

# **National Forestry & Wood Products Extension Conference**

*Learning from our Past, Designing Our Future*

**November 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015**

**LUMCON: Cocodrie, LA**



# Schedule at a Glance

## National Forestry & Wood Products Extension Conference

Sunday, November 1 <sup>st</sup>		
2:00pm	Conference Planning Committee Meeting	Cafeteria
3:00pm	Registration and Room Assignments	LUMCON Foyer
5:00pm	Welcome Reception	Cafeteria/Foyer
6:00pm	DINNER	Cafeteria
Monday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
7:00am	BREAKFAST	Cafeteria
8:00am	Welcome	Auditorium
8:15am	LUMCON Introduction	Auditorium
8:45am	Keynote Panel	Auditorium
10:00am	BREAK: Refreshments available in the Cafeteria	
10:15am	Breakout Groups	See Schedule
11:30am	Report Out and Discussion Wrap-up	Auditorium
12:00pm	LUNCH	Cafeteria
1:00pm	The Future of Forestry Extension & Wood Products	Auditorium
1:30pm	Regional Discussions	See Schedule
2:45pm	BREAK: Refreshments available in the Cafeteria	
3:15pm	Report Out and Discussion Wrap-up	Auditorium
3:45pm	Keynote Presenter Reaction to Discussion	Auditorium
4:00pm	Wrap-up and Directives for Tuesday	Auditorium
4:30pm	Conference Planning Committee Meeting	Cafeteria
6:00pm	DINNER	Cafeteria
Tuesday, November 3 <sup>rd</sup>		
7:00am	BREAKFAST	Cafeteria
8:00am	Today's Charge	Auditorium
8:15am	Breakout Strategizing Session #1	See Schedule
9:00am	ROTATE and REFUEL: Refreshments available in the Cafeteria	
9:15am	Breakout Strategizing Session #2	See Schedule
10:00am	BREAK: Refreshments available in the Cafeteria	
10:30am	Prioritizing Strategies and Reflection on Priorities	Auditorium
11:15am	Moving Forward	Auditorium
11:45am	ADJOURN: Sack lunches available to-go in the Cafeteria.	

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6:00-8:00pm	<b>DINNER</b> Keith Argow will speak briefly on Extension's role in the National Woodland Owner's Association.	Cafeteria
Monday, November 2 <sup>nd</sup>		
7:00am	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Cafeteria
8:00am	<b>Welcome</b> from <b>Eric Norland</b> , USDA NIFA and <b>Shaun Tanger</b> , Louisiana State University	Auditorium
8:15am	<b>LUMCON Introduction</b> with <b>Jennifer "Murt" Conover</b> , LUMCON	Auditorium
	<b>Keynote Panel:</b> Learn about big-picture critical forest resource issues.	Auditorium
	<p><b>The Future of Private Forestland Management</b> <i>Learn about changing conditions in land ownership including forest parcelization, succession planning, forest health, and market conditions.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Mary Sisock</b>, University of Vermont; Presenter: <b>Jim Finley</b>, The Pennsylvania State University</p> <p><b>Urban Forestry Today and Tomorrow</b> <i>Forest health, invasive species, climate change effects are just a few of the current issues in Urban Forestry. Learn about these and some of the new technology for inventory and management throughout the country.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>De'Etra Young</b>, Tennessee State University; Presenter: <b>Dudley Hartel</b>, USDA Forest Service</p> <p><b>The Forest Products Forecast</b> <i>Find out what's in store for the Forest Products industry including the biomass and bioenergy revolution, innovations in the engineering of wood products, and the latest about international trade of illegal wood products.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Eric Norland</b>, USDA NIFA; Presenter: <b>Scott Leavengood</b>, Oregon State University</p> <p><b>Critical Issues on Public Lands</b> <i>Public lands endure many unique issues. Learn about the most recent developments in forest health, restoration, wildfire, and collaborative natural resource management for public lands across the nation.</i></p> <p>Moderator: <b>Susie Kocher</b>, University of California Cooperative Extension; Presenter: <b>Kim Rodrigues</b>, University of California Cooperative Extension</p>	
8:45am		
10:00am	<b>BREAK:</b> Refreshments available in the Cafeteria	

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Monday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, *continued...*

