

# CURRICULUM VITAE

R. MARSHALL STEWART, JR.

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**ACADEMIC TITLE: Professor, Communications and Agricultural Education**

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Nationally recognized as **leader and change agent** in the **modernization of Land Grant Universities** • Recognized for **leadership** in higher education and successful implementation of **culture change** at the campus, university system and community levels • Innovative initiatives to **strengthen research impact, modernize university engagement, and grow student enrollment** • Proven record of moving individual and institutional mindsets from **entitlement to entrepreneurship** and from **decentralization to collaboration** • Successful record in acquiring substantial **increases in state and federal appropriations** • Excellence in **talent acquisition** and **building strong leadership teams** • Administrative strengths in transitioning **budget model processes** and **leading large, complex, campus/statewide organizations** • Known for strong **partnership development and collaboration skills** to advance public and private university investments • Record of building **trust** and exhibiting an **inclusive and transparent leadership style** • Strengths in executing strategies to strengthen **university reputation and statewide support** for higher education • **Strategic thinker and strong communicator** with a track record of attaining high levels of internal and external **stakeholder engagement** • Personal and professional commitment to **servicing, leading, and growing others**

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## EDUCATION

- May 2003      Doctorate of Education, NC State University, Raleigh North Carolina
- Major: Occupational Education (Agricultural & Extension Education)
- May 1994      Master of Science, NC State University, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Agricultural Education (Agricultural & Extension Education)
- May 1986      Bachelor of Science, NC State University, Raleigh, North Carolina
- Education (Agricultural Education)
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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- January 2023 – present      Executive Vice President for External Engagement, Office of External Engagement, Kansas State University (*Acting President, September 2023 – December 2023 during the university president's illness*) and Chief of Staff, Office of the President, Kansas State University (dual role)
- June 2018 – January 2023      Chief Engagement Officer, University of Missouri System and Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement, University of Missouri-Columbia (dual system and campus role)
- August 2016 – June 2018      Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement, Office of Extension and Engagement, University of Missouri-Columbia

January 2014 – August 2016	Special Assistant to the Dean, Director of College Leadership and Strategy, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, NC State University; Director, Association of Public & Land-Grant Universities' Food Systems Leadership Institute
December 2012 – January 2014	Director of Strategic Planning, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences; Associate Director, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, State 4-H and Family & Consumer Sciences Program Leader, NC State University
October 2006 – December 2012	Associate Director, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service; Department Head and State 4-H and Family & Consumer Sciences Program Leader, Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences, NC State University
July 2006 – September 2006	Department Head and State 4-H and Family & Consumer Sciences Program Leader, Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences, NC State University
July 2005 – June 2006	Department Head and State 4-H Program Leader, Department of 4-H Youth Development, NC State University
October 2004 – June 2005	State Agricultural Education Coordinator & State FFA Advisor, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, NC State University
January 2004 – August 2004	Candidate, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, State of North Carolina (not employed by NC State University for eight months)
January 1996 – January 2004	State Agricultural Education Coordinator & State FFA Advisor, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, NC State University
October 1994 – December 1995	Executive Director, National Association of Agricultural Educators, Alexandria, Virginia
August 1991 – September 1994	Director/Team Leader, Teacher Services, National FFA Organization, Alexandria, Virginia; <i>March 1993 – December 1993 Administrator [Employee on Loan, National FFA Organization], National Council for Agricultural Education, Alexandria, Virginia</i>
August 1989 – August 1991	Program Specialist for Membership Development, National FFA Organization, Alexandria, Virginia
July 1988 – August 1989	National Leadership Manager, National FFA Organization, Alexandria, Virginia
August 1986 – June 1988	Agriculture Teacher, Midway High School, Sampson County Schools, North Carolina

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## CURRENT ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting directly to the President (dual role):

- **Executive Vice President for External Engagement, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.**
  - Responsible for all external university initiatives including but not limited to, university engagement, partnerships, government relations, corporate engagement, economic development, military affairs, K-State Extension, Division of Communications and Marketing, and public facing entities including the Beach Museum, K-State Gardens, McCain Theater.
  - Serves as the President's liaison for Kansas State University Alumni Association, Kansas State Foundation and Kansas State Athletics.
  - Leads university-wide extension, engagement and outreach focusing on opportunities to extend knowledge and partnership with individuals, communities, municipalities and other partners across the state, region, nation, and world.
  - Coordinates university-wide interdisciplinary institutes.
  - Facilitates partnerships with other universities in the Kansas Board of Regents system, KU Health System and community colleges.
  - Leads partnership development and stakeholder relations with local, state, and federal policymakers, university boards, advisory committees, affinity groups and partnering with community, corporate, government agency and non-profit sector leaders.
  - Partners closely with the Vice Presidents, Deans and Directors of the Colleges, Schools, Centers, Institutes and Divisions throughout the university to drive strategic university initiatives.
  - Travels extensively across the state on a regular basis connecting with partners and collaborators in communities of the state.
  - Serves on the K-State Athletics Board of Directors and K-State Foundation Board of Directors.
  - Serves on local, state, and national boards, committees, and initiatives to grow and expand public external engagement in higher education.
  
  - **Chief of Staff, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas**
  - Provides leadership and coordination for the Office of the President and President's cabinet.
  - Serves in the President's Cabinet and works closely on university governance issues with the Faculty Senate, University Distinguished Faculty, and Kansas Board of Regents.
  - Leads and participates in university-wide initiatives including related to students, faculty, facilities, budget, crisis management, data governance, federal and state legislative accountability, risk management and compliance.
  - Manages the Office of Civil Rights and Title IX.
  - Serves on the Student Union Board of Directors.
  - Participants in all senior university administrative meetings of the President.
  - Connects regularly with faculty senate, university distinguished professors, staff council and student government to enhance communication, partnership and university climate.
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## PROFESSIONAL IMPACT

Higher Education – University Leadership – January 2023 – present

- **Executive Vice President for External Engagement, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas**
- Created a new Office of External Engagement that includes all external aspects of the university including university engagement, partnerships, government relations, corporate engagement, economic development, military affairs, K-State Extension, Division of Communications and Marketing, and public facing entities including the Beach Museum, K-State Gardens, McCain Theater, K-State Foundation, Athletics and Alumni.
- Implemented the elevation of K-State Extension from a college asset to a university-wide asset to enhance university impact and public support for the university.

- Re-organized and implemented a new model for university corporate engagement and the KSU Research Foundation to increase external partnerships and tech transfer/commercialization.
  - Implemented a new economic development strategy for the university.
  - Developed and executed a new state and federal legislative strategy and government relations operation to dramatically increase public investment and university impact.
  - Created the interdisciplinary, university-wide Kansas Water Institute (including eight colleges).
  - Established the interdisciplinary, university-wide Data Analytics/Digital Agriculture Institute (including 3 colleges).
  - Implemented a new partnership framework for university military affairs with specific focus on Ft. Riley.
  - Implemented a new leadership model for the university's *PowerCat* Financial Planning initiative for students and external partners.
  - Initiated and completed the *2024 Economic Impact Study* for Kansas State University to benchmark the impact of the university in the state.
  - Re-organized and elevated the McCain Theater, Beach Museum and K-State Gardens as university-wide cultural community assets for the university including new financial investments and fund-raising strategy.
  - Implemented a new budget five-year forecasting model for all direct reports to ensure accountability and financial stewardship.
  - Implemented a new planning process to ensure alignment between philanthropic and legislative efforts to ensure greater leveraging of resources and university impact.
  - Implemented a new accountability reporting system to ensure good stewardship of federal and state legislative funds.
- **Chief of Staff, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas**
  - Developed a new staffing plan; hired and on-boarded a new team for the Office of the President.
  - Downsized the cabinet by three members to increase leadership effectiveness.
  - Re-organized the cabinet meeting cadence and agendas to ensure leadership level discussions and actionable outcomes.
  - Reset the crisis management approach used for anticipating and responding to critical campus-based incidents.
  - Accompany and assist the President in addressing confidential and highly controversial issues that cover the breadth of the university.

#### Higher Education – University and System Leadership – June 2018 – January 2023

- **Chief Engagement Officer, University of Missouri System, Columbia, Missouri.**
- Built an inclusive approach for engagement that leverages the knowledge and expertise of all four campuses for the citizens of the state with oversight of a \$10 million budget.
- Led efforts with the UM System President, General Officers, University Senior Leaders and the four University Chancellors and their executive staffs to strengthen engagement from their campus and to bridge their expertise to the faculty and staff structure of MU Extension and Engagement.
- Launched February 2018, in partnership with the UM system office, the Presidential Engagement Fellows program for 15 faculty from the four campuses who are selected to be part of a year-long recognition program through which they do programs across the state with various civic and community organizations to highlight their research, expertise and impact on the state
- Co-chaired the *2018 Economic Impact Study for the University of Missouri System*. This study reported the impact of the four campuses of the university system being \$5.5 billion per year for the state of Missouri.
- Established University Engagement Leaders (2019) at UMSL, UMKC and Missouri S&T to increase university engagement and impact throughout the state.
- Implemented “engagemo.org” (university engagement portal) for each university (2020).
- Implemented “mobroadband.org” (broadband resource rail) as a community-based resource to highlight funding and technology opportunities.
- Implemented “healthcarefind.org” (health finder tool for University of Missouri health care assets).

- Oversight of the university system's primary affinity groups: Missouri 100, Inter-Campus Alumni Alliance, Flagship Council, UM/MU Retirees, MU Extension & Engagement Advisory Committee, Friends of Extension and Friends of the President.
- Established a new advancement strategy (2020) to support system-wide engagement initiatives.
- Developed and implemented a new higher education advocacy program for stakeholder affinity groups to increase public understanding and support for the University of Missouri System.
- Co-chaired the *2022 Economic Impact Study for the University of Missouri System*. The study reported the impact of the four campuses of the university system being \$6.5 billion per year for the state of Missouri.

