

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY™

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

NEW FACULTY AND STAFF

Fall 2018 Convocation

September 4, 2018

Agricultural and Biosystems Engineering

Jeff Askey

Title: Engineer V

Start Date: February 2018

Job Duties: Lead engineer on several industry funded projects with focus on machine automation and information.



Ashtyn Beek

Title: Academic Adviser

Start Date: February 2018

Job Duties: I provide academic assistance and support to students in the agricultural systems technology major.

Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy reading, running and swimming.

Daniel Bengtson

Title: Engineer Designer II

Start Date: January 2018

Ryan Bergman

Title: Program Coordinator III

Start Date: January 2018



Erin Bowers

Title: Associate Scientist

Start Date: July 2018

Job Duties: I teach 'Feed Safety, Ingredient Quality and Analytics' in the spring semester. I write grants and conduct research plus have extension responsibilities.

Favorite Pastimes: Gardening, singing, reading, running and biking.

Sam Cook

Title: Lecturer

Start Date: October 2017

Sierra Hagedon

Title: Engineer Designer II

Start Date: January 2018

Mitchel Michel

Title: Research Associate II

Start Date: January 2018



Kevin Peyton

Title: Engineer

Start Date: April 2018

Job Duties: I provide technical support and guidance to equipment-focused research projects.

Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy technology, time on the water and making things work. Home automation and construction/woodworking are a couple of areas I'm focusing on.



Brett Ramirez

Title: Assistant Professor

Start Date: January 2018

Job Duties: Coordinate a research and extension program encompassing livestock and poultry production systems. The goal of the program is to provide science and solve problems impacting producers today and develop new technologies to meet the animals' needs.

Favorite Pastimes: Fishing, running, hiking, sports, traveling, trying new foods and relaxing.



James O. Wright

Title: Senior Lecturer

Start Date: August 2017

Job Duties: Teach occupational safety courses.

Favorite Pastimes: In my free time I like bicycle riding.

Agricultural Education and Studies



Krys Christensen

Title: Administrative Specialist

Start Date: October 2017

Job Duties: I am responsible for the department's overall accounting functions and human resources.

Favorite Pastimes: I like to camp with my family, attend music festivals with my friends and travel to scenic and historic places.



Mark Hainline

Title: Assistant Professor

Start Date: August 2017

Job Duties: I am a teacher educator specializing in agricultural mechanics. I serve as the laboratory manager for the ISU Agricultural Mechanics Teaching Laboratory.

Favorite Pastimes: Spending time with family, fishing and hunting.



Misty Lambert

Title: Associate Professor

Start Date: August 2017

Job Duties: I am director of Science with Practice, a CALS-wide undergraduate research and work experience program. I also help prepare agriculture teachers for the secondary classroom.

Favorite Pastimes: Play with my beagle, read and garden.



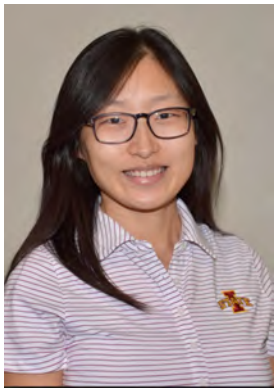
Kristine Tidgren

Title: Director of the Center for Agricultural Law & Taxation and Adjunct Professor

Start Date: January 2018

Job Duties: I am the director of the Center for Agricultural Law & Taxation, which provides resources and professional continuing education to constituents on agricultural law and tax matters. I also teach AgEds 451 each spring.

Favorite Pastimes: Reading, music and being outdoors. I especially love spending time with my family and following my kids' activities.



Shuyang Qu

Title: Assistant Professor

Start Date: September 2017

Job Duties: Teaching and research in agriculture communications, and also advising Ag Communicators of Tomorrow, a student club.

Favorite Pastimes: Traveling and cooking.

Agronomy



Danielle Clark

Title: Assistant Scientist I

Start Date: September 2017

Job Duties: I am responsible for managing the Crop Production and Physiology shared lab group in the agronomy department. I coordinate usage of shared equipment, maintain inventories and student training, manage websites and maintain/run greenhouse gas samples on a gas chromatograph.

