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University of Nebraska–Lincoln
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Department of Agronomy and Horticulture

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Sept. 9, 2011



Last year at this time, the department celebrated its Centennial and the grand re-opening of Keim Hall and the Keim Hall courtyard (pictured above).

Congratulations to our Department's Employee Service Award Recipients!

Congratulations to employees from the Department of Agronomy & Horticulture who earned their Employee Service Awards at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. The awards were presented on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2011, at the Lied Center, prior to the chancellor's State of the University speech. For text of the chancellor's speech, see: <http://www.unl.edu/ucomm/chancldr/sua2011/>.

Employees recognized from our department include:

- 35 years:** Carol A. Caha and Martin A. Massengale;
30 years: Ronnie R Janssen, Ellen T. Paparozzi, and Mary Jo Haverkamp;
25 years: P. Stephen Baenziger, Clyde L. Ogg, and Susan K. Thomas;
20 years: Roch E. Gaussoin and Timothy A. Kettler;
15 years: Marlene R. Busse, Kenneth G. Cassman, and Thomas E. Clemente;
10 years: Sarah J. Browning (Extension), Michael E. Fromm, and Charles S. Wortmann; and
5 years: Gilles J.C. Basset, Kelly R. Brink, John R. Dillingham, Lan Xu, Connie J. Hansen, and Nancy J. Shoemaker.

Two department faculty members were also recognized with emeriti honors: William A. Gustafson and James L. Stubbendieck.

Congratulations everyone!

Mark Your Calendars!

- Sept. 16:** IANR to 2025: Time for Action. IANR All Hands 3-5 p.m., Hardin Hall. Ice cream at 3 p.m., V.C. Ronnie Green at 3:30 p.m.
- Sept. 16:** Department Seminar – Modulation of the Human Gut Microbiota by Dietary Strategies, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim (refreshments, 3 p.m.)
- Sept. 19:** Mechanical Grape Harvester Field Day, Ida's Vitas Vineyard, Ogallala.
- Sept. 23:** Dept. Seminar – Commercialization Opportunities in the Plant Sciences, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.)
- Sept. 24-29:** American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS) meetings, Kona, HI.
- Sept. 30:** Dept. Seminar – Bioenergy Systems in Brazil, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.)
- Oct. 3-7:** Agronomy & Horticulture Dept. Comprehensive Review.
- Oct. 7:** Dept. Seminar *in Goodding Lab*: Look what is Blowing into Nebraska – Pesticide Application Technology Research at the West Central Research & Extension Center (WCREC), 3:30 p.m. (refreshments, 3 p.m.)
- Oct. 14:** Dept. Seminar – Environmental Variability and Nutrient Cycling in Agroecosystems, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments, 3 p.m.)

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Dates for 2012 Crop Production Clinics Set

The fourth annual Crop Production Clinics will be held at nine locations across Nebraska in January 2012. The clinics provide valuable information to help crop producers and agribusiness professionals improve their profitability and safety.

The Crop Production Clinics will feature presentations on soil fertility, soil water and irrigation management, crop production, ag. business management & policy, pesticide safety, and disease, insect and weed pest management. Program topics are tailored to meet the needs of cropping systems in different parts of the state and vary by location.

These clinics also provide a venue for Commercial & Noncommercial Pesticide Applicators to renew their licenses. For more information, see the website at <http://cpc.unl.edu/>.

The clinic dates are as follows:

January 4 – Beatrice	January 12 – Gering
January 5 – York	January 17 – Ainsworth
January 6 – Kearney	January 18 – Norfolk
January 10 – Hastings	January 19 – Fremont
January 11 – North Platte	

Please Extend a Warm Welcome! New visiting scientist arrives at UNL

Please welcome Muhammad Shehzad who is working as a visiting scholar with Dr. Teshome Regassa. Shehzad is currently a Ph.D. student in the department of agronomy at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Pakistan.

He received his BS and MS with honors in 2005 and 2007 respectively. The title of his master's research was the "Effect of weed crop competition on growth and yield of Garden Cress (*Lepidium sativium* L.)." Results from this study are being published this year in the Sarhad Journal of Agriculture Research.

In his free time, Shehzad enjoys reading books and surfing the Internet.



HAPPI welcomes new student intern

Please welcome Fang Fang as a new student intern working in the HAPPI Business Center. Fang (pronounced Fong) is a senior in accounting at UNL and will be working part-time alongside Cheryl, Susan and Ben in the business center. Ben said she is excited to get real world accounting experience, and the center is excited to have her help. Her desk is located in 202D Keim. Fang may be emailing faculty, staff and students occasionally requesting paperwork or information regarding bills that need to be paid. Feel free to stop by and give her a good Nebraska welcome.

