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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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The Pennsylvania State University

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University of Illinois

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Kansas State University

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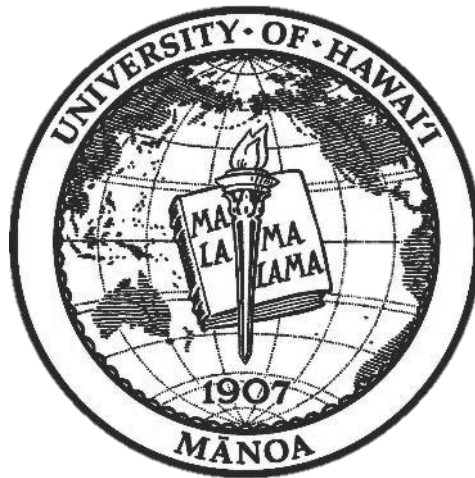
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Appreciation is extended to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for hosting the 62nd Annual NACTA Conference. Our sincere gratitude goes to the local planning committee for all their hard work and dedication to make this a successful conference!

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NACTA Journal Awards

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: *Teacher Immediacy and Professor/Student Rapport as Predictors of Motivation and Engagement*

Authors: Christopher M. Estopp, Sul Ross State University
T. Grady Roberts, University of Florida

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Christopher M. Estopp, Sul Ross State University, TX



Dr. Christopher M. Estopp is an assistant professor of agricultural education in the Department of Animal Science at Sul Ross State University where he has been on faculty since the fall of 2012. He earned his BS degree in Animal Science and his M.Ed in Agricultural Education from Texas A&M University. Additionally, he taught high school agriculture for three years in Midland, Texas before earning a doctorate in agricultural education from the University of Florida in 2012. Dr. Estopp is the coordinator of the agriculture teacher education program at SRSU and teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in research methods, pedagogy, agricultural leadership and communications. In

addition, his research interests include professional development of college of agriculture faculty members in teaching, motivation and engagement of undergraduate students, mentoring undergraduate researchers and recruitment of Hispanic students into agriculture. He has published 14 refereed journal articles and over 30 refereed conference presentations. Dr. Estopp has also been an active member of NACTA where he recently won the E.B. Knight Journal Award. He is a member of the American Association for Agricultural

Education and the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas. He lives in Alpine, Texas with his wife Joy and their three children Cooper, Madison and Ty.

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 project

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.

2016 Journal Awards Committee Members

Name	University
Crystal Allen, Chair	University of Illinois
James Cooke	Abilene Christian University, TX
John Ewing	The Pennsylvania State University
Rodney Gilbert	Delaware Valley University, PA
Jeff Hattey	The Ohio State University
Lurline Marsh	University of Maryland-Eastern Shore
Michael Olexa	University of Florida
Robert Stark	University of Arkansas at Monticello
Lyle Westrom	University of Minnesota-Crookston

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: *College of Agriculture Faculty Perceptions of Student Skills, Faculty Competence in Teaching Areas and Barriers to Improving Teaching*

Authors: Shannon Blickenstaff, Jeremy Falk, John Foltz and Kattlyn Wolf, University of Idaho

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Shannon Blickenstaff, University of Idaho



Shannon Blickenstaff graduated from the University of Idaho with a BS degree in Agricultural Education in 2011 and remained in Moscow, ID to pursue her master's degree. She worked as a research assistant for the AEE department and completed her thesis in 2013. After graduating, she moved to Pomeroy, WA to farm and ranch with her husband. They welcomed a daughter, Emilee, in 2014 and are expecting their second child this summer. Shannon returned to work for the U of I Agricultural Education department in 2015 as the Professional Development Coordinator for the state of Idaho.

Jeremy Falk, University of Idaho



Dr. Jeremy Falk is an assistant professor of Agricultural Education at University of Idaho. He helps prepare new agriculture teachers to serve at the high school level, but also works within the college to support teaching. He also teaches courses in leadership and communication, and conducts research involving teacher behaviors. Jeremy enjoys NACTA because of the strong network of colleagues who advance teaching and agriculture. He got his start in NACTA because of his mentor, Dr. Susie Whittington at The Ohio State University.

John Foltz, University of Idaho



Dr. John Foltz is Special Assistant to the President for Agricultural Initiatives at the University of Idaho. He served as Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences from 2012 through 2016, and as Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs for the College from 2004 to 2012. Dr. Foltz is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology. He is an award-winning teacher and advisor, having received his College's Outstanding Advising award, and the University of Idaho award for teaching excellence. He is an 11-time recipient of the University of Idaho's Faculty Excellence Award, chosen by students as their most influential faculty member. He is co-author of

the 2016 textbook "Agribusiness Management." Professor Foltz received his Bachelors and Master's degrees in Agricultural Economics from the Ohio State University. Upon graduation, he worked for six years as a district manager for Ralston Purina in Ohio and Pennsylvania marketing livestock feed and animal health products. Subsequently, he received his PhD in agricultural economics from Purdue University and has been at the University of Idaho since 1991.

Kattlyn Wolf, University of Idaho



Kat Wolf is an Associate Professor in the department of Agricultural & Extension Education at the University of Idaho. She is originally from Laramie, Wyoming, where she taught High School Agriculture before pursuing higher education. She has a PhD from The Ohio State University (2008), an MS from the University of Arizona (2006), and two BS's from the University of Wyoming. Kat is a 2016 recipient of the UI President's Mid-Career Award. She teaches the introductory course for the department, as well as senior level courses in teacher preparation.



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: *Preparing Job Operation Sheets (JOS) for Laboratory Instruction*

Author: Edward Franklin, University of Arizona

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Edward Franklin, University of Arizona



Edward Franklin is an Associate Professor and has served as a teacher-educator providing instruction in agriculture education, and agriculture technology management laboratory courses in the Department of Agricultural Education at the University of Arizona since 2000. He supervises the state FFA Agriculture Mechanics Career Development Event (CDE) in Arizona, and served as superintendent of the National FFA Agricultural Technology & Mechanical Systems CDE. Since 2012, he has integrated solar energy education into agriculture education laboratory courses and conducts

solar energy outreach workshops. In his spare time, he serves as “the voice” of University of Arizona Women’s Soccer program.

NACTA Judging and Student Service Award

This award is new to NACTA and was initiated 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.

Andrew Larson, Black Hawk College, Illinois



Andrew is a native of Illinois growing up on a family farm in Knox County where he worked on his family farm and was active in 4-H and FFA. After high school Andrew enlisted in the United States Navy. He attended Black Hawk College and completed his BS from Illinois State University majoring in Environmental Sciences. In 1998 Andrew completed his MS in Agronomy

from the University of Illinois. In 1999, he joined the Agriculture Department at Black Hawk College as the Agronomy Instructor. He has served as department chair and now focuses on instruction, recruitment and retention of students. Andrew teaches Field Crop Science, Grain Drying and Handling, Introduction to Soil Science, Crop and Soil Evaluation and Soils and Fertility. Andrew also supports the agriculture work experience placement supervision program, guiding the placement of over 100 agriculture students on an annual basis. Andrew has attended every NACTA Judging Conference since he started at Black Hawk College, coaching teams in both crops and soils events. He provided essential leadership to the successful hosting of the NACTA Judging Conference at Black Hawk College in both 2004 and 2015. He finds the event to be an educational and motivating experience for both students and faculty. Andrew currently resides on a farm near Bishop Hill, Illinois where his wife Colleen Lewis, DVM and three boys raise cattle, show chickens and show ducks.

NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Awards

The purpose of the NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award is to recognize and reward graduate students who excel as teachers in the agricultural disciplines. The award is for NACTA graduate student members who are involved in classroom instruction. The NACTA Graduate Student Teaching Award is a criterion-based award and is reviewed by a committee of NACTA members. To qualify for the award, a graduate student must have been involved in classroom teaching for a minimum of one year. Criteria included in the evaluation are the graduate student's teaching philosophy, statement of support from supervising faculty, evaluations submitted by students and an administrative officer, a self-evaluation, involvement in teaching outside the classroom, and a description of the candidate's specific teaching involvement.

Warren Tyler Agner, The Ohio State University



I was born and raised outside Rushsylvania, a small village of roughly 400 people in west central Ohio. I am the youngest of five children, all boys. Growing up, the majority of my free time was spent outdoors playing in the woods or working in the fields. I am the lonely Buckeye amongst a family of Wolverines. My educational journey is one that, to this point, has encompassed all but 9 of my 39 years. I graduated from Benjamin Logan High School in 1995. I received two Associate Degrees from Rhodes State College in Civil Engineering Design and Concrete Technology. Completed in two separate attempts spanning three decades, I received a Bachelor's of

Science in Construction Systems Management at The Ohio State University. I stayed at OSU, and immediately continued into graduate school and finished a Master's degree. I am currently a PhD candidate.

Chelsea Ahlquist, Kansas State University



Chelsea Ahlquist was born and raised in the small town of Onaga, KS. She received her bachelors in agronomy from Kansas State University in 2014 and is currently working on her master's in agronomy at Kansas State University. She began teaching crop science lab under Dr. Kevin Donnelly in the spring semester of 2012, and taught at least one lab each semester through the spring semester of 2015. In the fall of 2015, she taught a lab class in weed science under Dr. Anita Dille. Being 5'1" probably makes Chelsea one of the least intimidating TAs at KSU.

Jessica Baggerman, Texas Tech University



Jessica Baggerman grew up in the Texas Panhandle on a farm and commercial cattle operation. She attended Oklahoma State University where she majored in Animal Science with an option in Animal Biotechnology, graduating in 2012. She received her MS degree from Texas Tech University in 2014 and is working on her PhD at TTU, with both degrees focusing in beef cattle muscle biology. She received the TTU Department of Animal and Food Sciences 2014-2015 Outstanding Masters Student award. Upon graduation, she hopes to remain in academia with a dual teaching and research position, continuing to investigate beef cattle muscle growth and development.

Kristina Bautista, University of Arkansas



Originally from Lawton, OK, Kristina was raised in a farming family, summers were spent traveling the U.S. custom harvesting various grain crops. Kristina graduated from a local high school and headed to Connors State College to judge livestock. After receiving an Associate of Science Kristina became an Oklahoma State University Cowboy to major in agricultural education and agricultural leadership. She earned a Bachelor of Science in agricultural education in December 2014. In January 2015 she started her master's degree at the University of Arkansas in agricultural extension and education. She currently works as a graduate teaching assistant in the agricultural education, communications and technology.

Caitlin Bletscher, University of Florida



Caitlin Bletscher is PhD Candidate and Doctoral Teaching and Research Assistant in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication at University of Florida. Through teaching courses such as Effective Oral Communication, Fostering Innovative Leadership, Leadership Development, and Global Leadership, she strives to empower tomorrow's leaders to think critically and creatively, develop intercultural competency, and become equipped with successful tools to address the many complex challenges facing our world.

Courtney Crist, Virginia Tech



Courtney is a recent graduate of Virginia Tech as of May 2016. She earned her PhD in Food Science and Technology. At Virginia Tech, she was involved in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Graduate Teaching Scholar Program where she had the opportunity to take courses in preparing future faculty but also the opportunity to teach the Functional Foods for Health course. Additionally, Courtney was involved in the Water INTERface Interdisciplinary Graduate Education Program that focuses on creating a network for students to engage and interact as well as learn research interdisciplinary skills. Courtney is originally

from Georgia and completed her Bachelor's and Master's at Mississippi State University in Food Science and Technology. In the near future, she hopes to work at a university with a teaching, extension and research appointment. She has a strong passion to teach and educate the future of food science.

Nichole Chapel, Purdue University



Nichole's a PhD student in Animal Sciences working with the USDA-ARS Livestock Behavior Research Unit on Purdue's campus. Her main research focus is in animal welfare, specifically on the maternal behavior of sows relative to piglet survival. Nichole is interested in experiential learning in undergraduates and hopes to continue providing education to those around her in her future career.

Alyssa Degreenia, North Carolina State University



Alyssa Degreenia was raised in a suburban area outside of Annapolis, MD. It was because of her love of pigs that she found herself an active member of 4-H and where her love for agriculture developed. Deciding she wanted to go somewhere a little warmer, Alyssa went to North Carolina State University where she majored in agricultural science with minors in animal science, agribusiness and extension education. After graduation in May, Alyssa was offered an assistantship to remain at NC State and continue in agricultural education and extension. For Alyssa's assistantship she worked with the Agricultural Institute, where she has found her passion for education and helped to develop

several courses, a leadership program, and an internship program. Alyssa plans to one-day work in postsecondary education and eventually prepare for a PhD program in agricultural education with an emphasis in leadership.

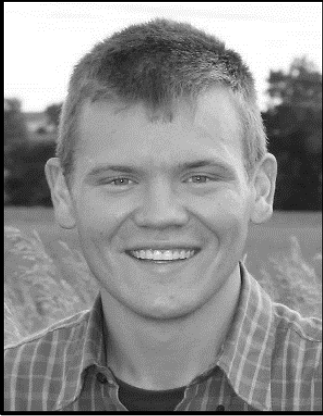
R.G. (Tre) Easterly III, University of Florida



Tre Easterly made a decision in high school that he wanted to be a teacher and has never looked back. He attended North Carolina State University to study agricultural education where he graduated Cum Laude in 2008. After graduating he attended graduate school at the University of Florida where he earned his Master's degree in 2010. After graduate school, Tre taught agriculture at Triton High School for one year. Then he moved to St. Charles, Minnesota where he taught for two years. During his brief tenure at St. Charles High School he increased the enrollment and diversity of the agriculture courses and FFA chapter. In 2013 Tre came back to the

University of Florida to continue his education. In 2016 Tre will graduate with his PhD. After graduation he plans to work as a teacher educator and dedicate his life to improving agricultural education.

