

# CANR

## faculty & staff awards

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# 2026 CANR Teaching Awards

**Camden Endowed Teaching Award**  
**Dong Zhao, Ph.D.**

**Excellence in Teaching – Established Teacher Award**  
**Laura Winter**

**Excellence in Teaching – New Teacher Award**  
**Jeta Rudi Polloshka, Ph.D.**

**Graduate Student Teaching Award**  
**Dangkamol Wongthanaroj**

**MSU Extension Excellence in Teaching Award**  
**Sarah Eichberger**  
**Christine Skelly, Ph.D.**

**2026**

**CANR Camden Endowed Teaching Award**

**Dong Zhao, Ph.D.**

The Howard and Lili Camden Endowed Teacher/Scholar Award recognizes individuals with five or more years of teaching service in CANR who have developed innovative teaching methods, mentored in and out of the classroom and demonstrated instructional excellence, scholarly achievement and professional linkages.

Dong Zhao, Ph.D., LEED AP, is an associate professor and graduate director of construction management who is recognized for advancing human-centered digital and smart construction through innovative teaching and applied research. Since joining MSU, he has built the digital construction program and developed cornerstone courses in building information modeling and virtual design and construction, preparing more than 700 students for the industry's evolving use of digital tools. As a teacher-scholar, Zhao integrates NSF-funded research on virtual collaboration, AI and data-driven computing into his curriculum, helping students connect technology to real-world improvements in energy efficiency, productivity and well-being in the built environment. Widely regarded as a career-shaping mentor, Zhao also directs the Human-Building Systems Laboratory and leads nationally funded research while contributing to professional advancement through service such as chairing the ASCE Data Sensing and Analysis Committee.



**2026**

**CANR Excellence in Teaching – Established Teacher Award**

**Laura Winter**



The CANR Excellence in Teaching – Established Teacher Award recognizes individuals with five or more years of teaching experience who have demonstrated a commitment to quality scholarship of teaching, as evidenced by their contributions to teaching, learning and demonstrated success in these areas.

Laura Winter is a teaching specialist in interior design whose instructional approach emphasizes creativity, critical thinking and experiential learning. Drawing on her professional background and NCIDQ certification, she integrates industry-informed practice into the curriculum, teaching core courses that establish technical and conceptual foundations while leading studio classes centered on community-based projects. Her students collaborate with local organizations on real-world design challenges and participate in competitions addressing complex, industry-driven problems. Winter extends experiential learning beyond the studio through professional practice courses, field trips, guest speakers and interior design study abroad programs in Italy. She is also committed to inclusive teaching and recently developed a material rental kit program to reduce financial barriers for lower-division students, now serving a majority of first-year interior design majors.

**2026**

**CANR Excellence in Teaching – New Teacher Award**

**Jeta Rudi Polloshka, Ph.D.**

The CANR Excellence in Teaching – New Teacher Award recognizes individuals with less than five years of teaching experience who have demonstrated a commitment to quality scholarship of teaching and learning with demonstrated success in these areas.

Jeta Rudi Polloshka, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of food marketing and management with an appointment primarily focused on teaching. Since joining MSU, she has taught four courses and reached more than 1,000 undergraduate students through an instructional approach that emphasizes active learning, applied problem-solving and innovation in the undergraduate curriculum. Polloshka has played a significant role in curriculum development and academic leadership, serving as chair of the AFRE Undergraduate Policy Committee and the Undergraduate Academic Programs Review Committee, and as academic advisor for MSU's National Agri Marketing Association student team. She has also secured more than \$2 million in nationally competitive funding and serves as principal investigator on a multi-institutional project engaging undergraduates in research and industry outreach, with pedagogical research and academic case studies published in leading journals.



**2026**

## **CANR Graduate Student Teaching Award**

### **Dangkamol Wongthanaroj**



The CANR Graduate Student Teaching Award recognizes graduate students for their exceptional teaching skills, implementation of innovative techniques and their contributions to undergraduate programs and impact on students' careers and colleagues' teaching/advising practices.

