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TEACHING

Teaching
Dr. C. Scott Shafer
Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

Graduate Student Teaching
Ms. Karen Melton
Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

RESEARCH

Research
Dr. J. Wayne Keeling
Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock

Graduate Student Research
Ms. Carena J. van Riper
Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

EXTENSION EDUCATION

County Extension Agent
Mr. Corrie Bowen
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service–Wharton County

Extension Specialist/Program Specialist
Dr. F. Ted McCollum
Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo
SERVICE

Public Service in Forestry
Mr. A. Burl Carraway III
Texas A&M Forest Service

Diagnostic Services
Dr. Randle W. Moore
Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory

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AgriLife Services Staff
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Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo

DIVERSITY

REU-EXCITE Team
Dr. Kevin Heinz
Ms. Rebecca Hapes

INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Dr. Luis O. Tedeschi
Department of Animal Science
ADMINISTRATION

Dr. John M. Sweeten
Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo

COLLABORATION

Partnership

Zebra Chip Leadership Team
Dr. Charles M. Rush, Plant Pathology and Microbiology, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo
Dr. James R. Supak, Texas A&M AgriLife Research–Director’s Office
Dr. J. Creighton Miller, Texas A&M University–Department of Horticultural Sciences,
Dr. Neil C. Gudmestad, North Dakota State University–Department of Plant Pathology
Dr. John T. Trumble, University of California–Department of Entomology

TEAM

TAM Wheat Improvement Team
Dr. Jackie C. Rudd, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo
Dr. John M. Sweeten, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo
Dr. Amir Ibrahim, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
Dr. Travis Miller, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
Dr. Lloyd Rooney, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
Mr. R. Steve Brown, Texas Foundation Seed Service–Vernon
Dr. Dirk Hays, Department of Soil and Crop Sciences
Extension in the City Award

Urban programs are a key component in the impact that Extension education makes on the well-being and prosperity of Texas residents. This award honors elected leaders whose support of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service has significantly contributed to the success of our growing, vibrant outreach to urban audiences.

Travis County Commissioners Court

Judge Samuel T. Biscoe and Commissioners Ron Davis, Sarah Eckhardt, Karen Huber, and Margaret Gómez

On June 29, 2010, a torrential rainstorm collapsed the roof of the Travis County AgriLife Extension office, requiring a complete relocation until the building was remodeled. In the midst of this catastrophe, the Travis County Judge and Commissioners came to the rescue, coordinating temporary office space, storage, computers, and furniture. County personnel managed building inspections and inventory reports, handled mold remediation, and helped with the remodeling process. The court’s assistance was invaluable. And the Extension staff was enormously grateful, but certainly not surprised. During the long history of this partnership, the court’s commitment to Extension education for Travis County residents has been demonstrated time and time again. Even when facing tight budgets, the court makes the Extension presence a clear priority, providing more than $1 million annually to supplement Extension salaries, benefits, and operating expenses. Going further, the court also supports specific programs, including youth-oriented efforts such as 4-H CAPITAL—an after-school endeavor offering innovative ways for inner-city children to explore science, engineering, and technology. Through its steadfast financial assistance, the court enables AgriLife Extension to reach more than 2,200 students at 30 area schools each year through this program alone.
Partnership Awards

Established in 1999, the Extension Partnership Award recognizes vital alliances with agencies, organizations, and others beyond The Texas A&M University System. We honor those partners whose dedicated collaboration and support have significantly enhanced the outreach and impact of AgriLife Extension programs for the people of Texas.

College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources and College of Human Sciences, Texas Tech University

Texas Tech University is a long-standing, proven friend of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. In particular, the College of Human Sciences and the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources have often joined Extension, providing invaluable resources and even joint faculty appointments to educate youth, families, agricultural producers, and other High Plains residents. From hosting training sessions for Extension agents to providing facilities for 4-H events to enabling Extension interns to receive classroom credit, the contributions of the College of Human Sciences have been irreplaceable. Likewise, College of Ag faculty and staff step up when AgriLife Extension needs conference speakers, facilities, programming support, and expertise in countless areas. Through this partnership, AgriLife Extension has served many more Texans than it could have ever done alone. Extension educators have also greatly benefited from a joint Texas Tech–Texas A&M online academic venture, which has enabled them to earn doctoral degrees in agricultural education. The historically strong relationship between Texas Tech and AgriLife Extension was evident last summer when the university hosted nearly 4,000 people for the week-long Texas 4-H Roundup—a resounding success in every way.

Texas Cotton Producers, Inc.

When AgriLife Extension agents strive to reach agricultural producers with important information, they know their effectiveness depends in great part on strong alliances, meaningful collaborations, and shared communications. With Texas Cotton Producers, Inc., they are confident their efforts will achieve success. Whether promoting new research, production practices, or legislative initiatives, TCP strives to ensure the vitality of agriculture. Case in point was the design and implementation of both the statewide Integrated Pest Management Program and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program. Representing all nine of the state’s certified cotton-grower organizations, TCP’s involvement in these programs was—and continues to be—critical, aiding cotton producers and, in turn, the Texas economy. TCP oversees more than $1.5 million annually from the Cotton Incorporated Texas State Support Committee for research and education projects. These funds support the efforts of Extension county agents, IPM agents, and specialists; they also support the Extension Premier Cotton Education Program, the Master Marketer program, and the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program. Young people across the state benefit from the support Texas Cotton Producers, Inc., gives for 4-H projects, agricultural education activities, and college scholarships to Texas A&M and Texas Tech universities.
Stephanie Appleton
An exceptional student worker, Stephanie Appleton is an integral part of the TVMDL clinical pathology section in College Station. Her love of avian studies has made her the “go to” person in the section for all avian issues. A highly valued member of her team, Stephanie is trained and proficient in all work areas in clinical pathology and is cross-trained in the testing methods for histopathology. She handles most of the weekend testing on her own and is trusted to complete most any task in this high-volume section. In addition, Stephanie has managed to carry a 4.0 GPA in her core subjects at Texas A&M while personally financing 100 percent of her college education. Stephanie’s commitment to excellence is evident in her work, both as an undergraduate student at Texas A&M and as a student worker at TVMDL.

