

Faculty Notes

Agricultural Economics

David Lambert, department head, is the president-elect of the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators.

Associate professors **Jason Bergtold** and **Tian Xia**, and Marcellus Caldas, assistant professor of geography, received a \$525,000 collaborative grant with the University of Kansas from the National Science Foundation's Geography and Spatial Science Program.

Ya Ding (Ph.D. '05 agricultural economics) and associate professor **Jeff Peterson** received an outstanding article award for "Comparing the Cost-Effectiveness of Water Conservation Policies in a Depleting Aquifer: A Dynamic Analysis of the Kansas High Plains," published in the May 2012 issue of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.

David Norman, professor emeritus, was named a distinguished fellow of the African Association of Agricultural Economists. He retired in 2007, after nearly 40 years as a faculty member.

Agronomy

Chuck Rice, university distinguished professor, and **Vara Prasad**, professor of crop physiology, have been selected to mentor Loan Thanh Le, from the University of Agriculture and Forestry in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, as part of her Borlaug fellowship from the Global Research Alliance. **Rice** also has been appointed to the International Center for Tropical Agriculture board of trustees for his expertise on soils and climate.

Kraig Roozeboom, associate professor, was elected to the Crop Science Society of America Board of Directors. He also serves on the Crop Improvement Committee, which advises the United Sorghum Checkoff Board.

William T. Schapaugh Jr., professor and soybean breeder, received the Crop Science Society of America Fellow award for 2012 at the American Society

of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America annual meetings.

Animal Sciences and Industry

Awards from the 2013 American Dairy Science Association/ American Society of Animal Science Midwest Section: **Jennifer Minick Bormann**, an associate professor specializing in genetic improvement of beef cattle and quantitative genetics, received the Outstanding Young Teacher Award and **Robert Weaber**, K-State Research and Extension beef breeding and cow/calf specialist, received the Outstanding Young Extension Specialist Award.

Michael Dikeman, professor of meat science, and **Scott Schaake**, associate professor of beef cattle production and management and coach of the livestock judging team, were named Faculty of the Semester for fall 2012

Entomology

Holly Davis, insect diagnostician and doctoral student, earned the Friend of Extension Master Gardener Award. She identifies insects, spiders, arthropods, and small creatures through images or specimens sent to her intact or in pieces.

Kun Yan Zhu, professor, was named a 2012 fellow by the American Association for the Advancement of Science for distinguished contributions to insect sciences, particularly in insect molecular toxicology, and to scientific standards as an editorial board member of 10 scientific journals.

Grain Science and Industry

Subramanyam "Subi" Bhadriraju, professor, received the 2012 Award of Excellence in Integrated Pest Management, an international award given annually by the Entomological Society of America Foundation.

Professor **David Wetzel** and colleagues made four presentations at SciX 2012, the annual meeting for the Society of Applied Spectroscopy.

Xiuzhi "Susan" Sun, university distinguished professor, earned the Lifetime Achievement Award from the BioEnvironmental Polymer Society.

Horticulture, Forestry and Recreation Resources

Cheryl Boyer, nursery crop specialist, and **Bill Reid**, director of the Pecan Experiment Field – Chetopa, received awards from the American Society for Horticultural Science, Extension Division. Boyer garnered the Outstanding Website Award for *www.SustainableSubstrates.com*, and Reid earned the Outstanding Blog Award for *northernpecans.blogspot.com*. **Boyer** also earned the Communicator of the Year Award, an annual award from the Department of Communications and Agricultural Education.

Ted Cable, professor of recreation resources, was selected by Gov. Sam Brownback to serve on the Ecotourism Steering Committee, which will direct Kansas ecotourism enhancement efforts and guide tourism-related rural economic development strategies.

Chuck Marr, professor emeritus, received the 2012 UFM Grassroots Community Education Award for sharing his gardening expertise throughout the state. The annual award from K-State's UFM Community Learning Center recognizes someone in Kansas who has made an outstanding contribution to grassroots community education and learning.

Kimberly Williams, professor of greenhouse management, and **Cathie Lavis**, associate professor of landscape management, co-chair the K-State Faculty Exchange for Teaching Excellence.

Plant Pathology

Bill Bockus, professor, and **Megan Kennelly**, associate professor, were honored at the 2012 American Phytopathological Society annual meeting in Providence, R.I. Bockus earned the Lucy Hastings de Gutiérrez Award for excellence in teaching, and Kennelly received the Lee M. Hutchins Award for published research on

basic or applied aspects of diseases of perennial fruit plants.

Bikram Gill, university distinguished professor and director of the Wheat Genetic and Genomic Resources Center, received the Friendship Award from the People's Republic of China on Oct. 1. The award is the highest presented to foreign experts who make outstanding contributions that further China's economic and social progress.

Doug Jardine, professor, is part of an NCERA-208 (North Central Extension Research Activity) team that earned the 2012 Experiment Station Section Award of Excellence in Multistate Research for identifying management strategies for soybean rust, a fungal disease that poses a serious threat to U.S. soybean production. The award is sponsored by the National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities.

Northwest Research-Extension Center

The Irrigation Association named **Freddie Lamm**, professor and research irrigation engineer, as its 2012 Person of the Year for outstanding contributions toward the acceptance of sound irrigation practices.

Southeast Agricultural Research Center

Lyle Lomas, center director, received the Distinguished Service Award from the Research Center Administrators Society for his years of service to the organization

In Memorium

Clyde Wassom, 88, Manhattan, died Nov. 10, 2012. During his 38-year tenure in the Department of Agronomy, his research led to the release of several inbred lines of corn. He served as a consultant to several countries and supervised graduate students who are serving in university and industry positions in the United States and in their native countries.



Courtesy of Darla Thomas

Professor Michael Dikeman (BS '66 animal science, PhD '70 food science) retired in February 2013, after teaching in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry for 42 years. He is shown at his retirement reception with his son Mark (BS '96 animal science, MS '02 agricultural economics), Kansas Farm Management Association fieldman; wife Earline (MS '72 chemistry), director of undergraduate laboratories; and daughter Rebecca Hendricks (BS '98 animal science, MS '00 food science), assistant vice president for international marketing for the National Pork Board.

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