Dangkamol Wongthanaroj is a doctoral candidate in the School of Packaging who has developed a teaching approach centered on inclusivity, student engagement and real-world application while supporting laboratory and recitation courses. Her teaching philosophy emphasizes connecting coursework to professional contexts and encouraging students to take ownership of their learning. In the classroom, she integrates strategies such as argument-driven inquiry, reflective learning and collaborative design thinking to foster active participation and applied problem-solving. Beyond her teaching role, Wongthanaroj contributes to instructional development across the university as a 2023-24 Future Academic Scholars in Teaching Fellow and through her work with the Graduate School's Office of Graduate Educator Advancement and Teaching. She also serves as president of the Packaging Graduate Association, where she supports a welcoming and inclusive graduate student community.

**2026**

## **MSU Extension Excellence in Teaching**

### **Sarah Eichberger**



The MSU Extension Excellence in Teaching Awards recognize MSU Extension educators who have demonstrated exceptional teaching skills, implemented innovative techniques and contributed to the success and impact of MSU Extension programs on society.

Sarah Eichberger, MPH, RDN, is a public health nutritionist and MSU Extension educator whose learner-centered teaching approach emphasizes practical skill development, community strengths and adult learning theory. With more than 20 years of experience, her work within MSU Extension's nutrition and physical activity program area focuses on strengthening the systems that shape food and nutrition choices in the places where Michiganders live, learn, eat and play. Eichberger has supported a statewide team of educators by building confidence and capacity to facilitate meaningful community change, creating opportunities for peer learning and collaboration through communities of practice and storytelling approaches that highlight local systems-change efforts. Through her teaching and leadership, she has expanded the reach and impact of nutrition security initiatives across Michigan, advancing individual learning and community-level public health outcomes.

**2026**  
**MSU Extension Excellence in Teaching**  
**Christine Skelly, Ph.D.**

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Christine Skelly, Ph.D., is an equine Extension specialist in the Department of Animal Science who has dedicated her career to advancing equine education through teaching, research and outreach since 1995. Her work emphasizes delivering science-based, practical knowledge that empowers students, horse owners and industry professionals to make informed decisions that support both horse welfare and human well-being. Known for her engaging and inclusive teaching style, Skelly connects foundational concepts to real-world application through hands-on learning, case studies and innovative instructional design. She has expanded access to equine education through programs such as My Horse University, reaching thousands of learners in Michigan and beyond through online courses, workshops and community-based experiences, with lasting impact on students, the equine industry and the broader community.



# 2026 CANR Excellence in Research Awards

## **Early Career Researcher Award**

**Younsuk Dong, Ph.D.**

## **Established Mid-Career Researcher Award**

**Robert VanBuren, Ph.D.**

**Hanne Hoffmann, Ph.D.**

## **Research Career Award**

**Eric Benbow, Ph.D.**

## **Impact Award**

**Adam Lock, Ph.D.**

**2026**  
**CANR Early Career Researcher Award**  
**Younsuk Dong, Ph.D.**



The CANR Excellence in Research Early Career Researcher Award recognizes individuals with less than 5 years of service and research experience at MSU/CANR.

Younsuk Dong, Ph.D., is an assistant professor and statewide irrigation specialist in the Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering who leads the MSU Irrigation Program. His applied research focuses on improving irrigation water use efficiency, conserving freshwater and maintaining crop productivity for Michigan agriculture. Dong's team developed the Low-Cost Sensor Monitoring System, or LOCOMOS, an affordable, sensor-based technology now used on more than 80,000 acres of farmland to support data-driven irrigation and disease management decisions. Since joining MSU in 2022, he has secured more than \$5 million in competitive research funding as principal investigator, published extensively in high-impact journals and provided statewide leadership that informs irrigation guidelines and water policy through research, outreach and Extension education.