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Oct. 17-20: ASA-CSSA-SSSA Int'l. meetings, San Antonio, Texas.

Oct. 16-20: Fifth Int'l. Symposium on Acclimatization and Establishment of Micropropagated Plants, Lied Conference Center, Nebraska City.

Oct. 17-18: Fall Break.

Oct. 21: Dept. Seminar: Fusarium in Wheat, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).

Oct. 24-Nov. 8: Student priority registration for spring 2012 semester.

Oct. 28: Dept. Seminar – Confronting Pediatric Obesity: Current Evidence and Future Directions, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).

Nov. 4: Dept. Seminar – Cost Effective Teaching in the Life Sciences, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).

Nov. 11: Dept. Seminar – Food Allergy Thresholds and Risk Assessment, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).

Nov. 18: Dept. Seminar – Empathy Priming and Emotional Feedback in Environmental Choice: Are They Effective?, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).

Nov. 24-27: Thanksgiving Break.

Dec. 2: Dept. Seminar – Effects of Biofuel Crop and n Management on Soil Greenhouse Gas Fluxes From a Marginal Site (Mead, NE), 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).

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Get Well Wishes

Our thoughts and prayers are extended to Dr. Rosalind Morris, professor emeritus, as she continues to recover from a broken hip this past month. Personal wishes may be sent, by Sept. 14th, to Dr. Morris at Eastmont Towers, Rm. 250, 6315 O Street, Lincoln, NE 68510. Dr. Morris plans to return to her home after Sept. 14th. Please contact the Agronomy and Horticulture main office for a home address.

Baenziger provides gift to NU Foundation

Steve Baenziger was recently featured in the news following his gift to the NU Foundation to sustain the Nebraska Small Grains Fund. This fund is a permanently endowed fund that seeks to sustain the university's crop science work. Small grains in this research include wheat, barley, and triticale. Awards from the fund will support student scholarships and fellowships, faculty research, equipment purchases, travel, and more. For more information about Dr. Baenziger's work and this gift, see the Today at UNL story at: <http://newsroom.unl.edu/announce/todayatunl/513/3126>.

IANR Names 2011-12 Standing Committees

Five Agronomy & Horticulture faculty have been named to the Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources (IANR) standing committees. The faculty member and their committee responsibility are as follows:

- Kim Todd and Robert Wilson – IANR Liaison Committee;
- Charles Shapiro – Committee on Policy for Appointment & Promotion;
- Richard Ferguson – Facilities; and
- Martha Mamo – Nominating Committee.

Sunday with a Scientist Program Focuses on Plant Science

On Sunday, Sept. 18, the University of Nebraska State Museum's *Sunday with a Scientist* program will explore plant science. "Feeding the World in the 21st Century" will take place from 1:30-4:30 p.m. at Morrill Hall. Faculty from the Center for Plant Science Innovation, including Ed Cahoon, Tom Clemente, Gilles Basset, and David Holding, will make the presentation. The *Sunday with a Scientist* program is aimed at children and families. For more information, visit the program's website at: <http://www.unl.edu/museum/sundaywithascientist/sept2011.html>.

Funding Announcements

FYI: Visit UNL's Office of Sponsored Programs web site for funding announcements in PDF format at <http://www.unl.edu/research/sp1/index.shtml> under "Funding Opportunities." These announcements are compiled from the funding opportunities offered by federal funding agencies, private foundations, and a variety of additional entities. If you want to subscribe to Funding Announcements, contact Nathan Meier (472-1808 or nmeier2@unl.edu). Additional funding opportunities may be found at <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov is the single access point for individuals to search competitive funding opportunities from more than 900 grant programs offered by the 26 federal grant-making agencies.

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Dec. 9: Dept. Seminar – Arbuscular corrhizal Fungi in Maize Cropping Systems: Beneficial or Not?, 3:30 p.m., 150 Keim, (refreshments at 3 p.m.).
Dec. 16-17: UNL Graduation.
Dec. 19: Agronomy & Horticulture Holiday Luncheon, EC Union.
Dec. 26-Jan. 2, 2012: Holiday Closedown.
Jan. 16, 2012: MLK Day.
Jan. 23-25, 2012: Nebraska Green Expo, Mid-America Center, Council Bluffs, IA.
Jan. 29-Feb. 3, 2012: Society of Range Management 65th Annual Meeting, Spokane, Wash.