

UGA Tifton Campus
2022 Faculty and Staff Achievements

AGRICULTURAL AND APPLIED ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT

Dr. Yangxuan Liu

Won Third Place, Outstanding Poster Awards, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, 2021.

Dr. Greg Fonsah

- 2022 – Southern Agricultural Economic Association (SAEA) Distinguished Extension Program Award (Specialty Crops, i.e., Vegetables, Fruits and Tree Nuts).
- 2022 – Innovative and Human Empowerment Award, The Fongenkem Foundation, Houston, Texas, USA.
- 2022 – Nominated External Assessor for Promotion & Tenure (Associate to Full Professor): Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA, Department of Agricultural Economics, USA (August).
- 2022 – Top CAES Pres & Media Coverage – Week of March 28, “Nigeria integrated aquaculture trial increases health and wealth, by The Fish Site: <https://thefishsite.com/articles/nigerian-integrated-aquaculture-trial-increases-health-and-wealth> (March, 26, 8:00 am).
- 2021 – MANDELA WASHINGTON FELLOWSHIP for young African Leaders Reciprocal Exchanges Award, U.S. Department of State and IREX, December 06.
- 2021 – Nominated External Assessor for Promotion & Tenure (Assistant to Associate Professor), Mississippi State University, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi, USA (September 24).
- 2021 – Nominated External Assessor for Promotion & Tenure (Associate to Full Professor): Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa (August 24).
- 2021 – Appointed External Panelist for PhD Oral Examination entitled, “Political Economic Analysis of Income Diversification Activities of Rural Households and Food Security: A Case Study of the Yendi and Nanumba North Districts of the Northern Region of Ghana” by Gamel Abdul-Nasser Salifu. University of Ghana, Legon-Accra, Ghana, West Africa.
- 2021 – Appointed Book Chapter Reviewer, King Saud University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prince Sultan Institute for Environmental, Water and Desert Research (October)
- 2021 - Nominated International Invited Seminar Guest Speaker on, “Transforming African Agriculture: An Integrated Approach (August 31).
- 2021 – Invited International Keynote Speaker, Graduation Commencement of 26 PhD Students, Northwestern University Business School, South Africa (June 29).

Global /International Programs and Activities:

July 22, 2022: USAID Feed-the-Future Integrated Rice-Fish Project, Nigeria, West Africa

Purpose: Train over 150 rice-fish farmers in Ikwo Local Government Site, Ebongi State, Southeast Nigeria in collaboration with University of Ibadan, Usmanu Danfodiyo University, FAO and MSU.

July 19, 2022: USAID Feed-the-Future Integrated Rice-Fish Project, Nigeria, West Africa

Purpose: Train over 100 rice-fish female farmers in Argungu Site, Kebbi State, Northeast Nigeria.

July 18, 2022: USAID Feed-the-Future Integrated Rice-Fish Project, Nigeria, West Africa

Purpose: Train over 60 rice-fish farmers in Jega Site, Kebbi State, Northeast Nigeria.

March 2022: FOMIC Polytechnic University (FPU), Buea, Cameroon, Central Africa.

Purpose: Chair the 2021/2022 Academic Board Meeting for approval of the first semester examinations and other FPU policy matters.

February 17, 2022: Mandela Washington Fellowship, IREX and Century Green Consortium (CGC) Grant Program and Workshop,

Purpose: Trained 12,000 farmers of all gender in 120 villages how to sustainably grow fonio (locally called "acha") in the Bogoro and Tafabalewa local government of Nigeria, West Africa. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1BsxH4Zk2nAJd3ZR8Na-q_tHUn-EGkrks/view

January 23-26, 2022: University of Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

Purpose: Chaired, organize and supervised PhD Defense of Mrs. Abisola A. Akinyemi, Matriculation # 104889, Faculty of Aquaculture and Fishery Management, University of Ibadan at the UGA Tifton Campus, Tifton USA.

December 17, 2021: University of Ghana, Legon-Accra, West Africa.

