



Action in Agroforestry

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2016 Green Lands Blue Waters Conference

The Center for Agroforestry hosted the 2016 Green Lands Blue Waters Conference on Nov. 29 and 30. The conference was held in Stotler Lounge in Memorial Union at the University of Missouri Campus. This year's theme was "Going Green with Conservation-Based Farming: Market-Based Approaches to Promote Soil Health and Water Quality."

On Tuesday, Nov. 29, the conference began with the opening keynote speech by Bill Buckner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Noble Foundation. His presentation was entitled: "Why We Should Invest in Soil Health and Conservation in the U.S." Conference attendees had ample opportunity to get to know each other and discuss issues related to GLBW through planned networking breaks and during the continuous living cover working group breakout sessions where they attended lectures on agroforestry, perennial biomass, cover crops, perennial forage and pastures, or perennial grains.

Attendees were given updates regarding Green Lands Blue Waters and view two "strategic watershed tours" on the second day of the conference. After the closing keynote by Sean McMahon, Executive Director of the Iowa Agriculture Water Alliance, attendees had the option of going on an optional post conference field trip to the Bradford Research Center to learn about research in crop development, native polycultures and cropping systems integration with existing agricultural systems.

To learn more about the GLBW Conference, visit:
<http://greenlandsbluewaterers.net/>

The 2016 GLBW Conference was sponsored by the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources, American Farmland Trust, Savanna Institute, University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry, North Central Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education (SARE), USDA National Agroforestry Center, the Land Institute, Land Stewardship Project, The Mizzou Advantage, and Green Lands Blue Waters.



Fall 2016 Agroforestry MS Graduate: Tricia Ward

Tricia Ward, Agroforestry Specialist, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Indian Head, Saskatchewan. Advisor: Michael Gold. Start: Fall 2014 - Graduated Fall 2016 (online MS). Project Title: "Agroforestry: A Land Management Option for Building Resilient Canadian Agricultural Systems in a Changing Climate."

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

Holistic Livestock Management with an Emphasis in Agroecology

New job opening at Sterling College, Vermont. Looking for someone who can manage the livestock program with a strong emphasis on agroecology and agroforestry. Preference will be given to applicants with a M.S. or equivalent and Ph.D. However, applicants with extensive livestock experience, especially with holistic resource management skills, would be considered.

Sterling College is hoping for hiring to be completed by mid-summer with a start date of September 1. For more information, visit: <http://www.sterlingcollege.edu/more/employment/>

Seeking Ph.D. Student - Water Resource Economics - Virginia Tech

The Dept. of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation is seeking applicants for a GRA to collaborate with a team working on water quality challenges related to nonpoint source pollution. Part of a research collaboration that leverages empirical data on agroforestry management practices on working lands to understand how nutrient credit trading may be designed and implemented to achieve water quality objectives. Successful applicant will conduct quantitative economic research to understand how nutrient credit trading affects nonpoint source emissions and key water quality indicators. Available August 2017. Annual stipends (\$20-22k), include a full tuition waiver and a health insurance premium subsidy. To apply, or for more information, please contact Dr. Kelly Cobourn (kellyc13@vt.edu or 540- 231-0338).

UPCOMING EVENTS

8th Annual Agroforestry Symposium

Enhancing Health, Conservation and Livelihoods: Medicinal Plants in Agroforestry

January 26, 2017 | 8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. | Bond Life Sciences Building, University of Missouri

Speakers include:

Keynote - Healthy Planet, Healthy Lives, Making the Case for Medicinal Plants & Agroforestry. Mr. Tom Newmark, American Botanical Council

Medicinal Plant Conservation: Sanctuaries, Outreach and Forest Farming. Susan Leopold, PhD, United Plant Savers

Moringa oleifera: Opportunities for Agroforestry and Medicinal Plant Development. Dr. Jed W. Fahey, Johns Hopkins University

Agroforestry Symposium is free and open to the public, but advanced registration is requested.

For more information, please contact: Gregory O. Mori, Outreach Coordinator

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Agroforestry for a Vibrant Future

Connecting People, Creating Livelihoods, Sustaining Places

June 27-29, 2017 | Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Seeking abstracts. Early registration begins February 15, 2017.

The 15th North American Agroforestry Conference is for agroforestry producers, researchers, educators. Relevant to those working in agroecology and permaculture.

Website: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1865066>

Great Plains Growers Conference, St. Joseph, MO

January 12 - 14, 2017 <http://www.greatplainsgrowersconference.org/2017-general-information.html>

Iowa Practical Farmers Conference, Ames, IA

January 19 - 20, 2017 <http://practicalfarmers.org/2017-annual-conference/>

MOA -- Mid-America Organic Association Conference, Kansas City, MO

January 26 - 28, 2017 <http://www.moaconference.org/>



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