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California Polytechnic State University – San Luis Obispo

Teachers in Residence

Cal Poly is fortunate to have three Teachers in Residence this year. The Agricultural Education and Communication Department welcomes veteran teachers Larry Shuklian from Golden West High School in Visalia, Jerry Clark from Templeton High School, and Bob Cummings from Shandon High School. This is one avenue for professional growth and development of outstanding professionals in our teaching ranks. This opportunity allows accomplished practitioners to join the department and share their expertise in the pre-professional program.

Teaching Opportunities

There were 127 jobs posted this year on the Teaching Opportunities Bulletin circulated statewide. There exists a severe teacher shortage in agricultural education in California, and this is a recurring problem. Teacher educators and state staff in agricultural education have identified this as a priority issue to address during the academic year.

Budget and Finances

California's budget woes continue to plague operations funded by the state coffers, including higher education. Cal Poly is fortunate in that students voted several years ago to increase their fees by \$200 per quarter to enhance their educational experience. Little did they know at that time that their funds would be used to offset budget difficulties in the ensuing years. The budget outlook for 2005-06 is somewhat positive, but the student fees will allow us Cal Poly to be somewhat flexible in responding to financial needs during these uncertain times.



Cornell University

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New Faculty Member(s)

Mr. Perry Dewey joined the faculty of the Agricultural Science Education program at Cornell this fall as a lecturer and PhD student. Mr. Dewey is a 24-year veteran of teaching agriculture in New York. He has been honored as New York's Agriculture Teacher of the Year and served as the President of our NYAAE. This fall we are conducting a search for a new assistant professor of Agricultural Science Education and hope to be able to announce another new faculty member in the Spring AAEE Newsletter.

Cornell Agricultural Science Education

The Cornell Teacher Education (CTE) program is a fully integrated program for the education of math, science, and agriscience teachers. As an integral part of CTE, the Agricultural Science Education program provides for teacher certification at either the BS or MAT level. Our student numbers are growing rapidly, partially as a result of alliances with the NY Association of Agricultural Educators and with undergraduate agriculture programs at Morrisville State College, SUNY Cobleskill, and Alfred State College.

Agricultural Education Outreach

The Agricultural Education Outreach (AEO) Program, as part of the Department of Education at Cornell University, provides technical and professional assistance and guidance for New York's 240 teachers of agriculture. AEO partners each year with NY Agri-Tech Prep and NYAAE to bring the ag educators of New York together for a number of inservice and professional development sessions. The primary session is our professional development conference which was held June 27-30 at SUNY Cobleskill. Over 100 teachers participated in the 4 day conference.

LEAD New York

LEAD NY is a statewide leadership development program for professionals in agriculture and is housed in Cornell's Dept. of Education. The LEAD program is currently in its 20th year and will graduate its 10th class of leaders for New York agriculture this summer after a week-long study trip to South Texas and Mexico. LEAD is recruiting for its 11th cohort of students.

New York Agriculture in the Classroom

New York Agriculture in the Classroom (NYAITC) is housed in Cornell's Dept. of Education and is a partnership of Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, NY Dept. of Agriculture and Markets, NY State Education Dept., and NY Farm Bureau. NYAITC's signature program is Kids growing Food, which involves helping elementary school teachers grow school gardens and use that experience to promote agricultural literacy and reinforce integrated learning in the core academic areas.

Summit on Agricultural Education

The Iowa Governor's Council on Agricultural Education is launching a new effort to enhance agricultural education in the state. Twelve public hearings will be held across Iowa during the Spring of 2005. In addition, a survey of agricultural businesses will be conducted. All of this information will be used in planning and conducting the third statewide Summit on Agricultural Education and will result in the unveiling of the new Grand Plan for Agricultural Education in Iowa.

Professor in the Classroom

Recently, Drs. David Acker, Levon Esters and Robert Martin have conducted numerous Professor-in-the-Classroom activities in several high schools across Iowa. This College of Agriculture program provides high school students the opportunity to learn some technical information and/or skill presented by Iowa State University faculty members. High school teachers and students have enjoyed having professors in their classrooms teaching about an area of interest to the students. This program also helps professors relate their technical knowledge to the high school experience.

New Hire

Jessica Bowser, a graduate of Kansas State University, has joined our staff to assist in teaching the Ag Ed and Studies 450 course. This course is the very popular farm business management course that has an enrollment of 35 students each semester. The students actually make all the management decisions on this 1400 acre crop and livestock operation. Jessica will be assisting Dr. Chuck Steiner, newly appointed professor-in-charge of the course and the total farm operation.

Urban Agriculture Forum

Dr. Levon Esters is assisting with plans for an Urban Agriculture Forum to be held in conjunction with the 2004 National Association of Agricultural Educators conference being held in Las Vegas, Nevada. This conference will focus on the unique challenges and opportunities of urban agricultural education programs. Dr. Esters' research on career development has particular relevance to the needs of urban students of agricultural education.

Outreach Activities in Ag Education

District meetings for agricultural educators were held recently at six sites around Iowa. In-service education activities focused on curriculum development, program needs and recruitment efforts. Drs. Greg Miller, Levon Esters, Wade Miller, Nancy Grudens-Schuck, Chuck Steiner, and Robert Martin represented the College of Agriculture at these meetings and presented a brief program and up-to-date college information for use by agriculture teachers in their programs.



Montana State University - Bozeman

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Dr. Carl Igo joins Agricultural Education Faculty

The MSU-Bozeman Agricultural Education program is pleased to have a new faculty member on staff. Dr. Carl Igo is Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education at Montana State University. Carl comes to MSU with a wealth of experience in the Agricultural Education profession. He was the Head Teacher Educator in Agriculture at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, TX from 1999 to 2004. (University was re-named Texas State University-San Marcos in 2003.) He will serve as the lead faculty member for the teacher education portion of the MSU Agricultural Education program.

