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New workgroups forming

Maxwell Norton, program leader for agricultural productivity, has announced four formative workgroups. These formative workgroups are in the process of getting organized and are not formally funded as official workgroups. Persons interested in joining these workgroups may contact the organizers of the workgroups listed below:

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International scholar with farm roots to head sustainable ag programs

Thomas Tomich, a California-trained agricultural economist with a doctorate in food systems research, has been selected to lead UC Davis' new Agricultural Sustainability Institute and the statewide Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (SAREP). In connection with his appointment, he has been named professor and first holder of the UC Davis W.K. Kellogg Endowed Chair in Sustainable Food Systems.



Thomas Tomich

Tomich is currently global coordinator of the Alternatives to Slash-and-Burn (ASB) Programme, which is hosted by the World Agroforestry Centre, headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya. Tomich will be based at UC Davis and will transition to his new duties in January 2007.

Tomich, a native of the Sacramento Valley, said he looks forward to re-establishing contact with California growers and other statewide stakeholders including consumers and nonprofits.

"I'm delighted and honored to be taking the job at UC Davis and in the UC system, and also glad to be returning to my family's farm roots in Northern California," said Tomich, who brought apricots, peaches, plums and figs from his father's farm in Orangevale (northeast of Sacramento) when he signed the UC offer.

"The UC system, and the Davis campus in particular, can play a central role in developing the scientific foundations for sustainable agriculture in California and for the planet," he said. "To me, sustainability means a healthy bottom line for farmers, thriving rural communities, wholesome and nutritious food, and a healthy environment."

VP Gomes noted that the new position represents a significant milestone in the evolution of agricultural sustainability as a priority for UC.

"With Dr. Tomich's appointment to head both the statewide SAREP program and the new Agricultural Sustainability Institute at Davis, we will better focus the expertise, energy and commitment of faculty, specialists and advisors across the UC system," Gomes said. "California growers will benefit in years to come

from new research collaborations from this partnership and the dissemination of practical, science-based information."

Gomes thanked Howard Ferris, search committee chair, and Dean Neal Van Alfen and Associate Vice President Rick Standiford, who jointly coordinated the search, saying "they provided tremendous leadership throughout the process."

"We are fortunate to have attracted a person of Tom Tomich's caliber to assume this new and exciting position both at the Agricultural Sustainability Institute at UC Davis and with the statewide sustainable ag program," said Van Alfen, dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. "He brings an international perspective and an appreciation of California agriculture to his new position, and shares our vision for establishing UC Davis and the UC system as an international hub for research and training in sustainable agriculture."

In his 12 years with the World Agroforestry Centre, Tomich has worked with the ASB Programme's long-term collaborative partnerships in the Amazon, Congo Basin and Southeast Asia to raise the productivity and income of rural households without increasing deforestation or undermining the environment. As ASB's global coordinator since 2000, his key responsibilities have been the scientific leadership of ASB's 80 institutions and 250 scientists; strategic

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Requests for Proposals

Core Issue Grants

Proposals are being accepted for FY 2007-2008 ANR Core Issue Grants at <http://ucanr.org/cig/>. This grants program is intended to foster collaborative efforts of the Agricultural Experiment Station (AES), statewide, campus and county Cooperative Extension (CE) and other ANR cooperators focused on identified high-priority issues and target opportunities outlined in ANR Core Issues and Target Opportunities, 2005.

A new feature this year is the opportunity to apply for two tiers of grants:

Tier I: Projects requesting up to \$40,000 for 14 months. Project team must include ANR campus-based (AES and/or CE) and county-based CE academics.

Tier II: Projects requesting up to \$80,000 for 26 months. Project team must include ANR campus-based AES and county-based CE academics and may include CE specialists.

Core Issue Grants projects should address critical issues affecting various populations in California's diverse agricultural, natural and urban communities. ANR Core Issues in this call include:

- Air Quality
- Biosecurity
- Childhood Obesity
- Food Safety
- Invasive Species
- Pest Management
- Sustainability and Viability of Agriculture
- Sustainable Use of Natural Resources
- Youth Development
- Water Quality

Priority will be given to proposals that use a "systems" approach to address this year's target opportunities outlined in ANR Core Issues and Target Opportunities, 2005 (<http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/5728/21855.pdf>). ANR centers, statewide programs and workgroups are encouraged to provide leadership for ANR Core Issue Grants proposals. ANR members who wish to redirect their programs to address identified high priority core issues and target opportunities in this call are encouraged to become part of a collaborative project team to begin redirecting their research and/or extension activities.

