

## **FSLI ENCORE PROGRAM**

Hosted by Cohort 17 Team Members:

- David Anderson, Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies, College of Veterinary Medicine, University of Tennessee
- Shana Forster, Center Director / North Central Research Extension Center District Director/NDSU Extension, North Dakota State University
- Tracy Rutherford, Department Head, Professor, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Agricultural, Leadership and Community Education, Virginia Tech
- Manpreet Singh, Head and Professor, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia

Activity	Time
Registration / Coffee / Light Refreshments	8:00-8:30 am
Welcome and Introductions	8:30-8:40 am
Sam Pardue, FSLI Director	
David Anderson, Encore Team Member	
<ol> <li>Leading Change in Higher Education: Evolving Through Dynamic Programming</li> <li>Leslie Edgar, Associate Dean and Director, Agricultural Experiment Station         Professor of Agricultural and Science Communication - New Mexico State         University         <ul> <li>Research Focus: Creating a "So What" Research Agenda to Strategically                 Build Capacity and Achieve State, Regional, National, and Global Priorities</li> </ul> </li> <li>Allen Wysocki, Associate Dean, Distance Education, International Programs,         <ul> <li>Statewide Programs, Honors Program, Faculty Development, Student Petitions –                 University of Florida</li> <li>Education Focus: Micro-Credentials, Life-Long Learning, and Workforce                 Development – What is the Role of Higher Education?</li> </ul> </li></ol>	8:40-10:00 am
Break	10:00 – 10:20 am
Leading Change in Higher Education: Evolving Through Dynamic Programming  1. Charlie Stoltenow, Dean of Extension, University of Nebraska-Lincoln  • Extension Focus: Grand Challenges to Grand Opportunities! Turn your weakness into strength	10:20 – 11:00 am
Break	11:00 – 11:10 am
Panel Discussion: Leading Change in Higher Education: Evolving Through Dynamic Programming  Leslie Edgar Allen Wysocki Charlie Stoltenow David Anderson Shana Forster Tracy Rutherford	11:10 am – 12 Noon
Social Lunch	12 Noon – 1:30 pm
World Café & Table Report-Outs Tracy Rutherford, Encore Team Member	1:30 – 3:00 pm
Thank you, Summary, and Next Steps Shana Forster, Encore Team Member	3:00 – 3:30 pm

Leslie Edgar, Associate Dean and Director, Agricultural Experiment Station Professor of Agricultural and Science Communication - New Mexico State University

Leslie D. Edgar is the Associate Dean of Research for the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Science (ACES) and Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES). Before beginning her position at New Mexico State University (NMSU) in June 2020, she served as Professor and Department Head for the Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication Department in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at the University of Georgia. Dr. Edgar previously served as the Assistant Dean for Student Programs in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences at the University of Arkansas, where she directed the Honors and International programs for the college.

As an agricultural and science communicator, Dr. Edgar's research focuses on communication models for effective communication management strategies.

As a former faculty member, Dr. Edgar received 10 teaching or advising awards (3 national awards), including the National New Teacher Award for Excellence in College and University Teaching from the Association of Public and Land Grant Universities (APLU) and USDA. She has published more than 85 peer-reviewed journal articles and secured millions of dollars in grants and contracts.

Dr. Edgar provides leadership and administrative oversight for New Mexico's Agricultural Experiment Station (including 12 Agricultural Science Centers/research stations and 8 academic/research departments). Dr. Edgar directs collaborative interdisciplinary research teams, provides support of faculty development and pursuit of extramural funding, research program planning and direction, strategic planning, fiscal and personnel management, allocation of resources, regulatory compliance, accountability to stakeholders, and advocacy for New Mexico agriculture, food and natural resources.

Dr. Edgar was raised on a family-owned farm and values production agriculture, and she believes in land-grant universities and the work they do for the communities they serve, as well as their national and global reach and impact. She has previous experience in both the non-profit and for-profit sectors and sees her leadership role at NMSU as leveraging existing resources to build a robust agricultural experiment station system that meets the needs of local, national, and global stakeholders through effective messaging.



## Charlie Stoltenow, Dean of Extension, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Dr. Charlie Stoltenow is the Dean and Director of Nebraska Extension. He assumed leadership of Nebraska Extension on January 1, 2022. He is a veterinarian. Early in his career his veterinary clients often stumbled in the pronunciation of his last name 'Stoltenow' (stall-te-know), so they simply started calling him Dr. Charlie. The moniker has stuck for his entire career. When visiting with Dr. Stoltenow, it is entirely appropriate to call him Dr. Charlie.

He grew up on a diversified farm in southeastern North Dakota near the village of Great Bend, population 76. He understands and appreciates rural life. He received his BS in Animal Science, Research and Science Option from North Dakota State University and received his DVM from Iowa State University. Upon graduation during the agriculture depression of the 1980's, he started his own solo equine practice in Des Moines, IA. He freely admits this may not have been the best course of action right out of school, but he did



learn a great deal about business and customer service. He was in private equine practice for 4 years including Ak-Sar-Ben racecourse at Omaha, NE and the Detroit Race Course at Livonia, MI. Living in the 11<sup>th</sup> largest metro area in the US helps him understands and appreciate urban life. After private practice he joined the USDA as a federal veterinarian. During his time with USDA he was 'loaned' out to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and was a member of the CDC's Epidemic Intelligence Service or EIS where he investigated and studied human epidemiology at the Nebraska Department of Health in Lincoln. He finished his federal career as an analytical epidemiologist for the USDA's Centers for Epidemiology and Animal Health in Fort Collins, CO.

He left USDA to become the Extension Veterinarian for NDSU. In addition to being the Extension veterinarian, he served as the Interim Director of NDSU's 4-year veterinary technology program. Other positions he has held while at NDSU include ND Horse Racing Commissioner, Consulting Veterinarian for the ND Board of Animal Health, Board of Pharmacy, Department of Emergency Services and the ND Department of Health. He has held leadership positions within the ND Veterinary Medical Association and the American Veterinary Medical Association. At the international level he holds the rank of adjunct professor at the Mongolia State University School of Veterinary medicine. He has visited 15 countries and has served as a consultant to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) in Brussels, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in Bern, and the US State Department. He is considered one of the world's leading authorities in anthrax, a zoonotic disease which is present in six out of seven continents.

As the Dean and Director of Nebraska Extension, he leads an organization of approximately 450 people scattered across 93 counties with an annual budget of approximately \$55M. Dr. Charlie has expressed that he is passionate about people and empowering them to improve their lives through science and evidence-based education.

Allen Wysocki, Associate Dean, Distance Education, International Programs, Statewide Programs, Honors Program, Faculty Development, Student Petitions – University of Florida

Allen Wysocki is an Associate Dean and Professor in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Florida. As of September 3, 2012 he assumed the position of Associate Dean in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences at the University of Florida.

Dr. Wysocki has devoted his career to helping students to find their passion and university clientele to understand the trends driving change in the food system. He was named as the CALS Undergraduate Teacher of the Year for 2001-2002.

Current responsibilities include; overseeing the college's distance (including UF Online, PACE, and self-supported programs) and statewide education efforts, assisting faculty and students with study abroad opportunities, facilitating international agreements between IFAS faculty and international institutions, assisting in the delivery of the college's faculty teaching development, helping students engage in undergraduate research opportunities, and directing the CALS Honors Scholars Certificate program.



Navigating the interface between life-long learning and higher education and refining the role that academic programs, extension, and research can play has become a passion and priority item for me.