



MSU Landscape Architect Receives National Award

A veteran Mississippi State administrator and teacher is receiving the highest honor bestowed upon a landscape architect by the field's national professional association.

Cameron R.J. Man will receive the 2006 American Society of Landscape Architects Medal at the organization's annual meeting in Minneapolis, Minn., in October.

Man has served as professor and head of the university's landscape architecture department since joining the faculty in 1989. The programs he leads in landscape architecture and landscape contracting are the only ones of their kinds offered in the state.

The ASLA Medal recognizes lifetime achievements and contributions to the profession, the welfare of the public and the environment.

Man is being cited for his achievements in private practice, academic administration and instruction, and leadership in the profession. He also is recognized for the "remarkably high number of people within the profession he has helped to educate."



Hudson Named Farm Foundation Fellow

Darren Hudson, an associate professor in MSU's Department of Agricultural Economics, is a 2006 Farm Foundation Fellow. This is the program's first year, and the MSU economist is one of three named to the initial class.

Founded in 1933, the Farm Foundation's mission includes funding and promoting research to produce practical tools for improving the well-being of people in rural America.

As a Farm Foundation Fellow, Hudson will devote approximately one month during each of the next three years to the organization's activities. He will help identify new programs and lend his expertise in agricultural economics to the management of existing Farm Foundation programs.

"A specific area I'll be working with is strategies for dealing with globalization and the impact of globalization on U.S. agriculture," Hudson said.

Forest Landowners Honor MSU Professor



A forestry timber tax specialist at Mississippi State University is the Mississippi Forest Landowner Association's Extension Forester of the Year.

Debbie Gaddis, associate Extension professor in the College of Forest Resources, received the honor at the organization's 2006 annual meeting.

Gaddis has successfully developed a Timber Tax Fundamentals Short Course that has been presented to more than 1,000 people. Participants have estimated a tax savings of \$12 million through deductions.

Additionally, Gaddis was instrumental in assisting with casualty loss information to southern landowners after Hurricane Katrina, speaking at 15 county meetings in six weeks.

"Dr. Gaddis understands the needs of forest landowners and professionals in managing timber resources in the state," said Jim Shepard, head of the forestry department. "After Katrina, she set up a professional training workshop for foresters to manage partially destroyed pine and hardwood stands."

Ducks Unlimited Honors Wildlife and Fisheries Professor

Professor of wildlife and fisheries Rick Kaminski is the 2006 recipient of Ducks Unlimited's (DU) Wetland Conservation Achievement Award.

The award recognizes his contributions to waterfowl management.

"Through his pioneering research, Kaminski has contributed immensely to waterfowl management as we know it today," said Curtis Hopkins, DU's director of conservation programs for the southern region. "His future research endeavors will continue to advance our knowledge of wetland and waterfowl management."

Kaminski also helps recruit the next generation of waterfowl enthusiasts, said Tom Moorman, the organization's director of conservation planning.

"He has helped organize numerous youth waterfowl workshops at Noxubee National Wildlife Refuge to provide kids a unique opportunity to hunt and to learn about and spark their interest in waterfowl," Moorman added.

With more than a million supporters, Ducks Unlimited is the world's largest wetland and waterfowl conservation organization.



Veteran MSU Professor Named Fellow of International Body

H. Michael Barnes of Mississippi State is a new Fellow of the International Academy of Wood Science.

A professor in the university's Forest and Wildlife Research Center, he is being honored by the professional organization for his work in wood preservation and durability, wood treatment and treatment effects on wood properties.

"Dr. Barnes' work on the effect of various treatments on the properties and durability of wood and wood-based composites has been groundbreaking," said Liam Leightley, MSU's forest products department head.

The International Academy of Wood Science is a nonprofit assembly founded in 1966 to promote the concerted development of wood science.

MSU Student Forestry Group Maintains High Ranking



Mississippi State's student chapter of the Society of American Foresters (SAF) continues among the top organizations of its kind in the nation. The 39-member university organization recently placed first in the 2005-06 SAF Student Chapter Web site competition and tied for first overall as the outstanding student chapter.

The group has finished atop the overall chapter rankings for the past seven years, capturing first place in 1996-97, 2000-01 and 2003-04; second place in 2004-05, 1998-99 and 2001-02; and third place in 2002-03.

This is the fourth year the student chapter has won first place in the Web site competition. Designed and maintained by student members, www.cfr.msstate.edu/studentorgs/saf/index.htm was judged on design and content, among other criteria.

All senior forestry majors, the 2005-06 officers included president J. Tedrick Ratcliff of Brookhaven, vice president Jared Brett Cates of Sarah, secretary Katie L. Nelson of Fayette, Ala., and treasurer Roger

Tankesly of Madison. Associate professor of forestry Donald L. Grebner is chapter adviser.

Founded in 1900, SAF is the world's largest professional organization for foresters. Its 18,000 active members are engaged in a variety of programs to improve the health, productivity and use of the nation's forestlands.

Awards Presented at DAFVM Summer Celebration



DAFVM employees receiving awards at the 2006 Summer Celebration included, from left, Blair McKinley, Jane Parish, Anna Chromiak, Scott Lanford, Marcia Cook, William Kingery, Bill Evans and Guihong Bi. Award recipients not shown are Robert Gonzalez, John Hodges, Andy Ezell, Tom Matney and Keri Paridon.

Awards recognizing outstanding service were presented at the annual Division of Agriculture, Forestry and Veterinary Medicine Summer Celebration.

Recipients of the 2006 Rosalind and Rodney Foil Teamwork awards were Blair McKinley, Extension professor of animal and dairy sciences, and Jane Parish, assistant Extension/research professor of animal and dairy sciences.

The 2006 Doris and Louis Wise Support Staff award winners were Marcia Cook, county secretary for the Tate County Extension Service, secretarial/clerical category; Scott Lanford, agricultural technician at the Delta Research and Extension Center, technical/paraprofessional category; and Anna Chromiak, manager of facilities and research in the Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences, professional nonfaculty category.

The Foil and Wise awards are presented each year in honor of the former DAFVM vice presidents and their wives.

Projects Awards. They were William Kingery, Robert Gonzalez, John Hodges, Andy Ezell, Tom Matney, Guihong Bi, Bill Evans and Keri Paridon.

The White awards are presented on behalf of the late William M. White, an Oktibbeha County dairy farmer, agricultural leader and university supporter. The awards provide financial support for research projects that further the development of agriculture and agriculture business in Mississippi.