

CFAES

Dean's FSLI Dinner



THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL,
AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



Cathann A. Kress, PhD
Vice President for Agricultural Administration and CFAES Dean

Dean Kress has responsibility for leadership of the college, which also comprises OSU Extension, research centers including Ohio Agricultural Technical Institute in Wooster. She is also a full professor within the department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership. Cathann is a Trustee of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, serves on the State of Ohio Livestock Care Standards Board, and National 4-H Council Board.



David Benfield, PhD
Cohort #4
Professor Emeritus

Prior to his retirement in 2019, Dave served as Associate Vice President of Agricultural Administration in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) and Director of the CFAES Wooster Campus. He joined Ohio State in 2002, as Associate Director for OARDC and a professor in the Food Animal Health Research Program. Dr. Benfield is a renowned virologist for his contributions to food-animal health research.



Robert Birkenholz, PhD
Cohort #2
Professor Emeritus of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL)

Prior to his retirement, Robert served as Professor of Agricultural Education and Chair of Human & Community Resource Development at The Ohio State University.



Kristina Boone, PhD
Assistant Dean and Director, Agricultural Technical Institute (ATI)

As Assistant Dean and Director of ATI, Kris leads over 500 students, as well as 80 faculty and staff. She manages campus operations for ATI including the student activities center; greenhouse complex; teaching laboratories; and student services, such as disability services, tutoring, and counseling. She also liaises with university housing and college safety and security team; leads development efforts for ATI; works with the governmental relations team and helps lead strategic planning for the CFAES Wooster campus.



Lori Bowman
Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the Vice President and CFAES Dean

Lori has served as Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the VP and Dean of the College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Science since July 2018. Previously she served as the Human Resources and Finance Manager for The Ohio State University Graduate school and as the CFAES Department of Food, Agricultural, and Biological Engineering (FABE) Human Resources and Fiscal Manager.



Carol Bradford, MD, MS, FACS
Dean of the OSU College of Medicine; Vice President for Health Sciences, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center

Carol is an internationally recognized head and neck cancer researcher, surgeon and leader in academic medicine. She works to develop therapies to combat certain types of head and neck cancer that are resistant to traditional forms of treatment. Carol became the dean of The Ohio State University College of Medicine and vice president for Health Sciences at The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center in 2020.



Ann Christy, PhD
Associate Dean and Director for Academic Programs in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

Ann was appointed Associate Dean and Director for Academic Programs in January 2023, previously serving as interim since July 1, 2022. Dr. Christy provides leadership to the college portfolio of undergraduate student recruitment and development/support programs, curriculum management, and teaching and learning.



Graham Cochran, PhD
Cohort #13
Associate Dean, CFAES Operations and ACEL Professor

Graham provides leadership for strategy including risk management, accountability, strategic planning, and associated resource allocation. Graham drives the development of financial and operational policies and procedures that integrate space, fiscal and human resource considerations, and oversee department, unit and program reviews and strategic plans to ensure with college and university policies.



Gregory Davis, PhD
Associate Chair, Department of Extension/Assistant Dean, OSU Extension

Greg gives leadership to program development, teaching evaluation and improvement, impact documentation and applied scholarship for OSU Extension personnel across OSU and supports professional advancement of roughly 250 educators and specialists within the Department of Extension.



Charlene Gilbert, PhD
Senior Vice Provost for Student Academic Excellence

Charlene Gilbert joined the Office of Academic Affairs in April of 2022, as senior vice provost for student academic excellence. Gilbert serves as a strategic advisor to the executive vice president and provost of the university and provides leadership, vision and strategic direction for a team to advance the student academic experience for Ohio State's 65,000 students.



Tim Haab, PhD
Professor and Chair of the CFAES Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics (AEDE)

Tim's research and teaching focus on environmental economics, experimental economics, and applied econometrics. Tim joined the department in 2000, and has served as the department chair since 2010. Haab was appointed Dean's Chair and Leader of the CFAES Knowledge Exchange (KX) in 2020.



Norman Jones, PhD
Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education and Professor of English

As Vice Provost and Dean for Undergraduate Education, Norman leads the vision for challenging and transformative academic experiences for Ohio State undergraduate students on all of our OSU campuses and is responsible for guiding the development of undergraduate educational experiences and outcomes.



Doug Karcher, PhD
Chair of the CFAES Department of Horticulture and Crop Science (HCS)

Doug leads the HCS department in research, teaching, extension, and international development.

Doug's past research has focused

on improving the functional and aesthetic quality of turfgrass while minimizing water, fertilizer, and pesticide inputs through the refinement of cultural practices. He has developed courses including Turf Management Laboratory, Turfgrass Rootzone Management, and Best Management Practices for Turfgrass.



