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AWARDS & HONORS

Graduate Students



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

- ★ **2025 Indiana Seed Industry Grad Student Study Award**
- ★ **2ND Place - Student Oral Presentation Competition at World Congress on In Vitro Biology (St. Louis)**



**Hannah
Levengood**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

- ★ **ASA Poster Competition - 2nd Place C3 Crop Management**
- ★ **Marvin & Barbara Phillips Scholarship**
- ★ **M.O. Pence Graduate Scholarship**



**Erick
Oliva Fuentes**





Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

GRADUATE STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

SEND Lab - Multifunctional Soil Probe Utility



**Jhacolby
Williams**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

THE JOHN D. AXTELL MEMORIAL FUND IN PLANT BREEDING & GENETICS



**Amare
Hailessilase**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

DR. JERRY V. MANNERING AWARD IN SOIL CONSERVATION & MANAGEMENT



**Lynda
Peter**

&

**Krista
Zapata**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

THE STANLEY A. BARBER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP IN SOIL FERTILITY & PLANT NUTRITION



**Kwame
Ampong**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

THE DOW AGROSCIENCES GRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



**Binod
Joshi**

&

**Hannah
Levengood**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

ALVIN J. OHLROGGE GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP



- **Juliana Rodriguez**
- **Leonie Trabert**
- **Malena Bartabura Silva**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

DR. WYMAN E. NYQUIST MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



**Henrique
Feiler**

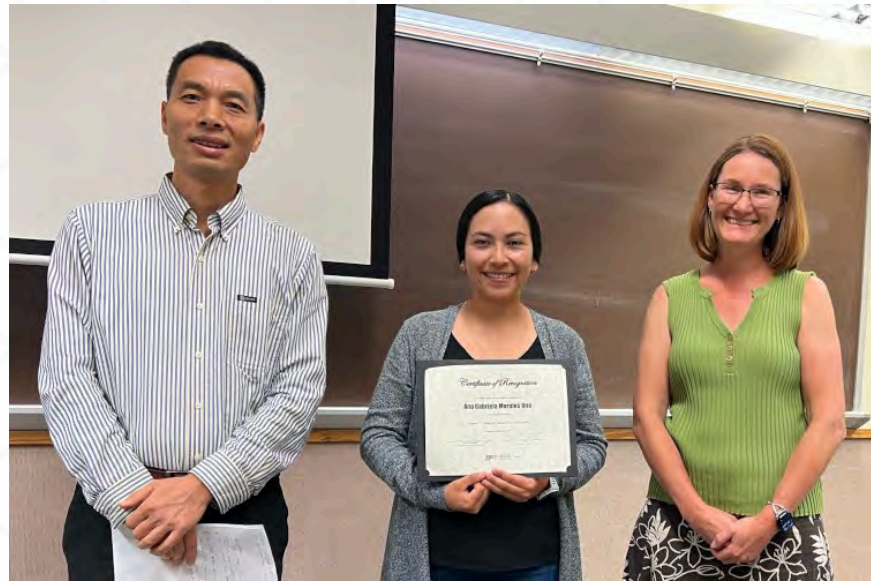
&

**Samantha
Barker**



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

THE WAYNE P. ROTHGEB MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Ana
Morales Ona



Awards & Honors – Graduate Students

SARE GRADUATE STUDENT GRANT

One of only 3 Graduate Students from Purdue to receive the award



**Binod
Joshi**

Purdue Agroecology Lab

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AWARDS & HONORS

Undergraduate Students



Awards & Honors – Undergraduates

CATE UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH GRANT

Office of Academic Programs, College of Agriculture



Ismael

De Lara

Purdue Agroecology Lab



2024 Agronomy Ambassadors



**3rd row: Corban, Ahren, Josh, Logan, Jonathan, Jeremy,
2nd row: Benton, Raelyn, Allaina, Emily, Kaia, Jason, Camden,
Front row: Amanda, Kyra, Kate, Hannah, Ava, Shayla, Shelby**

Not pictured: Ruby, Maddie

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WHERE HAVE WE BEEN?