Purpose: External Panelist for PhD Oral Examination entitled, "Political Economy Analysis of Income Diversification Activities of Rural Households and Food Security: A Case Study of the Yendi and Nanumba North Districts of the Northern Region of Ghana" by Gamel Abdul-Nasser Salifu.

November 29-Dec. 12, 2021: University of Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

Purpose: UGA Team Leader (PI) for Aquaculture and rural communities: Farm diversification strategy through integrated agriculture-aquaculture systems and nutrition, Feed-the-Future Innovation Lab: Integrated fish-rice Project.

October 25, 2021: The University of the Gambia, West Africa.

Purpose: Research Collaboration between the University of Gambia, the Gambia Ministry of Agriculture and the University of Georgia (UGA) to help scaling up the Gambia peanuts, fruits and Vegetable to reduce importation by 50% in the next 5 years.

October 7, 2021: King Saud University, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Prince Sultan Institute for Environmental, Water & Desert Research.

Purpose: Review book chapter, "The Role of Public Agricultural Spending as a Panacea for Agricultural Subsector Production and its Implications for the Prevalence of Malnutrition: Empirical Evidence from Cameroon", In: Emerging Challenges to Food

Production and Security in Asia, Middle East, and Africa. Climate Risks and Resource Scarcity.

August 31, 2021: Northwestern University, Department of Agricultural Economics and Extension-MC, Republic of South Africa.

Purpose: Invited International Seminar Guest Speaker on "Transforming African Agriculture: An Integrated Approach, Online MS-TEAMS.

August 06, 2021: University of Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

Purpose: UGA Team Leader (PI) for Aquaculture and rural communities: Farm diversification strategy through integrated agriculture-aquaculture systems and nutrition-sensitive value chains for better nutrition outcomes, Feed-the-Future Innovation Lab: Integrated fish-rice Collaboration Project, FAO, University of Ibadan and University of Georgia (UGA), USA.

August 02, 2021: Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto, Nigeria, West Africa.

Purpose: UGA Team Leader (PI) for Aquaculture and rural communities: Farm diversification strategy through integrated agriculture-aquaculture systems and nutrition, Feed-the-Future Innovation Lab: Integrated fish-rice Project.

July, 2021: University of Ibadan, Nigeria, West Africa.

Purpose: Nominated by the Board of Regent as External Assessor for Promotion from Associate Professor to Full Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics.

June 29, 2021: Northwestern University Business School, South Africa.

Purpose: Invited International Keynote Speaker for the commencement of 26 PhD Students' via Zoom.

March 2021: FOMIC Polytechnic University (FPU), Buea, Cameroon, Central Africa.

Purpose: Chair the 2020/2021 Academic Board Meeting for approval of the first semester examinations and other FPU policy matters.

ANIMAL AND DAIRY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Jennifer Tucker

2021 Outstanding Paper in Forage and Grazinglands Award, Crop Science (C6 Division)
*Hendricks, T.J., J.J. Tucker, D.W. Hancock, M.K. Mullenix, L.L. Baxter, R.L. Stewart, J.R. Segers, and J.K. Bernard. 2020. Forage accumulation and nutritive value of bermudagrass and alfalfa-bermudagrass mixtures when harvested for baleage. Crop Sci. 2020, 60(5):2792-2801

CENTER FOR INVASIVE SPECIES & ECOSYSTEM HEALTH/FORESTRY

Dr. David Clabo

Received the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources Alumni Association Faculty Award for Outstanding Outreach 2022

Dr. Elizabeth McCarty

Advised Victoria Cassidy - graduated with M.S. in Summer 2020

1st place student session award. Spinner, S., Barnes, B.F., McCarty, E.P., and Gandhi, K.J.K. 2021. Responses of four bark beetle species to catastrophic hurricane damage in southeastern US pine forests. Annual Meeting of the Entomological Society of America.

1st place session award. Cassidy, V., E. McCarty, D. Dickens, and K. Gandhi. 2020 Suppression of the Nantucket Pine Tip Moth on Loblolly Pine Plantations. Warnell Graduate Student Symposium, Warnell School.