Tracy Kitchel, PhD
Senior Associate Dean for CFAES Faculty and Staff Affairs, ACEL Professor

As Senior Associate Dean, Tracy serves second to the CFAES Dean, provides daily supervision of department chairs, oversees

faculty-related academic policy like promotion and tenure, and leads efforts in faculty and staff recruitment, hiring, development, and retention. Dr. Kitchel is a Fellow in the American Association for Agricultural Education (AAAE) and was the 2020 AAAE Distinguished Lecturer.



Jackie Kirby Wilkins, PhD
Cohort #15 Associate Dean and Director, Chair Department of Extension

As director, Jackie provides leadership for carrying out the vision, mission, and values of OSU Extension; establishing

priorities for investment in OSU Extension by local, state, and federal government; and providing oversight of an approximately \$77 million budget. She continues to provide leadership for and bolster the scholarship of engagement both within and outside of the OSU Extension system, and is responsible for collaborating with other colleges within the university and the Office of Outreach and Engagement to fulfill our land-grant mission.



Cindy Leavitt
VP and Chief Information Officer

Cindy was appointed Vice President and Chief Information Officer in September 2021. Her responsibilities include the vision, budgeting, design, implementation, and operation of information systems in

support of the university's strategies and objectives; establishment of IT strategy, policy, standards, and direction; and oversight of the distance education and learning technology work at the university.



Pasha Lyvers Pepper, PhD
Professor and Chair of the CFAES Department of Animal Sciences

In her role, Pasha supports the continued success and development of undergraduate and graduate education programs; represents the department and promotes

collaborations with university partners and external stakeholders to increase state, national, and international presence; works with other department chairs and administrators to advance the vision and missions of Animal Sciences in order to optimize the department's resource needs; and administers, allocates, and manages fiscal and human resources in a complex organization with multiple locations, funding, and revenue streams.



Anil Makhija, PhD
Dean of the Fisher College of Business and John W. Berry, Sr. Chair in Business

Anil is recognized as an expert in the field of finance, particularly capital structure, corporate governance and valuation, and

has more than 20 years of experience in academic leadership roles. He has led consulting and executive development programs for dozens of leading companies in the U.S. and around the world. He has held visiting faculty appointments at respected institutions in Chile, the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Hong Kong, India and Korea.



Andy Michel, PhD
Cohort #18 Associate Dean and Director of the CFAES Wooster Campus, Professor of Entomology

As Associate Dean and Director of the CFAES Wooster Campus, Andy primarily represent the

Vice President for Agricultural Administration and CFAES Dean (VP/Dean) to provide leadership and oversight for the CFAES Wooster Campus when the VP/Dean is not on campus. He also coordinates efforts regarding the overall culture and climate of the CFAES Wooster Campus. Andy has been on faculty in the CFAES Department of Entomology on the CFAES Wooster Campus since the fall of 2007. He has most recently served as Professor and Associate Chair in the Department of Entomology and as Associate Director of the Center for Applied Plant Sciences and the Co-Director of the Master of Plant Health Management Program.



Rustin Moore, DVM, PhD
Diplomate ACVS Dean, College of Veterinary Medicine; Ruth Stanton Chair in Veterinary Medicine

Rustin has served Ohio State as chair of the Department of Veterinary Clinical Sciences,

executive director of the Veterinary Medical Center, associate dean for Clinical and Outreach Programs and associate executive dean. His clinical interests include equine lameness, surgery and colic and its associated complications, and his research has led to his being a principal or co-investigator on approximately 120 funded grants.



Bobby Moser
FSLI Commissioner; Professor Emeritus Department of Animal Sciences; Former Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Dean

Bobby served as Dean of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences for more than 20 years.



Stefan Niewiesk, PhD, DVM, Diplomate ECLAM
Cohort #14 Professor and Chair Department of Veterinary Biosciences

Stefan is a member of the Leukemia Research Program

at the OSU Comprehensive Care Center (OSUCCC) – James, where his research explores the use of measles vaccine virus as oncolytic therapy for T-cell leukemia. Other aspects of his research involve how to use genetically improved viruses to combat leukemia and how to combine viral oncolytic therapy with other conventional or experimental therapies.



James Orr, PhD
Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management

James was appointed as the Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment Management in 2022. He is a leading academic, enrollment, and student success strategist

with expertise in bringing innovative technologies, data analytics, and institutional collaborations to the entire enrollment cycle.



Elizabeth Parkinson
Senior Vice President Marketing and Communications

A leading figure in strategic communications and brand marketing, Elizabeth has more than 30 years of experience in higher education, professional

sports, consumer products, business services, nonprofit organizations and government. She is overseeing the consolidation of Ohio State's marketing and communications efforts into one unit responsible for overall brand, marketing and communications strategy and implementation.