**2026**

**CANR Established Mid-Career Researcher Award**

**Robert VanBuren, Ph.D.**

The CANR Excellence in Research Established (Mid-Career) Researcher Award recognizes individuals with 5 to 15 years of service and research experience at MSU/CANR.

Robert VanBuren, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the Departments of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences and Plant Biology and a member of the Plant Resilience Institute whose research focuses on plant genomics and stress physiology. Internationally recognized for his work on drought adaptation and desiccation tolerance, VanBuren studies how plants evolve resilience to extreme water stress, including identifying key gene families involved in drought responses. His highly productive program integrates comparative genomics, multi-omics data, computational analysis, and predictive modeling to advance the development of climate-resilient crops. VanBuren's work on underutilized food security crops such as teff and millet supports global agricultural sustainability, and his leadership in developing the Great Lakes Advanced Climate Impact and Experimental Research Center positions MSU at the forefront of climate-stress field research while strengthening plant science through research, mentoring and collaboration.



**2026**

**CANR Established Mid-Career Researcher Award**

**Hanne Hoffmann, Ph.D.**

The CANR Excellence in Research Established (Mid-Career) Researcher Award recognizes individuals with 5 to 15 years of service and research experience at MSU/CANR.

Hanne M. Hoffmann, Ph.D., is an associate professor in the Department of Animal Science whose research bridges circadian biology, reproductive physiology and translational science. Her work has established the molecular circadian clock as a key regulator of fertility, pregnancy and labor, demonstrating how time of day influences uterine function and drug effectiveness, with recent findings on oxytocin efficacy gaining national attention for their potential to improve maternal health outcomes. Hoffmann's program integrates animal models, human clinical data and cellular approaches to understand how disrupted light exposure and irregular schedules affect pregnancy and well-being. She also translates discovery into application through agricultural innovation, including co-developing a wireless, noninvasive sensor to monitor uterine contractions in cattle. In addition to her research, Hoffmann is a dedicated mentor and educator who leads the NIH R25 Bridge to the Ph.D. Program.



**2026**  
**CANR Research Career Award**  
**Eric Benbow, Ph.D.**



The CANR Excellence in Research Established (Mid-Career) Researcher Award recognizes individuals with 5 to 15 years of service and research experience at MSU/CANR.

Eric Benbow, Ph.D., is a professor in the Departments of Entomology and Osteopathic Medical Specialties and a CANR Global Scholar whose interdisciplinary research examines how complex insect and microbial communities shape ecological systems and inform applications in human health, environmental management and sustainable agriculture. Internationally recognized for his contributions to aquatic and terrestrial ecology, disease ecology and forensic science, Benbow's work has advanced carrion ecology and decomposition science and has been widely cited across disciplines. He has authored or coauthored more than 180 peer-reviewed journal articles, published extensively with global partners across Africa, South America, Asia and Polynesia, and led initiatives such as the Global Symposium on Insects for Food, Feed and Food Security.

## **2026 CANR Impact Award**

### **Adam Lock, Ph.D**

The CANR Excellence in Research Impact Award, co-sponsored by ABR and MSUE, recognizes research projects that have made an outstanding impact in the external stakeholder community.

Adam Lock, Ph.D., is a professor of dairy nutrition in the Department of Animal Science whose applied research has delivered significant, measurable impact for dairy producers. His work focuses on fatty acid digestion and metabolism in dairy cows, shaping feeding strategies that improve nutrient use, increase milk component yields and enhance sustainability across North America. A central contribution of Lock's program is advancing the use of high oleic soybeans in dairy diets, with research demonstrating that Michigan-grown soybeans can replace imported fat and protein supplements while maintaining or improving performance and reducing feed costs. Through extensive collaboration with industry partners and broad Extension outreach, Lock's work has been rapidly adopted by producers and has strengthened Michigan's agricultural economy by supporting local soybean markets and reducing reliance on imported feed ingredients.





