



Biography

Gary M. Pierzynski

Gary Pierzynski is University Distinguished Professor emeritus at Kansas State University and is currently Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education, and Director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station, for the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) at The Ohio State University. In that role, Gary oversees an annual budget of over \$87 million. Gary also holds the rank of Professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources within CFAES.

Gary received his BS and MS in Crop and Soil Sciences from Michigan State University and his PhD in soil chemistry from The Ohio State University. He was a member of Cohort 4 of the FSLI program.

Prior to coming to Ohio, Gary was at Kansas State University where he served on the faculty in a teaching and research role earning the title of University Distinguished Professor. He is a Co-PI on the United States Agency for International Development Feed the Future Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab at Kansas State University. Gary has published more than 85 refereed papers and three books, including the successful textbook *Soils and Environmental Quality*.

Gary has served as Head of the Department of Agronomy and Interim Dean and Director for the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University. Other leadership roles include Editor for the *Journal of Environmental Quality* and President of the Soil Science Society of America, the American Society of Agronomy, and the International Society of Trace Element Biogeochemistry. He is a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and the Soil Science Society of America, has received the Soil Science Education Award and the Marion and Chrystie Jackson Soil Science Award from the Soil Science Society of America, has received the Commerce Bank Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching, and has given more than 50 invited presentations around the world. Service duties include membership on the Kansas Grain Sorghum Commission, Kansas Crop Improvement Association Board of Directors, Kansas Soybean Association, and the Crop Improvement Committee for the United Sorghum Checkoff Program Board.