Terry Dobrovolsky
Terry Dobrovolsky serves as the quality assurance and safety manager for TVMDL. She is a highly skilled auditor and quality assurance professional who has been largely responsible for the design and implementation of TVMDL’s Quality Assurance System. A coveted distinction among veterinary diagnostic laboratories is accreditation by the American Association of Veterinary Laboratory Diagnosticians. This designation fully depends on a laboratory’s quality assurance system. Terry has successfully guided TVMDL through two AAVLD audits, most recently in 2011, with the laboratory receiving full accreditation status for five years in both audits. Terry’s expertise and common-sense approach to quality assurance system implementation has helped TVMDL become one of the nation’s leading diagnostic laboratories and one that can be relied on for timely and accurate results.

Randle Moore
Dr. Randle Moore truly defines excellence in his field, where his impact on the poultry industry is without reproach. In his capacity as the resident director of the TVMDL Poultry Diagnostic Laboratory in Center, Texas, he interacts with some of the largest poultry companies in the world as well as with small local producers. His skills as a diagnostician, pathologist, and leader have allowed him to succeed in this complex role. Poultry industry stakeholders, agencies, and producers throughout Texas regard Dr. Moore as a foremost technical resource related to poultry diagnostics. He is highly respected and trusted by the poultry veterinary community at the local, state, and national levels. Dr. Moore has proven a tireless worker who is dedicated to the poultry industry and the mission of TVMDL.

Stephanie Weaver
Stephanie Weaver serves as the diagnostic lab supervisor for TVMDL’s histopathology section in College Station. She coordinates the testing efforts of a full-time technical staff member, several student workers, and seven pathologists. Stephanie’s initiative, leadership capabilities, expertise in histology, and dedication to selfless service contribute to her professional success. She is a certified histotechnologist and takes great pride in attending continuing education and networking opportunities to ensure her laboratory remains cutting-edge. She believes in the continual improvement process and achieves excellence not only in the test results her laboratory produces, but also in the professional relationships she builds. Her success as a manager of the histopathology section was illustrated when it was awarded a contract to test over 16,000 diagnostic samples for chronic wasting disease, making TVMDL one of the nation’s leaders in chronic wasting disease testing.
2012 TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE DISTINGUISHED TEXAN IN AGRICULTURE AWARDS

The Texas A&M AgriLife Distinguished Texan in Agriculture Award honors agricultural leaders in Texas for outstanding leadership and significant contributions to Texas agriculture.

Jerry D. Harris

Through decades of public service, the Lamesa, Texas, businessman and civic leader Jerry D. Harris has had an enduring effect on Texas agriculture.

Mr. Harris has over 50 years’ experience in agriculture and has business interests in cotton farming, ginning, warehousing, merchandising, and equipment leasing. He has served as president of local, state, and national cotton ginner associations, including the National Cotton Ginners Association. Among the other industry associations in which he has been an active leader are the National Cotton Council of America and Lamesa Cotton Growers, Inc. He spent 16 years as chair of the Texas State Committee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Farm Service Agency.

A major agricultural leader in the state, Mr. Harris “is always supportive of funding for the land-grant university system and tirelessly champions its public worth,” said Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences. “As a major proponent of the Texas A&M AgriLife agencies and Texas A&M University, he has been a vocal advocate through state and national councils on agricultural research, extension, and teaching.”

Mr. Harris’s many honors include the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award from the USDA Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Man of the Year Award from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, the Distinguished Service Award from the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, and the Gerald W. Thomas Outstanding Agriculturist Award from Texas Tech University. He was honored as the 2001 Horace Hayden Cotton Ginner of the Year by the National Cotton Ginners Association. The Horace Hayden award is presented to the ginner providing outstanding leadership to the U.S. cotton industry, superior customer service and civic contributions.

Mr. Harris is active in the local community of Lamesa and, more broadly, of Dawson County, where he was born. He works with the school board, United Way chapter, Rotary Club, and chamber of commerce. He has coached Little League and girls’ softball and has an extensive record as a Bible school teacher.

Bob Turner

Legislator and agricultural leader Bob Turner’s advocacy for the Texas agricultural industry has improved the lives of countless Texans.

“From the grassroots level to the house floor, Bob’s common-sense approach to a wide array of issues has won him support not only from rural Texans but from urban constituents as well,” said Dr. Mark Hussey, vice chancellor and dean for agriculture and life sciences.

Mr. Turner served in the Texas House of Representatives from 1991 to 2003. He served as chair of the House Committee on Public Safety and as a member of the House committees on Land and Resource Management, Agriculture, and Livestock and Natural Resources. Among other contributions, he authored a bill (HB 680) establishing the Helping Hands Program, which provided liability relief to entities that donate fire and emergency equipment to the Texas A&M Forest Service. The program has received about $25
million in equipment donations to date. Continuing his work with the state’s fire departments, Mr. Turner currently chairs the TFS Rural Fire Advisory Council, guiding the agency’s assistance to fire departments.