Events, Competitions, & Conferences



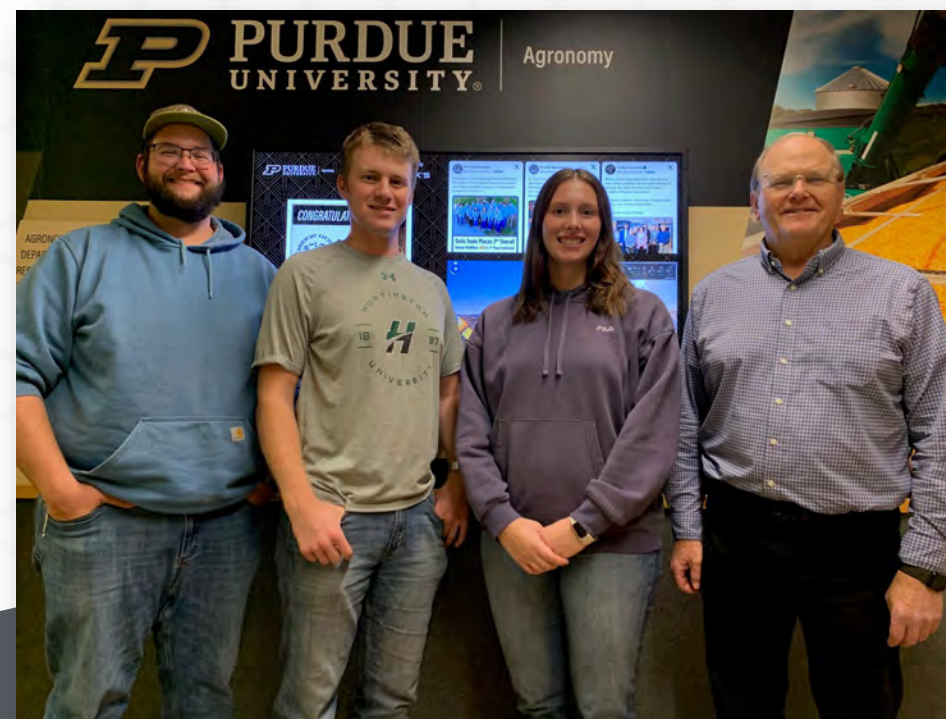
Events, Competitions, & Conferences

AMERICAN FORAGE & GRASSLAND CONFERENCE

- 2nd Place Team in 2024 Forage Bowl



Next year's team:





Events, Competitions, & Conferences

ASA REGION 3 SOILS CONTEST

- Soils Team Placed 2nd Overall
- Katelyn McMillan Placed 1st Individually





Events, Competitions, & Conferences

2024 SASES National Meeting - San Antonio



Pedology Team
Emily, Jackson and Kyra



Round Table discussion with tri society presidents

The Agronomy members were able to attend the Purdue Reception and interact with Alumni and past student friends.

Ruby and Kyra presenting Internship Posters



SASES Quiz Bowl
San Antonio

Purdue
Josh, Jason
Aleah & Jackson
Reserve Champs



6 rounds won and the championship was determined by a tie breaking question





Events, Competitions, & Conferences



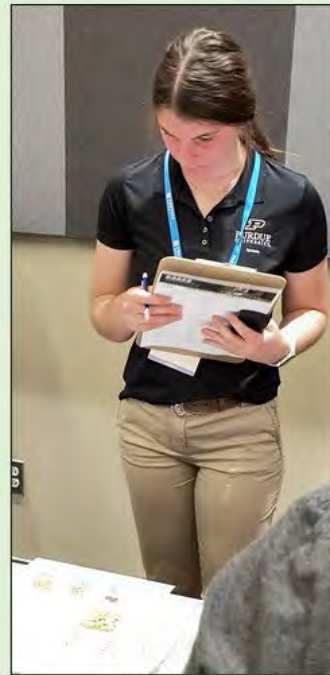
Jason tied for 3rd place Individual



Jason:
Plant ID

**SASES Crops Contest
San Antonio**

**Purdue
4th place Team**



Maddie: Seed ID
Overall: Tied for
24th Individual



Kate: lab practical
42nd individual overall



Josh: Seed ID
Overall: Tied for
10th Individual



Ruby out going SASES Secretary
2024



Incoming Vice President
2025



Events, Competitions, & Conferences



College of Ag Hay Roast

“Olympics”