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**CANR Outstanding**  
**Academic Advisor Award**

**Jennifer Petzko**



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**CANR Outstanding Academic Advisor Award**

**Jennifer Petzko**



The CANR Outstanding Academic Advisor Award honors academic advisors for their commitment and excellence in supporting students in setting and reaching their academic and professional goals.

Jennifer Petzko is a senior academic specialist in the Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics who has advised students in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources since 2016. In her current role, she supports the academic success of more than 400 undergraduate students in agribusiness management, environmental economics and management, and food industry management by guiding them through degree requirements, course planning and career exploration. Petzko brings a student-centered advising approach informed by prior roles at multiple institutions and early career work with federal educational opportunity programs, including GEAR UP and TRIO, which continue to shape her commitment to student access, belonging and success.

# 2026 CANR Staff Awards

**Staff Dean's Award of Distinction**  
**Cara Robison, Ph.D.**

**Excellence in Research Performance and Support Award**  
**Steve Van Timmeren**

**Early Achievement Award**  
**Aislinn Callahan-Brandt**

**Spirit of CANR**  
**Rose Stewart**

**2026**  
**CANR Staff Dean's Award of Distinction**  
**Cara Robison, Ph.D.**

The CANR Staff Dean's Award of Distinction recognizes a support staff member for their outstanding long-term service to CANR and their exemplary performance during their employment.

Cara Robison, Ph.D., is a research assistant in the Department of Animal Science who has served the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources since 2000. In her role, she supports research across multiple species, assisting faculty with studies involving horses, poultry, sheep and dairy cattle, and manages the laying hen facility at the Poultry Teaching and Research Farm. Widely regarded as a steady and essential presence in the department, Robison has played a key role in preserving MSU's long-standing draft horse program, including leading a fundraising effort to support the purchase of new animals. She is also known for mentoring students and supporting undergraduate and graduate training, earning respect across CANR for her dedication, leadership and long-term service.



## **2026 Excellence in Research Performance and Support Award**

### **Steve Van Timmeren**



The CANR Excellence in Research Performance and Support Award recognizes a support staff member for their outstanding performance at a teaching and research center, in a laboratory, field-based research or a research administrative support role.

Steve Van Timmeren is a research assistant in the Department of Entomology who has supported Michigan State University and the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources since 2003 through his contributions to laboratory- and field-based research. Known as an innovative and resourceful collaborator, he assists with complex experimental design, construction of specialized insect enclosures and interpretation of research results, helping ensure projects are effectively executed. Van Timmeren is also recognized as an engaging communicator who presents regularly to research and Extension audiences, delivering talks that are well received by growers and stakeholders. Through his technical expertise, problem-solving ability and mentorship of students and colleagues, he has made a lasting impact on entomology research at MSU.

**2026**  
**Early Achievement Award**  
**Aislinn Callahan-Brandt**

The Early Achievement Award recognizes a support staff member who is a dedicated team player and has made outstanding contributions in their role and has recently joined CANR.

Aislinn Callahan-Brandt is an academic program coordinator in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition who has served the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources since 2022. Recognized for her professionalism, efficiency and positive demeanor, she supports students, faculty and staff through responsive service and effective problem-solving. Callahan-Brandt is especially noted for fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment, regularly reaching out to new graduate and international students to help them navigate academic expectations and cultural norms. Through her warmth, strong communication skills and commitment to student support, she enhances the CANR experience and exemplifies the qualities recognized by the Early Achievement Award.



**2026**  
**Spirit of CANR**  
**Rose Stewart**



The Spirit of CANR Award recognizes a support staff member who is committed to representing CANR and MSU by embodying the CANR mission through one or more of its values.