#### Higher Education – University Leadership – August 2016 – January 2023

- **Vice Chancellor for Extension and Engagement**, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri.
- Oversight of an annual budget of \$78 million and faculty/staff FTE of over 650.
- Initiated a *Listen and Learn* tour that brought him in contact with thousands of Missourians across the state in his first 100 days to learn about the state and develop a relationship with the university's stakeholders in 114 counties and the City of St. Louis.
- Led a statewide needs assessment process (2017) known as *Building Our Future Together* (BOFT) that included a quantitative, qualitative and 3<sup>rd</sup> party external review.
- Led the implementation of a programmatic, faculty and staff restructuring of MU Extension and Engagement to fully embrace MU's Land Grant Mission of extending and engaging by focusing on the critical issues of economic development, educational excellence, and healthy futures for all Missourians.
- Created and implemented an off-campus faculty position (Engagement Specialist) to connect the university and university system in all 114 counties and the City of St. Louis.
- Renamed and rebranded the official office name to the University of Missouri Office for Extension and Engagement.
- Established an on-going, re-imagined organizational process known as *All Things Missouri*.
- Led new strategies that embrace both high touch and high-tech opportunities to serve the state's 6.2 million citizens including: (1) NEXUS@MIZZOU – new e-learning and e-commerce platform; (2) MU IMPACT PORTAL – new public portal to display engagement impacts of MU in every county and community of the state; (3) ALL THINGS MISSOURI – new online public knowledge center for communities in the state; (4) MU EXTENSION WAY – establishing a new organizational culture for Extension and Engagement.
- Initiated and led a 2017 economic impact study that revealed MU Extension's economic impact to be \$945 million per year, (\$1 to \$11 return on investment). In 2022, led a follow-up study that reported a \$1.2 billion economic impact from MU Extension in the state (\$1 to \$13 return on investment).
- Established new open lines of internal and external communications through two monthly on-line, live forums (*Easy Access* and *Administrative Leadership Meeting*), one new external monthly on-line newsletter for external partners and stakeholders (*The Network*) and one updated internal monthly on-line newsletter for faculty, staff and internal partners (*Exchange*).
- Initiated a semester-long on-line statewide leadership series (January 2017) for faculty and staff.
- Established the MU Engagement Council (March 2017) for creating a central point for discussions and dialogue for the future of MU becoming a model 21<sup>st</sup> century, destination engagement campus with over 155 faculty, staff and students representing all campus colleges and units.
- Developed strong partnerships and meaningful programmatic relationships with the Office of Research, Provost Office, MU Athletics, MU Alumni Association, MU Development and the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and every College and School at MU.
- Facilitated establishment of the nation's first campus Engagement and Research partnership for Broader Impacts Network to highlight the relevance of research to local communities. The *National Broader Impacts Center*, funded by the National Science Foundation, is housed at MU.
- Established and strengthen relationships with federal, state, and local policymakers on behalf of the university.
- Facilitated the establishment with other partners (State Departments of Agriculture and Economic Development, the Governor's Office, state and federal legislators and the Missouri Farm Bureau) the

State's Broadband Access working group to galvanize support for improving access for all Missourians and establish the State Broadband Office.

- Established a new model for improving state legislative relationships through a local and regional strategy.
- Initiated an effort for conducting face-to-face meetings with every county commissioner and Extension council in the state within a period of 100 days that now occurs on an annual basis.
- Established the Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Council (EDIC) (November 2019) for the Office of Extension and Engagement to focus on strengthening the Office's programmatic efforts, on/off-campus, as related to diversity and inclusion.
- Established the "mofoodfinder.org" (May 2020 – connecting producers/consumers in the COVID-19 era).
- Initiated the State Extension and Engagement Advisory Council (June 2020) to provide strategic, community-based guidance and advice for strengthening the university's engagement and statewide impact.
- Established the MU Extension and Engagement Philanthropy Cabinet and Land Grant Giving Society (June 2020).
- Achieved \$37 million (September 2020) in financial resources as a part of the university's 5-year public campaign; the goal set in 2015 was \$25 million. This was the first time Extension and Engagement had been a part of the university's campaign.
- Appointed by the University President to Co-chair *Agriculture Experiment Station Forward* Task Force in spring 2021 creating a new strategic direction for the future of agricultural research impact for the University of Missouri. The AES Forward report is now the blueprint for the future of the University of Missouri agricultural research centers.
- Partnered with key leaders in the Missouri State Legislature to secure a \$5 million (2022) new investment in MU Extension and Engagement.
- Secured a \$500,000 gift from MFA Foundation, Inc. to support mental health challenges in rural Missouri.

#### Higher Education – College Leadership – December 2012 – August 2016

- Joined the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) leadership team to take on a college-wide responsibility focused on strategic planning for one year with a 50% College administrative appointment. (to accommodate this new role, stepped down as Department Head while maintaining the NCCES Associate Director and State 4-H and FCS Program Leader roles). In addition to statewide Extension responsibilities, focused efforts on the execution of a comprehensive strategic planning process that engaged hundreds of internal and external College stakeholders. The resulting plan, *Our Envisioned Future*, provided a strategy for the College for reallocation of existing and creation of new resources to position the College as a leading College of Agriculture and Life Sciences for the next decade.
- Accepted full-time role as **Special Assistant to the Dean and Director of College Leadership & Strategy**, CALS, NC State University (January 2014).
- Focused on the development of new and innovative leadership development programs for the College's internal and external stakeholders.
- Served as chief strategy officer for the College with the responsibility of leading the refinement and execution of the College's strategic plan.
- Developed strategic partnerships and strengthened external relations with policymakers for the College.
- Served as **National Director of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities' Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI)** as a part of the College administrative appointment.
- Coordinated the College's legislative work on the Plant Sciences Initiative (PSI) and Food Manufacturing Initiative (FMI) and secured \$600,000 from the North Carolina General Assembly to conduct economic feasibility studies for these two initiatives
- Secured PSI funding through a statewide bond referendum (\$85 million) and private resource development for a new plant sciences complex (\$165 million initiative) and the FMI Governor's task force (PSI projected to have a \$9.2 billion economic impact creating over 32,000 jobs; FMI projected to have a \$10.3 billion economic impact creating over 38,000 jobs).

- Established CALS leadership initiatives including: (1) Warren Leadership and Public Policy Program, a year-long leadership and public policy program focused on food and agricultural issues for undergraduate students in the College that was established through a \$2 million donor commitment; (2) CALS PROUD, leadership development for CALS faculty and personnel with the 2015 rollout focusing on leadership development of non-faculty staff; (3) Public Leadership Development, preparing stakeholders for public leadership opportunities.
- Led the development of the CALS strategic plan dashboard to enable the College administration to track progress being made on the strategic plan.
- Served as the College's primary contact for creating the BIG IDEAS faculty proposal process.

#### Higher Education – Department/College Leadership – July 2005 – December 2012

- Appointed **Department Head and State 4-H Program Leader**, NC State University (July 2005).
- Grew state 4-H participation from 187,000 (2005) to 237,000 (2005 – 2012).
- Secured \$11.5 million (2007-2008) capital improvement funding for the state 4-H camping program.
- Initiated efforts (2007) for 4-H in STEM disciplines with \$50,000 recurring legislative appropriations.
- Established Youth and Family Summits (2007, 2008) with state agencies and non-profits.
- Led the “*We Are 4-H*” Centennial in 2009 which led to reconnecting to thousands of former 4-H participants, a new fundraising campaign (*Campaign for the Clover*), a hunger relief initiative (*4-H: Hungry to Help*) and a new partnership with the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for youth engagement in county and state government.
- Led the academic departmental merger of the Department of 4-H Youth Development and Family & Consumer Sciences (now known as the Department of Agricultural and Human Sciences).
- **Department Head and State Program Leader for 4-H and FCS**, NC State University (July 2006)
- Doubled the size of the Department's faculty and staff. During his tenure, he provided leadership for over 65 faculty and staff.
- Facilitated with faculty the merger and establishment of a new graduate program, Family Life and Youth Development (FYD); approved by the University of North Carolina-General Administration, (April 2010).
- Initiated the establishment of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-ED) for NC Cooperative Extension.
- Establishment of a Continuing Professional Education Continuum for FCS and 4-H agents led by campus faculty for field faculty and professionals providing critical subject matter and leadership development training needs.
- Established the Department as the host of *International Journal of Volunteer Administration*.
- Diversified Department funding to include research, academic and extension funding streams.
- **Associate Director, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service (NCCES)** title officially added to existing Department Head and State Program Leader titles (October 1, 2006).
- Charged with providing strategic leadership and direction for statewide initiatives to address the challenges facing youth and families of the state including, but not limited to: economic development, K-12 education, STEM, youth leadership and citizenship, volunteer administration, health and wellness, nutrition, poverty, energy conservation, military family support, community development, financial resource management and continuing professional education for Extension field faculty.
- Partnered in the establishment of two Early College High Schools in rural northeastern North Carolina that focused on agriculture and biotechnology.
- Established a leadership program partnership with Center for Creative Leadership for women living in rural and underserved areas.
- Implemented the *ASPIRE* (ACT prep program for rural high school students) through the Youth and Families (4-H and FCS) programs of North Carolina Cooperative Extension. This program typically raised ACT scores by 3.5 points thereby increasing acceptance rates to NC State for rural students.
- Initiated *JUNTOS* (TOGETHER) to assist Latino youth and families in transitioning to higher education. Since its inception, the program has served over 10,000 NC youth/families. In 2011, the program moved to national adoption now offered in 15 states by Land Grant Universities..
- Latino Statewide Facilitator position was created, and a leader was hired in 2007 to guide Extension efforts to increase participation by the state's Latino populations. This was the first Latino hired with statewide leadership responsibilities by NC State Extension.

- Led NCCES efforts for the state Extension system in the areas of advocacy training for volunteer advisory leaders and Extension faculty.

Public Service – January 2004 – October 2004

- Sought the office of State Superintendent of Public Instruction.
- Developed a statewide grassroots campaign and was the top vote getter in a three-way June primary.
- Defeated in a July runoff.
- Logged over 35,000 miles in 85 counties, gaining tremendously from the experience.
- Increased knowledge and understanding of public policy and community-based challenges.
- Rehired at NC State University as **State Agricultural Education Coordinator** (October 2004) and served in that capacity until July 2005.