Favorite Pastimes: Crafting, camping, kayaking, gardening, canning, being healthy and staying active.

Randi Clark

Title: Research Associate

Start Date: April 2018

Job Duties: I am responsible for conducting field and lab tests related to mung and urd bean.

Favorite Pastimes: Baking, golfing and spending time with family and friends.



David Dornbos Jr.

Title: Associate Graduate Faculty

Start Date: Spring 2018 (reappointment)

Job Duties: My responsibility was to develop and teach one and one-half courses in the Seed Technology and Business graduate program.

Favorite Pastimes: Virtually anything outdoors, but road cycling, running, fishing and hiking top the list.



MaryAnn Grapp

Title: Graduate Program Coordinator

Start Date: June 2018

Job Duties: I coordinate graduate academic programming for all four graduate degrees in agronomy and meteorology. I also provide administrative support to the associate chair of academic programs and the directors of graduate education in agronomy.

Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, and exploring new places in Iowa and around the globe.

Erik Kabela

Title: Lecturer

Start Date: August 2017

Nyathichiot Koat

Title: Research Associate I

Start Date: October 2017

Graydon F. Marzen

Title: Assistant Scientist III

Start Date: March 2018

Job Duties: I work for the Iowa Crop Improvement Association. I manage the Iowa Crop Performance Tests. My responsibility is to ensure quality, unbiased agronomic and yield data is gathered and published for all participants in our trials.

Favorite Pastimes: I read and listen to ancient history, civil war and Vietnam War books, work on cars and enjoy taking my kids fishing.



Daniel Rajewski

Title: Assistant Scientist IV

Start Date: November 2017

Job Duties: I serve as a project scientist for the ISU Iowa Atmospheric Observatory tall tower network. I coordinate specialized experiments with researchers in agriculture and atmospheric science from laboratories and industry partners in wind energy to improve fundamental understanding of the atmospheric boundary layer.

Favorite Pastimes: Watching clouds, following the weather and spending time with my wife and son. I also enjoy serving the community as a Knight of Columbus.



Aaron Sassman

Title: Agricultural Specialist III

Start Date: November 2017



Jiaoping Zhang

Title: Associate Scientist

Start Date: January 2018

Job Duties: I lead efforts on image phenotyping, genome-wide association study and prediction analysis to decipher the genetic architecture of traits in soybeans, and participate in a breeding program to generate resilient soybean varieties.

Favorite Pastimes: Cooking and traveling.

Animal Science

Sandamali Dassanayake

Title: Assistant Scientist/Lab Manager

Start Date: June 2018

Job Duties: Managing a research lab and conducting laboratory assays.



Katie England

Title: Agricultural Specialist II

Start Date: October 2017

Job Duties: I am the lactating barn supervisor at the ISU Dairy Farm. I oversee students and employees in the day-to-day milking operations, cow health and care and cleaning of the barns.

Zoe Kiefer



Title: Research Associate II

Start Date: January 2018

Job Duties: Help coordinate the research program within the Ross lab by managing research compliance efforts, facilitating the execution of research projects and organizing and enabling graduate research efforts. I also conduct specific research and laboratory analyses.

Favorite Pastimes: Spending time with my bearded dragon, visiting my family, going to Cubs games and working on a degree in reproductive physiology.



Dawn Koltes

Title: Adjunct Assistant Professor

Start Date: August 2017

Job Duties: My appointment includes a 65 percent teaching, 35 percent research split. Mt research focuses on understanding mechanisms that control intestinal permeability in poultry.

Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy spending time with my family and trying out new recipes in the kitchen.



James Koltes

Title: Assistant Professor

Start Date: August 2017

Job Duties: Responsible for research in dairy cattle genetics and bioinformatics. I have a 65:35 research to teaching appointment and am teaching both undergraduate and courses in animal science and genetics.

Favorite Pastimes: Spending time with my family and when I can get away, enjoy the outdoors.



Ashley Lamb

Title: Agricultural Specialist

Start Date: September 2017



Katy Lippolis

Title: Assistant Professor and Extension Beef Cow-Calf Specialist

Start Date: July 2018

Job Duties: Develop and deliver extension education programs in beef cow-calf production and management systems, facilitate relationships with producers, develop online tools and resources and serve Iowa's cow-calf industry. I also am developing a research program relevant to Iowa beef cattle producers, and will be instructing AN S 427 in the fall.

Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy riding my horses and competing in agility with my dog.



Greg Messerschmidt

Title: Beef Nutrition Farm Manager

Start Date: December 2017

Job Duties: My responsibility is to oversee all aspects of the Beef Nutrition Farm.

Favorite Pastimes: In my free time I enjoy spending time with my wife and daughter on our farm.



Dan Morriscal

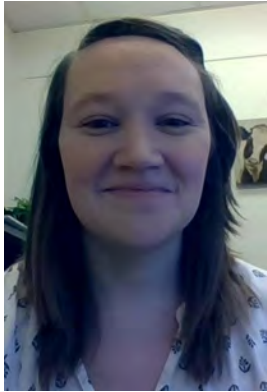
Title: Lecturer

Start Date: January 2018

Emma Niedermayer

Title: Assistant Scientist I

Start Date: August 2017



Kelsey Powell

Title: Academic Adviser I

Start Date: September 2017

Job Duties: My primary duties include transfer student recruitment, orientation, advising and assisting with peer mentor training and coordination. I also assist undergraduate students with referrals to appropriate campus resources, reviewing students' degree audits and assisting in retention and outreach.

Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy spending my free time outside with my children and husband doing activities such as running and hiking.

Luis Rangel-Mendez

Title: Program Coordinator III

Start Date: January 2018



Sydney Reinsel

Title: Animal Caretaker II

Start Date: February 2018

Job Duties: I clean the free stall barn at the ISU Dairy Farm. I also observe and report any signs of estrus, illness or lameness of the cows and push up feed for the whole farm.

Favorite Pastimes: I love reading and spending time with family, friends and my dog.



McKenize Smith

Title: Animal Caretaker

Start Date: April 2018

Job Duties: I take care of the dairy cows from 3:30 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday.

Favorite Pastimes: Spend time with my fiancé and great dane.



Brandi Vigon

Title: Program Assistant II, Grant Coordinator

Start date: June 2018

Job Duties: Working with faculty on submissions of various grants.

Favorite pastimes: Running, biking, kayaking and spending time with my family and pets.



Cory Walker

Title: Department Fiscal Coordinator

Start Date: February 2018

Job Duties: Assist department chair, faculty and staff with management of financial decisions in alignment with state, federal and grant-related policies.

Favorite pastimes: Sports, reading, Sudoku, crosswords and trivia.

Ecology, Evolution and Organismal Biology



Elena Sandry

Title: Research Associate

Start Date: May 2018

Job Duties: Conduct sample collection and chemistry analyses for monitoring water quality in the Des Moines watershed.

Favorite Pastimes: Hiking, fishing, kayaking and pretty much anything that involves being outside.

David Stein

Title: Research Associate I

Start Date: August 2017

Economics



Edward Balistreri

Title: Associate Professor

Start Date: August 2017

Job Duties: My duties and responsibilities include teaching at the graduate and undergraduate levels, research and university service.

Favorite Pastimes: I like to cook and make wine.



Guilherme DePaula

Title: Assistant Professor

Start Date: August 2018

Job Duties: Develop a research program in agricultural and resource economics that addresses key issues in risk and commodities with emphases on commodities important to the State of Iowa.

Favorite Pastimes: I love to spend time with my family, watch my son play soccer and my daughter sing.



Karen Kerns

Title: Director II

Start Date: January 2018

Entomology

Randall Cass

Title: Extension Program Specialist III

Start Date: October 2017



Ram Babu Shrestha

Title: Assistant Scientist III

Start Date: June 2018

Job Duties: Conducting scientific research focused on characterization and management of Bt-resistant western corn rootworm, data analysis, publication and presentation of research findings and collaborating with other scientists.

Favorite Pastimes: I spend my free time with my family and friends mostly cooking Asian foods and watching sports and news on TV.