Rose Stewart is an educational program coordinator in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife who has been a member of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources since 2016. Through her work, she has helped foster an engaging and supportive environment that prioritizes student success, professional growth and applied learning. Stewart is widely recognized for her mentorship and dedication to students, with colleagues noting her role in helping students build confidence, develop professional networks and transition from the classroom to practice. Known for her optimism, professionalism and strong sense of service, she demonstrates a deep commitment to student learning, development and well-being, exemplifying the values recognized by the Spirit of CANR Award.

# **2026**

## **CANR Global Scholars**

**Global Scholars encompass three core missions of the CANR:  
Research, Education and Extension**

**Mar Mancha-Cisneros, Ph.D.**

**Asia Downtin, Ph.D.**

**Mahsa Adib, Ph.D.**

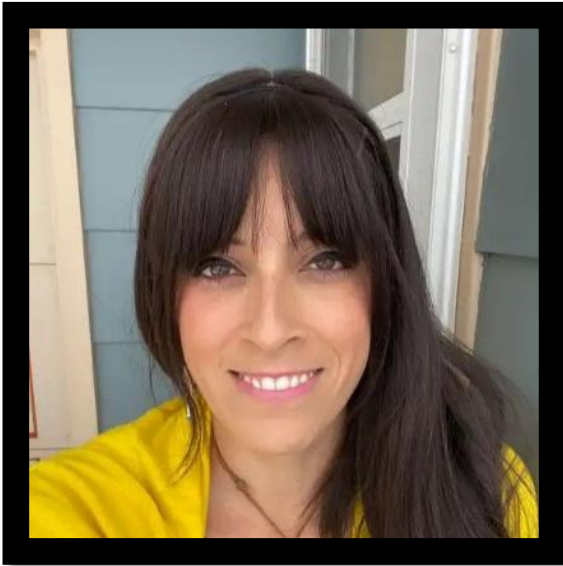
**Naim Edwards**

**Barbara Biduski, Ph.D.**

**2026**

**Global Scholar representing Research**

**Mar Mancha-Cisneros, Ph.D.**



The Global Scholars Program supports established and early- to mid-career faculty members with seed funding and travel support for two years. Selected annually, three or more global scholars work to strengthen and expand their global linkages, networks and collaborative programs across three core missions of the college in diverse areas of research, education and outreach.

Mar Mancha-Cisneros, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of global inland fisheries in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife whose research examines how institutions such as policies, rules and norms shape interactions between people and aquatic resources. Focusing on inland and small-scale fisheries, her work addresses sustainability, food and nutrition security and equity in aquatic food systems using mixed methods drawn from ecology, economics and political science. Mancha-Cisneros collaborates closely with international organizations, including the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, and co-authored the 2023 Illuminating Hidden Harvests study, which highlighted the global contributions of small-scale fisheries to sustainable development and policy decision-making.

**2026**

**Global Scholar representing Research**

**Asia Dowtin, Ph.D.**

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Asia Dowtin, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the Department of Forestry whose research examines hydrologic and nutrient cycling in urban forests. Using in situ sampling and laboratory-based techniques, her work explores how urban canopy structure, land use and plant-water interactions influence forest function. A central focus of her research is to inform urban forest planning and management strategies that optimize ecosystem services, such as water regulation and nutrient cycling, with broader interests in regional water resource management and hazard mitigation to support resilient urban landscapes.



**2026**

## **Global Scholar representing Research**

### **Mahsa Adib, Ph.D.**



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Mahsa Adib, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of landscape architecture in the School of Planning, Design and Construction whose research addresses critical gaps in green stormwater infrastructure, public education and community engagement. Her work focuses on the social and psychological factors that influence the adoption of sustainable design practices, evaluating educational materials and hybrid engagement methods to help communities build resilience to climate-related challenges. Adib has contributed to interdisciplinary projects such as the U.S. Department of Energy-funded Baltimore Social-Environmental Collaborative, collaborating with researchers and local stakeholders to address urban flooding, infrastructure challenges and environmental inequities. Her research has been published in peer-reviewed journals including *Environment and Behavior*, *PLOS Water* and *Urban Climate*.

