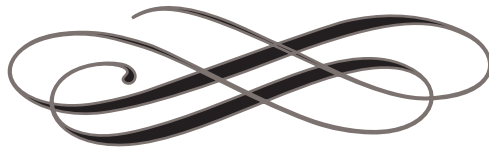


*The University of Tennessee
Institute of Agriculture*

Awards and Promotions Luncheon



August 5, 2011



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Recognition of Recipients
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Promotions and Tenure

County Extension Agent I to County Extension Agent II:

Jason R. Evitts – Trousdale County

Amanda J. Gray – Wilson County

J. Bradley ‘Brad’ Greenfield – Dickson County

Lynne M. Knight – Macon County

Lynne M. Middleton – Bradley County

Dave J. ‘Jake’ Mallard – Gibson County

Jason C. Morris – Lewis County

Sarah W. Poole – Crockett County

Melody T. Rose – Greene County

County Extension Agent II to County Extension Agent III:

Becky A. Bonner – Shelby County

Emily K. Osterhaus – Bedford County

Jonathan P. Rhea – Jefferson County

Extension Area Specialist I to Extension Area Specialist II

David C. Bilderback – Greene County

Extension Area Specialist II to Extension Area Specialist III

Shawn M. Towater – Western Region

Extension Specialist II to Extension Specialist III

Robert ‘Rob’ W. Holland, Jr. –

Center for Profitable Agriculture

**Extension Assistant I to
Extension Assistant II**

Jerry L. Rhinehardt – Clyde Austin 4-H Center

Associate Professor with Tenure

Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes – Entomology and Plant Pathology

Cheryl J. Kojima – Animal Science

Nicole ‘Niki’ Labbe – Food Science and Technology

Dayton M. Lambert – Agricultural and
Resource Economics

Agricola Odoi – Comparative Medicine

Brynn H. Voy – Animal Science

Granting of Tenure

Shigetoshi ‘Shige’ Eda – Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

Professor

David S. Buckley – Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

William ‘Bill’ E. Klingeman – Plant Sciences

James A. Larson – Agricultural and Resource Economics

Bonnie H. Ownley – Entomology and Plant Pathology

Siquan Wang – Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

Steven T. Yen – Agricultural and Resource Economics

Svetlana ‘Lana’ Zivanovic – Food Science and Technology

Professor with Tenure

Patrick D. Keyser – Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries

2011 Awards

The Charles and Julie Wharton Award for Outstanding Extension Accomplishments

This new award will be presented to three UT Extension agents annually. These agents may conduct programs in any area, including agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer sciences, 4-H youth development, and resource development.

Special consideration will be given to those individuals who have demonstrated excellence in serving local needs for five years or more.

**Edward ‘Ed’ M. Burns – Extension Agent III –
Franklin County**

Benita G. Giffin – Extension Agent III – Obion County

**Connie G. Sharp – Extension Agent and County Director –
Washington County**

J. E. Moss Achievement Awards

Established in memory of J. E. and Ann Moss, recognizing excellent achievement in teaching, research and extension for the Institute of Agriculture. Awards are provided annually for each of the four units of the Institute of Agriculture.

They are selected by a committee of the Chancellor, Associate Vice Chancellor and the four Deans of the Institute.

**Angela F. Berry – Administrative Specialist III – College
of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources**

**Ann A. Berry – Associate Professor – Family &
Consumer Sciences**

**Dennis R. Geiser – Assistant Dean/Interim Head
Large Animal Clinical Sciences – Veterinary Medical Center**

**Juan Luis Jurat-Fuentes – Assistant Professor –
Entomology & Plant Pathology**

***Mary Neal Alexander Outstanding 4-H Youth
Development Agent Award***

Established by Miss Mary Neal Alexander, retired associate supervisor for home economics programming from the old District IV (upper Cumberland area of Tennessee). Her career began as a county agent, where she learned the value of county 4-H work. She also had a mentor within Extension who encouraged her to save some money, even as a beginning Extension agent. She listened and made some good investments over the years. This award in her honor encourages young agents to get started saving, providing funds through which Tennessee 4-H can acknowledge outstanding youth development programming.