Agronomy Club's 3 teams:

Bale Bandits

Kernel Crushers

Hay Hustlers





Events, Competitions, & Conferences

College of Ag Hbg Roast "Olympics"
Team Spirit Award Winners





Events, Competitions, & Conferences

OUTSTANDING OPTION CLUB

- Awarded by the College of Agriculture
- Hanna & Maddie accepted the award on behalf of the Agronomy Club





Events, Competitions, & Conferences

Department of Agronomy Wins 13th Annual College of Agriculture Food Drive

- Eileen Kladivko accepts coveted pitchfork





Events, Competitions, & Conferences

AGRONOMY GRADUATE STUDENT ORGANIZATION CHILI COOK-OFF

- Carson Pearl takes 1st Place



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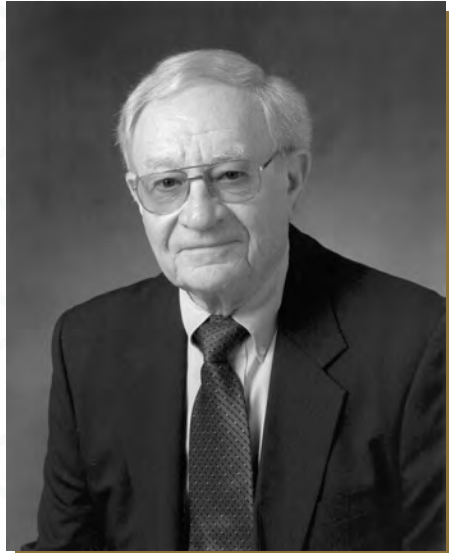
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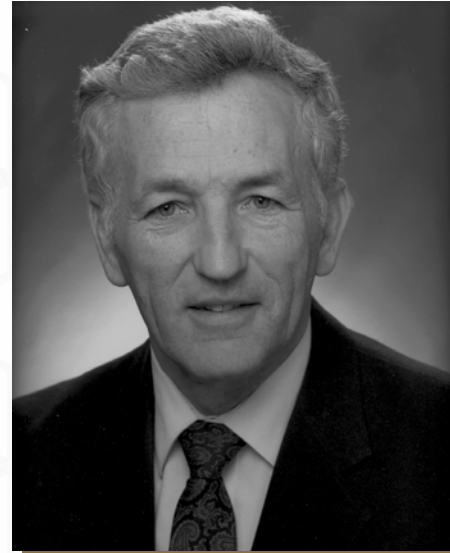
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AWARDS & HONORS