Marshall Hay, Kansas State University



Marshall M. Hay is a MS graduate student in Agronomy at Kansas State University. In Fall 2014, Hay completed a BS in Agricultural Studies from Iowa State University. At K-State he has a research focus on weed management in soybeans as well as an emphasis on teaching through Introductory Crop Science, Plant and Seed Identification, and as assistant coach to the NACTA Crops Team. Hay also is an active member of the award winning, competitive Weed Science team at K-State. Hay's vision in teaching is to facilitate a long term understanding of agronomic concepts and practices by enabling students to understand the valuable application to daily life and their future as

agriculturalists. He also facilitates many teaching and learning experiences outside of the classroom for groups visiting the Agronomy Department as well as through K-State Extension events. Hay's future interests include college teaching and coaching, weed science research and farming.

Carla Jagger, The Ohio State University



Carla Jagger fostered a passion for agriculture and education at a young age, from growing up on her small family farm, as well as through her involvement with 4-H and the local FFA Chapter. She sought out opportunities to be in front of the classroom, beginning in high school and continues to be passionate about developing 21st century, global students in today's classroom. After completing her undergraduate and Master's degrees at Ohio State University, Carla taught Agriscience Education at Riverdale High School for three years. During year three, Carla was approached to return to Ohio State and complete her PhD, an opportunity that could not be passed

over. Throughout the past three years, Carla has focused her research on preparing preservice educators to enter 21st century, global learning environments. In her spare time, Carla enjoys baking pies, crafting and spending time with family and friends.

Gordon Jones, Virginia Tech



Gordon Jones grew up in Chester County, PA and received his BS in Environmental Studies from Warren Wilson College in Asheville, NC. He earned his MS in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences from Virginia Tech in 2013. He is currently a doctoral student at Virginia Tech in Crop and Soil Environmental Sciences studying the persistence of orchardgrass in hayfields in the Mid-Atlantic U.S. and has authored several peer-reviewed journal articles on the management of agricultural grasslands. Gordon is a

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Graduate Teaching Scholar, has completed coursework for the Future Professoriate Graduate Certificate and has served as instructor of record for the introductory crop science course Agronomic Crops.

Arthur Leal, University of Florida



Arthur Leal is a Houston, Texas native and currently a doctoral candidate in the College of Agricultural Life Sciences studying agricultural communication at the University of Florida. His dissertation research is focused on assessing the career readiness of agricultural communication undergraduate alumni. Leal received his bachelor's degree in animal science and master's degree in agricultural and Extension education with a concentration in agricultural communication from the University of Arkansas. Leal's resume includes publication production, graphic design, and videography. Leal had the opportunity to travel abroad as an intern,

where he worked with the communication department at the Institute of Agricultural and Fisheries Research in Ghent, Belgium and Scotland's Rural College in Edinburgh. Leal's teaching experience includes positions as a teaching assistant and instructor for several communication-based courses. Leal will join the University of Tennessee faculty in June 2016 as an assistant professor in agricultural communication.

Andrew 'OP' McCubbins, Iowa State University



OP McCubbins is a PhD candidate in the Department of Agricultural Education and Studies at Iowa State University. OP received his BS in Agricultural Education and his MS in Agriculture from Murray State University. He taught high school Agriculture for three years in Kentucky. OP began his tenure at ISU by teaching Presentations and Sales Strategies for Agricultural Audiences before transitioning to teach the Farm Management and Operations course, the capstone course for all Agricultural Studies majors. OP is involved with the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, where he is in a Preparing Future Faculty cohort as well as several Faculty Learning Communities. OP is often invited to serve as a guest in several classes within the department. OP also serves as the graduate advisor to the Collegiate FFA Chapter and supervises student teachers as part of his responsibilities.

Kaitlyn Murray, The Ohio State University



Kaitlyn is a two-time graduate and current student of The Ohio State University. She completed her BS in Biology in 2012, a BS in Animal Biosciences in 2013, and is working towards a MS in Agricultural Extension Education. Her graduate research explores student leadership develop, peer mentoring, and team science. Kaitlyn is the teaching assistant for the freshman orientation class in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES). In addition, she coordinates the CFAES peer mentoring program, and facilitates conflict management workshops for the Leadership Center at Ohio State. Her professional interests lie in retaining diverse students of agriculture and student leadership development.

Jera Niewoehner, University of Florida



Jera Niewoehner is a second year doctoral student in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, specializing in Leadership Development at the University of Florida. Her interest in leadership education evolved out of her work as an educator and leader in the Metropolitan Nashville Public School system. Through developing curriculum for high school students and designing professional development for faculty, she discovered a passion for teaching and learning about cultural diversity, leadership, and interpersonal communication. Jera completed a Master in Education from Vanderbilt University in

Community Development and Action and then continued her academic journey to the University of Florida. Her research interests include: gender disparities in agricultural and natural resources; identity, self-awareness and authenticity in women's leadership development; the impact of social capital on leadership development and; women's empowerment through access to information and social capital building.

Whitney Phillips, North Carolina State University



Whitney Phillips grew up in Indian Trail, North Carolina where her interest in agriculture and horticulture was sparked through her grandfather's farm and her high school FFA chapter. She attended North Carolina State University for her undergraduate degree and received her BS of Horticultural Science and BS of Plant and Soil Science. At the undergraduate level she was offered the opportunity to be a teaching assistant where she discovered the passion for working with students. After graduation, she received the Monsanto Plant Breeding Fellowship and continued her education at NC State receiving her Masters of Science of Horticultural Science with the focus of

her thesis on ornamental plant breeding. Throughout her Master's she continued her love for teaching by being a teaching assistant for various courses. After graduation, Whitney continues to develop her professional experience by working at the Chicago Botanical Garden.

Michelle Scarpace, Kansas State University



Michelle Scarpace was born and raised in Wisconsin where the natural resources are beautiful and plenty. While pursuing higher education, she knew that she wanted to deepen her knowledge of our natural environment. After studying soil science, Michelle realized how important soil was to agriculture and ecosystem services. Upon graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point with a BS in Soil and Land Management, Michelle wanted to further her studies in the agronomic emphasis of soil science. While working on her Master's degree at Kansas State University, she became involved in teaching. Little did she know, this would be her greatest joy

of graduate school! After teaching a lab for an introductory soils course, a soil genesis course, and being an assistant soil judging coach Michelle discovered the joy of connecting with students and sharing her passion for soil science.

Eric Stubbs, University of Florida



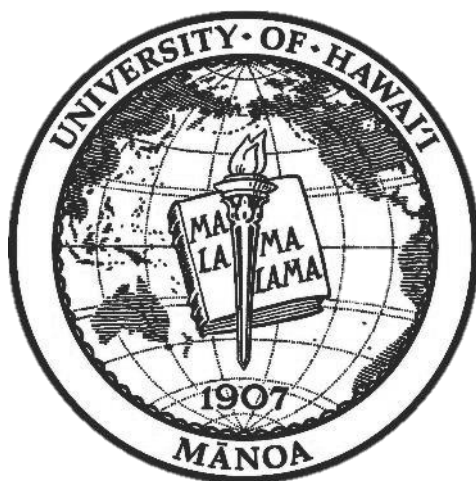
Eric was raised in Connecticut before moving to Florida when his mother became a teacher. His father was a Navy submariner. Eric taught high school agriculture and mathematics for six years. He is a graduate student at the University of Florida Department of Agricultural Education and Communication.