Higher Education – Unit/Departmental Leadership – January 1996 – January 2004

- **State Agricultural Education Coordinator**, NC State University, Raleigh, North Carolina.
- Implemented the nation’s first model for state agricultural education leadership on a university campus.
- Established strong stakeholder relations throughout the state.
- Revamped the statewide curriculum in business, science, technology and leadership.
- Focused and led efforts to open new agricultural education programs.
- Established a Summer Professional Development Institute for agriculture teachers
- Student enrollment grew from 28,000 (1996) to 42,000 (2004) students and from 330 (1996) to 380 (2004) agriculture teaching positions.

Non-Profit Leadership – July 1988 – January 1996

- **National Manager**, Leadership Programs, National FFA Organization, Alexandria, Virginia.
- Revised the leadership curriculum and marketing efforts for the *Washington Conference Program*.
- Increased participation for the long-standing WLC program.
- Facilitated the creation of new leadership and personal development conference, *Made for Excellence*.
- Named **Program Specialist**, FFA Membership Development (August 1989).
- Secured corporate funding for a national FFA membership recruitment, retention and marketing program entitled *Project Growth* that resulted in FFA’s first membership increase in 13 years.
- Named **Director/Team Leader**, FFA Teacher Services (August 1991).
- Implemented an intensive customer service focus within the national organization.
- Increased teacher professional development and creation of new teacher resources.
- Named **Administrator** (July 1993) of the National Council for Agricultural Education (NCAE) for nine months during a period of transition and re-organization in addition to current job.
- Named as **Executive Director**, National Vocational Agriculture Teachers’ Association (October 1994).
- Implemented engagement strategy with board and membership for a successful financial recovery plan.
- Developed and led lobbying and legislative efforts working closely with the United States Congress, United States Department of Agriculture, and United States Department of Education.

Public School Teacher – August 1986 – July 1988

- **Agriculture teacher**, Midway High School, Sampson County, North Carolina.
- Diversified the curriculum to include horticulture and greenhouse operations.
- Grew enrollment dramatically (60 to 120 students) and with increases in gender and ethnic diversity.
- Established one of the first agricultural education computer labs in the state.

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## CONTRACTS, GRANTS, GIFTS

Lead Principal Investigator – Kansas Water Institute, State of Kansas, \$5,000,000 annually, July 2024 – recurring.

Lead Principal Investigator – Biosecurity Research, State of Kansas, \$2,200,000 annually, July 2024 – 10-year recurring commitment through July 2034.

Lead Principal Investigator – FORGE Grant, Kansas Department of Commerce, \$500,000, July 2024 – continuing.

Lead Principal Investigator – K-State 105, State of Kansas, \$5,000,000 annually (2 years), July 2023 – June 2025.

Lead Principal Investigator – Flinchbaugh Center for Ag and Food Policy Memorandum.

Principal Investigator – Smith-Lever Funds, United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute for Food and Agriculture, ≅ \$55 million, August 15, 2016 – January 21, 2023.

Principal Investigator – Warren Leadership Program, Gift from Joe and Gail Dunn Family, Establishment of a \$2 million endowment, July 1, 2014 – August 1, 2016.

Principal Investigator – Youth Extension Service (YES), United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute for Food and Agriculture, in partnership with the Department of Defense, \$6.3 million, April 15, 2010 – August 1, 2016.

Co-Principal Investigator – Building Pathways for Access, Mentoring, and Leadership in Agriculture, Golden Leaf Foundation, \$150,000, January 1, 2014 – August 1, 2016.

Principal Investigator – NCSU K-12 and STEM Strategy, Carnegie Foundation subcontract through North Carolina New Schools Project, \$150,000, October 1, 2012 – March 7, 2014.

Principal Investigator – NC Migrant Education & 4-H Youth Development Project, Department of Public Instruction, \$118,742; July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011.

Principal Investigator – Bertie County Schools Early College Partnership and School Liaison, Department of Public Instruction through Bertie County Schools, \$65,000, February 1, 2007 – December 1, 2013.

Principal Investigator – Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in Education (SNAP-ED), North Carolina Department of Social Services and United States Department of Agriculture, \$2.2 million, October 1, 2008 – September 30, 2010.

Principal Investigator – Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant for the Eastern 4-H Center in partnership with the North Carolina Agriculture Foundation, Inc., \$1.9 million, July 1, 2007 – June 30, 2008.

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## **LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATIONS/STATE AGENCY SUCCESSES**

### 2026 Federal Congressional Directed Spending

- \$5.5 million Research Facilities, College of Agriculture
- \$5.0 million Nuclear Engineering
- \$5.0 million Bulk Solid/Advanced Manufacturing Lab
- \$12 million Biomanufacturing/Animal Vaccine Commercialization Lab
- \$4.9 million College of Veterinary Science Lab

### 2025 Kansas State Legislature

- \$360 million – total FY26 State Appropriations for K-State (27% increase)
  - Included General Fund, Line-Item Appropriations increases, and Bonded Veterinary Diagnostic Lab (\$128 million) for K-State.

#### 2025 Federal Congressional Success

- \$28 million – successfully reinstated the only Feed Future Lab/US Department of State

#### 2024 Kansas State Legislature

- \$263 million – total FY25 State Appropriations for Kansas State (45% increase)
  - Includes General Fund and Line-Item Appropriations directly to K-State.

#### 2024 Federal Congressional Directed Spending

- \$40.5 million – total for Kansas State (100% increase)
  - Includes projects on the Manhattan and Salina campuses.

#### 2024 – Department of Commerce

- \$500,000 – FORGE Grant (supporting Corporate Engagement re-org) – Non-recurring.

#### 2023 – Kansas State Legislature

- \$215 million – total FY24 State Appropriations for Kansas State (18% increase).
  - Includes General Fund and Line-Item Appropriations directly to K-State.

#### 2022 – Missouri State Legislature

- \$5 million – MU Extension and Engagement – Non-recurring.

#### 2022 – Office of the Governor

- \$1 million – MoExcel Grant – (partnership with Provost Office) – Non-recurring.

#### 2021 – Missouri State Legislature

- \$660,000 – Pesticide Applicator Training – Non-recurring.

#### 2021 – Department of Conservation

- \$400,000 – Feral Hog Eradication Program – Recurring.

#### 2016 – North Carolina State Legislature

- \$85 million – NC State Plant Science Initiative – (through *ConnectNC Bond* Referendum).
- \$200,000 – NC State Agricultural Institute – Recurring.
- \$300,000 – Eastern 4-H Center – Non-recurring.
- \$100,000 – NC FFA Center – (through NCDA) – Non-recurring.
- \$120,000 – Agricultural Education Program – NC Tobacco Trust Fund – target to six high school agricultural education programs in central and eastern North Carolina – Non-recurring.

#### 2015 – North Carolina State Legislature

- \$40,000 – NC FFA Center – (through NCDA) – Recurring.
- \$180,000 – NC Agricultural Education Program Improvement – (through NC Tobacco Trust Fund) – Recurring.

#### 2014 – North Carolina State Legislature

- \$2.5 million – NC Agricultural Research Stations – (through NCDA) – Non-recurring.
- \$350,000 – NC State Plant Science Initiative Feasibility Study – Non-recurring.
- \$250,000 – Food Manufacturing Initiative Feasibility Study – Non-recurring.
- \$40,000 – NC FFA Center – (through NCDA) – Recurring.

#### 2013 – North Carolina State Legislature

- \$2.5 million – NC Agricultural Research Station – (through NCDA) – Non-recurring.
- \$35,855 – NC FFA Center – (through NCDA) – Recurring.
- \$180,000 – NC Agricultural Education Program Improvement – (through NC Tobacco Trust Fund) – Recurring.

2012 – North Carolina State Legislature

- \$37,531 – NC FFA Center – (through NCDA) – Recurring

2008 – North Carolina State Legislature

- \$4 million – NC 4-H Youth Development – Non-recurring

2007 – North Carolina State Legislature

- \$7.5 million – NC 4-H Youth Development – Non-recurring
  - \$50,000 – NC 4-H STEM – Recurring
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## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

Stewart, R.M., Moore, G.E. & Flowers, J.L. "Emerging Educational and Agricultural Trends and Their Impact on the Secondary Agricultural Education Program", National American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA) Conference, Wooster, Ohio, June 2005.

Stewart, R.M., Moore, G.E. & Flowers, J.L. "Emerging Educational and Agricultural Trends and Their Impact on the Secondary Agricultural Education Program", Proceedings of the Southern Agricultural Education Research Conference, Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists Meeting, Tulsa, Oklahoma, February 2004.

Stewart, R.M., Moore, G.E. & Flowers, J.L. Emerging Educational and Agricultural Trends and Their Impact on the Secondary Agricultural Education Program, American Vocational Education Research Association, Orlando, Florida, December 2003.

Stewart, R.M., Moore, G.E. & Flowers, J.L. Emerging Educational and Agricultural Trends and Their Impact on the Secondary Agricultural Education Program, North Carolina Council for Vocational Teacher Educators Research Meeting, Raleigh, North Carolina, July 2003.

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## **TEXTBOOKS AND MANUALS**

Stewart, R.M., Lee, J.S., Hunter, S., Scheil, B., Frazee, S., & Terry, R., 2004. Developing Leadership & Communication Skills. Pearson Education, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Stewart, R.M. & Croom, D.B., 2004. Developing Leadership & Communication Skills Activity Manual, Pearson Education, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Stewart, R.M. & Croom, D.B., 2004. Developing Leadership & Communication Skills Activity Manual Instructor's Guide, Pearson Education, Upper Saddle River, New Jersey.

Hunter, S., Stewart, R.M., Scheil, B., Terry, R., & Frazee, S. 1997. Developing Leadership and Personal Skills. Interstate Publishers, Danville, Illinois.

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## **GRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEES**

Jesse Faber, Doctoral Committee, Agricultural Education and Leadership – 2020 to present.

Ashley Mueller, Doctoral Committee, Agricultural Education and Leadership – Graduated 2021.

Tammy Kelly, Doctoral Committee, Agricultural and Extension Education – Graduated 2016.

Shannon McCollum, Doctoral Committee, Agricultural and Extension Education – Graduated 2015.

Billie Hawley, Master's Committee, Agricultural and Extension Education – Graduated 2007.

Jason Davis, Doctoral Committee, Agricultural and Extension Education – 2009 to 2016.