Mr. Turner, who was in the U.S. Army Reserve for 35 years and retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel, has deep roots in rural Texas. He was born, raised, and lives in Voss in Coleman County, where his family settled shortly after 1900. He has owned and operated a retail western-wear store for 20 years. He has also farmed and raised livestock throughout his life. Mr. Turner’s service record reflects his interest in issues that matter to rural communities. He has chaired the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Wildlife Damage Management Committee and the American Farm Bureau Federation Rural Health Committee. He has also served as president of the Coleman County Farm Bureau, as vice president of the Texas Farm Bureau, and as chairman of the Texas Rural Health Committee.

“Agriculture depends on rural Texans, and rural Texans depend on agriculture,” writes Tom Boggus, state forester and director of the Texas A&M Forest Service at College Station, in a letter supporting Mr. Turner’s nomination for the award. “Understanding this connection has led Bob into a lifetime of tireless service for the betterment of Texas agriculture and the health of the rural communities that are linked to it.”


E. M. “Manny” Rosenthal ’42 was a meat-industry visionary and a longtime philanthropist for religious, cultural, and educational causes. Although Mr. Rosenthal passed away in 2001, his legacy continues through his community, his family, and the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center at Texas A&M University.

Beginning in junior high school, Mr. Rosenthal worked part-time at his father’s business, the Standard Meat Company. He interrupted his work at the Fort Worth establishment after graduating from Texas A&M University in 1942, during World War II. He joined the U.S. Army, serving as an officer in North Africa and Europe. He rejoined the Standard Meat Company on his return in 1945. Mr. Rosenthal became the company’s president in 1959 and its chairman in 1965. He retired from the Standard Meat Company in 1988, a few years after it became a subsidiary of the Sara Lee Corporation. Mr. Rosenthal’s son, Billy, today serves on the board of the Standard Meat Company. Current business models in the meat industry can trace their history to the models “Manny” Rosenthal developed during his career.

Mr. Rosenthal was also a patron of numerous artistic, educational, religious, and other organizations. He served as president on the board of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and on those of many other Jewish organizations. In Fort Worth, he served as a key member of the boards of the Modern Art Museum, the Symphony Orchestra Association, and the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, among others. In addition, he was actively involved in business and agricultural education in the region, serving as adviser and frequent lecturer at The University of Texas at Arlington and at Texas A&M University.

In 1987 Mr. Rosenthal received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Texas A&M University and The Association of Former Students, the highest honor bestowed on a former student of Texas A&M. The same year, The Texas A&M University System Board of Regents named the Rosenthal Meat Science and Technology Center for him and his wife, Rosalyn. The Rosenthals, in conjunction with the Texas A&M Board of Regents, established the E. M. Rosenthal Chair in Animal Science at Texas A&M. His legacy has gathered awards even after his death in 2001. In 2011 he was posthumously inducted into the Meat Industry Hall of Fame.
2012 REGENTS PROFESSOR AWARD

The Board of Regents established the Regents Professor Award program in 1996 to recognize and honor faculty members who have made exemplary contributions to their university, agency, or health science center and to the people of Texas. Nominees must be full-time faculty members who have held the rank of professor or equivalent in The Texas A&M University System for at least five years and have produced a distinguished record of teaching, research, and other scholarly activities.

Dr. Delbert M. Gatlin III

Professor
Associate Head for Research and Graduate Programs
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
Professor, Intercollegiate Faculty of Nutrition
Texas A&M University

Dr. Gatlin has received international acclaim for his work in aquaculture and fish nutrition since joining the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences in 1987. He has served on high-ranking research committees in Norway and the United States, including as vice chair on the National Academies Committee on the Nutrient Requirements of Fish and Shrimp (2009–2010). Dr. Gatlin’s distinguished service record also includes his current work as editor of the nutrition section of Aquaculture, his positions on the editorial boards of other top research journals, and his role as advisor to organizations such as the Striped Bass Growers Association. Dr. Gatlin has also served extensively at the department, college, and university levels. He was interim head of his department (2006–2007) and has served on numerous committees in tenure and promotion, recruitment, and student selection. Among his many honors is the Vice Chancellor’s Award in Excellence for Administration in 2007. Dr. Gatlin is also an innovative, award-winning educator, receiving the Vice Chancellor’s Award in Excellence for Graduate Teaching in 2001. He has become adept at distance-teaching technologies while also traveling across the globe to conduct short courses related to his field. Dr. Gatlin has supervised 29 master’s and 26 doctoral students; he and his students have published 207 peer-reviewed research articles. Dr. Gatlin is also a co-author on 16 book chapters and three books. His research efforts have brought over $6.6 million in competitive research grants to The Texas A&M University System. For his accomplishments the Texas Aquaculture Association designated him Researcher of the Year in 1990, 2002, and 2010.
2012 REGENTS FELLOW SERVICE AWARDS

The Board of Regents established this award in 1997 to recognize outstanding professionals in the Texas A&M System agencies. Nominees must be full-time, senior-level research or service-delivery professionals, with at least five years of service, who have demonstrated exceptional leadership in programs or projects with significant statewide impact.