Joseph Weeks, Kansas State University



Joseph “Jay” Weeks hails from Central New York where his interest in agriculture was cultivated through working on his grandparent’s dairy farm during high school and college breaks. In 2012, Jay graduated from Cornell University with a BS degree in agricultural science focusing on soil science and wine grape vineyard management. Currently, he is pursuing a PhD at Kansas State University in soil and environmental chemistry where his research focuses on how natural carbon-based compounds can be utilized to improve phosphorus fertilizer use efficiency in production row crop systems and immobilize trace elements (e.g. lead) in urban

brownfields. Jay has had the pleasure to assist in teaching a number of soil related courses.



Mahalo to the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa for hosting the NACTA 2016 Conference!

NACTA Educator Awards

One of the central purposes of NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) is to recognize those individuals whose efforts represent the very best in agricultural higher education. The NACTA Educator Award (previously called the NACTA Teacher Fellow Award) is a criterion based award and is reviewed by a committee of NACTA members. Recipients receive a plaque.

Damian Adams, University of Florida



Damian Adams is Assistant Professor of natural resource economics and policy (40% teaching, 60% research) in the School of Forest Resources and Conservation at the University of Florida. He teaches several popular courses at undergraduate and graduate levels, and he has embraced a number of innovative and effective teaching methods.



Lauri M. Baker, Kansas State University



Baker is an associate professor at Kansas State University where she teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in agricultural communications. She has a passion for student learning and expects students to meet high standards. She incorporates service-learning and real-world experiences into her courses to prepare students for life after college. She is the graduate coordinator and regular seeks opportunities for graduate and undergraduate students to interact and grow through research and professional opportunities. She co-founded the Center for Rural Enterprise Engagement, which conducts new-media research to improve

rural agricultural businesses bottom line. Through the Center, she offers opportunities for undergraduate and graduate students research experience and hands-on learning with new-media technology.

Corrie Cotton, University of Maryland, Eastern Shore



Ms. Corrie Cotton is a Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Sciences at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES). She earned a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture degree and a Master of Landscape Architecture degree from The Pennsylvania State University. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree in General Agriculture, with a concentration in plant and soil science, at UMES. Her research experiences include ethnic and specialty crop production, plant-microbe interactions, and food safety of fresh produce. She currently teaches three courses, Turf Management and Maintenance,

Landscape Design Theory, and Senior Capstone, and several independent study courses. She feels that students learn best through interactive teaching that demands their participation and challenges their abilities. She takes her students' education very seriously and desires for them to succeed, providing them with several resources, conducting various hands-on activities to enhance experiential learning, and facilitating the learning process to create a positive and enjoyable learning environment.

Jill Craft, University of Illinois



Jill Craft received her BS and MS degree from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. In 2003, Jill was hired by the department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at the University of Illinois as a Teaching Associate (specialized faculty). Over the course of her twelve-year tenure, Jill has taught numerous courses in the Hospitality Management curriculum, including; FSHN 340- Quantity Foods Management, FSHN 145- Introduction to Hospitality Management, FSHN 443- Fine Dining Management, FSHN 345 – Hospitality Purchasing, FSHN 140- Introduction to Hospitality and FSHN 442 – HM Skills and Applications. In addition to teaching,

she is the Hospitality Management program coordinator and academic adviser. Jill has been recognized on the List of Teachers Ranked Excellent by their Students for twenty-five consecutive semesters (Fall 2003 – Fall 2015) with several outstanding rankings. Jill is also a certified Food Service Sanitation Manager instructor and a certified TIPs (responsible alcohol service training) instructor.

Ryan Dilger, University of Illinois



Ryan Dilger grew up in Mariah Hill, Indiana and attended Purdue University for his BS and MS degrees. He attended the University of Illinois for his PhD, specializing in comparative nonruminant nutrition under the supervision of Dr. David H. Baker. Ryan began his tenure as an Assistant Professor at the University of Illinois in the fall of 2010. His research includes comparative animal nutrition with emphasis in the areas of protein and amino acid nutrition, nutritional immunophysiology, and aspects of cognitive development as affected by early-life nutrition. He teaches 3 courses in the area of nutrition and supervises several undergraduate research

projects. Ryan is married to his college sweetheart, Anna Dilger, who is also an Assistant Professor in Animal Sciences at Illinois and they live in Mahomet, Illinois with their two children, Allie and Josh.

Dennis Duncan, University of Georgia



Dr. Duncan started his teaching career as a high school agriscience teacher in Indiana where he taught agriscience and horticulture. While in Indiana Duncan completed graduate work at Purdue University and then transferred to Michigan State University (MSU) to finish his master's and pursue a doctorate degree in Agricultural and Extension Education with an emphasis in higher education administration. Upon completion of his PhD in 1997, he and his family moved to Blacksburg, Virginia where he taught leadership and horticulture courses for seven years at Virginia Tech. Duncan accepted a position at UGA in 2004 in the department of

Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication - where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in leadership, team and organizational development, International service learning, and global issues.

Donna Graham, University of Arkansas



Donna L. Graham is a professor and graduate coordinator of Agricultural Education, Communications and Technology. Graham has received 13 regional and national awards for excellence in teaching. She received the prestigious Spitze Land Grant Award for Faculty Excellence and the Distinguished Alumna award from the University of Arkansas. She is a member of the UA Teaching Academy and serves as a mentor of other faculty. She is a Senior Fellow in the American Association for Agricultural Education. From 2001-2010, she served as the Associate Dean for the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences. Graham

was instrumental in developing the extension education major and the agricultural and extension education master's degree program. She is co-author of the textbook, "Education through Cooperative Extension." Her educational background includes a BS and MEd from the University of Arkansas and a PhD in Agricultural and Extension Education from the University of Maryland.

Jennifer Hernandez Gifford, Oklahoma State University



Jennifer Hernandez Gifford is an Associate Professor in the Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University (OSU). After completing a MS at New Mexico State University, and a PhD at Washington State University in Animal Science, she conducted post-doctoral research at Washington State University in the School of Molecular Biosciences. At OSU she is involved in teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in physiology, endocrinology and biotechnology. Her research focus is reproductive physiology with emphasis on mechanisms by which ovarian signaling molecules and pituitary hormones interact to regulate follicular growth

and endocrine function which impact health and disease. While her teaching responsibilities are a smaller percentage of her time she has become a respected teacher that is recognized for her high expectations in her classroom. She has been instrumental in advancing the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Scholar program to one that is recognized across campus for the work and benefits to the students. Jennifer and her husband, Craig, have a son, Jett and are expecting their second child.