Mark Blevins, Doctoral Committee, Agricultural and Extension Education – 2014 to 2016.

Alyssa Degreenia, Master's Committee, Agricultural and Extension Education – 2014 to 2016.

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## **INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES**

December 2021	Established partnership with Convoy of Hope relief organization through a USAID grant for MU Extension faculty to provide agricultural technical assistance training to farmers and educators in the Bahamas, December 2021 – present.
July 2019	China Discovery Trip to strengthen the connection between China Agricultural Universities and the United States Land Grant Universities, July 15-21.
April 2015	China Trade Mission with the North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services and representatives from the Pork, Tobacco, Soybean and Forestry Industries, NC State University College of Life Sciences, April 10 – 18.
January 2014	Brazil Leadership Tour with the North Carolina Tobacco Trust Commission Leadership Development Program, NC State University College of Life Sciences, January 11 – 19.
August 2013	Honduras 4-H/FFA Youth Development Initiative, CALS International Office, NC State University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences August 3 – 9.
Jan./Feb. 2003	Japan Leadership Agricultural and Educational Tour Program, National FFA Organization, Sponsored by Mitsui Corporation, January 27 – February 5.
January 1992	Japan/China Leadership Agricultural and Educational Tour Program, National FFA Organization, Sponsored by Mitsui Corporation, January 27 – February 7.

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## **UNIVERSITY TEACHING**

Guest Lecturer, Current Issues in Higher Education, EDCEP 831, Kansas State University, Spring 2026.

Instructor, History and Leadership of the Land Grant University, AG ED LD 8210, Kansas State University, Summer 2025.

Instructor, History and Leadership of the Land Grant University, AG ED LD 8210, University of Missouri, (in partnership with K-State and the Great Plains Initiative), Summer 2023.

Instructor, History and Leadership of the Land Grant University, AG ED LD 8210, University of Missouri, Summer 2021.

Instructor, History and Leadership of the Land Grant University, AG ED LD 8210, University of Missouri, Summer 2020.

Guest Lecturer, Organizational Systems in Non-Formal Youth Development, ECI 509, NC State University, 2005.

Guest Lecturer, Student Teaching in Agriculture, AEE 427, NC State University, 1996-2005.

Guest Lecturer, Foundations in Agricultural and Extension Education, AEE 501, NC State University, 2005.

Guest Lecturer, Leadership Development in Agriculture, AEE 323, NC State University, 2001-2003

Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Teaching Agriculture, AEE 206, NC State University, 2003.

Co-taught, Administration and Supervision of Student Organizations, AEE 303, NC State University, Spring 1999.

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## **PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES AND ACTIVITIES**

Children Learning Through Outdoor Experiences (ChLOE) Board, Member, 2024 – present.

Council for Economic and Community Engagement: Executive Committee, Association of Public and Land Grant University, Member, 2019 – 2024.

North Central Region Extension Directors, National Extension Directors Association, First Vice President, 2021 – January 2023.

Engagement Scholarship Consortium: Executive Committee, 2021 – January 2023

4-H Landmark Gift Task Force (\$50 million gift from MacKenzie Scott to National 4-H): Member, 2021 – December 2022.

Mini Land Grant Conference, North Central Region Extension Directors, Co-Chair, 2021.

Council for Agricultural Research, Extension and Teaching Strategic Plan Committee, Association of Public and Land Grant Universities, Member, 2021.

Committee on Legislative Policy, Association of Public and Land Grant Universities: Chair, 2019 – July 2023.

Academic Heads Section Executive Committee, Association of Public and Land Grant Universities: Member, 2019 – January 2023

Missouri 2020 Complete Count Committee, Member, 2019 – 2020.

Missouri Food and Beverage Manufacturing Task Force: Member, 2019 – January 2023.

Missouri Manufacturing Policy Academy Core Team: Member, 2019 – January 2023.

National Extension Directors Association Conference Planning Committee: Member, 2018.

National 4-H ECOP, Extension Committee on Policy, Association of Public and Land Grant Universities: Member, 2017 – January 2023.

North Central Extension Directors' Regional Water Resources Task Force: Chair, 2017 – 2019.

Missouri Broadband Access Working Group: Member, 2017 – January 2023.

Engagement Scholarship Consortium: Board Member, 2016 – January 2023.

Missouri 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees: Member, 2016 – January 2023.

Food Systems Leadership Institute Commission, Member 2013 – 2016.

North Carolina New Schools Project Board of Advisors: Member, 2010 – 2015.

The Howard Lee Institute for Equity and Education, Board Member, 2012 – 2013.

North Carolina Rural Center New Generations Steering Committee, 2011 – 2013.

ECOP National 4-H Governance Committee: Member, 2012 – 2013.

ESCOP Social Sciences Committee: Southern Region Representative, 2011 – 2013.

North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Education Steering Committee: Member, 2009 – 2013.

National 4-H Marketing Work Group: Member, 2009 – 2013.

Southern Region FCS Program Leaders' Network: Member, 2006 – 2013.

Southern Region 4-H Program Leaders' Network: Member, 2005 – 2013.

National 4-H Council Governance Task Force: Member, 2011 – 2012.

National 4-H and FFA Global Strategy Task Force: Member, 2012.

National FCS Strategic Planning Work Group: Member, 2010 – 2012.

NCCES Marketing Committee: Chair, 2008 – 2011.

Southern Region 4-H Program Leaders' Network: Chair, 2010 – 2011.

North Carolina General Assembly Legislative Study Committee for Regional High Schools, Chair, 2010.

North Carolina Agricultural Biotechnology 2030, Education Working Group: Member, 2009.

National 4-H Hall of Fame Selection Committee: Committee Member, 2007 – 2009.

North Carolina Department of Agriculture Hall of Fame Board: Board Member, 1996 – 2009.

National 4-H State Program Leaders' Conference Planning Committee: Member, 2008.

National FFA Proficiency Award Committee: National Judging Committee, 2008.

North Carolina FFA Association Board of Directors: Chair, 1996 to 2002; Consultant, 2002 – 2005.

North Carolina FFA Foundation Board of Trustees: Chair, 1996 to 2002; Consultant, 2002 – 2005.

National Association for Supervisors of Agricultural Education: Policy Committee, 2002 – 2005.

North Carolina FFA Alumni Board: Consultant, 1996 – 2005.

North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Association: Consultant, 1996 – 2005.

National FFA Board of Directors: Member, 2000 – 2003.

National FFA Foundation Board of Trustees: Member, 2000 – 2003.

National Council for Agricultural Education: President, 2002 – 2003.

National Council for Agricultural Education: Board Member, 1989 – 1993; 1997 – 2003.

Interstate Publisher's National Advisory Committee: Member, 1995 – 2002.

Association for Career and Technical Education: Board Member, 1997 – 2000.

Association for Career and Technical Education Agricultural Education Division: President, 1997 – 2000.

National Association of Agricultural Educators: Board Member, 1994 – 1995.

*National FFA Making A Difference* magazine: Founder and Editor, 1992 – 1994.

*The Agricultural Education Magazine*: National Board Member, 1992 – 1996.

National Agricultural Education Organization Restructuring Committee: Chair, 1997 – 2000.

Reinventing Agricultural Education for the Year 2020 National Steering Committee: Member, 1997 – 1999.

Reinventing Agricultural Education for the Year 2020: Consortium Chair, 1997 – 1999.

National Public Law 740 Task Force: Member, 1997 – 1998.

National Career Clusters Committee: Member, 1997.

National Pork Adult Education Committee: Member, 1996.

North Carolina Quality Curriculum Committee: Member, 1996 – 2003.

USDA Agricultural Education Connectivity Task Force: Member, 1996 – 1998.

*The Agricultural Education Magazine*: Guest Editor, 1998.

USDE Community Partnership Task Force: Member, 1995 – 1997.

Organizations Concerned About Rural Education: Member, 1994 – 1996.

National FFA Chapter Awards Task Force: Lead Staff, 1994.

National Partners in Active Learning Support (PALS) Mentoring Program: Lead Staff, 1991 – 1994.

National FFA Diversity Task Force: Lead Staff, 1992 – 1994.

National Project Growth Task Force: Lead Staff, 1990 – 1993.

FFA Project Growth/Membership Development Task Force: Lead Staff, 1989 – 1994.

“Together We Can” National USDE/USDA Satellite Conference: Coordinator, 1990.

National FFA Delegate Process Re-structuring: Lead Staff, 1989 – 1991.

National Middle School Task Force: Lead Staff, 1991 – 1992.

National Guidance Counselor and Administrators Task Force: Lead Staff, June 1990.

National FFA Administrators/Guidance Counselor Task Force: Lead Staff, 1989 – 1990.

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## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

University Budget Model Task Force, Co-Chair, August 2025 – January 2026.

Search Committee, K-State Research Foundation Staffing: Kansas State University, Member, October 2024 – present.

Search Committee, Vice President of Research, Kansas State University, Member: October 2024 – April 2025.

Kansas State University Foundation Board: Member, 2024 – present.

Kansas State University Athletics Board: Member, 2023 – present.

Kansas State University Student Union Board: Member, 2023 – present.

Core Budget Team, Kansas State University: Member, 2023 – present.

Promotion and Tenure Committee, Department of Leadership and Agricultural Education, Kansas State University: Member, 2023 – present.

Council for Government Relations. Kansas Board of Regents: Chair, 2023 – 2024.

Crisis Management Team, Kansas State University: Chair, 2023 – present.

Provost Search Committee Kansas State University: Co-Chair, August 2023 – December 2023.

Student Enrollment Management Advisory Council: University of Missouri-Columbia, Member, 2021 – January 2023.

Agriculture Experiment Station Forward Task Force: University of Missouri-Columbia, Co-Chair, 2021

Regional Economic Development, Inc. (REDI): Columbia, Missouri, Advisory Board Member, 2021 – January 2023.

Data Governance Committee, University of Missouri System: Member, 2020 – January 2023.

Search Committee, Chief Information Officer, University of Missouri and University of Missouri System: Member, 2019 – 2020.

MU Council of Deans: Member, 2016 – 2018; 2020 – January 2023

United Way, University Campaign Committee Chair, 2019 – 2021: Member, 2019 – January 2023.

