



Biography

Roger Rennekamp

Roger Rennekamp currently serves as Director of Ohio State University Extension and Associate Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) at the Ohio State University. In that position, Roger oversees an Extension workforce of nearly 700 Extension employees and is responsible for an annual budget of over \$70 million. Roger also holds the rank of Professor in the Department of Agricultural Communications, Education, and Leadership (ACEL) within CFAES. Roger also represents the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences on the university's College Engagement Council.

Prior to coming to Ohio, Roger served as Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences at Oregon State University and provided overall leadership to both the 4-H Youth Development (4-H) and the Family and Community Health (FCH) Extension programs. At Oregon State, he led an effort to build the nation's first health-focus Extension program within an accredited school of public health. He also served as a member of the university's Outreach and Engagement Council and led the institution's effort to achieve the Carnegie elective classification for Community Engagement. He also participated in a university-wide work group to appointed to build an infrastructure for the advancement of service learning across the OSU campus. Roger also served as a member of the National 4-H Council Board of Trustees from 2008 to 2011.

Roger spent the majority of his career, however, at the University of Kentucky where he served as an Extension Specialist in the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment and provided leadership to the program development and evaluation activities of the Kentucky Cooperative Extension Service. Roger has served on a wide array of national Extension work groups and taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in community engagement, program evaluation, leadership, and Extension education.

Roger is a lifelong champion for expanding the prominence of outreach and engagement across higher education. He is a graduate of the Engagement Academy and has written broadly about outreach and engagement throughout his career. He is a founding fellow of the Academy of Community Engaged Scholarship.

Roger and his wife Denise have two grown children.