana State University, served as editor from 1996 to 2002. Rick Parker (editor) and his wife Marilyn (secretary/treasurer) began serving in 2002 and continue moving NACTA forward in very positive ways at the present time.

NACTA welcomes membership from all aspects of the food, fiber, and natural resources areas. It is dedicated solely to the improvement of teaching. Annual meetings rotate to colleges and universities across the U.S. and Canada.

Many, many individuals continue to give of their time, talents, and resources to make NACTA viable. As we celebrate our 60th year, it is important to review the benefits of NACTA. They include the NACTA Journal, where peer-reviewed articles on improving and promoting excellence in college teaching of agriculture and related disciplines are published. Articles cover topics that treat all aspects of teaching, such as methods, problems, philosophy, materials, evaluations, assessments, and rewards at the college level. Also included are reviews of textbooks, videos, and other instructional media. The Annual NACTA Conference in mid-June provides and encourages colleagues to strive for excellence in the classroom. This conference includes presentations and discussions on topics of vital interest to college teachers. Outstanding teachers receive national recognition at the awards banquet. NACTA also fosters undergraduate student excellence through its liaison with the Honor Society of Delta Tau Alpha and with the NACTA Judging Conference.

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