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New Project Leader Announced for the HTIRC

Dr. Mark Coggeshall has accepted the position as Supervisory Senior Research Scientist with the USDA Forest Service Northern Research Station based in West Lafayette, Indiana. Mark will serve as project leader and co-director of the Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center (HTIRC), a collaborative research partnership between the USDA Forest Service and Purdue University Forestry and Natural Resources department (FNR).

Dr. Coggeshall is an Assistant Research Professor at the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry (UMCA) where he focuses on hardwood tree improvement and improved nut tree cultivars for use in agroforestry systems. To take advantage of a number of research projects he has established in Missouri over the past 17 years, Mark plans to split his time between West Lafayette and Columbia, Missouri. Many of his Missouri-based research projects complement parallel studies being conducted at the HTIRC.

Mark spent twenty years working in Indiana developing genetic improvement programs for a number of fine hardwood tree species. He states, "Looking forward, I anticipate broadening the focus of the current HTIRC research portfolio to include new and expanded collaborations with other institutions throughout the Midwestern U.S. and beyond."

In announcing the decision, Tom Schmidt, Assistant Director of the Norther Research Station noted, "This is a wonderful advancement for all of us. Mark has a great skill set and long-term interactions with our efforts." Mark will start his new position on January 15th, 2017.

The HTIRC is committed to enhancing the health, productivity and quality of Central Hardwood Region trees and forests for the economic and environmental benefits they provide. Scientists at the HTIRC are using conventional tree improvement techniques as well as molecular and genetic technologies to improve the quality, growth characteristics, and insect and disease resistance of trees including black walnut, black cherry, red and white oaks, butternut and American chestnut. Research in tissue culture, tree nursery practices, tree plantation establishment and management, and Central Hardwoods silvicultural systems is aimed at increasing the regeneration success rate for high quality hardwood trees and forests.

Adapted from news release: Lenny Farlee, Extension Forester Hardwood Tree Improvement and Regeneration Center Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources web: www.htirc.org

WELCOME NEW AGROFORESTRY GRADUATE STUDENTS

Nine students have initiated agroforestry graduate programs starting Spring semester 2017.

Name	Advisor	Program	Home Location
Jason Neumann	Gold	Grad Certificate	Ohio
Allen Painter	Jose	Grad Certificate	North Carolina
Michael Cooley	Gold	Grad Certificate	Virginia
Bennett Wickenhauser	Gold	MS Online	Missouri
Lindsay Allen	Gold	MS Online	Massachusetts
Kristoffer Ivers	Jose	MS Online	Colorado
Lauren Barlow	Gold	MS Online	Pennsylvania
Anna Maassel	Gold	MS Online	Massachusetts
Jihyun Park	Lin	MS-Thesis	S. Korea

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.

Unable to attend in person? Join us via our livestream. Details at: https://goo.gl/IMrujK

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

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MU Forestry Extension Workshops

Understanding and Marketing Your Timber

February 7th - February 21st, 2017 | Laclede County Extension Center, 186-D N Adams Ave. Lebanon, MO.

Session 1: An in-depth look at your forest's health, how your timber grows, and how it relates to your timber sales.

Session 2: How to improve your current timber stand for a quality sale in the future.

Session 3: How to market your timber, develop a harvest plan, and manage your timber sale taxes.

COST: \$10 per session. CONTACT NUMBER: 417-532-7126 or E-MAIL US AT: shaverj@missouri.edu

Savanna Institute's Perennial Farmer Gathering

February 11, 2017, Byron Colby Barn, Grayslake, IL

Detailed agenda and registration: http://www.savannainstitute.org/events.html

Midwest farmer-focused agroforestry gathering: What other farmers are doing, what's working, what needs more work.