Graduate Students

MSUs Agricultural Education program is fortunate to have an excellent group of graduate students on campus to support our teaching, research and outreach functions. Ricarda Bradbury, Shannon Brooks, Keith Duren, Patrick Mangan and Leann Fox are all actively engaged in the MSU Agricultural Education graduate program. Ricarda Bradbury has an undergraduate degree in Agricultural Education from Oregon State University. Shannon Brooks is on sabbatical from USDA-FAS. Keith Duren and Leann Fox are recent graduates of the MSU Agricultural Education program. Patrick Mangan has a degree in Land Resources from MSU.

Transition to Excellence Project

Dr. Martin Frick is Project Director of a two year collaborative initiative between Montana State University (MSU) College of Agriculture, Chief Dull Knife College, and Little Big Horn College. The project is funded by the USDAs Challenge Grant Program. The primary objective of the project is to develop and deliver model curricula that will create improved opportunities for American Indian students from 1994 land grant colleges to transition and achieve success in the baccalaureate agricultural curricula offered by 1862 Land Grant Universities.

Frick selected as Fulbright Scholar

Dr. Martin Frick has received a Fulbright Award to work at the University of Zagreb in Zagreb, Croatia during Spring of 2005. Montana State University also granted Dr. Frick a sabbatical during this same period of time. Dr. Frick will be teaching at the University of Zagreb, assisting with curriculum development at Krizevci Technical Agriculture College and providing short courses at the University of Osijek. He will also be conducting research with rural clientele throughout Croatia.

Moscow Study Abroad Program

Item5Text: MSU Agricultural Education students continue to study abroad at Moscow State Agro-engineering University (MSAU) in Moscow, Russia. Over the past four years, eight MSU College of Agriculture students have elected to participate in the program which is coordinated by The Pennsylvania State University through a U.S. Department of State NSEP grant. This year, Halsey Wallace from Choteau, Montana has decided to participate in this international experience. Other U.S. students in the program represent the University of Florida, Texas A&M, and Maryland. Partial monetary support for MSU students has been provided by the College of Agriculture.



Murray State University School of Agriculture

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New Faculty

Murray State is pleased to welcome Brian Parr as a new faculty member in Agricultural Education. Brian will be working with several agricultural education courses and supervising student teachers. Brian will receive his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in Dec. 2004.

Promotion of Faculty to Dean

Dr. Tony Brannon, Professor of Agricultural Education, has recently been promoted to the position of Interim Dean/Director of the School of Agriculture at Murray State.

New Position in Agricultural & Extension Education

We are pleased to announce that we are advertising a new position at the Assistant Professor rank in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education. This position was the result of increased enrollment at the undergraduate level and in distance education courses. As stated in the position announcement, our preference is for a faculty member with extension experience, but we would certainly consider someone with a teacher education background.

Doctoral Program in Agricultural & Extension Education

The Graduate School at NC State has approved the transfer of the Ed.D. in Occupational Education from the College of Education to the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, along with a change in the degree name to a Doctor of Education in Agricultural and Extension Education. Both changes are effective January 2005. We are in the process of changing the degree from an Ed.D. to a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education.

Distance Education Master's Degree Approved

We have received approval to offer a distance education masters degree in Agricultural and Extension Education in cooperation with North Carolina A&T State University. This is a collaborative effort, not a joint masters degree program, but students will be required to enroll in courses at both universities. Students will select a home university that will award the degree. They must complete at least two courses at the cooperating university. We look forward to working with the faculty at NC A&T State University on this program.

Undergraduate Enrollment Increases

Undergraduate enrollment in the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education continues to increase. We currently have 137 undergraduate students enrolled in the department. We also had the largest group on new students this fall in recent history 41 new freshmen and transfer students. Six of our incoming freshmen received Teaching Fellows Scholarship Awards, giving the department a total of 19 students on Teaching Fellows Scholarships of \$6,500 each per year. Students in the department were awarded by the university a total of \$196,759 in scholarships this year.

LITRE Grant

NC State is involved in an initiative to improve learning technology within the university. The initiative is called Learning in a Technology Rich Environment (LITRE). Our department recently received a grant to implement and test the use of responding units in College of Agriculture and Life Sciences courses, giving instructors immediate feedback on student learning. The project will begin next semester.



Budke Honored

Dr. Wes Budke will be honored on December 10, 2004 at the ACTE Annual Convention in Las Vegas. Dr. Budke will be receiving the Carl D. Perkins Humanitarian Award. The award is reserved for those individuals whose careers have been distinguished by actions that have enabled career and technical education programs to respond more fully to the individual needs of people for assistance in achieving more productive lives. Congratulations Dr. Budke!

Budke Retires

Dr. Wes Budke has retired from The Ohio State University effective June 30, 2004. Dr. Budke began his career at Ohio State at the National Center for Research on Vocational Education. In 1988, Dr. Budke joined the faculty in Agricultural Education on a full-time basis. Dr. Budke currently is assisting in the supervision of student teachers, however in early 2005, he plans to return to his native Montana and reassume the "ranch-life" he so much cherished as a youngster.

Agricultural and Extension Education

The Agricultural Education and Extension Education programs have merged to create one program called "Agricultural and Extension Education." The new acronym for the Department courses is "AEE". The curriculum and courses have changed to reflect the merger of the content. The new courses and acronym will be effective officially on July 1, 2005.

Student Teachers

The faculty of the Department are currently supervising 34 student teachers which are placed in local high schools around the state of Ohio. The student teachers began their experience in late August or early September, and will conclude their student teaching on November 12, 2004. Following the student teaching experience, the students will return to campus for an intensive course of Program Planning. Most students will complete their degree requirements in June, 2005.

Department Numbers

The Department has had a great year relative to the number of majors in the College. There are currently 165 majors, which is the second largest major in the College. This fall saw 19 new first-quarter freshmen enter agricultural education. In addition, there were 19 transfer students from other two-year, post-secondary colleges in Ohio. The agricultural two-year campus, ATI, currently has approximately 45 pre-agricultural education majors as well.