Thomas Janini, Ohio State University - ATI



Thom Janini is a 1997 graduate of Kent State University with a PhD in Organic Chemistry. After nearly a decade in the coatings and pharmaceutical industries in New Jersey, Dr. Janini returned to Ohio and began a career in academia at his alma mater. From Kent State University he joined the faculty at The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at its Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster, Ohio. For nearly a decade, Dr. Janini has shared the joys of chemistry with Ohio State ATI students, whose interests range from livestock production to renewable energy. When he's not imparting the

importance of chemistry to our daily lives, Dr. Janini attempts to keep things running smoothly as chair of the Arts, Science, and Business Technologies Division. In his spare time, he conducts research on honey bees and is faculty advisor to the student beekeeping club.

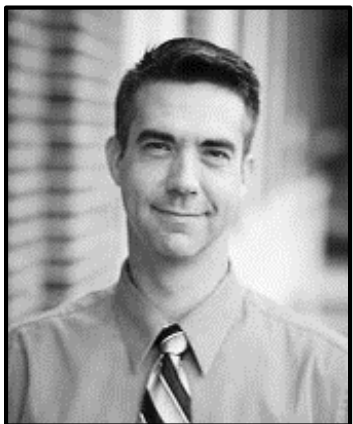
Jeff King, The Ohio State University



Dr. Jeff King is an Associate Professor with The Ohio State University within the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership. He is also the Director of the O.S.U. Leadership Center located within the department. He received his PhD in Extension Education from The Ohio State University. Jeff teaches undergraduate and graduate leadership and administration related courses. Courses include Leadership in Teams and Organizations, Professional Leadership Ethics, and Leadership and Administration. He also conducts leadership workshops at the university, state and national levels. Prior to his role with the department, he

worked for over 20 years in the area of 4-H Youth Development as a county 4-H Educator in Columbiana and Clark counties, Associate State 4-H Director, and State 4-H Leader and Assistant Director with OSU Extension. A native of Fremont, OH, Jeff and his wife Jill, live in Columbus, OH, with their two daughters, Ashley and Megan.

Michael Mohney, The Pennsylvania State University



Michael R. Mohney is a Senior Instructor in the Landscape Contracting major of the Plant Science Department at The Pennsylvania State University. He is responsible for teaching the digital technology courses which include: Computer Aided Drafting, 3D Modeling, Computer Rendering, and Photo Imaging. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Michael is also enrolled as a part-time PhD student with a research focus on using mobile devices to understand complex scientific phenomenon in informal learning environments. Michael also maintains a design company (MRMDesigns) specializing in residential landscape design and architectural

concept modeling. On-going design work provides him with visibility within the landscape design industry, serves to enhance his design and construction contracting skills, and connect professional practices to classroom teaching experiences. When not teaching, Michael enjoys rebuilding, customizing, and riding vintage motorcycles.

Monika Oli, University of Florida



Monika Oli is a creative, innovative and passionate teacher in the Department of Microbiology and Cell Science at the University of Florida. She has modernized microbiology labs and teaches personalized and authentic-research based modules that require students to acquire 21st century competency skills. She is passionate about disseminating the importance of microbiology in everyday life and on a global scale and does this through a novel online course “Microbes without Borders” and through community engagement and outreach. Her latest creation is a student-centered, interactive learning experiences to introduce the art of fermentation and importance of probiotics back

into the classroom, a passion that stems from her Bavarian heritage and her Master’s thesis research. Monika is a true role model and compassionate mentor for all of her students and just tends to do things a littleunconventionally.

Michael L. Pate, Utah State University



Dr. Michael L. Pate began teaching at Utah State University in 2010 after completing his doctorate in Agricultural Education at Iowa State University. Dr. Pate focuses on instructional strategies and agricultural mechanization skill development for agricultural systems and agricultural education students. As a researcher and an educator, Dr. Pate’s goal is to conduct and implement research that improves agricultural education, promotes experiential learning, and develops students’ problem solving abilities. He currently serves as the honors advisor for the School of Applied Sciences, Technology, and Education and supervises the annual agricultural mechanics

career development event for Utah FFA. He is also active in mentoring undergraduate teaching fellows as well as graduate students. Dr. Pate was recently recognized with the 2016 USU FFA/ATA teacher of the year award.

Thomas Paulsen, Iowa State University



Thomas H. Paulsen is an Assistant Professor in the Agricultural Education and Studies Department at Iowa State University. As the Frevert Ag 450 Farm Endowed Professor, Dr. Paulsen oversees the capstone Farm Management and Operation course for the Agricultural Studies major. Dr. Paulsen coordinates the Agriculture and Life Sciences Teacher Education program where he works closely with student teachers, cooperating teachers, and faculty in the School of Education. His 21 years of successful secondary teaching experience provide him with invaluable insight he shares with his preservice teacher education

students. He continuously strives to implement engaging, experiential learning-based activities into his courses. Dr. Paulsen received his Bachelor's Degree from Northwest Missouri State University (1987) and his Master's (2001) and PhD (2011) from Iowa State University, all in Agricultural Education. Dr. Paulsen's research focuses upon the collegiate agriculture capstone experience and the supervision of instruction in agricultural education.

Ronald B. Pegg, University of Georgia



Ron Pegg is a Professor in the Department of Food Science & Technology at UGA. He teaches undergraduate/graduate courses on 'Introduction to Food Science', 'Food Analysis', and 'Nutraceuticals', as well as an on-line distance education course on 'Functional Foods'. He also instructs a very popular study-abroad program dealing with coffee production and processing at the UGA Costa Rica campus in San Luis de Monteverde. Dr. Pegg is a UGA Center for Teaching & Learning Lilly Fellow and recently was honored with the D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching. In 2013, Dr. Pegg was the first faculty member in Food Science &

Technology to receive UGA's prestigious Richard B. Russell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and in 2014 he was a recipient of the University's inaugural First-Year Odyssey Seminar (FYOS) Program Teaching Award based on more than 370 seminars taught each year at UGA. In his free time, he provides adult bridge classes.

Joe Raczkowski, The Ohio State University



Joe Raczkowski earned a PhD from the Department of Evolution, Ecology, and Organismal Biology at the Ohio State University (OSU) in 2008 and began lecturing for the Department of Entomology in 2009. He specializes in socially parasitic ant species, but has broad interests within the field of entomology. He teaches General Entomology, Social Insects, and Introduction to Insect Science courses and serves as an academic advisor, recruiter, faculty advisor to the undergraduate entomology club, and coach of the Linnaean Games team. He serves on several departmental and college (Food,

Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences) committees and as a judge for the college Undergraduate Research Forum. In 2015, he was given the Distinguished Achievement in Teaching Award by the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America.

Luis Rodriguez-Saona, The Ohio State University



I received my Food Engineer degree from the Universidad Nacional Agraria (Lima, Peru) and Master and Doctorate degrees in Food Science from Oregon State University. I worked as research scientist for the Joint Institute of Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (JIFSAN– UMD/FDA) and the USDA Human Nutrition and Research Center before joining Ohio State. Research interests are directed toward the development and applications of vibrational spectroscopic techniques for chemical analysis, material characterization, understanding of chemical interactions for better functionality and detection of food contaminants. Special attention is aimed at

high-throughput screening and application of portable, hand-held, and micro-devices in foods. My research has generated over 60 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters with several presentations at national and international meetings.