Ryan Tokarz

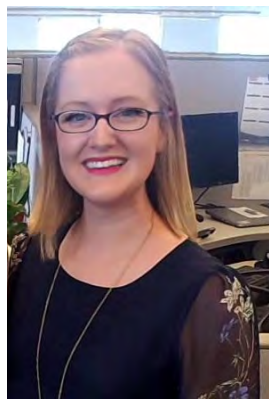
Title: Assistant Scientist I

Start Date: March 2018

Job Duties: Manage the day-to-day operations for the Iowa mosquito surveillance program, which monitors the presence of West Nile Virus and the distribution of invasive and native mosquitoes within the state.

Favorite Pastimes: Outdoor activities including camping, hiking and participating in the majority of sports.

Food Science and Human Nutrition



Ashley Meyer

Title: Human Resources Coordinator

Start Date: July 2018

Job Duties: I oversee the hiring and employee processes/procedures for the department and act as an HR liaison for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Favorite Pastimes: Being a foodie, trying new, local restaurants with my husband, traveling and running.



Monica Primacella

Title: Research Associate I

Start Date: February 2018

Job Duties: Planning and revising research plans, conducting experiments and analyzing and discussing the collected data using justified arguments.

Favorite Pastimes: Baking and traveling.



Xiaolei Shi

Title: Adjunct Assistant Professor

Start Date: August 2017

Job Duties: My responsibility includes 70 percent teaching and 30 percent research. I teach labs of food chemistry, food analysis and food microorganisms. My research area is 3D printing of food material and hydrocolloids.

Favorite Pastimes: Cooking and painting.

Katie Wiegand

Title: Accountant

Start Date: June 2018

Job Duties: Maintain, initiate, approve, review and reconcile financial transactions and records in accordance with ISU, Board of Regents and GAAP policy and guidelines.

Favorite Pastimes: Spending time with my kids and baking.

Genetics, Development and Cell Biology



Jelena Kraft

Title: Lecturer

Start Date: January 2018

Job Duties: Oversee the implementation and continual improvement of the Biology 313L Genetics Laboratory course, teach three credits of Biology 313 each year and do undergraduate advising of biology and genetics majors.

Favorite Pastimes: Gardening, reading and spending time with family.

Horticulture

Daniel Brabec

Title: Lecturer

Start Date: January 2018



Andrew Rupiper

Title: Agricultural Specialist III

Start Date: April 2018

Job Duties: Maintaining research equipment, carrying out the day-to-day operations of fruit crop research and supervision of student employees are my primary responsibilities.

Favorite Pastimes: Hunting, fishing and bird watching. In the fall, I can generally be found on Saturdays cheering for the Iowa Hawkeyes.

Natural Resource Ecology and Management

Jason Cataldo

Title: Contract Associate

Start Date: June 2018

Miranda Curzon



Title: professor of forestry (silviculture)

Start Date: October 2017

Job Duties: I teach silviculture, a fundamental course in the forestry curriculum. With my lab, I also use a combination of field data and retrospective techniques to answer questions about forest ecosystems and effective ways to manage them.

Favorite Pastimes: Hiking, reading, cooking and spending time outside playing with my daughter and husband.

Emma Hashman



Title: Student Services Specialist

Start Date: January 2018

Job Duties: Advise students in animal ecology, help with recruitment activities and assist in planning departmental events.

Favorite Pastimes: Traveling with friends and family to new places, cooking and trying new foods. Most weekends you can find me at a concert or outside on a patio with friends.



Boris Jovanovic

Title: Term Assistant Professor

Start Date: January 2018

Job Duties: Teach ecology and ecotoxicology related courses as part of NREM and toxicology programs, and do research in nanotoxicology.

Favorite Pastimes: Fishing, Magic the Gathering and RPG video games.



Kendra Lee

Title: Administrative Specialist II

Start Date: January 2018

Job Duties: I am the administrative specialist for the Iowa Fish and Wildlife Cooperative Research Unit and also provide pre-award to both NREM and entomology.



Traci Ott

Title: Extension Urban Forester

Start Date: April 2018

Job Duties: I help plan programs for community members to be involved in so they can learn more about the trees around them.

Favorite Pastimes: I'm usually out on the water whitewater paddle boarding, rafting and occasionally kayaking.