Gary Pierzynski, PhD
Cohort #4
 Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Education,
 Director of the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station

Gary is the principle administrative officer of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences research enterprise. Gary continues to drive the future strategy for enhancing and expanding research and graduate education with Ohio State, as well as undergraduate research.



Scott Shearer, PhD
 Professor and Chair of the CFAES Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering (FABE)

Scott serves as Professor and Chair of FABE. He has lead research supported by over \$12M in grants; authored more than 200 technical publications, and has made numerous invited presentations at international conferences, professional meetings and farmer forums. Scott is also a Fellow of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers.



Adam Ward
 CFAES Director of Government Affairs

As director of government affairs, Adam works to develop and strengthen relationships with public officials at all levels of government, university advocates, agencies, university leadership when appropriate, and related staff for these groups to positively impact CFAES and advance the university's agenda.



Shannon G. Washburn, PhD
 Professor and Chair of the CFAES Department of Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership (ACEL)

Shannon currently serves as Professor and Chair of ACEL and as the college's Sanford G. Price and Isabelle P. Barbee Endowed Chair in Teaching, Advising, and Learning. He joined ACEL in 2020, and previously served as an assistant dean for Academic Programs for the College of Agriculture at Kansas State University, from 2015 to 2020.



Jeff Risinger, PhD
 Senior Vice President Talent, Culture and Human Resources

As chief human resources officer, Jeff Risinger provides leadership across all HR organizations at Ohio State with a focus on strategic initiatives that leverage the talents of more than 45,000 employees in support of the university's mission and vision.



Randy Smith, PhD
 Vice Provost for Academic Programs

Randy was Ohio State's first provosts faculty fellow and in that capacity, coordinated Ohio State decennial institutional re-accreditation process. Since 1998 has been vice provost for academic programs (formerly, curriculum and institutional relations). He focuses on academic program development and review for the University's 15 colleges and 4 regional campuses.



Thomas Rosol, DVM, PhD
 Cohort #4
 Former Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine at The Ohio State University

Thomas Rosol, DVM, PhD, MBA is a professor of veterinary and toxicologic pathology in the Dept. of Biomedical Sciences at the Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists. He has served as dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine and senior associate and interim vice president for research at Ohio State University and on advisory boards to the National Institutes of Health, United States Department of Agriculture, American Veterinary Medical Association, EPA, and Morris Animal Foundation. Rosol serves as a consultant for industry in preclinical safety and toxicology in the areas of endocrine, bone, and reproductive pathology and animal models of cancer.



Eric Toman, PhD
 Professor and Interim Director of the CFAES School of Environment and Natural Resources (SENR)

As Interim Director of SENR, Eric supports student success and development of undergraduate and graduate education programs; promotes collaborations with university partners and external stakeholders to increase state, national, and international presence and to advance the vision and mission of the School.

About The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES)

The College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) at The Ohio State University is comprised of 408 faculty, 1,305 staff, nearly 3,000 students, over 47,000 living alumni, 47,000 animals, 88 counties, and 11,400 acres.

Our college includes three campuses (Columbus, CFAES Wooster, and statewide), OSU Extension and 4-H, multiple academic units including the School of Environment and Natural Resources, research stations, and over 100 unique centers, institutes, and programs supporting a breadth of work around food and food systems, a wide range of production, environmental and ecosystem sustainability, policy and economics, and health.

We are committed to scholarship across our three mission areas (teaching, research, and Extension) with a commitment to serving our state in addition to the country and world. As a land-grant, we are part of a cooperative structure which includes key partners all dedicated to integrating research, education, and extension to improve the food and agricultural sectors, the environment, and the quality of people's lives. We educate not just college students but over a million individuals across the lifespan. We work to ensure that groundbreaking scientific discoveries are brought out of the laboratory and into the hands of those who can put them to work.

About The Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI)

The Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI) offers leadership development to upper-level leaders in higher education, government, and industry. FSLI provides our Fellows with strategies to handle the leadership challenges and opportunities for the future. The FSLI experience develops or reinforces a series of core leadership competencies identified by a team of top-level leaders including university presidents and chancellors and leaders from industry and the non-profit sector who understand the requirements of food systems leadership. These professionals offer a wealth of understanding about leadership and the food system to help the Fellows gain a better understanding of their leadership potential.

The two-year FSLI experience includes three week-long residential sessions, personal leadership coaching, mentoring, individual leadership projects, a personal development plan, and distance learning activities. As a FSLI partner institution, Ohio State provides expertise in leadership and food systems and hosts onsite residential sessions for participants.