David Rosch, University of Illinois



Dave Rosch serves as an Assistant Professor in the College of ACES at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His particular areas of interest include programmatic training in leadership development and the accurate assessment of leadership effectiveness. He has published many articles on leadership theory and pedagogy, and has served as the Chair to the Leadership Scholarship Member Interest Group in the International Leadership Association, the co-coordinator of the annual National Leadership Symposium, and Curriculum Chair to the Leadership Educators Academy. He also facilitates leadership programs throughout the

United States in conjunction with LeaderShape, Inc. He earned his doctorate in Higher Postsecondary Education from Syracuse University, a Master's of Science in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Colorado State University, and a Bachelor's of Science degree in Psychology from Binghamton University (NY).

Brantlee Spakes-Richter, University of Florida



Dr. Spakes-Richter has a deep respect for all types of living things, especially the underdogs, so she relishes every opportunity to share her enthusiasm for the unappreciated fungi and despised plant pathogens. When she isn't growing, hunting, or teaching about fungi, you can find her outside playing in the dirt.

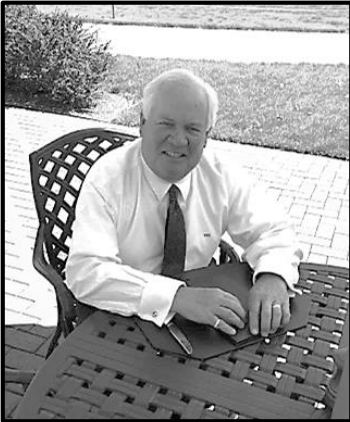
Dan Stein, Oklahoma State University



After over twenty years on the farm and ranch, Dan began his graduate program in Animal Science at OSU in the fall of 2002. Dan completed both his MS degree in Reproductive Physiology and his PhD in Animal Breeding and Reproduction at OSU. Dan accepted his current position in the OSU Animal Science Department in the fall of 2009 with an 80% teaching and a 20% extension appointment. He is currently teaching courses in Animal Reproduction, Introduction to Animal Science and Cow-calf Production. His Extension emphasis is in the area of Reproduction and Animal Breeding. Dan is a Faculty Advisor for CASNR Freshman in

Transition (FIT) Living Community as well as co-advising the OSU Collegiate Cattleman Association and the Animal Science Undergraduate Research Scholars Program. Dan is currently advising and mentoring two Masters of Science students, one undergraduate research scholar and over 100 undergraduate students.

Tom Stewart, The Ohio State University



Tom Stewart grew up in Columbus, Ohio and graduated from Ohio State with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Education in 1972. After working four years with a Columbus advertising agency, he began a career with WBNS, the CBS affiliate radio and television station in Columbus. His career progressed from being a local account executive, General Sales Manager, General Manager, Vice President and member of the Board of Directors for WBNS Radio. He was the exclusive voice of The Ohio State Buckeyes Athletic Department. In 1992, he was named General Manager and later Vice President of WBNS-TV, a position he held until

his retirement in 2001. He began teaching in what is now the Department of Agricultural Communication, Education and Leadership in 2003, where he teaches Oral Expression, Campaign Development and Management, and a senior capstone course.

Jianping Wang, University of Florida



Jianping Wang received her BS in Agronomy and MS in Plant Breeding and Genetics from China Agricultural University. She received her PhD in Plant Breeding and Genetics from Michigan State University and completed postdoctoral training in Genomics and Bioinformatics at the University of Illinois. Currently, Dr. Wang is an Assistant Professor with 70% research and 30% teaching responsibilities in Agronomy Department, University of Florida (UF). She has published 41 peer reviewed journal articles, two patents and three book chapters. She has garnered over \$2 million external funds from federal, national and state granting agencies. In her role at UF, she

supervises graduate students, post-doctorate research associates or visiting scientists, and undergraduate students. In 2015, she received the Richard L. Jones Outstanding New Faculty Award from the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. She teaches two courses at UF which have impacted nearly 600 students in the past five years. For these courses, Dr. Wang received “outstanding” from the Course Peer Evaluation committee and student evaluations are above college instructor and course means.



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NACTA John Deere Award



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The NACTA John Deere award recognizes one faculty member each year for his or her work in preparing students for employment in the areas of management, sales, service, processing and /or production. Evaluation criteria include the instructor's teaching philosophy and record of accomplishment plus endorsements from students, faculty, administrators, and alumni. The award is one of the top awards given each year by NACTA.

Michael Amstutz, Ohio State University, Agricultural Technical Institute



Dr. Amstutz hails from rural Wayne County in Northeast Ohio. At 13 he gathered eggs for a local poultry producer and received a penny and a half per flat. His passion was discovered while milking cows and baling hay. While in high school he traded his labor to purchase his first calves. He went on to earn a BS in Animal Science from Wilmington College and accepted a position with Central Soya to oversee swine nutrition research. He received a doctoral degree from the Ohio State University and completed post-doctoral studies at the Medical University of South Carolina. Since 1999 Dr. Amstutz has been a faculty

member at Ohio State ATI instructing courses in animal science. He has been granted the Ohio State ATI Distinguished Teaching and Pomerene Teaching awards, and Ohio State ATI Outstanding Advisor Award. He enjoys raising Charolais cattle and Boer goats in his personal endeavors.

NACTA Teaching Scholar Awards

The NACTA Teaching Scholar Award (previously called the Regional Outstanding Teacher Award) is presented to a maximum of 1% of the NACTA membership body. These individuals should demonstrate a heavier commitment to NACTA since earning the NACTA Educator Award (formerly called the Teacher Fellow Award) and be clear about their involvement with NACTA, the NACTA Journal and our NACTA annual conference. Teachers seeking this award should also demonstrate a teaching influence beyond their own campus.

Wendy Dahl, University of Florida



Wendy Dahl is an associate professor and Extension specialist in the Food Science and Human Nutrition Department at the University of Florida. She is a registered dietitian and holds a BS, MS and PhD in nutrition as well as a degree in Education. Wendy's teaching responsibilities are primarily related to nutrition and disease and her extension program focuses on the nutritional needs of older adults, particularly those at risk for malnutrition. She is also actively involved in both applied nutrition research and the scholarship of teaching and learning.

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Stephen Devadoss, University of Idaho



Dr. Stephen Devadoss of the University of Idaho has devoted himself to improving student learning. His teaching philosophy is to ensure that learning is fun and interesting by practicing a "students come first" attitude. Dr. Devadoss has taught undergraduate and graduate courses in microeconomics, mathematical economics, international trade, marketing, agricultural policy, and general equilibrium modeling. He gets students involved in research projects and has published more than 60 articles with his students. Dr. Devadoss was the recipient of the 14 teaching awards, including USDA and Agricultural and Applied Economics Association's

undergraduate and graduate teaching awards. He also received 18 advising awards at the departmental and university levels and professional associations. Dr. Devadoss has presented numerous teaching and advising related studies at workshops, symposia, and conferences. He serves on curriculum development, teaching and advising, and graduate faculty councils. Dr. Devadoss recognizes the importance of rewarding hard-working students by nominating them for honors, awards, and scholarships. He takes great pride in his students' success.