Dr. Ari M. Michelsen
Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics
Resident Director, Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at El Paso
Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Since joining The Texas A&M University System in 1999, Dr. Michelsen has been recognized worldwide as an expert in water resources management, water policy analysis, and other areas. “He serves as a highly effective conduit between the Center’s academic activities and the informational needs of Texas communities grappling with difficult water problems,” said Dr. Ray Huffaker, chair of the Food and Resource Economics Department, University of Florida. Dr. Michelsen’s research has resulted in over 140 publications, brought more than $3.5 million in research funding to the Texas A&M System, and has improved the use and management of water resources in Texas and beyond. As director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at El Paso, Dr. Michelsen oversaw the creation of collaborative, multidisciplinary research and outreach programs to address critical public policy needs in Texas and the United States. He played a key role in developing the curriculum for a graduate degree in water resources planning for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff. The curriculum was adopted by top graduate programs in the nation. Dr. Michelsen also has an impressive record of public outreach. He has given numerous presentations on water resources management for international, local, and state organizations, including the Texas Senate and House of Representatives. He has served on numerous advisory committees and editorial boards, including as president of the American Water Resources Association (2010) and the Universities Council on Water Resources (2001–2002), the major organizations in his field. Dr. Michelsen’s many honors include the Education and Public Service Award from the Universities Council on Water Resources in 2012 and the President’s Award for Outstanding Service from the American Water Resources Association in 2011.

Dr. Jackie Rudd
Professor
Project Leader, Hard Winter Wheat Breeding Program for the High Plains and Rolling Plains of Texas
Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo
Texas A&M AgriLife Research

Dr. Rudd, who joined Texas A&M AgriLife Research in 2001, leads one of the premier wheat breeding programs in the nation. Since Dr. Rudd’s arrival the program has released, among many other varietals, two wheat cultivars that produce the highest yields across the region under water shortage. Under Dr. Rudd’s leadership the program has conducted rigorous field studies to understand the mechanisms of drought tolerance in wheat, leading to the recently announced collaboration with Bayer CropScience. Overall, the cultivars that Dr. Rudd has worked to develop have had an enormous economic impact. Prior to his arrival at AgriLife Research, he led South Dakota State University’s wheat breeding program, helping produce the most planted spring wheat cultivar in the United States in 2000. In 2009, the high-yielding varieties produced by Dr. Rudd’s program at the Amarillo Center increased...
the net returns for Texas growers by $20.2 million and brought over $3.6 million in royalties to AgriLife Research; these cultivars continue to accrue royalties at $700,000 per year. Contributing to Dr. Rudd’s success are the connections he has forged with producers, millers, bakers, and consumers. He organizes and speaks at several growers’ field days every year. He presents research results to associations of growers, seedmen, millers, and bakers; interviews for news stories; and represents the wheat industry on visits to Washington and abroad. Dr. Rudd also trains students at every level and gives numerous invited presentations across the globe. The Texas Wheat Producers Board and Association recognized Dr. Rudd as Texas Wheat Man of the Year in 2010.

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz
Professor and Extension Leadership Program Director
Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
During his 34 years of work with AgriLife Extension, Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz has become an internationally recognized leader in agricultural education and outreach. His exemplary record includes overseeing the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) program for the agricultural community and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition-Leadership Extension Program (SALE-LE) for AgriLife Extension professionals. For nearly 14 years, Dr. Mazurkiewicz has raised all the funds for these two-year programs, more than $2.3 million. He also conducts 605 teaching hours for both programs. Graduates of the competitive TALL program—which introduces participants to thousands of Texas, national, and international leaders and stakeholders—include the White House liaison for the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, the National Cattlemen’s Beef Association president, and the Texas Deputy Agriculture Commissioner. “Without Jim’s excitement and influence, the agriculture industry would be short many current and future leaders,” said Charles Ring, president of the San Patricio County Farm Bureau, director-at-large of the U.S. Grain Council, and TALL graduate. At the same time, graduates of the SALE-LE program hold 90% of AgriLife Extension leadership positions. Dr. Mazurkiewicz’s efforts have served as models for similar programs in Texas and worldwide, such as the Mexican Agriculture Leadership Program. The International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership presented him the Outstanding Leader Award in 2010. In 2011 he received the Medal of Honor from the Polish Minister of Agriculture and addressed a crowd of 10,000 in Skrzelew, Poland. Locally, Dr. Mazurkiewicz’s community leadership also helped to make possible the $30 million exposition center for Brazos County, which has generated millions of dollars in revenue and is instrumental in promoting The Texas A&M University System and the Brazos Valley.

Mr. George L. Gonzales
County Extension Agent—Agriculture and Natural Resources, Webb County
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
Mr. Gonzales began his admirable career with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Bee County in 1980, moving to Webb County in 1984 as the county extension agent. As Webb County faced recurrent droughts, Mr. Gonzales developed programs that maximized ranching income and improved animal health. He helped landowners learn how to harvest rainwater and began a water quality screening program. He organized and trained Master Gardeners, starting a task force for water conservation. He led a major collaborative outreach effort to improve the condition
of rangeland watersheds. Mr. Gonzales also foresaw 25 years ago that droughts would lead to a greater emphasis on wildlife management in Webb County. He initiated a variety of adult and youth programs in wildlife management. Today, wildlife leasing is an $18 million industry in Webb County. Mr. Gonzales also worked in international relations, building programs that fostered relationships between the farmers, ranchers, agribusinesses, and educational organizations of South Texas and northern Mexico. He worked in colonias—the unincorporated subdivisions near the Mexico border that can lack utilities and roads—teaching residents about gardening, home improvement, financial management, and water quality. Mr. Gonzales’s educational programs also helped keep agriculture relevant to Webb County youth. Among other achievements, he has nurtured the Webb County 4-H program, enabling it to grow from 100 members to a current membership of above 500. “George Gonzales has a record of performance and achievement as long as it is impressive. He’s... synonymous with agriculture in this part of the state,” says Dr. Ruben Saldaña, district administrator, AgriLife Extension, Weslaco.