**2026**

**Global Scholar representing Extension**

**Naim Edwards**

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Naim Edwards is an MSU Extension educator serving Wayne County and director of the MSU Detroit Partnership in Food, Learning and Innovation, also known as the MSU-Detroit Urban Ag Center. An advocate for food sovereignty and resilient local food systems, he centers his work on community-engaged Extension programming that strengthens urban agriculture. Edwards coordinates research, programming and site development at the Detroit site, which has operated since 2019 as a hub for applied research, education and community collaboration. Ongoing projects examine the impacts of tillage practices, cover crops and biochar on soil health, while broader Extension efforts support sustainable practices and long-term community resilience.



**2026**

**Global Scholar representing Education**

**Barbara Biduski**



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Bárbara Biduski, Ph.D., is an assistant professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition and editor-in-chief of the journal *Starch*. Her research focuses on cereal processing and the development of value-added grain ingredients to improve the functional and nutritional quality of cereal-based foods. By integrating cereal chemistry with bioprocessing approaches such as fermentation and sprouting, she works to enhance whole-grain utilization while maintaining product performance, texture and quality. Bridging food processing and human nutrition, Biduski advances globally relevant research and education focused on sustainable food systems and improved nutritional outcomes.

**2026**  
**CANR You Belong Here Champion Awards**

**Undergraduate Student**  
**LaQuan Mack**

**Graduate Student**  
**DeShae Dillard**

**Postdoctoral Scholar**  
**Olivia Spagnuolo, Ph.D.**

**Faculty**  
**Ingrid Aguayo Fuentealba, Ph.D.**

**Staff**  
**Rebecca Wetzel**

**2026 CANR You Belong Here  
Champion Award: Undergraduate Student**

**LaQuan Mack**



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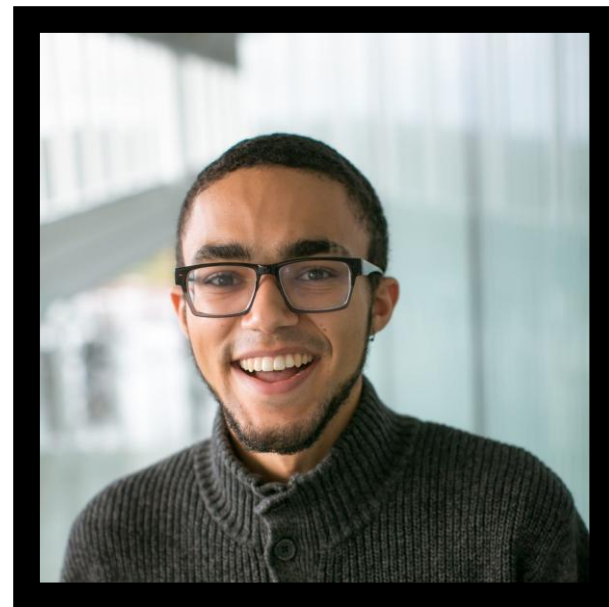
LaQuan Mack is an undergraduate student in construction management in the School of Planning, Design and Construction and is enrolled in a 4+1 program working toward a master's degree in construction management. Originally from Muskegon, Michigan, he serves as president and founder of Diverse Leaders in Construction and as a student representative on the school's Culture, Access and Belonging Committee. He is also the student president of the Michigan State Black Alumni Association. Through his academic work, leadership roles and industry experience with Clark Construction Company, Mack demonstrates a strong commitment to inclusion, mentorship and advancing equity within the built environment.

**2026 CANR You Belong Here  
Champion Award: Graduate Student**

**DeShae Dillard**

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DeShae Dillard is a graduate student in the Department of Entomology whose research focuses on using insect community diversity to better understand ecosystem function and the services or disservices insects provide. Working in the laboratories of Hannah Burrack and Doug Landis, he studies how integrating conservation habitat into agroecosystems can support sustainable agricultural and natural resource management. Drawing on his own experiences, Dillard is committed to helping ensure that mentees feel seen, supported and confident that they belong within entomology and related fields.



