



Department of  
**Human and Community Resource Development**  
 College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences

2008 Highlights

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Mission . . . *to serve Ohio, the nation, and the world by generating, teaching, and applying knowledge grounded in the social and behavioral sciences.*

Personnel	Program Highlights
<p><b>Regular Faculty</b></p> <p>Robert Agunga            Robert Birkenholz            Jamie Cano            Jim Connors            Joe Donnermeyer            Theresa Ferrari            Bill Flinn            Joe Gliem            Kristi Lekies            Linda Lobao            Larry Miller            Richard Moore            Cathy Rakowski            Emily Rhoades            Scott Scheer            Jeff Sharp            Susie Whittington</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Susie Whittington</b> received the <i>Rodney F. Plimpton Outstanding Young Teacher Award, Towers Faculty Award, OSU Outstanding Student Organization Advisor Award, Gamma Sigma Delta Teaching Award of Merit, and the USDA Excellence in Teaching Award.</i></li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Linda Lobao</b> was awarded the <i>Price Advising Award</i>, and named <i>Fellow</i> of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert Agunga</b> served as a <i>Fulbright Scholar</i> in Malawi, South Africa during 2008.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Robert Birkenholz</b> was recognized as a Fellow in the Food Systems Leadership Institute (FSLI).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Theresa Ferrari</b> worked under an Interagency Personnel Agreement (IPA) at the National 4-H Headquarters in Washington, DC providing support for 4-H military partnerships at the national level. She coordinated interagency partnerships with Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps and a budget of \$30 million.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Richard Moore</b> was awarded the <i>Friend of Conservation</i> by the Holmes County Soil and Water Conservation District in November 2008 for his team's work on the Alpine Nutrient Trading Program, Ohio's first water quality trading program.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Bill Flinn</b> was awarded the <i>Pomerene Teaching Award</i>.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Scott Scheer</b> provides leadership in Ohio for OSU Extension's 4-H Cloverbud program which was recognized in 2008 by National 4-H Headquarters as a National Program of Distinction.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Agricultural Communicators of Tomorrow</b> received the <i>Outstanding Chapter of the Year, Outstanding Fundraising Award</i> and <i>Outstanding Educational Activity Award</i> at the National ACT conference.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Degrees were awarded to <b>44</b> undergraduate students, <b>8</b> master's students and <b>10</b> Ph.D. students.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> HCRD faculty taught <b>2,525</b> students that produced <b>10,764</b> student credit hours for the department.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> There were <b>76</b> Agricultural and Extension Education undergraduate majors and <b>15</b> minors, <b>33</b> undergraduate Agricultural Communication majors, <b>50</b> undergraduate Production Agriculture minors, <b>8</b> undergraduate Rural Sociology minors, and <b>23</b> Graduate Associates on appointment in HCRD during 2008.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Staff</b></p> <p>Molly Bean Smith            Amy Boye            Jeniece Flack            Warren Flood            Lois Grant            Deana Hudgins            Mary Ann Kabealo            Nicki King            Cindi McCain            Sam McCarter            David McCartney            Terri Osterman            Jackie Stuts            Jobe Stutzman            Greta Wyrick</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Curriculum Materials Service</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://cms.osu.edu/">http://cms.osu.edu/</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The initial meeting of the OSU-CMS Advisory Committee was convened in November 2008. The committee will meet twice a year serving a mechanism by which CMS will secure advice on matters pertaining to strategic directions, collaborative partnerships, curricular initiatives, and fiscal priorities.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr. Robert McMahon, is currently revising <i>An Introduction to Greenhouse Production</i>, an OSU-CMS publication. The proposed release date for this 3rd edition is 2010.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> As sole-source provider of the OSU-CMS Learning Laboratory Kits the service continues replenishing its inventory of these items, which constitutes the unit's premier product line.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> OSU-CMS is working with the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences' Communication and Technology to re-invent the CMS website to provide a more robust online experience. Planned launch for the new web site is for Summer 2009.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> OSU-CMS exhibited in Indianapolis at both the Joint Council of Extension Professionals Conference (GALAXY III) in September 2008 and the National FFA Convention's Agricultural Career Show in October 2008.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Graduate associates <b>Jon Simonsen, Jeremy Falk, Ryan Foor, and Whitney Beck</b> provided service to OSU-CMS received partial GA support from the unit during 2008.</li> </ul>