Brian Myers, University of Florida



Brian Myers is a Professor and the Associate Chair of the AEC Department. He also serves as the department Graduate Coordinator. Overall, Brian's 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.

Deb VanOverbeke, Oklahoma State University



Deb VanOverbeke has a BS in Animal Science from University of Nebraska and a MS and PhD in Animal Science from Colorado State University. Deb joined the Department of Animal Science at Oklahoma State University in 2005. Deb is responsible for teaching undergraduate and graduate courses and serves as the departmental Advising Coordinator and Assessment Coordinator. Her teaching efforts generate over 650 student credit hours annually and she advises over 100 undergraduate students and the Block and Bridle Club. Her research focuses on quality/sensory attributes related to beef cattle management and work includes the National Beef

Quality Audit, one of the most publicized research projects in the industry. Her teaching and research efforts have been recognized by NACTA, American Society of Animal Science and American Meat Science Association. She currently serves as Council Secretary on the OSU Faculty Council. Deb and her husband, Kirk, have two children, Esther and Joshua.



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NACTA Teaching Award of Excellence

The NACTA Teaching Award of Excellence is presented to one individual who demonstrates excellence in post-secondary instruction in agriculture. To qualify for the award, a NACTA member must have previously received the NACTA Teacher Fellow Award and currently be on a full-time appointment involving at least 25% teaching. NACTA committee members review applications. Criteria included in the evaluation are the instructor's teaching philosophy; a statement about the nominee's promotion and enhancement of teaching at the university, state, regional and/or national level; evaluations submitted by current students, alumni, administrative officers, and peers; involvement and contributions to NACTA; a self-evaluation including factors such as availability to students, teaching innovations, and departmental/institutional activity.

Ann Marie VanDerZanden, Iowa State University



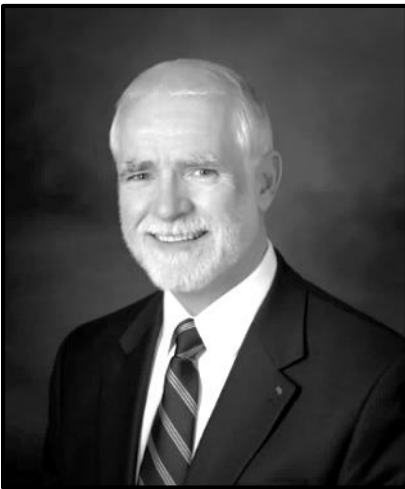
Dr. Ann Marie VanDerZanden is a Louis Thompson Distinguished Undergraduate Teacher, Director of the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, and Professor of Horticulture at Iowa State University. In her role as director, Dr. VanDerZanden provides leadership for the center in meeting its mission to support, promote, and enhance teaching effectiveness and student learning at Iowa State. As a horticulture faculty member she has taught 21 different courses, and she currently maintains an active teaching and mentoring role in the Department of Horticulture. Her research interests include undergraduate pedagogy, and

using new technology to enhance the learning experiences of students and landscape professionals.

Murray Brown 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.

R. Kirby Barrick, University of Florida



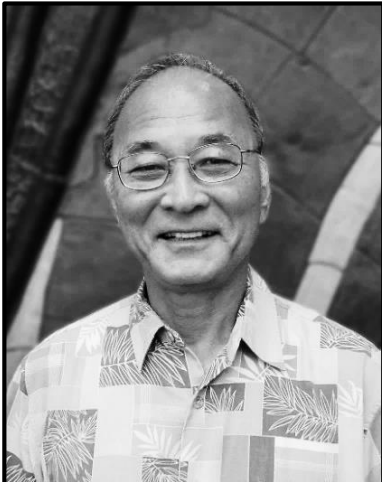
Kirby Barrick is Professor of Agricultural Education and Extension Specialist in the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication at the University of Florida. He served for 16 years on the faculty at The Ohio State University where he was Director of two Vocational Education Personnel Development Centers, chair of the department, and Assistant Director of OSU Extension and State 4-H Leader. He received the OSU Distinguished Teaching Award as well as teaching and advising awards from the college and was named a Distinguished Alumnus of the College in 2005. From 1996 until 2005 Kirby was Associate Dean for Academic Programs at

the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. During that time, he was President of the Agricultural Education Division of the American Vocational Association and President of the National Board of Directors of Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity. In 2005 he was named Dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Florida, serving five years before returning to the faculty in 2010. Kirby received the NACTA Distinguished Educator Award in 2001 and served as NACTA President in 2010-11. He is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Educational Foundation of Alpha Gamma Rho. A Fulbright Senior Specialist, Kirby has conducted research and faculty development programs in Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Korea, Ghana and Turkey.

NACTA Distinguished Educator Award

This award recognizes meritorious service to NACTA and to higher education through teaching, educational research, and/or administration. Nominee must be a current or retired NACTA member and have ten or more years of service to higher education. Nominations will be accepted from any NACTA member; Materials must be submitted to the Chair of the Distinguished Educator Award Committee by the published deadline; The NACTA Executive Committee, which serves as the Distinguished Educator Award Committee, reviews the nomination materials at the NACTA Fall Executive Committee meeting and selects the recipient(s).

Charles M. Kinoshita, University of Hawaii



Charles Kinoshita, PE, PhD, is Associate Dean for Academic and Student Affairs, College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, University of Hawaii at Manoa. Prior to this, Dr. Kinoshita served as Professor and Chair, Molecular Biosciences and Bioengineering Department; Director, Marine Bioproducts Engineering Center; and Researcher, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute of the University of Hawaii. He has taught courses in transport phenomena, thermosciences and engineering design at the University of Hawaii. He has trained practicing engineers through various professional societies. Dr. Kinoshita has led several research programs involving renewable energy and the environment and,

as Principal Investigator, has garnered ~\$20 million in extramural research and educational grants. Prior to joining the University, Dr. Kinoshita served in managerial positions in the Experiment Station of the Hawaiian Sugar Planters' Association. Dr. Kinoshita has advised or consulted to numerous businesses and government agencies, locally, nationally and internationally. He received BS and MS degrees in Mechanical Engineering at the University of Hawaii at Manoa and a PhD degree at the University of California at Berkeley. Since 2011, Dr. Kinoshita has actively engaged University of Hawaii faculty and students in NACTA Conferences.

Teaching Award of Merit Certificates 2015-2016

Each year as the Institutional contact for NACTA, you can request a Teaching Award of Merit Certificate for one or two faculty members you wish to recognize for their accomplishments as a teacher. The president of NACTA signs these certificates. They are then signed by one of your administrators before being presented on your campus. The recipient of the certificate/s is determined within your campus.