	<b>Breakout Groups:</b> Conference Participants discuss innovative solutions and emerging technologies for critical forest resource issues with presenters.	
10:15am	The Future of Private Forestland Management Facilitated by <b>Mary Sisock</b> and <b>Jim Finley</b>	Auditorium
	Urban Forestry Today and Tomorrow Facilitated by <b>De'Etra Young</b> and <b>Dudley Hartel</b>	Conference Room
	The Forest Products Forecast Facilitated by <b>Eric Norland</b> and <b>Scott Leavengood</b>	Classroom
	Critical Issues on Public Lands Facilitated by <b>Susie Kocher</b> and <b>Kim Rodrigues</b>	Distance Learning Room
11:30am	Report Out and Discussion Wrap-up	Auditorium
12pm	LUNCH	Cafeteria
1pm	<b>The Future of Extension Forestry &amp; Wood Products Programs at the Regional and National Level</b> Presenter: <b>Scott Reed</b> , Oregon State University	Auditorium
	<b>Regional Discussions:</b> Join your geographically similar colleagues to discuss networking and partnership opportunities to tackle some of region-centric issues and challenges.	
1:30pm	Northeast Facilitated by <b>Ben Spong</b> and <b>Mary Sisock</b>	Conference Room
	North Central Facilitated by <b>Dean Solomon</b> and <b>Hank Stelzer</b>	Distance Learning Room
	South Facilitated by <b>Josh Idassi</b> and <b>Shaun Tanger</b>	Auditorium
	West Facilitated by <b>Jim Johnson</b> and <b>Bill Hubbard</b>	Classroom
2:45pm	BREAK: Refreshment available in the Cafeteria	
3:15pm	Report Out and Discussion Wrap-up	Auditorium
3:45pm	Keynote Presenter Reaction to Discussion Presented by <b>Scott Reed</b>	Auditorium
4:00pm	Wrap-up and Directives for Tuesday <b>Eric Norland</b> and <b>Jim Johnson</b>	Auditorium
4:30-5:30pm	Conference Planning Committee Meeting	Cafeteria
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7:00am	BREAKFAST	Cafeteria
8:00am	Today's Charge Presented by <b>Jim Johnson</b> , Oregon State University	Auditorium
8:15am	<b>Breakout Strategizing Session #1</b> Attend one of the following facilitated sessions (you will be able to choose a second session to attend at 9:15am):	
	1. Telling Our Story: Communicating Extension's Value and Relevance to Stakeholders Facilitated by <b>Dean Solomon</b>	Auditorium
	2. Increasing Capacity Within Extension: Maximize What We Already Have and Expanding Our Impacts Facilitated by <b>Georgia Peterson</b>	Classroom
	3. Increasing Workforce and Support: Training and Educating Up-and-Coming Extension Personnel Facilitated by <b>Kim Rodrigues</b>	Distance Learning Room
	4. Emerging Issues Additional issues identified in Monday's Group Discussions Facilitated by TBD	Conference Room
9:00am	ROTATE and REFUEL: Refreshments available in the cafeteria	
9:15am	<b>Breakout Strategizing Session #2</b> Choose a <u>second</u> facilitated session from above to attend.	See Rooms Above
10:00am	BREAK: Refreshments available in the cafeteria	
10:30am	Prioritizing Strategies Facilitated by <b>Mary Sisock and Friends</b>	Auditorium
11:00am	Reflection on Priorities with <b>Mary Sisock</b>	Auditorium
11:15am	Moving Forward with <b>Eric Norland</b>	Auditorium
11:45am	Adjourn! Sack lunches to-go are available in the Cafeteria.	



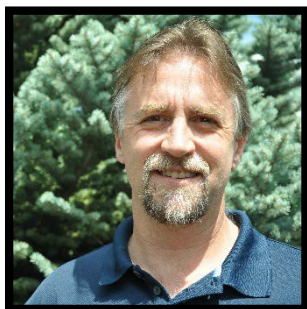
# Presenter Biographies

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**Jim Finley**, Ibberson Professor of Forest Resources, Director of the newly founded Center for Private Forests at Penn State, and Pennsylvania extension forester, conducts research and extension education programs on people and sustainable forest resource management focusing private forestland. In this position, he leads Pennsylvania's Forest Stewardship outreach program and helps coordinate a 450 member volunteer program. Major research efforts include oak regeneration, human dimensions of natural resources, and sustainable forestry. He is the Co-Founder of Penn State's Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment Dual Title Graduate Degree Program, and Senior Research Fellow for the Pinchot Institute for Conservation. He serves on the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, Eden Hill Conservancy, and Foundation for Sustainable Forest boards.  
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**Dudley R. Hartel** holds a BS in Forest Management from Michigan State University (1973) and a Masters of Forest Management from Clemson University (1979). His urban forestry experience is the result of 30+ years of work as an urban forestry consultant & consulting arborist in the southeast. He became a Certified Arborist in 1992. He became Tree Risk Assessment Qualified (TRAQ) from ISA in 2013. He is currently employed as Center Manager of Urban Forestry South (USDA Forest Service, Athens, Georgia). Urban Forestry South provides technical program support to: Region 8 U&CF coordinators and their programs, municipalities, national and regional non-profits, the national USDA FS technology and science delivery team, and to researchers within the Southern Research Station. Current interest & emphasis include: urban tree risk management, disaster planning, field technology, i-Tree Eco & Hydro models, urban tree canopy standards and accuracy, green stormwater infrastructure, green asset accounting, and environmental services provided by urban forests.  
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**Scott Leavengood** is director of the Oregon Wood Innovation Center at Oregon State University. The center is a joint initiative of OSU's College of Forestry and the OSU Extension Service. Scott began his career with OSU in 1994 as a Wood Products Extension Agent located in southern Oregon. He moved to the Corvallis campus in 2006 when the Wood Innovation Center was established. His job duties include coordinating the outreach activities of the department of Wood Science & Engineering at OSU, providing technical assistance to wood products firms, and assisting entrepreneurs. Scott has a B.S. in Wood Science & Technology from Colorado State University, M.S. from Oregon State University, and a Ph.D. in Engineering & Technology Management from Portland State University. **Contact:** scott.leavengood@oregonstate.edu