Alumni Exemplary Faculty Award

The OSU AG Alumni Association selected Shelly Sitton and James White for Exemplary Faculty Awards. This award is based on an alumni survey conducted by institutional research. One of the key questions asked recent alumni to identify a faculty member who contributed significantly to their education or influenced their career. Alumni association officers surprised Dr. Sitton with this award during class and Dr. White's was presented to Carol White at the fall Agricultural Education Scholarship Banquet.

Faculty Members Tenured/Reappointed

Congratulations to Dr. Kathleen Kelsey for being awarded tenure and promotion to the rank of Associate Professor, effective July 1, 2004. Also, Dr. Kelsey received the Outstanding New Agricultural Educator award by AAAE.

Dr. Dwayne Cartmell and Dr. Penny Pennington were reappointed as Assistant Professors for an additional three years.

Math-CTE Research Project

The National Center for Career and Technical Education is collaborating with OSU in conducting year two of the Math-CTE research project. This project tests the notion that high school students in a contextual, math-enhanced CTE curriculum will develop a deeper understanding of math concepts than students who participate in the traditional CTE curriculum. The Oklahoma experiment includes 16 treatment and 17 control classrooms with an ag power and technology context. Dr. Craig Edwards is directing the Oklahoma experiment.

Kinney Crowned Miss Oklahoma

Elizabeth Kinney, 2004 agricultural communications graduate, was crowned Miss Oklahoma in June. Kinney competed against 44 other contestants in talent, evening wear, interview and physical fitness to win the title. After being named Miss Oklahoma, Kinney received more than \$20,000 in scholarships and the use of an apartment and new car for one year. She was named a top ten finalist in the Miss America pageant held in Atlantic City, New Jersey, in September.

AGCM Student Awards

The OSU Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow members won 34 National ACT Critique awards during the National ACT Convention held in Tampa, Fla, in June.

Two agricultural communications seniors were named Oklahoma State University Outstanding "12" Seniors. Melissa Majors and Elizabeth Kinney, both May graduates, received this distinguished honor based on excellence in scholarship, leadership and service to campus and community.

New Staff

Dan Jansen and Reynold Gardner have joined the staff in the Department of Agricultural Education and General Agriculture at Oregon State University. Mr. Jansen has ten years of teaching experience and was named 2004 Oregon Agriculture Teacher of the Year. Mr. Gardner has eight years of teaching experience and has had several state winning FFA CDE teams, along with national champion teams. Both will work on their Ph.D. during their tenure as instructors for the department.

Dr. Lee Cole Retires

Lee Cole has announced his retirement after 41 years professional service in agricultural education. Lee has been a faculty member at OSU for 28 years, 22 of those years as department head. He taught high school agriculture for 9 years. Lee has maintained a half time appointment in the department and Greg Thompson was named Interim Department Head.

Warnick Earns Ph.D.

Brian Warnick was awarded his Ph.D. from Oregon State University in June. Dr. Warnick accepted a position at Utah State University in the Agricultural Systems Technology and Education Department. Last spring, Brian received the College of Agricultural Sciences Distinguished Professor Award and OSU Outstanding Club Advisor Award.

Math in Horticulture Project

Oregon is completing a research project with the National Research Center on Career and Technical Education on Building Academic Skills Through Career and Technical Education. The experimental design study involved 20 control group horticulture teachers and 20 experimental group horticulture teachers in Oregon and Washington. Results are being tabulated. Greg Thompson was a Co-Principal Investigator on the project.

Strategic Plan

The Department of Agricultural Education and General Agriculture has embarked on a strategic planning process that will better align the department with the university and College of Agricultural Sciences. The plan is in its final stages.



The Pennsylvania State University

Ed Yoder Receives Teaching Award

Dr. Ed Yoder was inducted into the Academy Level of the Community of Teaching Excellence in the College of Agricultural Sciences. This award is the third and final level of recognition for teaching excellence in the college. Since the development of the Community of Teaching Excellence program only two individuals have advanced to earn this prestigious award. Recipients receive a plaque and a permanent salary increase.

Civic and Community Engagement Minor

Dr. Constance Flanagan (Agricultural and Extension Education) and Dr. Jeffery Parker (Psychology) were instrumental in the development of an intercollege minor in Civic and Community Engagement. Flanagan and Parker currently serve as co-chairs for this minor. This minor is appropriate for undergraduate students seeking to apply domains of knowledge from their majors or General Education programs to issues of consequence beyond the classroom in a manner that integrates academic and creative development with democratic principles of contribution to the community and nation.

Enhanced Math Learning in H.S. Technical Education

The purpose of this study is to test the assumption that students who learn math skills within enhanced, high school Tech Ed courses will transfer this applied learning not only in their technical field but also to high-stakes tests. Six replications of the same experiment in different areas occurred in 2003-04. Dr. Dennis Scanlon is site coordinator for the Automotive Technology component of the project which is funded by the National Center for Research on Career and Technical Education. To date, approximately 245 CTE teachers, 125 math teacher partners and 6,485 students have participated.

Dr. Blannie Bowen Vice Provost for Academic Affairs

Dr. Blannie Bowen joined the central administration at Penn State as vice provost for academic affairs in July 2004. Prior to this appointment, he served as the head of Agricultural and Extension from 1998 to 2004. In his current position, Dr. Bowen works closely with the provost in areas including faculty development, leadership training, tenure and promotion, executive searches and reviews, and other issues related to academic personnel and their concerns.



Tarleton State University

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Addition Of New Faculty Member

Dr. Ashley Lovell has joined the department this fall after 19 years of experience with the Texas Copperative Extension Service. Dr. Lovell will be teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses in extension education methods. His joint appointment includes 70 percent teaching in the department and 30 percent as a rural economic development specialist with the extension service.