**2026 CANR You Belong Here  
Champion Award: Postdoctoral Scholar**

**Olivia Spagnuolo, Ph.D.**



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Olivia Spagnuolo, Ph.D. is a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife whose work advances methods in spatial ecology to better understand wildlife behavior in multifunctional landscapes. Her research includes evaluating patterns of feral swine space use and behavior and the implications for mitigating the spread of foot-and-mouth disease among wild and domestic ungulates. Spagnuolo is deeply committed to mentorship, collaboration, teaching and outreach, with a focus on supporting early-career scientists from diverse backgrounds.

**2026 CANR You Belong Here  
Champion Award: Faculty**

**Ingrid Aguayo Fuentealba, Ph.D.**

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Ingrid Aguayo Fuentealba, Ph.D. is a faculty member in the Department of Forestry with expertise in forest entomology, insect behavior and chemical ecology. Her work spans research, education and public engagement across academic institutions and government agencies. Aguayo Fuentealba has also led community-focused educational initiatives, including management of a \$2.5 million federally funded High School Equivalency Program that served migrant and seasonal farmworkers through GED preparation and pathways to continued education. She recently joined the Department of Forestry and is committed to supporting the education and development of future foresters.



## **2026 CANR You Belong Here Champion Award: Staff**

### **Rebecca Wetzel**



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Rebecca “Becca” Wetzel serves as a unit human resources administrator and chair’s assistant for the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife. An alumna of the department, she returned to MSU in a staff role with her work grounded in personal experience and a deep appreciation for the student experience. In her current position, Wetzel supports faculty and staff success while fostering a welcoming and inclusive environment. She is passionate about empowering students and helping prepare the next generation of conservationists as they navigate their academic and professional journeys.

## **Culture, Access and Belonging Badge Awards**



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**PLATINUM AWARD 2025**



OFFICE OF CULTURE, ACCESS AND BELONGING  
**GOLD AWARD 2025**



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**PLATINUM AWARD 2025**

- **Department of Animal Science**
- **Department of Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering**
- **Department of Community Sustainability**
- **Department of Entomology**
- **Department of Fisheries and Wildlife**
- **Department of Forestry**
- **Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition**
- **Department of Plant, Soil and Microbial Sciences**
- **MSU Extension Agriculture and Agribusiness Institute**
- **MSU Extension Children and Youth Institute**
- **School of Planning, Design and Construction**



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**GOLD AWARD 2025**

**ANR Informational Technology**  
**Kellogg Biological Station**



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# Honoring MSU Years of Service



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# 10 Years of Service

- Elisabeth Anderson
- Eric Anderson
- Krystal Avila
- George Berghorn
- Alicia Burck
- Vincenzina Caputo
- Jacalenne Christian
- Holly Corder
- Janelle Curtis
- Erin Daines
- Ashley Dennis
- David DeYoung

- Heather Dyer
- Patrick Edger
- Jennifer Evenson
- Iteria Finley
- Lance Forsberg
- Steven Gray
- Drew Hill
- Jason Hofman
- Sharon Hooper
- Emily Hoover
- Cynthia Hudson
- Amber Joseph

# 10 Years of Service (con.)

- Jessica Kiesling
- Teagen Lefere
- Stephanie Lelo
- Patricia Marrs
- Cody McLaren
- Meghan Milbrath
- Sheryl Moll
- Ashly Nelson
- Stephanie Ostrenga Sprague
- Michael Particka
- Sarah Rautio

- Kurt Richter
- Christopher Rozeboom
- Cameron Rudolph
- Jeffrey Swada
- Renee Tinkey
- Martina Valdez
- Stephanie Van Luven
- Christina Wyrick
- Jennifer Zelinski
- Dong Zhao
- Ingrid Aguayo Fuentealba