Mr. Paul Hannemann

**Chief of Fire Operations**

**Department Head, Incident Response Department**

**Texas A&M Forest Service**

Having worked with the Texas A&M Forest Service since 1981, in 2010 Mr. Hannemann stepped into the organization’s highest-ranking positions in both fire operations and incident response. As chief of fire operations and head of incident response, he coordinates the state’s efforts to protect its 254 counties from fires, hurricanes, floods, and a wide range of other emergencies. He also heads Forest Service efforts to assist other states with incident protection—a role for which he is greatly experienced, having served, for instance, as deputy incident commander during the recovery of the space shuttle *Columbia*. For his work during the *Columbia* recovery Mr. Hannemann received a Public Service Medal from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 2003. He has completed the necessary training to qualify as an Incident Commander Type 1, meaning that in a national-level emergency he can command the most highly trained and experienced incident response teams. He helps develop training guidelines for the Federal Emergency Management Agency’s Incident Management Team. Mr. Hannemann’s experience with hazards stems partly from working as a volunteer firefighter in Fredericksburg, Texas, his birthplace, since 1975. He also served in the U.S. Army, the Army National Guard, and the Army Reserve since 1974, retiring a lieutenant colonel. Among his military honors is a Meritorious Service Medal for coordinating the movement of equipment and troops from Fort Hood to the Middle East during the Persian Gulf War. Throughout his career at the Forest Service, Mr. Hannemann has remained an accomplished educator. He has taken an active role in training firefighters, overseeing wildlife management academies, speaking with the news media, and giving numerous presentations to workers in disaster management across the country.
### Early Career Teaching
- Dr. Jennifer R. Williams, Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

### Teaching
- Dr. Calvin B. Parnell, Biological and Agricultural Engineering

### Educational Enrichment/Innovation
**REU-EXCITE Team**
- Dr. Kevin Heinz, Entomology
- Ms. Rebecca Hapes, Entomology

### Early Career Research
- Dr. William B. Faulkner, Biological and Agricultural Engineering

### Research
- Dr. David Briske, Ecosystem Science and Management

### Interdisciplinary Research Team
**Sorghum Bioenergy Breeding and Genomics Team**
- Dr. William L. Rooney, Soil and Crop Sciences
- Dr. Patricia E. Klein, Horticultural Sciences
- Dr. John E. Mullet, Biochemistry and Biophysics

### Undergraduate Research
- Ms. Michelle Bedenbaugh, Animal Science

### Graduate Research
- Mr. Edinalvo Rabaioli Camargo, Soil and Crop Sciences

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The Dean’s Outstanding Achievement Awards, established in 2012, recognize, reward, and encourage excellence in the work of faculty, staff, and students in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. The awards span 16 diverse categories.
Graduate Teaching
Ms. Kelly Winsco, Animal Science

Administration
Dr. David Baltensperger, Soil and Crop Sciences

Advising and Student Relations
Dr. Deb Dunsford (faculty), Agricultural Leadership, Education, and Communications

Faculty Mentoring
Dr. Nancy H. Ing, Animal Science

International Impact

AGTEC Team – Norman Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture
Mrs. Johanna Roman
Ms. Yanet Rodriguez
Ms. Carolina Oleas
Mr. Dale Rodgers
Ms. Dana Lewis

Staff
Mrs. Faustina “Tina” Vega, Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
Mr. Roger Horn, Institute for Plant Genomics and Biotechnology
Ms. Carol J. Rhodes, Soil and Crop Sciences

Service
Dr. Ronald Kaiser, Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences
The Outstanding Alumni Award recognizes graduates of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for outstanding leadership and significant contributions in agriculture, natural resources, life sciences, or related areas.

Mr. Roscoe B. Dooley ’39 (1916–2005) (Posthumously)
Roscoe B. Dooley is considered a giant of Texas agriculture. After earning his bachelor’s degree in agricultural education at Texas A&M, he served in World War II, receiving the Bronze Star for bravery and five battle stars. Soon after earning his master’s degree at Texas A&M in 1946, he joined the faculty at San Angelo Junior College, now Angelo State University. Over his 30-year career he helped to develop what is now considered one of the top animal science departments in the Southwest. Mr. Dooley was Director Emeritus of the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Association, honored for his 25 years of service in 4-H and FFA activities. He was a founding member and the first president of the Professional Agricultural Workers Society, which formed Ag Workers Insurance and National Farm Life.

Mr. Allan A. Marburger ’60
Allan Marburger grew up on his family’s farm in Paige, Texas, and received an Opportunity Award Scholarship to Texas A&M, where he served in the Corps of Cadets and was a Ross Volunteer. He earned his bachelor’s degree in agronomy in 1960, and worked as an agricultural statistician for the USDA Crop Reporting Service for 10 years. He returned to his family ranch in 1979 and is a self-employed beef cattle rancher and farmer. Very active in his home community, Mr. Marburger is also a generous supporter of Texas A&M, funding 77 endowed scholarships in agriculture, veterinary medicine, and other disciplines. In the renowned spirit of the Aggie Family, he has established a real estate gift of the farm that has been in his family for more than 125 years to fund an endowed scholarship in agriculture.