Julie Roberts

Title: Secretary III

Start Date: February 2018

Job Duties: I am secretary to the department head. I process all travel-related activity for NREM and entomology, process transactions, enter sick leave and vacation time and provide other assistance in the main office.

Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy decorating my home, exercising, reading, planting flowers and watching HGTV and spending time with my cat and dog.



Rachel Vanausdall

Title: Research Associate II

Start Date: May 2018

Job Duties: Gathering, organizing and analyzing data for Iowa's Multiple Species Inventory, a statewide project that focuses on the monitoring, documentation and conservation of Iowa's Species of Greatest Conservation Need.

Favorite Pastimes: Birding, reading, running, cycling, traveling, watching movies and hiking.

Yang Zhang

Title: Postdoc Research Associate

Start Date: March 2018

Plant Pathology and Microbiology

Ethan Stoetzer



Title: Communications Specialist II

Start Date: May 2018

Job Duties: I am responsible for the creation and management of marketing and communications strategies and initiatives for the integrated Pest Management program and our partner organizations.

Favorite Pastimes: I like to watch repeats of Friends and the Office. I am a football enthusiast and an avid Dallas Cowboys fan, and also enjoy physical fitness ... sometimes.

Sociology

Leana Bouffard



Title: Professor and Chair

Start Date: July 2017

Job Duties: As Chair, I manage department resources, coordinate department activities and support our efforts to produce excellent teaching and research and to foster welcoming and inclusive environment for members of the department and our students. I also teach and do research in criminal justice.

Favorite Pastimes: Reading, watching sports and seeing every Star Wars and superhero movie.

Brenton Center for Agricultural Instruction and Technology Transfer



David DeHass

Title: CALS Canvas Coordinator

Start Date: September 2017

Job Duties: I help faculty design their courses and facilitate the use of Canvas for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Favorite Pastimes: I very much enjoy antiquing and finding hidden treasures.

Center for Agricultural Law and Taxation



Micki Nelson

Title: Program Administrator

Start Date: May 2018

Job Duties: I support our law and tax content experts in the promotion and execution of the center's continuing education programming schedule. I work as CALT's communications specialist, customer service membership manager and continuing education administrator.

Favorite Pastimes: I have two active Ames Little Cyclones so my husband and I spend a lot of time as 'fans in the stands' at school sporting or musical events. We also can't drive by a thrift store or auction without stopping.

Center for Crops Utilization Research



Janet Johnson

Title: Administrative Specialist II

Start Date: May 2018

Job Duties: Assistant to Director Kevin Keener. I assist with meetings, workshops and student payroll.

Favorite Pastimes: Enjoy the outdoors including hiking, camping and traveling.



Karla Long

Title: Program Coordinator

Start Date: September 2017

Job Duties: I am responsible for the finances and human resource activities for my department.

Favorite Pastimes: My hobbies include kickboxing, reading, cooking and baking. I like to spend my free time with my family and re-decorating my house.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Administration

Lynn Laws

Title: Program Coordinator I
Start Date: August 2017



Kenneth Toft

Title: System Support Specialist III
Start Date: December 2017
Job Duties: I maintain and support CALS' servers and some of the systems for ITS. I also tend to support VIP clients and DPS.
Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy rock climbing, riding my motorcycle, and more sedentary activities like reading, building electronic devices and playing computer games.

Kim Vo

Title: Accountant II
Start Date: September 2017

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Global Programs



Rachel Pierce

Title: Study Abroad Adviser

Start Date: July 2017

Job Duties: I am responsible for advising students and recruiting for study abroad programs offered through the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Study Abroad office.

Favorite Pastimes: I enjoy spending time with my friends and family.

Iowa State Research Farms

Teresa Arnold

Title: Administrative Specialist II

Start Date: May 2018

John Beckman



Title: Ag Specialist II

Start Date: December 2017

Job Duties: At the Armstrong Research Farm, I follow research protocols developed by professors and graduate students and give them information on the crop studies/trials.

Favorite Pastimes: I like to ride my motorcycle, go golfing, hang out with friends and family and go camping.

Nick Upah

Title: Agricultural Specialist I

Start Date: November 2017