Mike Amstutz	The Ohio State University
Ryan Ashley	New Mexico State University
James Baier	Tennessee Tech University
Quinn S. Baptiste	Berea College, KY
Rick Barichello	University of British Columbia, Canada
JoEllen Barnhart	University of Maryland
Anton Baudoin	Virginia Tech
Edward Bechinski	University of Idaho
Jeff Breeden	Tarleton State University, TX
Fiona Buchanan	University of Saskatchewan, Canada
MacDonald Burgess	Montana State University
Emalee Buttrey	University of Tennessee, Martin
Michael Carlson	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Christopher A. Clemons	Southern Illinois University
Christopher J. Currey	Iowa State University
Duncan Darby	Clemson University, SC
Craig Darroch	University of Tennessee, Martin
Stephen Devadoss	University of Idaho
William Dewees	Murray State University, KY
Kris Dick	University of Manitoba, Canada
Holly Dolliver	University of Wisconsin-River Falls
Stan Dunagan	University of Tennessee, Martin
Rob Duncan	University of Manitoba, Canada
David Englund	North Dakota State University
Jeremy Falk	University of Idaho
Elizabeth Flaherty	Purdue University, IN
Caitlin Foley	Delaware Valley University, PA
David Fraser	University of British Columbia, Canada
Paula Gale	University of Tennessee, Martin
Carri Gerber	The Ohio State University
Jamieson Gross	Cloud County Community College, KS
Tony Hartshorn	Montana State University

Ruth A. Hufbauer	Colorado State University
Bill Hunter	Pratt Community College, KS
Deborah Hutcheon	Clemson University, SC
Yari Ben Johnson	University of Wisconsin-Platteville
Cheryl J. Kojima	University of Tennessee
David Kopsell	Illinois State University
Luke Laha	Pratt Community College, KS
Hongwei Li	University of Hawaii-Windward Community College
Tanner J. Machado	Texas A&M University, Kingsville
Andrew M. McKenzie	University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
Teena Michael	University of Hawaii-Windward Community College
Joy Morgan	North Carolina State University
Shyam Nair	Sam Houston State University, TX
James Nolan	University of Saskatchewan, Canada
Gayle O'Bannon	California State University, Fresno
Eric Pelren	University of Tennessee, Martin
Dustin Perry	Montana State University
Shea Porr	Murray State University, KY
Pedram Rezamand	University of Idaho
SeAnne Safai-Waite	University of Idaho
Michelle Santiago	Murray State University, KY
Greta L. Schuster	Texas A&M University, Kingsville
Alyx Shultz	Murray State University, KY
Matthew Shultz	Murray State University, KY
Mark Simpson	University of Tennessee, Martin
Sylvia Smith	Southern Illinois University
Joanne J. Sohn	Cal Poly-Pomona
Randy L. Stanko	Texas A&M University, Kingsville
Rod Stewart	Pratt Community College, KS
Tara Swanson	North Dakota State University
Michael Van Amburgh	Cornell University, NY
Ellen Vincent	Clemson University, SC
Dan Voltz	The Ohio State University
Lorraine J. Weatherspoon	Michigan State University
Rod Williams	Purdue University, IN
Kelleen Wiseman	University of British Columbia, Canada
Martin Zuidhof	University of Alberta, Canada

Graduate Student Teaching Award of Merit Certificates 2015-2016

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Jake Bova	Virginia Tech
Timothy Bradford	Mississippi State University
Michael Broady Jr.	University of Hawaii-Windward Community College
Anne Brown	Virginia Tech
Katie Elaine Collins	Mississippi State University
Masami O. Deschamps	University of Hawaii-Windward Community College
Javier Garcia	Virginia Tech
Collin Gyles	University of Manitoba, Canada
Emily Keeton	Mississippi State University
Lia Kim	University of Hawaii-Windward Community College
Kyle Koch	University of Nebraska, Lincoln
Rachael Anne Koch	Purdue University, IN
Donna M. Kuehu	University of Hawaii-Windward Community College
Sierra Lockwood	University of Tennessee
Meghan McKeown	University of Vermont
Matt Pedersen	University of Nebraska
Brittany Peterson	Purdue University, IN
Julie Plasencia	Michigan State University
Nathan W. Redding	Clemson University, SC
Jackie Reed	Murray State University, KY
Maria L. Rodgers	Clemson University, SC
Meryl Storb	Montana State University
Melissa Tining	North Carolina State University
Philip Urso	Sam Houston State University, TX
Drew White	Tarleton State University, TX

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Teaching Award of Excellence Recipients

2016	Ann Marie VanDerZanden	Iowa State University
2015	M. Susie Whittington	The Ohio State University
2014	Ricky Telg	University of Florida
2012	Prasanta Kalita	University of Illinois
2011	Bonnie S. Walters	University of Wisconsin, River Falls
2009	Shelly Schmidt	University of Illinois
2008	Robert M. Skirvin	University of Illinois
2007	Foy D. Mills, Jr.	Abilene Christian University, Texas
2006	Rick Rudd	University of Florida, Ag Education & Communication
2005	Wayne Banwart	University of Illinois, Environmental Soil Science
2004	Allen Zimmerman	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
1970	Monroe R. Krummow	Sam Houston State University, Dairy Science
1969	Frederick E. Beckett	Louisiana Polytechnic Institute, Ag Engineering

Murray Brown Leadership Award Recipients

2016	R. Kirby Barrick	Florida
2015	Jeannette Moore	North Carolina
2014	Jean Gleichsner	Kansas
2014	Robert Stephenson	Kansas
2013	Jim McKenna	Virginia
2012	Wayne Banwart	Illinois
2011	Ron Hanson	Nebraska
2010	Rick Parker	Idaho
2009	Marilyn Parker	Idaho



Distinguished Educator Award Recipients

2016	Charles Kinoshita	University of Hawaii
2015	Laurie Kramer	University of Illinois
2014	Mike Mullen	North Carolina State University
2013	Ron Hanson	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
2012	Foy Mills, Jr. Edwin Miller	Sam Houston State University Oklahoma State University
2011	Frank Robinson	University of Alberta
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 E. Grant Moody	Cloud County Community College 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
	Paul E. Sanford	Kansas State University
1980	Darrell S. Metcalfe	University of Arizona
1979	Robert A. Alexander	Middle Tennessee State University
	Robert D. Seif	University of Illinois
1978	Murray A. Brown	Sam Houston State University
1977	G. Carl Schowengerdt	Southeast Missouri State College
1976	John A. Wright	Louisiana Polytechnic Institute

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Dates		Site
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	Fort 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, 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, BC
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, Blacksburg
June 25-28	2014	Montana State University, Bozeman
June 16-20	2015	University of Georgia, Athens
June 21-24	2016	University of Hawaii, Manoa



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Dates		Themes
June 16-18	1969	2-Year Technical Programs and Their Relationship to 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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- NACTA Distinguished Educator Award
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- NACTA Educator Award
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- NACTA John Deere Award
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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 62nd 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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