Mr. Horace F. McQueen ’60
Horace McQueen was the voice of agriculture in Texas for 36 years as owner, producer, and host of the Farm & Ranch News television program in West Texas from 1964 to 1973 and East Texas from 1973 to 2000. He earned his bachelor’s degree in agricultural journalism at Texas A&M and found his true calling in broadcasting. Mr. McQueen traveled to over 50 countries, working to benefit U.S. farmers and ranchers. He was a vocal supporter of agricultural research, county Extension agents, 4-H, and FFA. His reporting helped to educate consumers about the benefits of farm-fresh foods long before the “eat locally” movement became popular. He and his wife, Carole, still operate their East Texas cattle and timber ranch, Queensdale Farms. They created an endowed scholarship for agricultural communications and journalism students at Texas A&M.
Dr. Jimmy G. Cheek ’69

Dr. Jimmy Cheek became the seventh chancellor of the University of Tennessee (UT), Knoxville, in 2009, after serving at the University of Florida, Gainesville, for 34 years. He was professor and dean of the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences until 2005, when he was named senior vice president at the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences. He received the President’s Medallion for his service to the university. Dr. Cheek earned his bachelor’s degree in agricultural education with high honors from Texas A&M, as the first in his family to attend college. He returned to Texas A&M to earn his doctorate in 1975. As assistant dean at Florida, he helped to increase undergraduate enrollment by 120 percent. He is working to make UT a Top 25 public research university, setting a record for research expenditures in 2012. He was named one of 30 Notable Graduates of the College of Education at Texas A&M in 1999.

OUTSTANDING EARLY CAREER ALUMNI AWARDS

Established in 2012, the Outstanding Early Career Alumni Award recognizes and honors College of Agriculture and Life Sciences graduates who are 15 years or less post-graduation for outstanding leadership and significant contributions in career, public service, and/or volunteer activities.

Ms. Rachel A. Cutrer ’01

A seventh-generation Brahman breeder and president of her own livestock advertising business, Ranch House Designs, Inc., Rachel Cutrer is considered an international expert in livestock advertising. Her business was named to the Mays Business School’s “Aggie 100” five times and has won 36 national design awards. In 2012, Ms. Cutrer published her first book, *Livestock Merchandising*, now used as a college textbook. She grew up on her family’s V8 Ranch in Southeast Texas. After earning her bachelor’s degree in animal science at Texas A&M, she received her master’s at Michigan State University. Rachel and her husband, Brandon, have developed their own registered Brahman operation, breeding the 2010 National Champion Brahman Female. The Cutrers support youth livestock programs and provide scholarships through Texas A&M, Michigan State, and the Texas Junior Livestock Association.

Ms. Cari B. Rincker, Esq. ’02

Cari Rincker owns Rincker Law in New York, N.Y., concentrating in food and agriculture law. She is a prolific writer; blogs on food, farm, and family law topics; and mentors other young women in agriculture. After earning her associate degree from Lake Land College in Illinois, she received her bachelor’s degree with honors in animal science at Texas A&M, where she was All-American in livestock judging and interned for Congressman Kevin Brady through the ANRP Program. She earned her master’s degree at the University of Illinois and her law degree at Pace University School of Law in New York. She co-owns Rincker Cattle Company, a SimAngus operation in Shelbyville, Illinois, where she grew up working on her family’s ranch.
Thomas H. Welsh, Jr., Ph.D.

Professor and Section Leader, Physiology of Reproduction
Department of Animal Science
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Dr. Thomas H. Welsh, Jr., is an internationally recognized endocrine physiologist whose major research focus is the investigation of how stress adversely affects the metabolism, immunity, and growth of animals. The central premise is that an appropriately functioning immune system boosts health and promotes efficient use of nutrients by animals, reducing veterinary costs and improving product quality. Dr. Welsh coordinates a team with members across colleges, agencies, and states to develop methods to assess temperament and stress responsiveness in beef cattle. Because of their findings, larger feedyards are incorporating methods for measuring temperament and disposition as they assess and manage incoming cattle. Dr. Welsh and his colleagues also investigate the influence of prenatal stress on postnatal health. Their work is not only relevant for production agriculture but also has implications for human health.

The contributions of Dr. Welsh’s team play a key role in the worldwide One Health Initiative, which is based on the premise that animal and human health are inextricably linked. The team has laid the groundwork for epigenomic and translational biology approaches to meet societal challenges that Texas A&M AgriLife Research has a responsibility to address.

Throughout his 29-year career in the Department of Animal Science, Dr. Welsh has excelled as a teacher at the undergraduate and graduate levels. He has served on numerous master’s and doctoral committees, including in advisory roles, and is a leader in recruiting underrepresented minorities. He currently holds adjunct appointments to the Department of Veterinary Integrative Biosciences at Texas A&M University and the Department of Animal and Wildlife Sciences at Texas A&M-Kingsville.

He has extensively collaborated with Texas A&M University System scientists at Uvalde, Beeville, Kingsville, and Canyon, as well as with faculty at Texas Tech University. His scholarly and service-oriented approach to science brings distinction to AgriLife Research and to the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.
Dr. David D. Briske's research on ecological resilience and the ecological and social consequences of climate change has won him international acclaim. Over his 34-year career at Texas A&M University, Dr. Briske has designed innovative experiments, mentored successful graduate students, and frequently published in top-tier science journals. In 2000 he began to investigate the complex and internationally important issues surrounding climate change, collaborating with scientists from around the world.

