

Facilitator Introductions

Design for Learning 2014

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Hi! I joined K-State Research and Extension in 1995 after 14 years in the classroom – including nine in teacher education at a regional university and at K-State. My degrees in home economics, clothing and textiles, and curriculum and instruction are all from K-State. I am currently the Coordinator of Planning and Reporting for K-State Research and Extension, and also involved in program and professional development.

I live about 30 miles south of campus and also operate a bed and breakfast – obviously on weekends! My daughters and their families (including six grandchildren) live out-of-state.

I'm always interested in learning and listen to books during my daily commute. I think Design for Learning is an opportunity to engage in the many facets of program planning and delivery, and to increase understanding of the interrelationships.

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I'm Valeria Edwards, one of the Kansas co-facilitators for "Design for Learning." I hold a Bachelor's degree in Family and Child Development and a Master's degree in Family Economics, both from Kansas State University. After a 26-year career in telecommunications where I was a Product Manager and Training Development Manager, I came to K-State Research and Extension nearly five years ago. My business experience gives me a little different perspective on programming for our audiences.

Becoming an Extension Agent is the fulfillment of a lifelong desire. I feel privileged to be an Extension Educator in one of the most urban counties in Kansas, which is part of the metropolitan Kansas City area. We are about two hours east of the main KSU campus in Manhattan.

My family includes my husband, two young adult sons who are establishing themselves in their professions here in Johnson County, and the house cat Roger Sterling.

Participating in "Design for Learning" during the first year of my Extension career enabled me to validate what I'd learned in adult education courses in college years ago, and practiced when developing and delivering training in a business setting. As a student this past summer, returning to a graduate level adult education classroom for the first

time in many years, I experienced the trepidation we acknowledge many adult learners have. I believe I learned many new collaborative teaching techniques, and will strive to use them while facilitating "Design for Learning."

Name: Deb Gebeke
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Greetings! I am Deb Gebeke and have most of my professional experience in the education arena. I began my career as a junior high and high school teacher, received two master's degrees and moved into a school counselor position, followed by several years as a Family Science Specialist for the NDSU Extension Service. I completed my PhD in Education and also worked as an educational consultant and director of a nonprofit in North Dakota. About seven years ago I returned to NDSU Extension as Assistant Director to take leadership for FCS programming, along with responsibilities for professional development and evaluation.

My husband and I have three adult children. Alissa is an academic counselor in Minneapolis, Sarah is a TV producer for Travel Channel shows based in Minneapolis, and Jenna is a business consultant with Slalom in Denver, CO. In my free time I enjoy reading, music, family history work and I volunteer with North Dakota Dollars for Scholars, an organization that works to increase the scholarship dollars available to North Dakota students.

My personal goal for working with "Design for Learning" is to support the needs of those interested in learning more about how to best teach their students, regardless of age, subject matter, formal or informal settings. I'm looking forward to co-facilitating this class.

Name: Paula Peters
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Hi! Originally from Pierre, South Dakota, I have been with K-State Research and Extension since 1990. I have two degrees from South Dakota State University (Go Jacks!!), a BS in FCS education and an MS in nutrition and food science. My PhD is from Ohio State University in human nutrition. I started at K-State as an extension specialist in maternal and child nutrition. Since 2000, I have been the FCS program leader.

One of my current responsibilities at KSRE is to teach program development to agents in our system. We use the logic model framework for developing program and evaluation plans. I truly believe it is an effective method. But I also know that there are many ways to do this work and I have much to learn from all of you, too.

I have a son, Lucas, who is a student at K-State. For fun, I enjoy gardening, quilting, reading, and traveling.

I hope to be able to help you use the logic model as a tool for examining and organizing content for teaching a workshop or lesson. I look forward to “meeting” all of you!

Name: Stacey Warner
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I'm Stacey Warner. My entire professional career has been spent with K-State Research and Extension. For the first nineteen years I was a family and consumer sciences agent in two different Kansas counties. In recent years I have served as the Leader for Extension Operations.

My current responsibilities include administering the recruiting, hiring and professional development of new agents. I also work with federal benefits and civil rights programs as well as other human resource initiatives for K-State Research and Extension. My family includes my husband and two young adult sons. For fun we like to travel, read, walk and try new restaurants.

I have been both a participant and a facilitator in past sessions of Design for Learning. Each time I learn something new about working with adult learners. I have several examples of how this learning opportunity has changed the way I teach and evaluate my teaching.