**Scott Reed** serves at Oregon State University as Vice Provost for University Outreach and Engagement and Director of the OSU Extension Service. In those capacities, he advances the role of engaged scholarship and innovations in outreach methodologies. He is a professor and former extension specialist in forestry and economic development. Scott serves on boards of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, Rural Development Initiatives, Inc., the Journal of Community Engagement and Scholarship, and the Extension Committee on Organization and Policy. He chairs the APLU (Association of Public and Land-grant Universities) Board on Agriculture Assembly's Communication and Marketing Initiative. Scott earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in forestry from Michigan State University and a Ph.D. in economics and policy from University of Minnesota.  
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**Kimberly Rodrigues** pursued her Ph.D. in Environmental Science and Management, at UC Berkeley, under the guidance of Dr. Lynn Huntsinger, integrating participatory research methods supportive of adaptive management goals. She also received an M.S. in Forest Genetics in 1984 from Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, and a B.S. in Forest Management in 1981 from University of California, Berkeley, CA. Rodrigues served in multiple positions as a Chief Forester, Applied Forest Genetics, Tree Improvement Specialist, Simpson Timber Company Forest Advisor, University of California Cooperative Extension, Regional Director, ANR – North Coast and Mountain Region and is currently serving as Hopland Research and Extension Center's Director.  
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# About the Venue

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The Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) was formed in 1979 to increase society's awareness of the environmental, economic and cultural value of Louisiana's coastal and marine environments by conducting research and education programs directly relevant to Louisiana's needs in marine science and coastal resources. They would also serve as a facility for all Louisiana schools with interest in marine research and education. After four years of operating out of weathered trailers scattered about the property and swatting the ever-present mosquitoes, LUMCON broke ground on construction on the DeFelice Marine Center. With its observation tower that rises 65 feet above the ground, the Marine Center is a striking feature on the flat marsh landscape. This 75,000-square foot building and the neighboring maintenance center, together sit on over 800 pilings, each 120 feet long. The Marine Center was designed with ample protection from hurricane flooding and winds-the main floor is elevated 18 feet above mean sea level, the exterior is constructed to withstand wind gusts of up to 250 miles per hour, and the laboratories are centrally located within the building.



LUMCON employees moved into the new Center in 1986, even though its construction was not completed until 1987. LUMCON acquired its first research vessel, the R.J. Russell, from Louisiana State University in 1982. Cruises on the Russell were more than a little rocky, so when the 105-foot sparkling blue and white R/V *Pelican* turned the bend and sailed into LUMCON's harbor in May 1985, it was greeted with great celebration. She has proven herself to be an exceptional ship, repeatedly ranking as one of the nation's top University-National Oceanographic Laboratory System (UNOLS) vessels. While the *Pelican* was well-suited for oceanographic research, LUMCON needed a smaller vessel for nearshore research and educational cruises. In 1986, LUMCON sold the *R.J. Russell* and added to its fleet the R/V *Acadiana*, a 58-foot ship. School groups from across the country have sailed through Terrebonne Bay aboard the *Acadiana*, learning about the estuary through hands-on activities such as fish and invertebrate identification and water quality testing.



LUMCON's marine education program has continued to flourish over the years as instructors have expanded programs for K-12, university and teacher education. LUMCON's research programs have likewise grown and diversified. With interests ranging from monitoring Gulf of Mexico hypoxia, to improving marine aquaculture techniques and predicting toxic algal blooms, LUMCON's scientists have focused on answering important marine science questions that are pertinent not only to the residents of Louisiana, but also to the nation and the world.



As LUMCON looks to the future, it almost unavoidably looks back to its humble, yet hopeful beginnings. "There are a lot of people at LUMCON who have seen it through the hard times to where we are today," said Dr. Nancy Rabalais, Executive Director. "There's a lot of dedication."

*We would especially like to thank Cindy Sevin and Murt Conover at LUMCON for their help in planning and executing this meeting.*

# Thank you!!

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