In 2003 Dr. Briske and a departmental colleague developed an experimental field facility on the Texas A&M campus to study the response of regional trees and grasses to increased atmospheric warming and summer drought. Funded by four successive Department of Energy grants, the facility provides a platform to investigate the mechanisms of ecosystem response to climate change. Dr. Briske is currently working with a research team commissioned by the International Society for Range Management to assess the ecological and social impacts of climate change on North American rangelands.

In 2008 Dr. Briske was appointed as editor in chief of the academic journal Rangeland Ecology & Management. As a result of his leadership, the number of combined visits to the journal’s web page increased to an all-time high. He has served in several other capacities, including as chair of a National Science Foundation project designed to develop a national ecological monitoring network.

Dr. Briske is currently leading a research group on ecological resilience with data from nine long-term vegetation records from the western United States. The group’s research has been called “a novel and daring effort to link people and ecosystems.” Dr. Briske was invited to co-author a keynote presentation at the International Grassland Congress in Sydney, Australia, in September 2013.

Dr. Briske’s experiences provide his students with fascinating insights that go beyond what they find in textbooks. One colleague referred to his accomplishments as creating “a sea change in the approach and direction of the rangeland profession.” He has won numerous awards, including the Chapline Research Award (2008; the highest research award offered by the Society for Range Management) and the Dean’s Outstanding Achievement Award for Research in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (2012).
Nova J. Silvy, Ph.D.

Regents Professor and Research Faculty Fellow
Associate Department Head for Undergraduate Programs
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

During his 38 years at Texas A&M University, Nova J. Silvy has distinguished himself as an exceptional researcher, teacher, and leader in wildlife conservation.

Dr. Silvy has had a stellar research career: he has authored more than 265 peer-reviewed publications, won 12 Best Paper awards from his professional organizations, and helped secure over $13 million in funding. He has been a Texas A&M University System Regents Professor since 2001 and became a Texas A&M AgriLife Research Faculty Fellow in 2006. Outside the academic arena, Dr. Silvy’s research has led to the development of a deer guard that keeps the endangered Florida Key deer from being killed on highways. His work has contributed to the understanding of more than 100 wildlife species and has helped prevent five endangered species from going extinct.

Dr. Silvy is also a revered mentor of students at all levels. Among his many teaching awards are the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Vice Chancellor’s Award in Excellence for Undergraduate and Graduate teaching and The Wildlife Society Educator of the Year Award. In 2008, the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences also honored Dr. Silvy as a Minority Recruiting Mentor. He involves undergraduates in field research and introduces them to professional organizations. He has served as faculty adviser to the Texas A&M University student chapter of The Wildlife Society; under his mentorship the chapter’s Wildlife Bowl Team has never placed less than second. He has been the major mentor to 104 graduate students. Four former graduate students have named children after him. In 2012, a former graduate student endowed the Nova J. Silvy Fellowship within the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences.

Though Dr. Silvy has undoubtedly made an impression on the wildlife profession, writes Dr. Michael P. Masser, chair of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences, “his greatest impact to our profession will be seen in the next generation of wildlife biologists and scientists.”

Dr. Silvy has been an active member of The Wildlife Society, his field’s major professional organization, for over 50 years, serving as president from 1999 to 2000. Among his 67 awards and honors are the American Revolution Conservation Medal from the Daughters of the American Revolution and the Aldo Leopold Memorial Award from The Wildlife Society, the highest award given a wildlife professional.
Charles M. Rush

Regents Professor and Research Faculty Fellow
Professor of Plant Pathology
Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo

Since joining the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Amarillo in 1986, Dr. Rush has led an internationally respected plant pathology program that fights economically damaging crop diseases in the Texas Panhandle.

He has gained international recognition for his program’s work on highly contagious crop diseases. To help control rhizomania of sugar beet, for example, Dr. Rush’s program showed how changes in irrigation could lessen the severity of the disease or even keep plants from becoming infected. These studies were among the first to investigate the relationship between irrigation and plant disease progression. The research helped Texas growers both retain high yields and save water.

Dr. Rush’s lab gives tours, helps with school science projects, presents its research at field days, and helps growers diagnose plant diseases. He expanded these diagnostic services by establishing a plant disease diagnostic laboratory as part of the National Plant Diagnostic Network. Dr. Rush has provided diagnostic services to detect the fungus that causes Karnal bunt—a disease that attacks wheat and triticale—and provide Texas farmers with documentation that their crop was disease-free and could be sold.

Dr. Rush has distinguished himself as a leader in the field of plant pathology. In the past five years alone, he helped to bring more than $16 million in grants for plant disease research, has served on many review panels in his field, and has contributed to 117 publications. He and members of his research staff are sought-after experts and speakers; his former students have become integral faculty in research facilities across the country. Since 2009, Dr. Rush has served as national program director for the Zebra Chip Specialty Crop Research Initiative, coordinating the efforts of 30 scientists in seven states to study zebra chip disease in potatoes. He and several other members of this team received the Integrated Pest Management Team Award from the Entomological Society of America in 2012.

Dr. Rush was named a Texas A&M AgriLife Research Faculty Fellow in 2006 and a Texas A&M University System Regents Fellow in 2007.
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE ADVANCED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

The Texas A&M AgriLife Advanced Leadership Program is an 18-month course that cultivates AgriLife leaders with a national and state outlook. The program focuses on the development of leadership skills and greater understanding of The Texas A&M University System and the land-grant mission. Participants interact with administrators, leadership professionals, and their peers, gaining experiences and tools that enhance their effectiveness as leaders. For more information, visit AgriLife.org/leaders

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2012 FOOD AND AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES EXCELLENCE IN COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY AWARDS

These national awards are presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture and the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities. Texas A&M AgriLife was represented by three outstanding winners.