History Committee, University of Missouri: Member, 2018 – 2020.

NextGen Health Initiative External Relations Committee, Rural Health Subcommittee, University of Missouri: Chair, 2019 – January 2023.

Strategic Planning Compact, University of Missouri: Engagement Compact Lead, 2018 – January 2023.

Council of Leaders, University of Missouri System: Member, 2018.

Strategic Planning Compact, University of Missouri System: Engagement Committee Co-Chair, 2018.

Search Committee, Provost, University of Missouri: Co-Chair, 2018.

Search Committee, Director, Marketing & Communications, University of Missouri: Member, 2018.

Nomination Committee, Interim Provost, University of Missouri: Member, 2017.

Search Committee, Marketing Director, University of Missouri: Member, 2017.

Strategic Enrollment External Relations Subcommittee, University of Missouri: Co-Chair, 2017 – January 2023.

Strategic Enrollment Committee, University of Missouri: Member, 2017 – January 2023.

Search Committee, Chancellor, University of Missouri: Member, 2017.

Search Committee, Dean, College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, University of Missouri: Member, 2016 – 2017.

University of Engagement Council, University of Missouri: Chair/Facilitator, 2017 – January 2023.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Safety Committee, NC State University: Member, 2006 – 2016.

Park Scholarship Advisory Committee, NC State University: Member, 2007 – 2013.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Awards' Committee, NC State University: Chair, 2008.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Awards' Committee, NC State University: Member, 2007.

Agricultural Institute Recruitment Committee, NC State University: Member, 2002 – 2007.

Department of Agricultural and Extension Education Awards Committee, NC State University: Member, 2002 – 2005.

Department of Agricultural and Extension Education Marketing Committee, NC State University: Chair, 1996 – 2005.

Department of Agricultural and Extension Education Search Committee, NC State University: Member, 2005.

Department of Agricultural and Extension Education Marketing Committee, NC State University: Chair, 1996 – 2003.

Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders, NC State University: Director, 2001 – 2003.

Collegiate FFA Chapter, NC State University: Chartering Chapter Advisor, 1999 – 2001.

CFFA AgVenture Middle School Leadership Program, NC State University: Creator, 2000.

Department of Agricultural and Extension Education Alumni Reunion Committee, NC State University: Chair, 1996 – 1998.

*Insights*, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, NC State University: Creator and Editor, 1996 – 1999.

*Blue & Gold*, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, NC State University: Creator and Editor, 1996 – 1999.

*North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Photo Directory*, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, NC State University: Creator and Editor, 1996 – 1999.

Institute for Future Agricultural Leaders, NC State University: Lead Counselor, 1988.

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## INVITED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS, KEYNOTES and SEMINARS

Panelist	<i>“Recasting Morrill, Reclaiming Relevance: The Future of Land Grant Universities.”</i> Farm Foundation National Webinar, December 4, 2025.
Panelist	<i>“Bridging Place and Health: Reframing Urban and Rural Health.”</i> APLU Board of Human Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 9, 2025.
Keynote	<i>“Regenerative Agriculture, Food as Medicine.”</i> Kansas Health Foundation, Wichita, Kansas, November 6, 2025.
Panelist	<i>“The Unique and Complimentary Roles of Outreach, Engagement and Extension in Facilitating Engaged Scholarship.”</i> Engaged Scholarship Consortium, National Leadership Webinar, October 14, 2025.
Keynote	<i>“Change Leadership, Change Management.”</i> Civic Plus, Manhattan, Kansas, July 30, 2025.
Keynote	<i>“Leading Change in Turbulent Times.”</i> Assembly of Higher Education Annual Meeting, National Family and Consumer Sciences Conference, Board of Human Sciences, Kansas City, Missouri, June 25, 2025
Keynote	<i>“Food as Medicine.”</i> Kansas Health Foundation, Wichita, Kansas, June 23, 2025.
Panelist	<i>“State Legislative Briefing on Higher Education.”</i> Kansas State Legislature, Meet in the Middle, Lindsborg, Kansas, June 18, 2025.
Keynote	<i>“Challenges in Higher Education.”</i> National Extension Association for Research Administrator Operations Conference (NEAROC), Reno, Nevada, April 2, 2025.
Keynote	<i>“Re-Imagining Extension in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”</i> McDowell Lecture Series, Penn State University, State College, Pennsylvania, March 3, 2025.
Keynote	<i>“Leadership from the Heart.”</i> North Central Extension Leadership Development, University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, February 27, 2025.
Keynote	<i>“Leadership Journey.”</i> Food Systems Leadership Institute, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, February 17, 2025.
Keynote	<i>“Growing and Thriving Amidst a Changing Environment.”</i> Purdue Extension Professional Development Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, December 4, 2024.
Moderator/Panelist	<i>“Lessons Learned: Strategies for Community Engagement.”</i> Association of Public Land-Grant Universities, Orlanda, Florida, November 11, 2024.

Keynote	<i>"Future of Land Grant."</i> (virtual) University of Arizona Global Campus, Tucson, Arizona, November 5, 2024.
Keynote	<i>"Leading Change, Leading Transformation."</i> (virtual) Dr. Richard Liles Leadership Series, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, North Carolina, September 20, 2024.
Moderator/Panelist	<i>"Leveraging Extension and University Engagement: Developing and Implementing Novel Projects Using Transdisciplinary Approaches."</i> United States Department of Agriculture Webinar. Washington, DC. September 9, 2024.
Keynote	<i>"Foundations for Being an Effective Manager,"</i> North Central Region Leadership Boot Camp, Kansas City, Missouri, July 23, 2024.
Keynote	<i>"Building a Culture of Engagement on and beyond the University Campus".</i> Seaman Knapp Lecture, American Association of Agricultural Educators National Conference, Manhattan, Kansas. May 22, 2024.
Keynote	<i>"Ethics, Leadership and Values",</i> 2024 Accounting Technology Conference, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas. May 21, 2024.
Keynote	<i>"Future of the Land Grant".</i> North Central Region Leadership Conference, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, April 23, 2024.
Keynote	<i>"Transformational Leadership".</i> North Central Region Leadership Conference, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, April 24, 2024.
Keynote	<i>"Rowing Together",</i> NC Ag Leads Conference, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina. March 28, 2024.
Keynote	<i>"Leading with your Heart",</i> (virtual) North Central Leadership Development Conference, February 27, 2024.
Keynote/Panelists	<i>"Advocacy",</i> Board of Health and Human Sciences and Council of Administrators and Consumer Sciences Joint Meeting, Washington, DC, February 23, 2024
Keynote	<i>"Next Generation Land Grant University",</i> Young Farm and Ranchers Conference, Kansas Farm Bureau, Manhattan, Kansas. February 3, 2024
Keynote	<i>"University Engagement",</i> (virtual) University Engagement Academy, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky. September 13, 2023.
Panelist	<i>"Leadership in Higher Education",</i> Association of Public Land Grant Universities, Board of Ag Assembly, Kansas City, Missouri. July 20, 2023.

Keynote	<i>“Advocacy”</i> , (virtual) Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. March 29, 2023.
Keynote	<i>“Leading with your Heart”</i> , North Central Leadership Development Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, March 1, 2023.
Keynote	<i>“Focusing on the Fundamentals while Driving Change”</i> , (virtual) NC A&T State University, Greensboro, North Carolina, August 10, 2022.
Keynote	<i>“History of the Land Grant University System”</i> , (virtual), LGU2U Series USDA/NIFA Conference, conducted by North Central Cooperative Extension, Kansas City, Missouri, June 16, 2022.
Keynote	<i>“University of Missouri Economic Impact”</i> , Columbia Chamber of Commerce Membership Breakfast, Columbia, Missouri, April 20, 2022
Keynote	<i>“How Will You Drive Change?”</i> , NERAOC Conference, St. Louis, Missouri, April 11, 2022.
Keynote	<i>“Building Partnerships”</i> , (virtual) LGU2U Series USDA/NIFA Conference, conducted by North Central Cooperative Extension, Kansas City, Missouri, January 20, 2021.
Keynote	<i>“New Normal, New Reality, New Opportunities”</i> , (virtual) Penn State University Extension Conference, State College, Pennsylvania, April 8, 2021.
Keynote	<i>“Extension: More Than a Line Item, It’s an Idea”</i> , (virtual) Virginia Cooperative Extension, Virginia Tech University, Blacksburg, Virginia, Virginia State University, Petersburg, Virginia, March 29, 2021.
Keynote	<i>“New Normal, New Reality, New Opportunities”</i> , (virtual) Alabama A&M University, Normal, Alabama, November 19, 2020.
Keynote	<i>“Telling the Story”</i> , (virtual) University of Nebraska Extension and Engagement Conference, Lincoln, Nebraska, November 17, 2020.
Panelist	<i>“Higher Education’s Role in Broadband Connectivity”</i> , (virtual) Midwest Higher Education Compact, October 1, 2020.
Keynote	<i>“New Normal, New Reality, New Opportunities”</i> , (virtual) Southern Region Program Leadership Network, Ft. Worth, Texas, August 25, 2020.
Panelist	<i>“COVID-19 University Response”</i> , (virtual) Mini-Land Grant Conference, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, July 27, 2020.
Presenter	<i>“Future Opportunities with Broadband Expansion”</i> , <i>National Action Dialogue</i> (virtual), E-Extension Conference, USDA-NIFA and APLU-ECOP, Washington, DC, July 14, 2020.