Janet L. Newton – Extension Agent II – Henderson County

***G. L. Carter, Jr. Outstanding 4-H Youth
Development Agent Award***

Established by Dr. G. L. Carter Jr., whose Extension career began in Greene County in 1949, where he served as a 4-H agent. He was also a Hamblen County 4-H member. Carter was the first in his family to graduate from college, later earning an M.S. and a Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin. Carter's 44-year career included working as the youth editor of a farm and ranch magazine; serving as a state 4-H staff member in both Tennessee and North Carolina; and helping to create the Journal of Extension, a professional publication for Extension agents and specialists. Dr. Carter has provided the funding through an endowment to recognize an outstanding 4-H youth development agent.

**Michele M. Atkins – Extension Agent III
& County Director – Henry County**

***Alice Ann Moore Outstanding
4-H Agent Award***

Established by Alice Ann Moore, former Director of UT Extension 4-H youth development programs. She served the University of Tennessee in many capacities during more than 30 years of exemplary service, and was also a 4-H member in Crockett County. With her leadership, Tennessee 4-H developed a life skills evaluation system that is nationally recognized as a groundbreaking scientific means of providing feedback on the effectiveness of 4-H youth education programs. She is also an honorary life member of the Tennessee 4-H Foundation.

Glenn K. Turner – Extension Agent III – Sevier County

***E. R. “Prof” Lidvall Outstanding
Teaching Award***

Established by Donald E. Williams, a 1961 graduate of the College of Agriculture, to honor his former professor and mentor, Professor E. R. “Prof” Lidvall. The award recognizes faculty who exemplify

Prof Lidvall’s commitment to excellence in the classroom, as well as his commitment to the needs and interests of the student.

John C. Sorochan – Associate Professor – Plant Sciences

***Lewis H. Dickson Extension Award
for Innovative Programming***

This award recognizes the contributions of Extension professionals and is established to honor the contributions of an outstanding Extension educator. Dr. Lewis H. Dickson was employed by the University of Tennessee from 1946 to 1988, when he retired as professor in Agricultural and Extension Education.

This award was established by his son, Lewis H. Dickson Jr., in October 2003.

**Christopher D. Clark – Associate Professor –
Agricultural & Resource Economics**

**Alan B. Galloway – Extension Area Specialist III –
Putnam County Extension**

**Alice J. Rhea – Area Specialist II –
Blount County Extension**

**Jane H. Starnes – Research Associate III –
Agricultural & Resource Economics**

**Michael D. Wilcox – Assistant Professor –
Agricultural & Resource Economics**

***Cavender Outstanding Award for Best
Publication***

Established by Dutch Cavender, former Director of Communications and his wife Marilee, this award recognizes excellence in the development of published material produced by professionals in the Institute of Agriculture. These co-winners were chosen from all peer-reviewed publications produced by units of UTIA and printed by UT.

“Planning Today for Tomorrow’s Farms”

**Alice J. Rhea – Area Specialist II –
Blount County Extension**

**Christopher D. Clark – Associate Professor –
Agricultural & Resource Economics**

**Alan B. Galloway – Extension Area Specialist III –
Putnam County Extension**

**Jane H. Starnes – Research Associate III –
Agricultural & Resource Economics**

**Michael D. Wilcox – Assistant Professor –
Agricultural & Resource Economics**

**Contributors: Christopher T. Sneed – Extension Agent II –
Blount County Extension**

Dena K. Wise – Professor – Family & Consumer Sciences

**“Organic & Sustainable Crop Production”
factsheet series**

**Annette L. Wszelaki – Assistant Professor –
Plant Sciences**

**Sarah E. Broughton – Graduate Research Assistant –
Plant Sciences**

***The Lloyd and Nettie Downen Endowment
Fund Leadership Enhancement Award***

Established by Dr. and Mrs. M. Lloyd Downen, Dean Emeritus of the Agricultural Extension Service. This award recognizes Extension faculty members who serve in leadership roles across the state.