Legends of Agronomy



Ellsworth Christmas



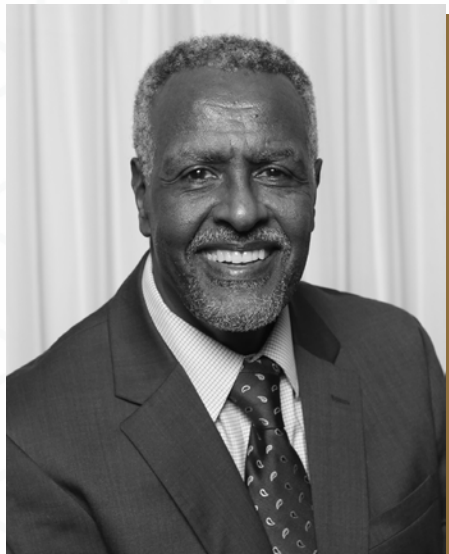
Bill McFee



Jim Vorst



Terry Lemming



Gebisa Ejeta



Connie Foster



Jim Beaty



Vic Lechtenberg

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AWARDS & HONORS

Faculty



Awards & Honors – Faculty

ORDER OF THE GRIFFIN

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Gebisa Ejeta



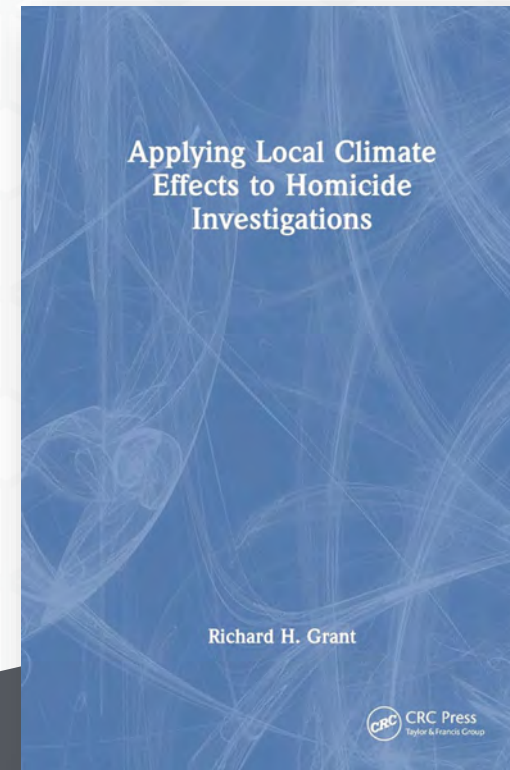


Awards & Honors – Faculty

BOOK PUBLICATION

Applying Local Climate Effects to Homicide Investigation

Dr. Rich Grant



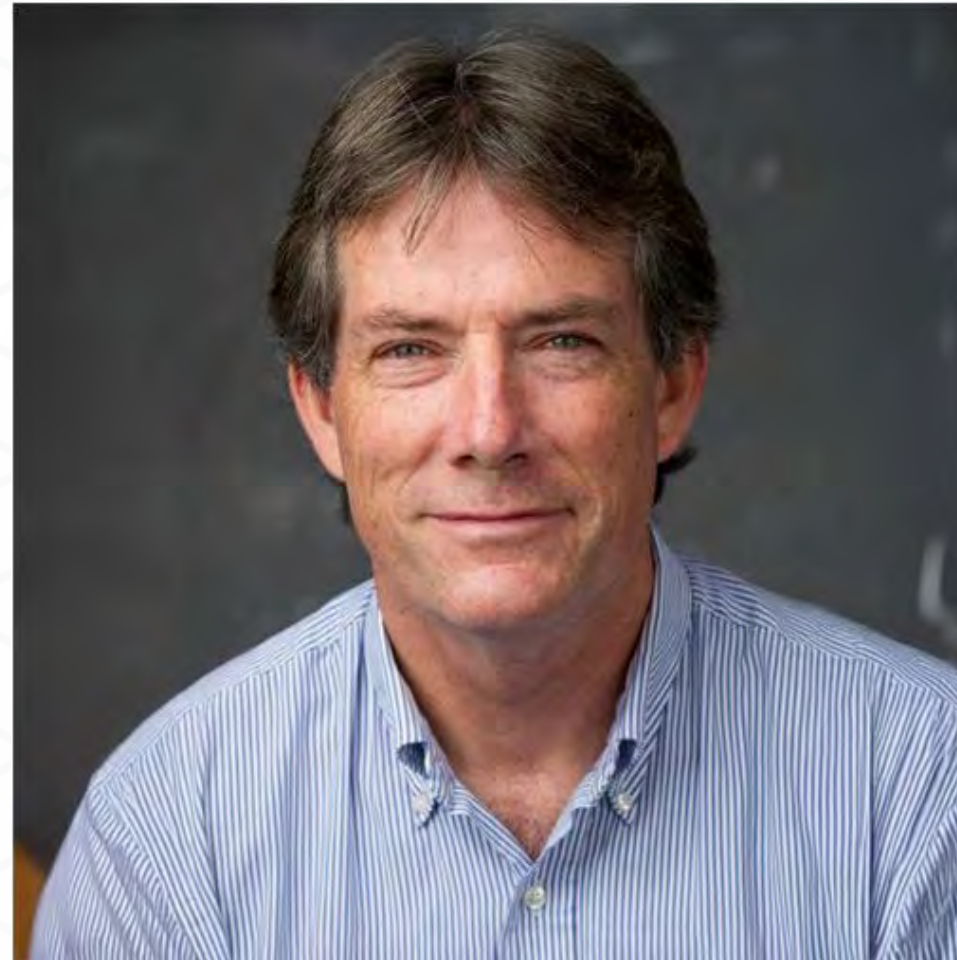


Awards & Honors – Faculty

R&D WORLD 2024

R&D 100 Award

Dr. Cliff Johnston





Awards & Honors – Faculty

PUCESA LEADERSHIP AWARD

Dr. Eileen Kladivko





Awards & Honors – Faculty

ASA WOMEN IN SCIENCE MENTORING AWARD

Dr. Linda Lee





Awards & Honors – Faculty

AgSEED RECIPIENTS:

Dr. Shaun Casteel



Dr. Sidd Paul



Dr. Cankui Zhang





Awards & Honors – Faculty

GOLDEN SHOVEL AWARD

Indiana FFA

Dr. Gary Steinhardt



"For over 50 years Dr. Gary Steinhardt has impacted hundreds of youth and adults in the world of Soil Science and Soil Judging. His passion and dedication has built the Soil Judging program in Indiana to be elite and successful at the national level for many years. Dr. Steinhardt is one of the key authors of the Soil Evaluation manual that is used to teach young people about soil evaluation. He has dedicated his time and talent to the state soil evaluation CDE for many years and the time has come for him to retire. We want to thank him for his tireless efforts and dedication to so many!"



Awards & Honors – Faculty

BOOK PUBLICATION

The Urban Soil Guide

Dr. Anna Paltseva





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JANE SILVERTHORNE EARLY CAREER AWARD

Dr. Diane Wang



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Staff



Awards & Honors – Staff

10 YEARS OF SERVICE TO PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Lexie Wilson



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Alumni



Awards & Honors – Alumni

DISTINGUISHED AG ALUMNI

Jeffrey Habben

- PhD 1989, Agronomy
- Senior Research Manager, Corteva Agriscience



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AWARDS & HONORS

Research Teams



Awards & Honors – Research Teams

ACORN AWARD

RESEARCH GRANT IN EXCESS OF \$1 M

Two research teams which include Dr. Linda Lee:

PFAS Induced Alterations in Reward Processing - \$2,694,050.00

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Lead Investigator: Jason Cannon

Team: Daniel Foti, Julia Chester, Linda Lee, Ellen Wells

Comparative Neurotoxicity of PFAS - \$3,281,440.00

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

Lead Investigator: Jennifer Freeman

Team: Linda Lee, Chongli Yuan



Awards & Honors – Research Teams

INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT GRANT - \$100,000

College of Agriculture

Research Team of:

Dr. Shams Rahmani (Principal Investigator), Dr. Sidd Paul, Dr. Cankui Zhang, Dr. Eileen Kladivko, Dr. Darrell Schulze, Dr. Cliff Johnston, Dr. Roli Wilhelm, Dr. Prati Poudel, Dr. Yichao Rui, Jeff Bradford



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PROMOTIONS

Agronomy Faculty



Promotions

Dr. Shaun Casteel



PROMOTED TO

FULL PROFESSOR

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NEW FACULTY & STAFF

Saying Hello

+ New Faculty & Staff

Stephanie Orem



**ADMINISTRATIVE
ASSISTANT**

+ New Faculty & Staff

Dr. Anna Paltseva



CLINICAL ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Urban Soil Science

+ New Faculty & Staff

Sophia Qu



**GRADUATE PROGRAM
ADMINISTRATOR**

+ New Faculty & Staff

Dr. Tesfaye Tesso



PROFESSOR

International Plant Breeding

+ New Faculty & Staff

Dr. Laura Bowling



DEPARTMENT HEAD

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MOVING ON

Saying Goodbye



Retirement

DR. KEITH JOHNSON

43 years with Agronomy





Retirement

DR. RICH GRANT

39 years with Agronomy



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BREAKING GROUND

New Facilities



New Facilities

ACRE GRAIN PROCESSING FACILITY



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AWARDS & HONORS

New for 2024



Awards & Honors – New for 2024

INDIANA CROP IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

CROPS & SOILS MERIT AWARD

CORNBELT SEED CONFERENCE

Dr. Jianxin Ma





Awards & Honors – New for 2024

2024 BECK FOUNDATION AGRONOMY SCHOLARSHIP

- Maddie Brink
- Jason Emsweller
- Josh Havron



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Thank you, and Happy Holidays!