Panelist	<i>"Future of Extension and Engagement"</i> , (virtual) National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education and Economics Advisory Board, USDA-NIFA, Washington, DC, July 8, 2020.
Keynote	<i>"New Normal, New Reality, New Opportunities"</i> , (virtual) Public Issues Leadership Development, Joint Council for Extension Professionals, Washington, DC, May 7, 2020.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , Board of Human Sciences, Association of Public Land Grant Universities, Kansas City, Missouri, February 19, 2020.
Keynote	<i>"Engagement and Outreach Vision"</i> , Faculty Conference for the Future of the Land Grant University, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, April 4, 2018
Keynote	<i>"Stakeholder Relations...Lead It or Get Run Over"</i> , Oklahoma State Extension Conference, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, January 10, 2018
Seminar Leader	<i>"Change the Culture, Change the Game"</i> , Extension and Engagement Leadership Series (via Distance Learning, 10 lessons), University of Missouri, January – May 2018.
Keynote	<i>"Stakeholder Relations"</i> , New Administrator Workshop Association of Public Land Grant Universities, Arlington, Virginia, December 14, 2017
Keynote	<i>"Stakeholder Relations"</i> , Penn State University, Mickey McDowell Endowed Lecturer, PA JCEP Conference (via Adobe Connect), State College, Pennsylvania, November 8, 2017.
Keynote	<i>"Advocacy and Stakeholder Relations"</i> , Public Issues Leadership Development, Association of Public Land Grant Universities, Arlington, Virginia, April 3, 2017.
Keynote	<i>"Telling the CYFAR Story"</i> , National Children, Youth and Families at Risk Conference, Washington, DC, June 5, 2015.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Growing CYFAR Partners"</i> , National Children, Youth and Families at Risk Conference, Washington, DC, June 5, 2015.
Keynote	<i>"100 Years and Counting"</i> , Colorado State University Extension Conference, Ft. Collins, Colorado, November 12, 2014.
Panelist	<i>"Agricultural Career and Educational Opportunities"</i> , Agriculture For America Conference, Kansas City, Missouri, November 8, 2014.
Keynote	<i>"100 Years and Counting"</i> , University of Missouri Extension Conference, Columbia, Missouri, October 23, 2014.
Keynote	<i>"100 Years and Counting"</i> , Kansas State University Research and Extension Conference, Manhattan, Kansas, October 22, 2014.

Keynote	<i>"100 Years and Counting"</i> , Purdue Extension Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana, October 17, 2014.
Keynote	<i>"100 Years and Counting"</i> , University of Minnesota Extension Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota, October 7, 2014.
Keynote	<i>"100 Years and Counting"</i> , Georgia ESP Conference, Athens, Georgia, August 28, 2014.
Keynote	<i>"100 Years and Counting"</i> , Georgia FCS Conference, Jasper, Georgia, August, 7, 2014.
Testimony	<i>"Plant Sciences and Food Manufacturing Initiatives"</i> , North Carolina House of Representatives Agriculture Committee, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 3, 2014,
Testimony	<i>"New Growth Opportunities in Agriculture for North Carolina"</i> , Agriculture and Forestry Legislative Commission, Raleigh, North Carolina, April 30, 2014.
Keynote	<i>"100 Years and Counting"</i> , Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC, April 8, 2014.
Keynote	<i>"Moving Forward in Challenging Times"</i> – The Ohio State University Extension Conference, Columbus, Ohio, December 4, 2013.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC, April 22, 2013.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , Southern Region Cooperative Extension Middle Managers, Lexington, Kentucky, April 11, 2013.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , University of Kentucky Extension State Advisory Leaders, Lexington, Kentucky, March 6, 2013.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , LEAD 21, Washington, DC, March 1, 2013.
Keynote	<i>"Telling our Story"</i> , Clemson Cooperative Extension, Clemson, South Carolina, February 5, 2013.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , University Tennessee Cooperative Extension Galaxy Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, May 9, 2012.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , Public Issues Leadership Development, Washington, DC, April 16, 2012.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , LEAD 21 Conference, Washington, DC, February 10, 2012.
Panelist	<i>"New Generations Discussion"</i> , North Carolina Rural Center Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, November 17, 2011.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", West Virginia Cooperative Extension, Morgantown, West Virginia, November 2, 2011.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", Tennessee Cooperative Extension ESP Conference, Nashville, Tennessee, October 18, 2011.

Panelist "The Future of Agricultural Biotechnology in North Carolina", Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, May 20, 2011.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", Public Issues Leadership Development, Washington, DC, April 4, 2011.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", Midwest Agricultural Women's Conference, Louisville, Kentucky, February 25, 2011.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", LEAD 21 Conference, Washington, DC, February 11, 2011.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", LEAD 21 Conference, Washington, DC, July 1, 2010.

Keynote "The Future of Agricultural Education", Wisconsin Agricultural Education Conference, Madison, Wisconsin, June 28, 2010.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", Purdue Cooperative Extension Conference, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, January 13, 2010.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", North Dakota Cooperative Extension Conference, North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, October 13, 2009.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", National Association Extension FCS Agents Conference General Session, Birmingham, Alabama, September 15, 2009.

Keynote "Better Days Through Better Ways", National Agricultural Education Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, February 7, 2009.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", Indiana FCS Agents Conference, Grissom Air Force Base, Indiana, February 11-12, 2009.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", LEAD 21 Conference, Washington, DC, February 13, 2009.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", Board of Human Sciences, APLU, Washington, DC, February 24-25, 2009.

Keynote "Legislative Advocacy", Virginia FCS Agents Conference, Richmond, Virginia, August 4, 2009.

Keynote "Discovering the Common Ground", Joint FCS and 4-H State Program Leaders' Session, Program Leaders' Network, Orlando, Florida, August 24-27, 2009.

Co-Presenter	<i>"NCCES' Role In Addressing Hunger"</i> , EFNEP Hunger Forum, 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Raleigh, North Carolina, December 4, 2009.
Keynote	<i>"Legislative Advocacy"</i> , National FCS State Program Leaders' Meeting, Extension Galaxy Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana, September 17, 2008.
Keynote	<i>"There's More to Life"</i> , National Association of Agricultural Education Annual Convention, Charlotte, North Carolina, December 4, 2008.
Panelist	<i>"Energy Transformation Discussion"</i> , Emerging Issues Forum Regional Meeting, Greensboro, North Carolina, November 7, 2008.
Keynote	<i>"State of Youth and Families"</i> , 2007 Youth and Families Summit, Raleigh, North Carolina, December 4-7, 2007.
Keynote	<i>"ECA Future Directions"</i> , ECA Annual State Meeting, New Bern, North Carolina, May 9, 2007.
Keynote	<i>"The Power of EFNEP"</i> , EFNEP Tri-State Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, May 16, 2007.
Presenter	<i>"Agricultural Education Accountability Model"</i> , North Carolina Career and Technical Education Directors' Conference, Asheville, North Carolina, March 2005.
Keynote	<i>"The Leader in You"</i> , Leadership Workshop, NC State University, CALS Ambassador Program, Raleigh, North Carolina, November 2004.
Panelist	<i>"Education Issues Discussion"</i> , North Carolina Association for Children with Disabilities, Raleigh, North Carolina, August 2004.
Panelist	<i>"Education Issues Forum"</i> , North Carolina Society for Hispanic Professionals, Raleigh, North Carolina, July 2004.
Panelist	<i>"Legislative Forum"</i> , North Carolina Association for Career and Technical Education, Raleigh, North Carolina, June 2004.
Panelist	<i>"Education Issues Forum"</i> , University of North Carolina Law School, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, May 2004.
Presenter	<i>"Education Issues in North Carolina"</i> , NC State Omnicron Tau Theta, Raleigh, North Carolina, May 2004.
Panelist	Education Issues Forum, North Carolina Association of School Administrators, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, March 2004.
Panelist	<i>"Education Issues Forum"</i> , North Carolina Public School Forum, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 2004.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Leadership Sampson County"</i> , Sampson-Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Wallace, North Carolina, August 2003.

Workshop Presenter	<i>“Strategic Planning”</i> , North Carolina Fire and Rescue Association Board of Directors, Burlington, North Carolina, April 2003.
Presenter	<i>“Standards and Accountability in Career and Technical Education”</i> , Joint Oversight Committee, North Carolina General Assembly, Raleigh, North Carolina, January 2003.
Workshop Presenter	<i>“Leadership Sampson County”</i> , Sampson-Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Wallace, North Carolina, August 2002.
Keynote	<i>“Living to Serve”</i> , Louisiana State FFA Convention, Alexandria, Louisiana, June 2001.
Workshop Presenter	<i>“Developing a Marketing Mentality”</i> , North Carolina Cooperative Extension Distance Education Seminar, Raleigh, North Carolina, March 2000.
Workshop Presenter	<i>“Developing a Marketing Mentality”</i> , People 2000 Conference, Brevard, North Carolina, March 2000.
Workshop Presenter	<i>“Developing a Marketing Mentality Workshop”</i> , North Carolina Cooperative Extension Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, October 1999.
Keynote	<i>“There’s More To Life”</i> , Agriculture Teachers Association of New York, Oswegatchi, New York, June 1999.
Keynote	<i>“There’s More To Life”</i> , Illinois Agricultural Education Conference, Springfield, Illinois, June 1999.
Keynote	<i>“Sailing in a New Direction”</i> , Reinventing Agricultural Education 2020, Denver, Colorado, April 1999.
Keynote	<i>“There’s More To Life”</i> , National Agricultural Education Inservice Conference for State Leaders, Indianapolis, Indiana, February 1999.
Keynote	<i>“There’s More To Life”</i> , Georgia Agriculture Teachers Mid-Winter Conference, Covington, Georgia, February 1999.
Keynote	<i>“There’s More To Life”</i> , National Agricultural Educators Convention, New Orleans, Louisiana, December 1998.
Presenter	<i>“Using Parliamentary Procedure”</i> , North Carolina 4-H Congress, Raleigh, North Carolina, July 1997.
Keynote	<i>“National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update”</i> , New Jersey Agricultural Education Conference, Newark, New Jersey, October 1995.
Keynote	<i>“National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update”</i> , Ohio Agricultural Education Conference, Columbus, Ohio, August 1995.

Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , North Carolina Agricultural Education Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, August 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Alabama Agriculture Teachers Conference, Montgomery, Alabama, August 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Oklahoma Agriculture Teachers Association, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, August 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Missouri Agricultural Education Conference, Springfield, Missouri, July 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Arkansas Agricultural Education Conference, Little Rock, Arkansas, July 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , California Agriculture Teachers Conference, Davis, California, July 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Virginia Agriculture Teachers Conference, Blacksburg, Virginia, July 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Pennsylvania Agriculture Teachers Conference, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, July 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Iowa Agriculture Teachers Conference, Des Moines, Iowa, July 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Washington Agriculture Teachers Conference, Wenatchee, Washington, June 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , California Agriculture Teachers Conference, San Luis Obispo, California, June 1995.
Keynote	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Region II Agricultural Education Conference, New Braunfels, Texas, June 1995.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , Ohio Agricultural Education Conference, Columbus, Ohio, July 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , Georgia Agricultural Education Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, July 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , Indiana Agricultural Education Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana, July 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , West Virginia Agricultural Education Conference, Charleston, West Virginia, July 1994.

Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , Kansas Agricultural Education Conference, Manhattan, Kansas, July 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , Idaho Agricultural Education Conference, Boise, Idaho, July 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , South Carolina Agricultural Education Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, July 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , Arkansas Agricultural Education Conference, Hot Springs, Arkansas, July 1994.
Presenter	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Eastern Region Agricultural Education Conference, Lake Placid, New York, June 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Agri-Entrepreneurship"</i> , Florida Agricultural Education Conference, Orlando, Florida, June 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , Hawaii Agricultural Education Conference, Honolulu, Hawaii, June 1994.
Presenter	<i>"National Agricultural Education Update"</i> , Western Region Agricultural Education Conference, Medford, Oregon, April 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment"</i> , California Agricultural Education Conference, Fresno, California, January 1994.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment"</i> , Pennsylvania Agricultural Education Conference, State College, Pennsylvania, October 1993.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment"</i> , North Dakota Agricultural Education Conference, Bismark, North Dakota, July 1993.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment"</i> , Indiana Agricultural Education Conference, West Lafayette, Indiana, June 1993.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment"</i> , Delaware Agricultural Education Conference, Dover, Delaware, June 1992.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment"</i> , Illinois Agricultural Education Conference, Springfield, Illinois, June 1992.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment"</i> , Utah Agriculture Teachers Conference, Salt Lake City, Utah, June 1992.
Presenter	<i>"National Agricultural Education Update"</i> , Central Region Agricultural Education Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, June 1992.

Workshop Presenter	<i>"Leadership 101 for Teachers"</i> , Arizona Vocational Teachers Association, Phoenix, Arizona, March 1992.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment"</i> , Maryland Agriculture Teachers Conference, Chevy Chase, Maryland, February 1992.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , California Agricultural Teachers Conference, Burbank, California, January 1992.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , Oklahoma Mid-Winter Agricultural Education Conference, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, January 1992.
Keynote Speaker	<i>"Agriculture Teachers Make the Difference"</i> , New Jersey Agricultural Education Fall Conference, Newark, New Jersey, October 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural and Diversity Recruitment"</i> , Vermont Agriculture Teachers Association, Burlington, Vermont, October 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Make It Happen Multi-cultural Diversity Recruitment, Michigan Agriculture Teachers Association"</i> , Lansing, Michigan, October 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , Ohio Agriculture Teachers Conference, Columbus, Ohio, August 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , Georgia Agriculture Teachers Conference, Atlanta, Georgia, August 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention Workshop"</i> , North Carolina Agriculture Teachers Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, August 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , West Virginia Agriculture Teachers Conference, Charleston, West Virginia, August 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , Texas Agriculture Teachers Conference, Amarillo, Texas, July 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , South Carolina Agriculture Teachers Conference, Columbia, South Carolina, July 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Project Growth Membership Recruitment and Retention"</i> , Tennessee Agriculture Teachers Conference, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, July 1991.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"National Agricultural Education/Legislative Update"</i> , Texas State FFA Convention, El Paso, Texas, July 1991.



Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Wisconsin FFA Association, Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, January 1989.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Kansas FFA Association, Wichita, Kansas, January 1989.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , California FFA Association, Sacramento, California, January 1989.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Florida FFA Association, Orlando, Florida, January 1989.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Massachusetts FFA Association, Springfield, Massachusetts, January 1989.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Georgia FFA Association, Covington, Georgia, December 1988.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Ohio FFA Association, Columbus, Ohio, December 1988.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Iowa FFA Association, Des Moines, Iowa, October 1988.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Arizona FFA Association, Phoenix, Arizona, October 1988.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Louisiana FFA Association, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, September 1988.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Made For Excellence"</i> , Minnesota FFA Association, Alexandria, Minnesota, September 1988.
Workshop Presenter	<i>"Leadership Development Seminar"</i> , Georgia Agriculture Teachers Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 1988.

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## **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT**

APLU Joint Committee on Policy, Academic Heads Section Meeting: Committee Chair, 2022 – January 2023.

1890 Joint Ag Research/Extension Meeting: Participant, 2022.

Engagement Scholarship Consortium Annual Conference: Participant, 2019 – present.

North Central Region Extension Directors Annual Meeting: Participant, 2016 – January 2023.

Chief Engagement Officers Bi-Annual Meeting: 2017 – present.

Council for Economic and Community Engagement Summer Meeting: 2018 – present.

Council for Agriculture, Research, Extension and Teaching, Washington, DC: Participant, 2017 – present.

National Extension Directors Association Meeting: 2016 – January 2023.

North Central Mini Land Grant Conference, West Lafayette, IN: Participant, 2017.

Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Annual Meeting: Participant, 2013 – present.

Public Issues Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC: Participant, 2006 – present.

Association of Leadership Educators Conference, Washington, DC: Participant, 2015.

Association of Talent Development Conference, Orlando, Florida: Participant, 2015.

NC State University Hugh Shelton Leadership Forum, Raleigh, North Carolina: Participant, 2003 – 2016.

Association of Leadership Educators Conference, San Antonio, Texas: Participant, 2014.

Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida: Participant, 2014.

Food and Community Gathering, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Detroit, Michigan: Participant, 2014

National Galaxy Joint Extension Conference, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Participant 2013.

Southern Region Program Leaders Conference, Nashville, Tennessee: Participant, 2013.

National 4-H State Leaders' Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana: Participant, 2013.

National Association Extension FCS Agents' Conference: Participant, 2007 – 2013.

National Association Extension 4-H Agents' Conference: Participant, 2005 – 2013.

National 4-H State Leaders' Conference: Participant, 2006 – 2013.

North Carolina New High Schools Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina: Participant, 2004 – 2013.

Emerging Issues Forum, NC State University, Raleigh, North Carolina: Participant, 1996 – 2013.

Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado: Participant, 2012.

National 4-H Extension Agents Conference, Orlando, Florida: Participant, 2012.

National FCS Extension Agents Conference, Columbus, Ohio: Participant, 2012.

Southern Region Program Leaders Conference, Orlando, Florida: Participant, 2012.

Food and Community Gathering W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Asheville, North Carolina: Participant, 2012.

Great Plains IDEA Conference, Kansas City, Missouri: Participant, 2012.

National 4-H State Leaders' Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana: Participant, 2012.

Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities Annual Meeting, San Francisco, California: Participant, 2011.

National 4-H Extension Agents Conference, Omaha, Nebraska: Participant, 2011.

National FCS Extension Agents' Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico: Participant, 2011.

Southern Region Program Leaders' Conference, Ft. Worth, Texas: Chair, 4-H Program Committee, 2011.

National 4-H State Leaders' Conference, Washington, DC: Participant, 2011.

Food Systems Leadership Institute Co-Hort Six, Raleigh, North Carolina; Columbus, Ohio; and Burlington, Vermont: Participant, 2010 – 2012 (Graduate December 2012).

National Extension Outreach Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina: Participant, 2010.

National FCS Extension Agents' Association, Portland, Maine: Participant, 2010.

United States Department of Defense and United States Department of Agriculture Joint Planning Session Regarding Military Initiatives, Baltimore: Participant, September 14-15, 2010.

Southern Region Program Leaders' Conference, Memphis, TN: Chair-Elect, 4-H Program Committee, 2010.

Southern Region FCS State Leaders' Conference, Washington, DC: Participant, 2010.

Southern Region 4-H Biennial Conference, Eastern 4-H Center, North Carolina: Participant, 2010.

National 4-H State Leaders' Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana: Participant, 2010.

North Carolina New Schools Project Summit, Raleigh, NC: Participant, 2010.

Southern Region FCS State Leaders' Conference, Washington, DC: Participant, 2009.

National FCS State Leaders' Conference, Birmingham, Alabama: Participant, 2009.

Southern Region Program Leaders' Network Conference, Orlando, Florida: Participant, 2009.

United States Department of Defense and United States Department of Agriculture Joint Planning Session Regarding Military Initiatives, Washington, DC: Participant, September 16-17, 2009.

National 4-H/NASCAR Partnership for National 4-H Week, National Spokesperson, Kansas City, Missouri: Participant, October 3-4, 2009.

North Carolina New Schools Project, State Leaders' Site Visit and Seminar, Boston, Massachusetts: Participant, January 14-16, 2009.

Southern Region Program Leaders' Network Conference, Greensboro, North Carolina: Participant, 2008.

National 4-H State Program Leaders' Conference, Denver, Colorado: Participant, 2008.

Southern Region Program Leaders' Network Conference, Louisville, KY: Participant, 2007.

North Carolina Committee for Business and Education Annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina: Participant, 2007 to present.

National 4-H State Program Leaders' Conference, Boston, Massachusetts: Participant, 2007.

National FCS State Leaders' Conference, St. Paul, Minnesota: Participant, 2007.

Southern Region Program Leaders' Network Conference, San Juan, Puerto Rico: Participant, 2006.

National 4-H State Program Leaders' Conference, Washington, DC: Participant, 2006.

Southern Region Program Leaders' Network Conference, Charleston, South Carolina: Participant, 2005.

North Carolina 4-H Volunteers' Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina: Participant, 2005 – 2013.

NCCES State Advisory Council Conferences: Participant and Presenter, 2005 – 2013.

Southern Region 4-H Biennial Conference, Tulsa, Oklahoma: Participant, 2006.

National 4-H/FFA Partnership and Collaboration Meeting, Chevy Chase, Maryland: Southern Region Representative, September 9-10, 2008.

Recently Appointed Administrators' Workshop, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska: Participant, June 5-7, 2007.

University of North Carolina Leadership Workshop for New Department Heads and Chairs, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, May 2006.

National Agricultural Education In-service Meeting, Indianapolis, Indiana: Participant, 1998 – 2005.

Southern Region Agricultural Education Conference, Asheville, North Carolina: Coordinator/Host, 2005.

National Association for Supervisors of Agricultural Education Convention: Participant, 1988 – 2004.