Name: Shannon Washburn
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Hello, I'm Shannon Washburn, Professor of Agricultural Education at Kansas State University. A product of extension and 4-H and a native Kansan, I hold two degrees from KSU and a PhD from the University of Missouri.

After six exciting years as a faculty member at the University of Florida, in 2008 I welcomed the opportunity to return to my Alma Mater where my primary responsibilities relate to teacher education in agriculture. My position also includes a 20% appointment in Extension, which enables me to focus on educator professional development - an aspect of the position I really enjoy. While at Florida, I had several opportunities to deliver workshops for extension professionals on a number of topics related to effective instruction and I continue that work here at K-State.

I'm married with two young daughters: Anna and Kate. I enjoy spending time with my family whenever I can and returning to the family farm in northwest Kansas. I also enjoy traveling internationally for my work in the professional development of teaching faculty in international colleges of agriculture. This is work that I currently perform in Haiti and that I've been able to conduct in Egypt. I look forward to continuing those efforts in Egypt in the near future.

I hope to provide each of you with a few additional tools for your instructional toolbox and engage you in some new ways to help your clients make the most of your educational efforts. I look forward to working with you!

Participant Introductions

Name: Cindy Adams

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Position: Nutrition Educator

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I teach nutrition to low-income families with children. I plan, schedule and organize research-based info and curriculum for individual home visits as well as groups. I teach "Choose My Plate," food safety, label reading, proper portions, and how to plan, shop and save money at the grocery store. I am always happy to teach families how to cook healthy, tasty quick meals that are affordable and easy to prepare.

I was a single mother of two at the age of 16. I wanted to raise healthy children and had to learn how to stretch my dollars as far as I could. I am happy to be able to say that we have lived a very rich life with very little money. I enjoy teaching great things to my clients and want to improve my skills in anyway I can.

Name: Carol Blocksom

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I am in a grant-funded position in the Department of Horticulture, Forestry, and Recreation Resources. My interests are in rangeland ecological and environmental issues. Currently I am most involved with prescribed burning and smoke management. My goal as part of this class is to improve the educational experience of those who attend meetings and conferences that I organize or where I present. I am interested in innovative and effective teaching methods that lead to increased retention and successful application.

Name: Kim Braulick

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Position:

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It will be a year in February since I began working for NDSU Extension as an Agent. Prior to that I spent many years as a 4-H member and later volunteering with various Extension programs. I currently work with the Family Nutrition Program and Family and Consumer Sciences in Benson County. This also includes a variety of 4-H related activities. A goal I have is to be able to better reach adult audiences and engage them in a variety of programming.

Name: Rhoda Burrows

State: South Dakota

Position: Professor and Horticulture Extension Specialist

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I'm Rhoda Burrows, Horticulture Extension Specialist at South Dakota State University. My core responsibilities are support for the commercial fruit and vegetable growers in the state, but I also participate in Master Gardener training, and have facilitated the transition from face-to-face to online training over the past year. In the past six years, I've co-taught a number of 1-credit SDSU horticulture production courses online, which have also been simultaneously offered

to growers across the state via continuing education. Because of our large geographical distances between producers, I'm interested in learning more about ways to facilitate their learning as well as networking thru distance education.

Name: Kylie Dicket

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I oversee the 4-H program as the 4-H Youth Development Agent for the Frontier Extension District (Franklin and Osage Counties) in East Central Kansas. I have served in this position since June of 2012 and prior to I was a 4-H Youth Program Assistant for the University of Missouri for 4 years. I received my bachelor's degree in Agriculture Business from the University of Central Missouri and am currently working on a master's degree in Youth Development through K-State. As a 4-H agent my focus is volunteer development and engagement. I am always looking for ways to improve and bulk up my volunteer programs including the use of technology. My goal for the class is to learn the careful balance of making a program worthwhile but not overwhelming the audience.

Name: Stu Duncan

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Position: Professor & Extension Specialist, Crops & Soils, NE Area

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Hi! I'm Stu Duncan, NE Area Extension Crops and Soils Specialist. I began my career as a County Extension Agricultural Agent in Jackson County, Kansas, after completing my B.S. in Production Agronomy from Kansas State University in 1977. I returned to K-State in 1986 and earned an MS in 1988, and my PhD in Agronomy in 1991. I jumped back into extension work as the South Central Area Extension Crops and Soils specialist based out of Hutchinson from 1991-2004. I transferred to Manhattan in my current position. My experience as a County Agent has given me a unique perspective among Area and State specialists.