Death of Dr. Johnny Johnson

Item2Text: I am sad to report the death of long time faculty member Dr. Johnny Johnson on August 23, 2004. He began his teaching in the department in September of 1968. He is greatly missed by faculty and students of the university.

New Online Degree Program

The department has been approved to offer the Master of Science Degree in Agricultural Education on_line. The department has been offering online courses for the past few years and will now offer the degree completely on-line. The degree combines courses in Agricultural Education and other areas of technical agriculture. The program is focused on the needs of agricultural extension agents and secondary agri-science teachers.



Texas A&M University

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Faculty Changes: Retirement, Additions, Promotions

One faculty member has retired: Dr. James Christiansen, after 36 years as a faculty member here. He still supervises student teachers and is writing a departmental history. Two have been added: Mr. Paul Pope, extension specialist, evaluation and Dr. Mike McCormick, assistant professor, leadership education. Two were promoted and tenured: Dr. James Lindner, associate professor, distance education and Dr. Gary Wingenbach, associate professor, agricultural communications and journalism. Congratulations and welcome to all in their new roles.

Personal & Professional Renewal/Leadership Change

Dr. Glen Shinn, after 11 years as head, will step up to engage in professional development at 5 international universities: Tecno 'o de Monterrey, Mexico Wageningen University UR, Netherlands Moscow State Agro-engineering University, Russia and University of Melbourne and Charles Sturt University, Australia. He will investigate business models for distance education, collect alternative instructional designs and delivery strategies, examine new technologies for rural adults, and identify partners for international collaboration. Look for a formal search for his replacement to begin soon!

Curriculum Development Projects

Instructional Materials Service (IMS) is identifying and aligning agricultural industry licensures and certifications with secondary Agri-science curriculum. New products are Advanced Floral Design, Metal Fabrication, Home Maintenance, Animal Production, and Protective Eye Care (ppt). Work continues on the Online Agricultural Academy and on Macro Media-based presentations for Agri-science. Educators, email ims@tamu.edu for complimentary subscriptions (for students in agricultural teacher certification programs) to the Online Record Book.

Toyota/National FFA/Texas A&M Diversity Project

Toyota, National FFA, Texas A&Ms MANNRS chapter, and our department share core values about diversity. We each seek to improve our own performance as a diverse organization. Collectively, we join three San Antonio high schools with long-term commitments to increasing diversity in agricultural education and FFA. We focus on strategies that (1) increase program diversity to better reflect the demographics of the schools and communities; (2) retain students in challenging and relevant agricultural science courses and as FFA members; and (3) recruit students into collegiate agriculture programs. Thank you for leading our profession!

Students, Students, Students!

The department is home to 1,087 students fall semester. There are 985 undergraduates with majors in agricultural development (722), agricultural science/teacher certification (178), or agricultural journalism (85) and 102 graduate students, with 54 masters students and 48 doctoral students. Additionally, we have lots of students from other majors who seek teacher certification in agricultural science and others who pursue a minor in agricultural communications and journalism. Too, 24 of our graduate students have research or teaching assistantships, fellowships, or scholarships.



Texas Tech University

Personnel

Dr. Marvin Cepica was named Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Dr. Steve Frazee is chairing a search and screen committee for a replacement faculty position. Dr. Todd Brashears has joined the faculty coordinating team of Tech's International Center for Food Industry Excellence, a federally-supported center which focuses upon food-safety related issues.

Academic Programs

Dr. David Doerfert is coordinating a graduate program review process that is underway in the department for the academic year. This fall we have 17 student teachers placed in schools across the state and three agricultural communications interns in congressional offices in Washington, D.C. Drs. Steve Frazee and Cindy Akers are providing leadership in the development of combined 150 hour M.S./B.S. programs in Agricultural Communications and Agricultural Education.

Pending Research

Drs. David Lawver and Chad Davis have submitted a USDA proposal to collaborate with three universities in Mexico to enhance the international capacities at all universities. Dr. James Smith has submitted a grant to the state department of education for the continuation of the Texas Beginning Teacher Program.

Funded Research

Faculty in the department collaborated on a \$6.2 million Texas Water Development Board grant titled: "An Integrated Approach to Water Conservation for Agriculture in the Texas High Plains." Faculty will work with Texas Cooperative Extension in conducting Farmer Field Schools, field days, and establishing Communities of Practice during the course of the eight-year project.



The University of Arizona

Western Region Ag Ed Conference

Arizona will host the western region AAAE/NAAE conference April 20-23, 2005 in Prescott, Arizona. The conference will include research paper presentations, business meetings, business and industry tours, and a host state social.

Item2Title: Acting Assistant Dean

Dr. Jack Elliot has been appointed as an Acting Assistant Dean for Academic Programs in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at the University of Arizona. Please join us in congratulating Jack on this new opportunity.

Item3Title: National Webcast

A nationally aired webcast by the National Dissemination Center for Career and Technical Education focusing on high stakes testing and NCLB featured Dr. Jack Elliot reporting his research findings. The webcast has been archived and can be viewed at

<http://www.nccte.org/webcasts/description.asp?wc=165>



University of Delaware

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Governor Appoints UD Professor

Item1Text: The Governor of Delaware appointed J. Richard Bacon, Director of the Agricultural and Technology Education Program at the University of Delaware to the Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Vocational Education (DACCVE). The Council conducts evaluations, reviews programs, services and plans, and make policy recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, Department of Education and the State Board of Education on matters pertaining to vocational-technical education in the State. DACCVE is comprised of individuals from both the private and public sectors.

Personnel Achievements

Jim Dyer and Nick Place were promoted to associate professor with tenure, effective July, 1, 2004. Glenn Israel received a University Professor Salary Step (equivalent to a promotion step for professors). Rick Rudd is on sabbatical leave this fall, gathering ideas for strengthening our undergraduate and graduate academic programs in leadership. Larry Arrington has been named Dean for Extension and Director of the Florida Cooperative Extension Service. New faculty hires include Hannah Carter, Director of the Wedgworth Leadership Institute and Instructor (Leadership) Mark Kistler, assistant professor of extension education and Brian Myers, assistant professor of agricultural education.

