

## Staiger named Head of Botany and Plant Pathology

[Christopher Staiger](#), Distinguished Professor of Biological Sciences at Purdue, Adjunct Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology at the IU School of Medicine, and Fellow of the American Society of Plant Biologists, has been appointed professor and head of Purdue's Department of Botany and Plant Pathology, effective July 1. He succeeds Peter Goldsbrough, who is returning to his faculty role after serving as department head since 2006. Dr. Staiger received his bachelor's degree graduating magna cum laude with honors in biology from Carleton College, and his PhD in botany from the University of California, Berkeley. He served as a senior research associate at the John Innes Centre for Plant Science Research in England before joining the faculty in the Department of Biological Sciences at Purdue. Dr. Staiger was named University Faculty Scholar in 2000 and Distinguished Professor in 2015. He was part of the C3Bio team that won the 2014 TEAM Award. "Chris brings an outstanding scholarly record, international recognition, a focus on faculty success, and a real enthusiasm to serve in his new role," said Dean Jay Akridge. "I am excited about the future of the Department under his leadership. I also want to say thank you and express my deepest appreciation to Peter for ten great years of service as head of our Department of Botany and Plant Pathology. He has been an outstanding leader and the department has accomplished much under his leadership."