I am an avid reader of history, personal and professional development, leadership and spiritual growth books. My wife and I are very active in our church and also in building a personal/professional development leadership team in our spare time. I also enjoy fishing, upland bird hunting and target shooting with my sons.

I am looking forward to learning and applying different methods of communicating with adults. I have never had a formal class or session about covering these topics, though I have had the interest for several years. You can teach an old dog new tricks as long as he's not lazy or incapable of learning.

Name: Patricia Ann Gerhardt

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The first 9 years of my professional career were spent in the public school classroom teaching family and consumer sciences, 5th grade English and 6th grade Science. From the classroom I moved into Extension with Kansas State University. I have worked as a Family and Consumer Sciences Extension agent with 4-H and youth responsibilities for the last 24 years out of the Cloud County Extension office, which is now part of the River Valley Extension District. My current position includes family and child programming with limited 4-H in Clay, Cloud, Washington and Republic counties and Family Nutrition programming in Concordia's elementary school.

My formal education and most day-to-day experiences have been with children and youth. However, I find myself with adult audiences more and more frequently and would like to know more about their specific needs, issues and how to create effective learning experiences for them.

Name: Marietta Good
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Position: Nutrition Education Agent
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Hi! I am Marietta Good and I joined the NDSU Extension Service nine years ago after working at various careers in education. At that time I was a case manager for low-income clients, which led to my current position with the NDSU Family Nutrition Program educating SNAP eligible (Food Stamp) clients. My degrees in Home Economics Education, minor in Textiles and Clothing and Extension emphasis are all from NDSU. Little did I know, or dream, that someday I would be working for my Alma Mater. I've always been in the education business—from owning and operating a ceramic business in our home to teaching 4-Hers how to cut up a chicken.

My husband and I live in Rolla and own and operate a farm about 30 miles from our home in town. I actively farmed for nine years before I made my career move working for the State of North Dakota. Our three adult children and one grandchild all live in North Dakota. In my free time I enjoy redecorating, crafting, reading and creating prayer shawls; I need to keep my hands busy when I watch TV.

I've always been interested in learning and get excited about learning something new or to refresh some previous learning. I hope to gain some new ideas for program planning and delivery and to increase my understanding of the interrelationships.

Name: Kylee Harrison
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I have earned a bachelor's degree from Colorado State University in Ag Business and a master's degree from Oklahoma State University in Ag Education. Upon graduation, I worked at our local community college as a recruiter. Since May of 2012, I have been working in Seward County as the Ag Agent, and I share responsibilities as a 4-H Agent as well. After completing the Design for Learning, I would like to have a better understanding of communication strategies with adults, as well as proper design of presentations.

Name: Megan Janssen
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I obtained the position I am currently working at in September of 2013. I obtained a 12-week long internship with Extension in summer of 2010 while I was finishing up college and in 2012 I worked as an Extension Associate working as a military partnership program associate, working mainly with military kids and families on the Grand Forks Air Force Base and families dispersed in the Northeastern region on North Dakota. Currently I work in the area of Family and Consumer Science. I teach nutrition education to schools in Grand Forks County. I also work with 4-H in my current and past positions. My goal that I have for myself during this online class is to become comfortable teaching adults. I do work with some adults now but I feel as if I need to strengthen that area to be a successful educator.

Name: Becky Jensen
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I have been employed by SDSU Extension 10+ years, working in the area of food and families, primarily with nutrition programs. I currently serve as a co-investigator and grant coordinator for USDA NIFA grant focused on transdisciplinary childhood obesity prevention. Additional time commitments include serving as an adjunct instructor in the health and nutritional sciences department at SDSU.

I can't go to sleep without checking Pinterest!!

I have been very interested in the feasibility and potential of utilizing a learning management system for educational delivery, certifications, training, etc. for 5 years. Since I also teach at SDSU, I am very familiar with D2L and I will be excited to learn more about how this option can be made available to our Extension consumers.

Name: Janice G. Jones
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I hold a BA in Computer Information Systems and a Master's in Business Management. I was formerly a Licensed Practical Nurse. I enjoy continuous education classes and educating my clients and local community. I enjoy reading writing and researching. The goal that I have for myself as a result participating in this class is to enhance my teaching skills as a Nutrition educator and better help my clients to be able to help themselves

Name: Cindy Klapperich
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My current professional responsibilities are to provide Family and Consumer Sciences programming to county residents and coordinate the 4-H program (youth and volunteers). I was in the role of Extension Agent in a different ND county from 1990-2001, and started my current role in this “new” county about three months ago.