Wedgworth Leadership Institute

The Wedgworth Leadership Institute (WLI) for Agriculture and Natural Resources was transferred to the Department of Agricultural Education and Communication (AEC), effective July 1, 2004. Dr. Hannah Carter has been appointed Director of WLI, a program designed to develop the leadership capabilities of growers, producers, and agricultural professionals 25-45 years of age. The sixth class of approximately 30 program participants is now being selected. The program includes 11 study/travel seminars involving about 55 days over twenty-two months. The program also includes travel to nine locations in Florida, plus Washington, DC, another region of the US, and an extended international seminar.

Campus-wide Undergraduate Minor in Leadership

The AEC Department has been asked to spearhead development of a campus-wide Minor in Leadership. Ricky Telg is leading this development effort as a part of his ACOP-ESOP internship in the College Deans office. This interdisciplinary minor will include course work from Ag Education and Communication and is being supported by the Colleges of Business, Education, and Agricultural and Life Sciences. Students will complete at least 15 credits in leadership theory and practice, ethics, and communications and will focus in one of three areas: organizational leadership, community leadership, or public policy leadership. The minor will be open to all UF students, beginning with the fall 2005 semester.

Placement of PhD Graduates

The first graduates of the departments PhD program initiated in August 2000 hit the job market in May 2003. The primary focus of this program has been to prepare students for faculty positions in agricultural education, communication, leadership, and extension. The placement record for all graduates of the PhD program thus far is as follows: Lori Moore (Univ. of Idaho), John Ricketts (UGA), Susan Grantham (Univ. of Hartford), Cindy Malecki (deceased), Grady Roberts (Texas A&M), Lisa Lundy (LSU), Brian Myers (UF), Nicole Stedman (Texas A&M), Chris Morgan (Oklahoma State), Kristin Davis (International Food Policy Research Institute, Ethiopia), and Laikhe Jones (USDA).

Recent Recognitions

UF-ACT received the National Chapter of the Year Award for the second year in a row. UF-AECS received the Fellowship, Fundraising, and Leadership Awards presented by Alpha Tau Alpha. AEC senior Marshall Baker was selected as the Colleges 2004 Commencement Speaker. He also received the Colleges Leadership Award, while senior Liz Raburn received the Scholarship Award. Emily DeVane was recognized as the Outstanding Junior in the College. Eight of the 24 CALS Ambassadors are in AEC. Travis Park was one of 14 students to receive a UF Graduate Student Teaching Award. Rick Rudd and Tracy Irani received the Outstanding Educational Program Award from ADEC for their project Critical Thinking in the Sciences.



The University of Georgia

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New Courses

We are excited to add two new and innovative courses to the Agricultural Education curriculum at The University of Georgia. The two new courses are Floriculture and Greenhouse Management Skills for Teachers and Agriscience Methods for Teachers. Both courses will approach teaching technical agriculture skills from a truly "hands-on" perspective with the majority of both courses consisting of laboratories that can be implemented in the secondary agricultural education classroom.

New Faculty Member

The Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication welcomes Dr. Dennis Duncan, Assistant Professor of Agricultural Education, to the UGA family. Dr. Duncan comes to us from Virginia Tech where he was an Instructor and Assistant Professor in the Agricultural Technology Program. His teaching career started as a high school agri-science teacher in Indiana where he taught for four years. He then taught horticulture at Lansing Community College while working on his M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural and Extension Education at Michigan State University.

Global Seminar

This spring semester the Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communication will offer an international graduate course in partnership with the Global Seminar. The Global Seminar is an ongoing international collaborative program offering a course on the central theme of environment and sustainability. The Global Seminar currently consists of over 40 institutions from around the world. The learning objectives of the Global Seminar are to assist students in developing higher order cognitive skills to critically think and creatively address global issues.

NSF-PRISM Grants

Agricultural Education faculty have been successful in attaining three National Science Foundation grants through the Partnership for Reform in Science and Mathematics (PRISM) project at The University of Georgia. Dr. Jason Peake received NSF-PRISM funding to improve teaching and learning of science and mathematics at the undergraduate level at the Tifton campus at UGA. Dr. John C. Ricketts secured a NSF-PRISM grant that will support a new course utilizing agriculture as the context for developing inquiry-based teaching methods in science and math for future teachers. Ricketts also partnered with the Animal and Dairy Science Department to garner funding for applied research detailing the learning preferences of Animal Science students at UGA.

AEE Undergraduate Enrollment and Student Teachers

Enrollment increased slightly to 87 students: 46 in the teaching option, 11 in the agricultural industry management and communication option, and 30 in the agricultural science and technology program (13 in the AST degree program off-campus). Preparing to student teach this spring in 8 Idaho high schools are: Melissa Coles, New Plymouth Jennifer Crupper, Kuna Nick Davis, Snake River Pat Dixon and Nicole Lebsack, Meridian Kristina Patton, Buhl Jason Sherman, Troy and Brenda Wood, Melba at 3 Washington high schools will be Amy Fogg, Pomeroy Mark Sawyer, Tekoa and Ariel Spaeth, Pullman.

Fall Graduate Students

There are 18 graduate students actively enrolled in coursework. Ryan Kannelly graduates fall term with a thesis concerning factors students use to enroll in the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences he has joined Sunnyside High School in Washington as an agriculture instructor. Rikki Wilson is expected to graduate in May research for her thesis focuses on the leadership styles of Pacific Northwest (Idaho, Oregon and Washington) Extension District Directors and is a comparison of self-perceived leadership styles and the perceptions of their superiors and subordinates.

