



Biography

Roger Rennekamp

Roger Rennekamp serves as Health Director for the Cooperative Extension Section of the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) where he focuses on building the capacity of the nation's land grant universities to improve population health and well-being through Extension and community engagement. Immediately prior, Roger served as Director of Ohio State University Extension. He has also served as Associate Dean for Outreach and Engagement in the College of Public Health and Human Sciences at Oregon State University where he 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-focused Cooperative 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 efforts to achieve the Carnegie elective classification for Community Engagement. Roger spent the majority of his career, however, at the University of Kentucky. At all three institutions, Roger taught both undergraduate and graduate courses in community engagement, program evaluation, leadership, and Extension education. He is a graduate of the Engagement Academy and a founding member of the Academy of Community Engagement Scholarship.