Award for Excellence in College and University Teaching

The Excellence in College and University Teaching Awards recognize faculty members who both practice and promote effective, innovative teaching.

John Crompton

Distinguished Professor

Department of Recreation, Park and Tourism Sciences

Texas A&M University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Dr. Crompton’s colleagues credit him with helping change the way parks and recreation are perceived in the United States: among other achievements, he introduced private-sector marketing techniques to these public-sector fields, providing new ways to maintain leisure services in times of reduced public tax support. He is a masterful speaker, prolific writer, and internationally preeminent figure in the fields of tourism and parks and recreation.

Dr. Crompton earned his doctorate in recreation resources development from Texas A&M in 1977. Since then, he has given numerous presentations on marketing and financing in parks, recreation, and conservation. He has authored or co-authored 16 books and many articles. Among Dr. Crompton’s awards for research and writing are the National Recreation and Park Association’s Distinguished Professional Award, National Literary Award, and Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Research Award.

The Award for Excellence in College and University Teaching comes a year after Dr. Crompton garnered Texas A&M University’s top teaching honor: designation as a Presidential Professor for Teaching Excellence. In 2012, he was also selected as a Piper Professor by the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation, a Texas nonprofit organization supporting charitable, scientific, or educational endeavors.

Dr. Crompton also has an outstanding professional service record. He has been a member of the board of trustees of the National Recreation and Park Association. He has served as president of national and state-level parks, recreation, and leisure science associations. In 1999 he received the American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration Cornelius Amory Pugsley medal, which recognizes outstanding contributions to the promotion and development of public parks in the United States.
Southern Region

The Excellence in Extension Award recognizes individuals committed to programs in lifelong learning and contributions to improving communities.

Tom "Andy" Vestal

Regents Fellow, Professor, and Extension Specialist
Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service

Dr. Vestal’s leadership in coordinating tactical emergency responses by working across agencies has been invaluable in mitigating disaster losses for Texas communities. In 2008, he played a key role in Operation No Fences, which saved 15,000 head of cattle and horses wandering a 40- by 80-mile stretch along the Texas Gulf Coast after fences were destroyed by Hurricane Ike. Staff members and volunteers began rounding up and rescuing animals and providing fresh water, hay, veterinary medicines, and other supplies within 72 hours of the hurricane. The program continued for 42 days. Livestock that had survived the hurricane were at risk of dying from saline toxicity because water and forage had been contaminated by storm surge from the Gulf of Mexico.

During the 2011 record-breaking wildfire season, Dr. Vestal helped to activate the Drought/Wildfire Joint Information Center, partnering with 11 state and federal agencies. As Texas faced more than $217 million in agricultural losses, he established livestock supply points, which allowed critical feed resources to be distributed in the impacted areas.

Dr. Vestal manages Extension programs for the National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense, founded in 2004 by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, and is an active member of the Institute of Food Technologists. He also serves on the graduate faculties at Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University.

Named a Regents Fellow in 2009, Dr. Vestal has received more than $3 million in grants, gifts, and contracts. He has written approximately 20 peer-reviewed journal articles and 40 abstracts and proceedings as well as hundreds of Extension educational publications and 230 articles in the popular press. He has appeared on more than 450 radio and television broadcasts.
National Excellence in Multistate Research Award

The Multistate Research Award recognizes the collaborative efforts of state agricultural experiment stations working together to address critical regional needs.

North Central Extension and Research Activity-208 (NCERA-208)
Response to Emerging Threat: Soybean Rust

Texas A&M AgriLife Research is one of 34 institutions and agencies participating in this program to combat soybean rust, caused by the fungus *Phakopsora pachyrhizi*. The fungus was first discovered in the United States in November 2004, when it caused alarm in the soybean industry because of documented yield losses of almost 80 percent in Brazil and losses in Africa, Argentina, and Paraguay. This disease was unique because the absence of resistance in soybean varieties left the industry completely dependent upon fungicides as the only means of control—and none of these fungicides were approved for use in the United States or Canada at the time. By 2005 a precursor project to NCERA-208 had resulted in Environmental Protection Agency Section 18 approval of selected fungicides, which were then made available to growers.

Soybean rust spread throughout the southern Gulf States in 2005, becoming more severe each year until 2009. By then, cases had also been found as far north as Ontario, Canada, although they were less frequent in soybean-producing states in the North Central region.

NCERA-208 has educated farmers about the disease through printed materials, teleconferences, videos, and field identification cards. Its members and USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service Plant Protection and Quarantine program helped to create the Integrated Pest Management Pest Information Platform for Extension and Education website to provide producers with current disease-risk assessments. This information has saved the soybean industry millions of dollars by minimizing losses and helping farmers use the proper amount of fungicide.

A full-color manual underwritten by the USDA and land-grant universities in 2005—*Using Foliar Fungicides to Manage Soybean Rust*—was made available to the industry (updated in 2007–08). USDA Agricultural Research Service plant pathologists are making progress toward the development of disease-resistant cultivars.
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE
SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARDS

The Superior Service Awards recognize Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service faculty and staff members who provide outstanding performance in Extension education or other outstanding service to the organization and to Texans.

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TEAMS

Cotton Root Rot Team

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SUPERIOR SERVICE AWARDS, CONTINUED

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