Summer Graduating Masters Students

Jodie Mink, Program Coordinator for the University of Idaho-College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls, completed her thesis entitled, Assessment of the Distance Education Degree Program Available to Students Through the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences in Twin Falls. Steve Braun, Agricultural Science and Technology Instructor at Troy High School, completed his thesis entitled, A Profile of Academic Achievement and Academic Efficiency of Students in the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences: 1985-2002. Both earned bachelor degrees at the University of Idaho.

October 2004 Teacher In-Service Workshop

A video conference workshop was conducted October 7, featuring Joe Webel from the Center for Agricultural and Environmental Research and Training (CAERT) in Danville, Illinois. Through an Idaho Division of Professional-Technical Education grant, CAERT developed a "Horticulture Lesson Plan Library" for Idaho, which included a matrix linking the lessons and student learning objectives to the Idaho Academic Achievement Standards. Conference sites were Moscow, Boise, Idaho Falls, Aberdeen, Parma, Twin Falls, and Pocatello.

AEE Scholarship

Dr. Lori L. Moore received the Alan A. Kahler Outstanding Dissertation Award at the 2004 Annual AAAE Conference, for the most outstanding dissertation the previous year Dr. Rick D. Rudd from the University of Florida was recognized as her faculty advisor. Dr. Moore also presented the paper, Leadership Styles of Current Extension Leaders, and Dr. Lou E. Riesenberg presented the Address, Agricultural and Extension Education and Scholarship: Some Observations. At the 23rd Western Region Ag Ed Conference, Dr. Moore presented, Extension Leaders Self-Evaluation of Leadership Skill Areas.



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ACES Defines Minor in Leadership Studies

The College of Agricultural Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) is leading the effort to establish a campus-wide undergraduate minor in Leadership Studies. The introductory capstone courses required in the minor are Agricultural Education courses. Students electing the minor will select from among courses in nearly every college that address one or more of 11 leadership attributes and skills that were identified by the campus Leadership Coordinating Committee. The new minor should be in effect by Fall 2005.

Community Development and Leadership Position

The Department of Human and Community Development is conducting a search for an assistant professor, tenure-track position for community development and leadership. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone interested in leadership for developing communities. Please check the AAAE website when the position is posted for more information.

Bountiful Opportunities in Masters Degree Program

There are currently 7 on-campus and 15 off-campus masters degree students in Agricultural Education at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. All students in the on-campus program are completing masters theses and are supported with assistantships. All off-campus students complete independent research projects, as the off-campus program is administered completely online. Please consider UIUC Agricultural Education as a wonderful opportunity for graduate students to learn and grow.

Agricultural Education Website Updates

The Agricultural Education program has updated its website! The new website can be found at: w3.aces.uiuc.edu/ageduc/agedhome. The newly updated website is more user friendly, includes new curriculum links for student teachers, has updated student and faculty pages, and new scholarship and internship information is being added as received. Current students will also find this site to be useful with the addition of a calendar, news and notes, and club pages linked to the agricultural education homepage. Please visit the website to learn more about Agricultural Education at UIUC!

The Alpha Chapter of the ATA Renews its Focus

The Alpha chapter of the ATA is back in action. To kick off the activities of the newly reorganized chapter, an honorary breakfast for Dr. Robert Warmbrod, and Dr. Lloyd Phipps was organized last spring. Recently, the chapter returned from the National ATA Conclave held in Louisville, Kentucky, where they celebrated a gold chapter status and senior Toni Saso won the runner-up outstanding essay award. The UIUC ATA chapter looks forward to future success as its membership grows and opportunities abound.

Faculty Position Search

The search process has begun to hire an additional faculty position with starting date July 1, 2005. The search is open rank and closed October 22. We look forward to a new faculty member joining the Agricultural Education team at UK for the next academic year!

New Lecturer Hired

Item2Text: We are pleased to announce and welcome Dexter Knight as a lecturer for our Agricultural Education program. Dexter has 12 years of high school teaching experience and three years as the Kentucky State FFA Executive Secretary. His responsibilities include teaching, advising and working with teachers across Kentucky. Join us in welcoming Dexter to teacher education!

Undergraduate Curriculum Examined

Item3Text: Faculty recently analyzed the undergraduate curriculum. Changes proposed include creating a new core of agricultural education courses while also increasing the rigor of technical agriculture courses required. These changes will better prepare students to enter their first year of teaching agricultural education.

Farm in the City Day

Item4Text: UK Agriculture Education Society members hosted the 1st Annual Farm in the City Day October 9, 2004. Members taught at-risk youth about where food and clothing comes from during the event held at the Lexington Big-Brothers/Big-Sisters headquarters. This was an excellent learning opportunity for everyone involved!

Leading South

The Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication (Ag LEC) department and the University of Simon Bolivar (USB) in Mexico City have entered into a relationship to strengthen leadership studies at USB. Ag LEC faculty involved with the program intend to enhance their Spanish language proficiency as well as familiarity with Mexican culture. It is intended that these enhanced human relation skills will allow greater effectiveness in programming with Mexican audiences in Nebraska communities. To initiate this relationship, Professors Laverne Barrett and Dan Wheeler taught courses at USB this summer related to leadership and the improvement of teaching and learning. They also collaborated with Bolivar faculty to develop a USAID proposal in support of this relationship as well as addressing NAFTA related issues affecting the country.

Outstanding Advising Award

Lloyd Bell was named the 2004 recipient of the L.K. Crowe Outstanding Undergraduate Student Advisor Award. The award is presented annually to a College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources faculty member in recognition of exceptional undergraduate advising. Ag LEC emeriti faculty member, O.S. Gilbertson, has been a previous recipient of the award.