My previous responsibilities include Classroom Teacher (FCS in grades 7-12) and Director of Activities and Transportation at LTC/SNF.

One goal I have for myself as a result of participating in this class is to become faster, more efficient and effective at planning and teaching.

Name: Andrea Knox
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Hello! I joined SDSU Extension after graduating from South Dakota State University in 2005. For six years I served as a 4-H Youth Development Extension Educator. My responsibilities included planning and carrying out educational programs for pre-K through high school youth in a four to six county area. For the past two years I have served as a 4-H Youth Development and Resiliency Field Specialist. In this capacity my responsibilities include program development and delivery strategies in the areas of positive youth development and individual and family resiliency. My degrees include Early Childhood and Elementary Education, B.S. and Human Development, M.S.

I am recently married and live on a farm/ranch with my husband Jesse.

A goal I have for myself through participation in this class is to better understand adult learning and put some possible adult learning ideas into action. I look forward to the first topic session which covers adult learners as well as the subsequent topics.

Name: Patsy L. Maddy
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Greetings from Western Kansas! My name is Patsy Maddy and I was hired as the 4-H Youth Development Agent October 2012. Even though I am new to the Extension position, I am a 4-H Alum and have served on PDC's and on the Extension Board as a member and Chair position. My K-State degree is in Kinesiology but I have many life experiences in Extension.

My husband and I farm west of Norton with our family of six children. Kara works in IT at Valley Hope in Norton and is married to Aaron Miller who farms near Norton. I am a proud Grandma of their three children Olivia, Madeline, and Jacob. Lucas lives in Manhattan and is an area rep for Gypsoil. Katie lives in Manhattan and is married to Charles Gualtieri who serves in the Army. They are anxiously awaiting orders to see if Charles is deployed to Africa or whether they will move to South Carolina. Christopher lives in Manhattan and is a student in Ag Education at K-State. Marisa is a Senior at Norton Community High School and has been accepted in the Feed Science Program at K-State and will walk on to participate as a coxon on the rowing team. Molly is a Sophomore at Norton Community High School and just got slated for the Secretary/Treasurer office for the Northwest District FFA.

I was a stay-at-home mom until 2000, but started an embroidery business in 1991 building up to 3 industrial machines to keep up with orders and continue to do some work when time allows. I then worked as a full-time substitute teacher for eight years, served as Norton Farm Bureau County Coordinator for nine years, and as a licensed insurance agent for Farm Bureau Financial Services for five years.

When the new position of a 4-H Youth Development Agent opened for Twin Creeks District, I stepped back from my position as Chair of the Extension board to apply for a career that fulfills all of my "loves" in working with and educating both youth and adults through creative and interactive programs.

I am hoping to increase my knowledge of techniques in teaching and gain new ideas through networking with participants in this class.

Name: Margarita Munoz
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I have worked as Para-Educator for high school kids with special-needs for five years, mainly Hispanic, teaching them life skills in order to be able to get a job. I now I am working with the Extension for EFNEP I worked with pregnant moms at the M&I to teach them how to feed wells to have a healthy baby and I do home-visits also I do home-visit where the client take eight to ten lesson nutrition, food-safety, feeding kids, budgeting. For FNP I have a class where families come to cook and eat dinner and it is call Feeding and Cooking Class where everybody it is involve in the kitchen work if there is kids that are eager to help in the kitchen are welcome also that depends on their parents if they want them to do it and it is according to their age to be able to do it and I try to look for recipes fun and easy for them to make.

I like to read and also I enjoyed walking to look at the nature. I want to take this class because I would to enhance my teaching skills ant I really like to help people. I am look forward to take your class.

Name: Londa Nwadike
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I currently work with county/district Extension Family and Consumer Science agents in Kansas, Regional Food and Nutrition Specialists in Missouri, and other stakeholders in both states to develop programming and resources in food safety, focusing on consumer issues. Previously, I worked for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization based in Rome, Italy and I have extensive experience living and traveling in Africa. Immediately prior to moving to the Kansas City area for this new position, I served as Extension Food Safety Specialist for the University of Vermont.

I grew up on a farm in South Dakota and my husband grew up in Lagos, Nigeria (population 20 million), so living in Kansas City is a good balance for us. We have a 2-year-old daughter and newborn son.

One goal I have in taking this class is to not only be a more effective teacher myself, but to be able to better design curriculum for educators and specialists to deliver.