# 15 Years of Service

- Alissa Berry
- Betsy Braid
- Yue Cui
- Nathan Durussel
- Rachel Hiatt
- Robert Krusky
- Ashley Lathrop
- Randall Laurenz

- Leah LaVanway
- Sabrina McGee
- Alan Pilkenton
- Amy Prins
- Erin Ross
- Renee Travis
- Ashley Wallin

# 20 Years of Service

- Bindu Bhakta
- Travis Brenden
- Ryan Coffey Hoag
- Sheilah Hebert
- Erin Hill
- Sanghyup Jeong
- Betty Jo Krosnicki
- Latoyia LeRoux
- Bradley Neumann
- Katherine Ockert

- Glenn O'Neil
- Jinnifer Ortquist
- Tracy Rich
- Gary Roloff
- Debra Roman
- Caroline Shrier
- Jennifer Somerville
- Cholani Weebadde

# 25 Years of Service

- Tariq Abdelhamid
  - Laura Anderson
  - Halima Awale
  - Peter Badra
  - Lisa Bottomley
  - Anthony Boughton
  - Dorcia Chaison
  - Yu-Wen Chung-Davidson
  - Joshua Cohen
  - Frank Cox
- David Cuthrell
  - Helen Enander
  - Kevin Frank
  - Aluel Go
  - Richard Horan
  - Amanda Hulet
  - Adam Koivisto
  - Kraig Korroch
  - Gregory Lang
  - Yu Lee

# 25 Years of Service (con.)

- Hui Li
- Jane Love
- Scott Loveridge
- Mywish Maredia
- Laurie Messing
- John Paskus
- Cara Robison
- Rebecca Rogers
- David Rothstein
- Erik Runkle

- Rochelle Sturtevant
- Dechun Wang
- William Widdicombe
- Wendolyn Wieland
- Runsheng Yin



# 30 Years of Service

- Carolyn Adams
- Carol Bublitz
- Daniel Buskirk
- Joseph Domecq
- Merrill Gould

- Nora Lee
- Mario Mandujano
- James Pursley
- Christine Skelly
- Robert Tempelman



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# 35 Years of Service

- Andrew Chomas
- Mary Hausbeck
- Diane Longanbach
- Haddish Melakeberhan



# 40 Years of Service

- Paul Coussens
- Rhonda Crackel
- Bruce Mackellar
- Lori Martin
- Rebecca McKee
- Paul Naasz
- Ellen Schueller



# 45 Years of Service

- Linda Gallagher
- Daniel Rossman



# 60 Years of Service

- Truman Surbrook



# **Honoring New Hires**

## ***Welcome to CANR***

# CANR New Hires

- Mahsa Adib, SPDC
- Mohammad Reza Alizadeh, BAE
- Jeremy Bruskotter, CSUS
- Anjin Chang, BAE
- Leah Costlow, AFRE
- Haishun Du, FOR
- Sydney Everhart, PSM
- Bryan Foster, KBS
- Katharine Garrity, FSHN
- Chayce Griffith, HRT
- Anders Huseeth, ENT
- Kurt Kipfmueller, FOR
- Tyler Lark, PSM
- Andrea Luttmann, ANS

# CANR New Hires (con.)

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  - Tanyaradzwa Muzata, PKG
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  - Daniel Putman, AFRE
  - Paolo Sabbatini, HRT
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- Kyle Rolfe

## Children and Youth

- William Barnwell
- Josie Clement
- Olivia Fox
- Shawna Jobson
- Maire Macmaster
- Daniel Schaub

## Community, Food and Environment

- Alexandra Blauwkamp
- Michelle Busch
- Alexander Ellison
- Leanne Frost
- Stewart Givens
- Elisa Grossman
- Richard Hughes
- Kassie Lavigne
- Mary Parr
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- Madeline Dillon
- Lynn Foucier
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- Kevin Zoromski

## Health and Nutrition

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