A Master Ag LEC Alumnus

Ron Arp, a 1985 UNL Agricultural Journalism alumnus, was selected as a 2004 UNL Masters Honoree. Masters Week at UNL is a week during each fall semester when outstanding alumni who have shown great promise, success and leadership in their chosen life's work are recognized as "Masters." These Masters return to campus for the week to interact with students and University officials. During their visit, Masters help students realize ways to build successful careers. Masters also update faculty on developments in their fields. Arp has been a business communication counselor helping clients navigate communication environments. Recently, a career change led him from senior vice president of Fleishman-Hillard, a company offering strategic communications counsel to local, national and international clients, to his new position as senior vice president of corporate communications with the Nautilus Group, Inc. in Vancouver, Washington.

Fritz Assumes Associate Dean Position

Susan Fritz, head of the Ag LEC department, has recently been appointed to an Associate Dean's position in the UNL College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. In her new half-time position, Susan will still serve as head of the Ag LEC Department.

Extension Recognition to Ag LEC Alums

Deanna Lienemann Karmazin, a 1996 Agricultural Education-teaching option graduate, has been named the 2004 Outstanding Nebraska Extension Assistant. Deanna has main responsibility for 4H agriculture and livestock programming. A major programming effort has been, "Citizen with a Washington Focus." A three year curriculum preparing youth for the CWF trip. Deanna is a member of the Ag LEC Advisory Board.

Graduate Students Recognized for Quality Teaching

Graduate Assistants, Scott Burris, Tracy Kitchel, Shane Robinson, and Jon Ulmer, were awarded the "High Flyer" for teaching from the College of Education. All four graduate assistants teach classes for both the Department of Agricultural Education (housed in the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources) and the Teacher Development Program (housed in the College of Education). To be awarded the "High Flyer," an instructor must earn a rating of 4.5 or higher on their teaching evaluations for the sections on the evaluation relating to teaching effectiveness.

Research Recognized at North Central Region Conference

The department presented six research papers this fall at the North Central Region Conference held in West Lafayette, Indiana. Faculty, graduate assistants, and recent alumni co-authored papers and received the following outstanding paper recognitions: Second Runner-up, Robert Torres and Jonathan Ulmer; First Runner-up, Anna Ball (alumnus), Tracy Kitchel, and Bryan Garton; and Outstanding Paper Presentation, Tracy Kitchel, Scott Burris, Brad Greiman (alumnus), and Robert Torres.

Undergraduate Students Receive Recognitions

Ben Marshall, a junior, is serving as Truman the Tiger, the official mascot of Mizzou. This past spring Truman was recognized as the 2004 National Mascot of the Year. This was the second time in three years for Truman to receive this recognition. Christy Forkner and Crystal Mathews, seniors, were recently awarded National Association of Agricultural Education (NAAE) scholarships. Crystal Mathews, senior, was a finalist for Mizzou Homecoming Queen. David Cook, Aaron Medsker, Cord Jenkins, and Celia Brammer, Ag Ed Society members, placed 2nd in the National ATA/Collegiate Quiz Bowl conducted during the ATA Conclave in Louisville.

Students Serve as National FFA Trainers

Seniors Jake Davis, Crystal Mathews, and Morgan Scheiderer are serving as trainers for the National FFA Organizations weekend leadership conference series this academic year. They are working with the Advanced Leadership Development conference, Made for Excellence conference, and Experiencing Discovery, Growth and Excellence conference. Morgan and Jake have an emphasis in leadership and Crystal's emphasis is in teacher certification.

Leadership and Teacher Certification Emphasis Areas

The leadership and teacher certification emphasis areas of the undergraduate degree program have been officially approved by the Coordinating Board for Higher Education. In the past, two career options were offered, now the two options are official emphasis areas and will be reflected on student transcripts. The leadership emphasis focuses on developing student leadership, communication, and human relation skills. Students learn to plan, manage, and teach in non-formal educational settings. The teacher certification emphasis focuses on preparing students to teach in public schools at the secondary and adult levels.

Retirement

Dave Howell has announced his retirement in May of 2005. He will have completed 23 with the University of New Hampshire and has one of the last agri-science teacher education programs in New England. The New England Deans are currently trying to find a way that UNH can be the regional center for a New England agriscience teacher education program. The concern always comes down to funding, numbers and recruitment.

Dave is looking forward to greater international involvement and enjoyed a team work project in Nicaragua last summer.

Warnick Hired as Associate Professor

Dr. Brian Warnick has been hired as Associate Professor of Agricultural Education. Dr. Warnick began August 2004 and is currently teaching courses designed to prepare pre-service agricultural education students. Further, Dr. Warnick has begun work on a mentor teacher

program as part of a grant from the Utah State Office of Education. Warnick taught secondary agricultural education in Utah before earning a Ph.D. at Oregon State University.

Gary Straquadine Advances

Dr. Gary Straquadine, Professor of Agricultural Education has been named Assistant Vice Provost at Utah State University. As the former department head of Agricultural Systems Technology and Education, Straquadine will serve the entire campus community with the same

enthusiasm and dedication that he provided for agricultural education.

Summer Ag Teacher Tour

Over 40 Utah agriculture teachers hit the road this past summer as part of a summer agriculture tour sponsored by the Utah State Office of Education. Hosted by William Deimler, State Specialist for Agricultural Education, the teachers visited sites of agricultural interest throughout Oregon and Washington on their way to Butchart Gardens in Victoria, British Columbia. Other stops included the aquaculture program at College of Southern Idaho, McNary Dam on the Columbia River, secondary agriculture programs in Washington, and the Thomas Angus Ranch in Baker City, Oregon.

Collegiate FFA & ATA Active

Utah State University is pleased to support two active professional agricultural education organizations. Collegiate FFA and Alpha Tau Alpha both had large increases in membership during the 2003-04 school year. Recently, 12 Collegiate FFA members and 5 ATA members attended activities at the 2004 National FFA Convention and ATA Conclave. USU faculty members believe this recent growth is a reflection of the increased emphasis now being placed on professional development.