Name: DeAnn Presley
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Position: Extension Specialist/Associate Professor
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I am an extension specialist in the area of environmental soil science and management, and I have held this same position since I graduated in 2007. I have a tendency to talk fast and I can't talk if I can't move my hands! One goal I have for enrolling in this class is to learn about creative ways to present information, and in an effective way. I often have people tell me that they find themselves interested in a boring topic, only because I have made it fun and thus, more interesting. So I know that I can capture their attention, now I want to make sure that they are truly learning the material and that I am presenting information that matters to the learners.

Name: Julianne Racine
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Saludos, I started my career in Extension on October 16, 2013. I earned my Bachelor's Degree in Animal Science from Michigan State University in 2012. I always dreamed of changing careers to work in the Agriculture Industry and with animals. During that time I became aware of Extension and really appreciate how an Extension Agent bridges the gap to bring researched information to the public. I wanted to be that person so I did it!

My husband and I like to live an adventurous life and spent a couple years working in Germany while in the auto industry. While in school I also spent a month in South Africa observing animal agriculture operations. My husband is an engineering manager for Dana Holdings in Ohio and our short term goal is we are living together in North Dakota by April 1st if not sooner. In our free time we simply enjoy being together, outdoor activities, exercise, reading and I'll attempt to sew and knit on occasion.

Experience in program development and delivery are not skills I can boast. I hope to learn how I will be able to design and deliver programming so I may be an effective educator that people of all ages gravitate toward when considering Extension for their learning platform.

Name: Yolanda Schmidt
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I spent 6 years working in the dairy industry as a herdsman, 3 years as an instructor at a 2 yr. technical school, and the last 17 months as a county agent in Pierce County, ND. As a result of participating in this class, I would like to relate to my audience better.

Name: Jan Steen
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Position: County Extension Director/Community Development and Technology Extension Agent
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My name is Jan Steen and my twenty years of professional work has been spent in the education and technology fields. I've worked in special education with adaptive technology, as a technology director for a school district, an outreach coordinator for community college distant education, and a supervisor in a multi-state IT solutions company. I currently serve as the county extension director in Reno County, Kansas and provide community development and technology education programming to the residents here as part of my agent duties. My degree is in Business Administration from Southwestern College in Winfield, KS.

My wife Julie and I have three children Maddy - 14, Harris - 10, and Lucy - 5. We live in Hutchinson, KS and enjoy our time here, but also enjoy traveling around the country, which more often than not ends up being Texas.

I look forward to learning more about planning, design, and delivery of programming to learners of all ages by going through the Design for Learning program. My ultimate goal is to apply the new knowledge and skills in my daily work within my county.

Name: Julie Traxson
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Hello, I am originally from Norfolk, NE. I attended KSU for my Bachelors. I was a para in a K-8 grade school when our children were younger. I also did some substitute teaching for a short while. I was a 4-H Program Assistant for 3 ½ years before my current position of 4-H & Youth Extension Agent. I have been in extension for almost 5 years. I love my job and the people I work with!

My husband, Greg, teaches history at Labette County High School. We have three children—two in college and the oldest is working in Manhattan, KS. I enjoy horseback riding, sewing and reading.

I have recently gone back to school to get my Master's in Adult Education with a Youth Development Certificate. This has not been easy! I hope to be able to teach adults in a positive, encouraging manner.

Name: Bill Wood
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Position: County Extension Director (also serve as Agricultural Agent)
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I have worked in the Kansas Extension Service for 33 years: 8 years in a two-agent county, 11 years in a single-agent county, and 14 in a four-agent county. I have worked in the areas of 4-H, Community Development, Family and Consumer Sciences (in single agent county) Horticulture, Agriculture and now as a County Director. I've served in leadership positions in the Kansas Agriculture Agents Association, Kansas Extension Agent Association, and just finished serving as Chair for Kansas Foundation for Ag in the Classroom.

My wife and I enjoy outdoor activities, and participated in the Bike Across Kansas bicycle trip in 2005.

I would like to learn more about how we can assess outcomes and be able to report that to stakeholders.

Name: Chris Zdorovtsov
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Position: Community Development Field Specialist
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Currently I focus on community development related to sustainable local foods systems. I coordinate training opportunities and coaching related to direct marketing of local food, and the development or enhancement of farmer's markets, community gardens and school gardens. Previously I was the Horticulture Extension Educator. I've worked for Extension for 5 years. I'm a mother of 2 girls, ages 6 and 9 months. I'd like to take this class to improve skills when working with adult learners and teaching. All topics listed in the course outline are of interest