Association for Career and Technical Education Convention: Participant, 1989 – 2004.

National Association for Agricultural Educators Convention: Participant, 1989 – 2004.

North Carolina Association for School Administrators Conference, Asheville, North Carolina: Participant, 2004.

North Carolina Principals and Assistant Principals Conference, Asheville, North Carolina: Participant, 2004.

North Carolina Pupil Transportation Conference, Winston-Salem, North Carolina: Participant, 2004.

North Carolina Food Service Workers Convention, Greensboro, North Carolina: Participant, 2004.

Disney Leadership Institute (The Business Behind the Service), Orlando, Florida: Participant, 1998

North Carolina Vocational Directors Conference: Participant, 1996 – 2005.

Governor's Summit on Agriculture: Participant: Participant, 1997 and 1999.

Mississippi Delta Tour and Seminar Regarding Poverty and Low Wealth Schools, Memphis, Tennessee: Participant, 1994.

National Summit on World Class Education, Washington, DC: Participant, 1994.

Vision 2000 for Agricultural Education Summit, Washington, DC: Participant, 1994.

National Aquaculture Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina: Facilitator: Participant, 1992.

National Tech Prep Seminar, Washington, DC: Participant: Participant, 1992.

Increasing Human Effectiveness Train-the-Trainer Seminar, Seattle, Washington: Participant, 1990.

National Summit for Agricultural Education, Washington, DC: Participant/Presenter, 1989 and 1990.

National 4-H-FFA Leadership Collaboration Meeting, Washington, DC: Participant/Presenter, 1989.

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## **HONORARY ORGANIZATIONS, SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL HONORS**

Distinguished Trooper Award, Ft. Riley, United States Army Fort Riley, Kansas: 2025

Distinguished Friend of the School, Sinclair School of Nursing, University of Missouri: 2021.

United Way Award, Heart of Missouri United Way, Columbia, Missouri: 2019.

Alpha Gamma Rho – Theta Chapter Membership: 2018.

Outstanding Alumnus Award, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Agricultural and Human Sciences, NC State University: 2016.

North Carolina 4-H Honor Club: 2006.

National FFA VIP Citation: 2005.

Omicron Tau Theta Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation: 2004.

American Vocational Education Research Association Outstanding Young Scholar: 2004.

Arkansas Traveler – Office of the Governor, Arkansas: 1992.

Honorary Texan – Office of the Governor, Texas: 1991.

Honorary American FFA Degree: 1991.

Honorary North Carolina FFA State Degree: 1988.

Outstanding Young Men of America: 1987, 1988, 1989.

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## **MULTI-MEDIA AND OUTREACH**

*With in Reason*, KMAN, Manhattan, Kansas, July 28, 2025.

*On the Front Porch*, KCLY, Clay Center, Kansas, June 26, 2024.

*The Scoop*, Kansas State Alumni Association Podcast, April 16, 2024.

*K-State 105*. KSNT, NBC-27, Topeka, Kansas, March 1, 2023.

KMAN 1350, Manhattan, Kansas, February 23, 2023.

*Ag Today*, Kansas State University College of Agriculture Radio/Podcast, Manhattan, Kansas, February 22, 2023.

*More than 1 million Missourians lack internet*, KMIZ ABC-17, Columbia, Missouri, August 11, 2022.

*Broadband is a necessary utility. Let's treat it like one*, Columbia Tribune, Op-Ed Commentary Statewide, June 21, 2020.

*Here and Now*, KBIA Public Radio, University of Missouri, COVID-19 University Response, May 20, 2020.

*Columbia Morning*, KFRU, Columbia, Missouri, COVID-19 University Response, May 8, 2020.

*Sunday Morning Roundtable*, KFRU, Columbia, Missouri. COVID-19 University Response, May 3, 2020.

*It's time to step up and Improve broadband access in Missouri*, *Missourian*, Op-Ed Commentary Statewide, October 22, 2019.

*Columbia Morning*, KFRU, Columbia, Missouri, University Engagement, October 18, 2019.

*Sunday Morning Roundtable*, KFRU, Columbia, Missouri. University Engagement, July 8, 2018.

*Columbia Morning*, KFRU, Columbia, Missouri, University Engagement, May 30, 2018.

*Show-Me-Ag*, Missouri Public Television, MU Extension & Engagement, March 30, 2018.

*Sunday Morning Roundtable*, KFRU, Columbia, Missouri. University Engagement, September 24, 2017.

*Show-Me-Ag*, Missouri Public Television, Rural Broadband Access, August 19, 2017.

*North Carolina NOW*, UNC-TV, NC State Leadership Initiative Interview, October 8, 2014.

*North Carolina NOW*, UNC-TV, North Carolina 4-H Congress Interview, June 15, 2013.

*North Carolina People with Bill Friday*, UNC-TV, Interview, February 22, 2012.

*North Carolina NOW*, UNC-TV, We Are 4-H Centennial Program Interview, July 20, 2009.

*North Carolina NOW*, UNC-TV, 4-H STEM In North Carolina, January 4, 2007.

UNC-TV, *Annual Telethon*, NCCES Spokesperson, February 24, 2007.

*Agricultural Education*, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, 1997.

*Agricultural Education, Investing In Our Future*, National FFA Organization, 1992.

*Make It Happen...Join FFA*, National FFA Organization, 1992.

*Make It Happen...Teachers*, National FFA Organization, 1992.

*Make It Happen...Students*, National FFA Organization, 1992.

*FFA: It's You*, National FFA Organization, 1991.

*Dare to Dream*, National FFA Organization, 1991.

*Together We Can*, National Council for Agricultural Education, United States Department of Agriculture and United States Department of Education, 1990.

*The National Agricultural Education Strategic Plan*, The National Council for Agricultural Education, 1990.

*The Teacher Difference*, National FFA Organization, 1990.

*Washington Conference Program*, National FFA Organization, 1989.

*Made For Excellence*, National FFA Organization, 1989.

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## **EDUCATION AND CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP**

Agricultural Engineering I and II Curriculum Advisory Committee: Reviewer, 1996 – 2003.

Agricultural Production and Management I and II Curriculum Advisory Committee: Reviewer, 1996 – 2003.

Agriscience Applications Curriculum Advisory Committee: Reviewer, 1996 – 2003.

Animal Science I and II Curriculum Advisory Committee: Reviewer, 1996 – 2003.

North Carolina Facilities Guide for Public Schools Committee: Member, 1997.

North Carolina Equipment Guide for Public Schools Committee: Chair, 1997.

Biotechnology and Agriscience Research Curriculum Advisory Committee: Reviewer, 1996 – 2001.

Environmental and Natural Resources I and II Curriculum Advisory Committee: Reviewer, 1996 – 2001.

Equine Science I and II Curriculum Advisory Committee: Reviewer, 1996 – 2001.

Horticulture I and II Curriculum Advisory Committee: Reviewer, 1996 – 2001.

National Agri-Entrepreneurship Steering Committee: Member, 1994 – 1995.

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## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

University of Missouri Extension Association: Member, 2016 to 2023.

(Agriculture, 4-H, Human & Environmental Sciences, Community Development, Business Development)

Epsilon Sigma Phi, Member, 2010 – 2023

Association of Leadership Educators: Member, 2014 – 2016.

National Extension Association for 4-H Agents, Member, 2005 – 2013.

North Carolina Extension Association for 4-H Agents, Member, 2005 – 2013.

National Extension Association for FCS Agents, Member, 2006- 2013.

North Carolina Extension Association for FCS Agents, Member, 2006 – 2013.

Gamma Sigma Delta: 2008 – 2016.

Omicron Tau Theta: 2004 – 2016.

National Association of Agricultural Educators, Member, 1986 – 2004.

North Carolina Agriculture Teachers' Association, Member, 1986 – 1988, 1996 – 2004.

North Carolina 4-H Alumni and Friends Society: Member, 2007 – 2013.

National FFA Alumni Association: Life Member, 1981 – present.

North Carolina FFA Alumni Association: Life Member, 1981 – present.

Capital Area FFA Alumni: Life Member, 1981 – present.

North Carolina Committee for Business and Education: Member, 2007 – 2013.

North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture: Member, 2005 – 2006.

North Carolina Center for Non-Profit – Member, 1996 – 1999.

American Society of Association Executives: Member, 1995 – 1996.

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## **COMMUNITY SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS**

Manhattan Chamber of Commerce Board, Executive Committee Member, 2023 – present.

Kansas Farm Bureau: Member, 2023 – present.

Kansas State Alumni Association: Member, 2023 – present.

Faith Manhattan Church, 2023 – present.

Friends of K-State Gardens, 2023 – present.

Land Grant Society Member, University of Missouri: Member, 2020 – 2023.

Columns Club, University of Missouri: Member, 2018 – 2023.

Jefferson Club, University of Missouri: Member, 2018 – 2023.

MIZZOU Alumni Association: Member, 2017 – 2023.

Missouri Farm Bureau: Member, 2016 to 2023.

University of Missouri Flagship Council: Member, 2017 to January 2023

Missouri Farm Bureau: Member, 2016 – 2023.

Forum Christian Church, 2016 – January 2023.

Chancellor's Circle, NC State University: Member, 2013 – present.

NC State Alumni Association: Member, 2003 – present.

North Carolina Farm Bureau: Member, 1996 – 2016.

New Hope Baptist Church: Deacon Fellowship, 2003 – 2005, 2007 – 2010, 2005 – 2016.

New Hope Baptist Church: Sunday School Teacher, 2001 to 2013.

New Hope Baptist Church: Moderator, 2009 to 2012

New Hope Baptist Church: Finance Committee Member, 2009 to 2012, 2014 – 2016.

Knightdale High School Business Alliance: Member, 2009 – 2011.

Knightdale High School FFA Alumni and Friends: Member, 2007 – 2011.

North Carolina Agribusiness Council: Member, 1996 – 2013.

North Carolina State Grange: Member, 1996 – 2009.

North Carolina Association of Farm Writers and Broadcasters: Organizational Member, 1996 – 2004.

Wake County Agribusiness Association, 1996 – 2005.

Centennial Campus Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA): Member, 2004 – 2007.

Olds Elementary Parent Teacher Association (PTA): Member, 2001 – 2004.