## Agricultural Communication

- ❑ **Emily Rhoades** served as the ACE Research SIG Vice Chair.
- ❑ **Emily Rhoades** was selected to serve on the *Journal of Applied Communication* Editorial Board.
- ❑ Master's Student **Kelsey Hall** won the Outstanding Graduate Research Proposal at ACE.
- ❑ **Annie Specht** received a University Fellowship and First Place Social Science Poster at the CFAES Undergraduate Research Forum.
- ❑ **Emily Rhoades** escorted 16 ACT members to the Regional ACT meeting in Lincoln, Nebraska, and 8 members to the National ACT Meeting in Tampa, FL.
- ❑ **Emily Rhoades** (with Denny Hall & Tim Rhodus) received a \$50,000 grant from the Ohio Soybean Association titled: Communications for Soy-Products Commercialization.
- ❑ **Angela Gudorf** received *First Place Print Design*, NACTA Critique Contest
- ❑ **Heather Stoodt** received *Second Place Web Design*, NACTA Critique Contest.
- ❑ *The AgriNaturalist* was published online for the first time at: [www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~agrinaturalist](http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~agrinaturalist).
- ❑ ABN/BARN forged a partnership with WOSU and moved their main studio to the Fawcett Center on campus. This partnership will also include a learning lab for students in the Ag Comm major.
- ❑ **Agunga, R. & Igodan, C.** (2008). A study of organic farming in Ohio with lessons for developing countries. *Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education*. 15(2), 7 - 19.

## Agricultural and Extension Education

- ❑ Ewing, J. C., & **Whittington, M. S.** received the *Second Place Author of the Year Award* for a manuscript published in the *Journal of Agricultural Education* in 2007.
- ❑ **Foster, D. D., Connors, J. J., Cano, J. M., & Whittington, M. S.** received the *Second Place Poster Award* for a presentation at the North Central Region Agricultural Education Research Conference. Ithaca, NY.
- ❑ **Susie Whittington, Jim Connors, and Bob Birkenholz** co-hosted 11 university agriculture professors from India focusing on Student-Centered Learning during March/April, 2008. During two weeks of August **Susie Whittington, Bob Birkenholz,** and Pat Whittington, presented 30 workshops, seminars, and lectures at four state agricultural universities in India.
- ❑ **Theresa Ferrari** received the Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents at the Extension Galaxy III Conference in Indianapolis.
- ❑ **Jeff King** is director of the OSU Leadership Center and teaches several AEE graduate classes on campus and leadership programs across the state of Ohio.
- ❑ Undergrad recognitions: **Stewart Kitchen**, OSU Homecoming Court, **Hilary Bailey**, National Association for Agricultural Educators Scholarship Recipient, **Danielle Hulit**, Mortarboard Honorary, **Amanda Gamble** and **Jody Poth**, Beanie Drake Scholarship Board of Student Directors, **Ryan McMichael**, Recognition of Excellence from Educational Testing Service for the Praxis II Examination.
- ❑ **Kristi Lekies** launched the central Ohio Youth Summit for high school students to develop action plans for improving their neighborhoods and communities.
- ❑ **Scott Scheer** (with Tamara Davis and Steve Gavazzi) was awarded a grant (\$34,377) from the Ohio Department of Mental Health for parent advocacy research.
- ❑ **Susie Whittington** was the keynote speaker at the John Burns Conference on the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning at Texas Tech.
- ❑ **Susie Whittington** partnered with the Columbus School for Girls to teach National Science Standards (K-2) in the context of dairy science.
- ❑ **Susie Whittington** was a Theme Editor for *The Agricultural Education Magazine* theme on Leadership Opportunities for Underrepresented Populations.

## Rural Sociology

- ❑ **Joseph F. Donnermeyer** (and co-author Walter DeKeseredy) wrote the lead article in a special issue of the *Journal Southern Rural Sociology*. The article was titled Toward a Critical Rural Criminology.
- ❑ **Joseph F. Donnermeyer** was co-organizer of the second annual conference on Great Teaching, a university-wide event promoting the scholarship of teaching and learning that is sponsored by the OSU Academy of Teaching. He also was editor of *Talking about Teaching*.
- ❑ **Smith, M.B. & J.S. Sharp.** (2008). Alternative food system activists compared to non-activists. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the *Rural Sociological Society*, Manchester, NH, July 28-31.
- ❑ **Smith, M.B. & S. Inwood** (session organizers and discussants). Explorations in teaching and engaging students in agrifood system studies. Annual Meeting of the *Rural Sociological Society*, Manchester, NH, July 28-31.
- ❑ **Sharp, J.S., J. Clark, M.B. Smith, J. McCutcheon.** (2008). What is the economic impact of local food: Community food assessments. Presentation for *OSU Extension Annual Conference*, Columbus, OH. December.
- ❑ **Smith, M.B. & J.S. Sharp.** (2008). A current and retrospective look at local food consumption and support among Ohioans: Social Responsibility Initiative Topical Report 08-02. Columbus, OH: Social Responsibility Initiative.
- ❑ The Social Responsibility Initiative partnered with Simply Living and the Columbus Green Building Forum to conduct a conference titled Sustainability Now! Strategies for Personal and Community Action.
- ❑ **Linda Lobao, William Flinn & Robert Birkenholz** were principal investigators for a USDA National Needs grants program to train two doctoral students in sustainable sciences.
- ❑ Clark, J., **H. Kendall, & W.L. Flinn.** (2008). Ohio's Dairy Industry: The Geography and Impact of a Key Sector. Columbus, OH: Social Responsibility Initiative.
- ❑ **Jeff Sharp** is the program chair for the 72nd Annual Meeting of the Rural Sociological Society on the theme of Climate Change and Societal Response.