AES Leadership Conference

On October 5th the Virginia Tech Agricultural Education Society (AES) held its 24th annual FFA Leadership Conference. The conference was attended by 661 members and 55 advisors. The members attended workshops conducted by AES members, state FFA officers, and national FFA officer Amy Rasmussen. Classes were targeted to new members of the FFA and had such topics as becoming a leader and getting off to a good start in the FFA. Over the past 24 years more than 13,000 FFA members have attended the conference.

Two Tech Professors Receive Alumni Awards

Two faculty members of the Virginia Tech Department of Agricultural and Extension Education were recently named as award recipients by the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Alumni Organization. Dr. John Hillison, professor and head of the department, was selected as the first recipient of the Outstanding Faculty Service Award. Dr. Hillison's service to the students and alumni of the College and University were cited as reasons for his selection. Dr. Tom Broyles, associate professor, was named as the recipient of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. The Alumni Organization selected Dr. Broyles for his outstanding leadership and dedication to the Virginia Governors School for Agriculture.

2004 Virginia Governors School for Agriculture

During the month of July, Virginia Tech hosted the Governors School for Agriculture (GSA). Ninety-two students attended this year's school, the highest attendance ever. The students chose from 6 majors: agricultural economics, animal science, food science and nutrition, natural resources, plant science, and veterinary medicine.

Each student participated not only in course work but also in a group research project. The school concluded with a poster and symposium session. Please visit the GSA website (www.gsa.vt.edu) to learn more about the school and the projects.

Virginia Agricultural Education Curriculum

Virginia agricultural education is working diligently to keep the curriculum on the cutting edge and our students ahead of the curve. As the level of technology increases and the expectations of our students increase, we continue to move our agricultural program offerings toward a more agri-science based curriculum. We have recently implemented several new courses into our program offerings. Biological Applications in Agriculture, Biotechnology Applications in Agriculture, Biotechnology Foundations, and Veterinary Science. Each of these courses heavily supports science and math concepts.

International

Dr. Swan spent time this fall working in South Africa, Botswana, and Kenya on several projects sponsored through WSU International Office. He continues to assist with video conferencing and distance delivery technologies with designing systems and training faculties in their usage. Dr. Swan is also involved with projects sponsored through UNESCO and other developing countries in Africa.

Program Changes

We are involved in a redesign project with our college to better emphasize agriculture and agricultural education. Designing a new degree program that will enhance our visibility both inside and outside the university. We are hoping that implementation will occur in fall 2005. New program or department degree name should be approved this winter.

Certification Procedures

Washington like many states is going through several changes to their teacher certification procedures. One of those changes we are now implementing is a set of new benchmarks for teacher candidates. These are now included on the forms we use when visiting student teachers and must be completed before certification can be issued by our Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction. More forms and a new look for everyone.

New Career pathways Supervisor

In July Washington State hired a new Agriculture Career Pathways Supervisor. Mr. Wayne Gilman officially took the position and started with the duties during our annual summer conference. Mr. Gilman replaces Rod Duckworth who was promoted by our State Superintendent to Director of Career and Technical Education for the state. We welcome Wayne and look forward to working with him in promoting and advancing Agricultural Education in Washington State.

New Initiatives

We are now focusing on how to train our new teacher education students in mechanics. Our former metals laboratory was closed last spring semester by our current department chair. Our plan is to include many of the skills into an existing course to be taught in 4 weeks in spring semester. Time will tell if this is the best way to try. If you have ideas please let us know.

New Faculty Member

Mr. Robert Herrington was hired as a part-time instructor in Agricultural Mechanics beginning August 15, 2004. Along with serving as instructor in agricultural mechanics Robert is also seeking his PhD at West Texas A&M University. Mr. Herrington is a native of Rankin Texas. Robert received his undergraduate degree from Tarelton State University in Agricultural Education, and a Master degree from Texas Tech University. Robert served with the Texas Cooperative Extension for eight years as an agricultural extension agent in Johnson and Dickens Counties. Robert also served eight years as an Agricultural Science Teacher in Patton Springs I.S.D. and most recently in the Valley I.S.D. The university is very pleased to have Robert and his wife Polly as part of the Agricultural Education Team. Robert brings over 16 years of experience and a great deal of enthusiasm and passion for agricultural education.

WTAMU Agricultural Education Learning Center

A proposed agricultural education-learning center at West Texas A&M University received a \$260,000 donation from private donors in an effort to reach the \$450,000 needed to build the proposed facility. The new educational facility will be designed to provide quality instruction in an appropriate environment for the students seeking a teaching certificate or a career as an extension educator. The facility is to be built just east of the WTAMU campus on the previous site of the university dairy. The location will not only provide easy access for students, faculty and other individuals using the educational facilities, but also will be highly visible to the general public and supports of West Texas A&M University and Panhandle agriculture. The proposed learning center will be housed a 120 acres which will include working pens for livestock, 50 acres of pasture, housing for livestock, and an arena to host local FFA and 4-H events. The structural facility to be built is a 100x 100metal building that will house the agricultural mechanics laboratory, two multi-media classrooms, office space, and a men's and women's locker room. The additional 70-acre will be designed for instruction in crop production, range and pasture management, horticulture and landscaping and wildlife management. The site also has a three-bedroom house on the premise in which graduate students will live rent-free in exchange for upkeep and maintain for the new center. Groundbreaking for the new facility will take place in the spring of 2005 with completion scheduled for the Spring 2006 semester.

Program Milestones

The West Texas A&M University Agricultural Education Program has just completed its second year as an academic major on campus. Beginning the fall semester of 2002 the new teacher certification program started with 10 eager students. Beginning the fall semester of 2004 the program has grown to over 60 students seeking teachers certification and 10 seeking a non-certification track geared at extension education. The increase in students has exceeded the expectations of both faculty and administration. Another milestone of the program has been having the first graduate of the program Mr. Darryn Perryman (Spring, 2004), get hired this fall as one of the Agricultural Science Teachers at Hereford I.S.D.