CROP AND SOIL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Lisa Baxter

American Forage and Grassland Council:

- 2021 Early Career Award
- 1st Place in 2021 Video Competition

Dr. Stanley Culpepper

Weed Science Society of America Science Policy Fellowship (May 2022-Current)

- Assist in coordinating, researching, and writing science policy statement and comments on proposed federal rules and regulations.
- Pursue, promote, or improve initiatives of the national and regional weed science societies.
- Help coordinate activities for National Invasive Species Awareness Week.
- Attend Congressional hearings and other meetings of interest.
- Help conduct, analyze, and publish data from WSSA Survey of Common and Troublesome Weeds and Weed Science Research Priorities.

American Society for Horticultural Science Outstanding Extension Publication (Co-Author):

- 2022 Award Winning Paper - Hand, L.C., K.M. Eason, T.M. Randell, T.L. Grey, J.S. Richburg, T.W. Coolong, A.S. Culpepper "Using analytical techniques and cole crop field responses to quantify 2,4-D plus glyphosate removal from the surface of plastic mulch".

Dr. Glen Harris

Awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Crop Alliance.

Dr. Scott Monfort

Awarded the 2021 D.W. Brooks Faculty Award for Excellence in Extension.

Dr. Scott Tubbs

- Selected as 2022 recipient of the University of Georgia CAES Faculty Mentor Award
- Received 2022 American Peanut Research and Education Society Bailey Award (best presentation/paper from the 2021 Annual Meeting)
- Selected to represent UGA CAES in 2022 LEAD21 Program

Dr. Simerjeet Virk

- Precision Ag Researcher of the Year 2022, by National Conservation Systems at the 2022 Annual Cotton and Rice Conference
- Outstanding Reviewer (2021), Awarded by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers at the 2021 ASABE AIM Virtual Meeting
- Outstanding Reviewer (2022), Awarded by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers at the 2022 ASABE AIM Meeting

ENTOMOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Glen Rains

Member of S1069 Hatch Project: Research and Extension for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) Applications in U.S. Agriculture and Natural Resources. Awarded the national 2022 Excellence in Multistate Research Award.

HORTICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Angelos Deltsidis

Extension Communications Award from Southern Region ASHS for the Communication 'Quick Storage Guide for Vegetable Crops' in the year 2022 (A. Deltsidis and A.L.B.R. da Silva)

The Fruit and Vegetable 2021 "40 under 40"

Dr. Lenny Wells

Walter Barnard Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service & Outreach sponsored by UGA Public Service & Outreach

Dr. Juan Diaz Perez

2022 Land Stewardship Award sponsored by Georgia Organics. This award recognizes the farmer, agricultural professional or researcher with significant commitments to the tenets of organic agriculture, including soil fertility, biodiversity, on-farm recycling and water quality.

Dr. Ye (Juliet) Chu

Peanut Research and Education Award for outstanding contributions to the Peanut Industry. Presented by American Peanut Council 2022.

NESPAL/IPBGG

Dr. Peggy Ozias-Akins

D.W. Brooks Professor and Distinguished Research Professor in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, has been named the University of Georgia's recipient of the Southeastern Conference Faculty Achievement Award. The honor recognizes professors with outstanding records in teaching and scholarship and is administered by provosts at each of the 14 universities in the conference.

PLANT PATHOLOGY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bob Kemerait

Received the DW Brooks Faculty Award for Excellence in Global Programs. In addition to his primary responsibilities as an Extension plant pathologist, Dr. Kemerait works with USAID programs to improve peanut production among small scale farmers in Guyana, Haiti and the Philippines.

Received the Walter Barnard Hill Fellow Award for distinguished achievement in public service and outreach.

Awarded the 2021 Southern Region Excellence in Extension Award for his work advancing public understanding of managing major disease threats to agronomic crops; that award was made by USDA, Cooperative Extension & the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities.

USDA ARS

Dr. Corley Holbrook

Received the 2022 Corteva Agriscience Award for Excellence in Research at the 54th American Peanut Research and Education Society meeting held in Dallas, TX.