**Christopher ‘Chris’ B. Hicks – Extension Agent I and
County Director – Van Buren County**

Vernon and Ida Darter Award

Named for the late Extension Dean Emeritus Vernon W. Darter and his wife, the late Ida Darter. This award recognizes excellence among the ranks of associate Extension agents.

Creig C. Kimbro – Extension Agent II – Grundy County

***Mildred Pendergrass Award for
Outstanding Service***

Presented in memory of Mildred Pendergrass, wife of the former Vice President for Agriculture Webster Pendergrass, is given to employees among the technical, skill and service staff in the Institute.

**Joseph ‘Joe’ T. Cagle – Supervisor –
UTIA General Services**

***Webster Pendergrass Outstanding
Service Award***

Presented in memory of Webster Pendergrass, former Vice President of Agriculture, recognizes a teaching, research or extension faculty member who has contributed most to the fulfillment of the Institute's goals and objectives.

**William E. Hart – Associate Professor –
Biosystems Engineering & Soil Science**

***Professional/Academic Award for
Outstanding Service***

Provided by the Institute of Agriculture Administration, this award is given to a recipient among the professional and other academic employees who has contributed most to the attainment of the objectives of the Institute of Agriculture.

**Charles G. Lambrecht – IT Team Leader – Hospital
Operations – Veterinary Medical Center**

***William D. Bishop Outstanding
Service Award***

Presented in memory of Dean Emeritus William D. Bishop, recognizes a member of the field force of University of Tennessee Extension who has contributed most to the attainment of Extension objectives.

**D. Kelly Amonett – Extension Agent III & County
Director – Morgan County Extension**

TAAA&S-Hicks Awards of Excellence

Established by the Tennessee Association of Agricultural Agents and Specialists and other endowment funds, this award is presented annually to up to three UT Extension faculty who are also members of TAAA&S.

Ronald ‘Ron’ E. Blair – Extension Agent III and County Director – Henderson County

John W. Ferrell – Extension Agent II – Franklin County

Kevin L. Rose – Extension Agent III & County Director – Giles County

E. J. Chapman Outstanding Service Award

Established by the late E. J. Chapman, who served the university in a wide range of capacities from agronomist to assistant vice president for agriculture. This award recognizes a member of the supporting staff of the teaching, research or extension divisions.

Kelly D. Grant – Administrative Support Assistant II – Rhea County Extension

***B. Ray Thompson, Sr. Outstanding Faculty
Performance Award***

This award is made possible by earnings from the Thompson Faculty Endowment and is presented annually to faculty in the Institute who have distinguished themselves by their exceptional performance. This award rotates among the four divisions within the Institute of Agriculture.

**Daniel C. Yoder – Professor – Biosystems Engineering &
Soil Science**

AgResearch Impact Award

Presented to an AgResearch faculty or professional staff member whose efforts have had a profound effect on improving the efficiency, sustainability and/or economic viability of the food and fiber industry of rural areas of Tennessee.

**Timothy ‘Tim’ G. Rials – Professor – Forestry, Wildlife &
Fisheries & Director of the Center for Renewable Carbon**

***William T. Miles M.D. Memorial Award
for Community Service***

Named for William T. Miles, a respected medical doctor, this award was established by his son, the late Curtis W. Miles, a long-time devotee of the Field Trials at the Ames Plantation in Grand Junction, Tennessee. In accordance with the younger Miles' life philosophy, "Treat people like you want to be treated," the award is intended to recognize significant contributions and service to the Knoxville community.

**Elizabeth B. Strand – Clinical Associate Professor,
Comparative Medicine – Veterinary Medical Center**

***T. J. Whatley
Distinguished Young Scientist Award***

Established by Dr. Thomas Whatley, Associate Dean Emeritus of the Agricultural Experiment Station, the award recognizes a young scientist who has less than 12 years of professional experience, with a minimum of five years of service on the agricultural faculty.

**Matthew 'Matt' J. Gray – Associate Professor –
Forestry, Wildlife & Fisheries**

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