ANR Core Issue Grants should serve as support for one-time projects, redirection of existing individual academic programs, or "seed money" for longer term efforts. Proposals for longer term projects should include plans for continued funding. For both new and longer-term efforts, projects should be designed to complete a significant and definitive step toward the longer-term goals within this 12-month period. For more information, see the complete call for proposals at <http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/files/filelibrary/5728/27406.doc>.

All proposals must be submitted by **Oct. 1** in ANR's Web-based system at <http://ucanr.org/cig/>.

Kearney REC

Kearney Research and Extension Center is soliciting proposals for new research and demonstration projects for the period Nov. 1, 2006 through Oct. 31, 2007.

Proposal forms can be obtained at <http://danrrec.ucdavis.edu/rec/form/index.html> and are due by **Oct. 18**. Submit all forms electronically to Janie Duran at jduran@uckac.edu.

Located near Fresno in the San Joaquin Valley, Kearney has 330 acres suitable for many types of tree, vine, and row crops. If you have questions about field research management, please contact Chuck Boldwyn at (559) 646-6020 or cboldwyn@uckac.edu.

Kearney has specialized research facilities suitable for greenhouse, post-harvest, sample handling (including cold storage and drying) and assorted laboratory research activities. To learn more about these facilities, contact Laura Van der Staay at (559) 646-6030 or lvdstaay@uckac.edu.

Other questions can be directed to Center Director Fred Swanson at (559) 646-6060 or fswanson@uckac.edu.

Kearney Foundation

The Kearney Foundation of Soil Science invites ANR faculty and CE advisors and specialists to apply to its research project grant program for the upcoming cycle. Proposals are due by **Sept. 15**.

The RFP and proposal submittal requirements can be found at the Kearney Web site <http://kearney.ucdavis.edu>. The goals of the current mission, "Understanding and Managing Soil-Ecosystem Functions Across Spatial and Temporal Scales," are as follows:

- Investigate how ecosystem properties, processes, functions and services are controlled by soil biophysical and biochemical processes across spatial and temporal scales;
- Conduct multi-scale basic and applied research that demonstrates clear relevance to land management decisions and policies;
- Examine transitions between scales at which important soil-ecosystem processes occur and interact; and
- Examine the relationships between the scale of management decisions and the scale of investigation, assessment and monitoring.

For more information call (530) 754-9668 or e-mail kearney@ucdavis.edu.

South Coast REC

South Coast Research and Extension Center (SCREC) is soliciting proposals for new and continuing research and demonstration projects in 2007. Proposals are due by **Sept. 22**.

Located on 200 acres, SCREC has land suitable for growing row, orchard and field crops, and turfgrass, landscape and nursery plants. Usable orchards available for new research or demonstration projects include 'Hass' avocado trees, 'Valencia' orange trees on single rootstocks and on many rootstock varieties. There is also ample greenhouse bench space.

SCREC also provides labor, equipment, facilities and technical and management support to UC academics and to personnel from cooperating non-UC organizations, such as USDA. Up to 9,000 hours of labor will be available to support approved projects.

For more information, contact Julie Chavez at (949) 653-1824 or jgchavez@ucdavis.edu. For proposal forms, visit <http://danrrec.ucdavis.edu/rec/form> or call Julie Chavez.

Employment Opportunities

Alameda: Nutrition program administrator

Alameda County is seeking a nutrition network program administrator (Academic Administrator III). This position will serve as the Administrator for the 5-a-Day Bay Regional Campaign, Nutrition Training Academy, and Community Nutrition and Mobilization project at UCCE in Alameda County, part of the California Nutrition Network for Healthy, Active Families. The operational base will be at the UCCE Alameda County office.

The position requires a minimum of a master's degree including, but not limited to, public health, nutrition, sustainable agriculture, education or in a discipline relevant to the duties and responsibilities of this position.

Salary will be in the Academic Administrator series, Rank III, within the annual salary range of \$55,320 to \$63,624, commensurate with experience and professional qualifications. This is not a career-track position, and is funded by a grant that expires in September 2007.

The closing date for applications is **Aug. 30**. (or open until filled). The full description for position #ACCSO-06-02 is on the Web at http://www.ucanr.org/jobdescript/PVA_Acad-AdminAlameda.pdf. Application forms are available at <http://www.ucanr.org/jobs.shtml> or by contacting Cheryl Gneckow at ccsracadrecruitment@ucdavis.edu or (951) 827-2529.

Fresno: Vegetable advisor

Fresno County CE is recruiting an advisor for vegetable crop production. The advisor will also provide information on tomatoes, melons, garlic and other vegetable crops not covered by the small farms/specialty crop program.

The position requires a master's degree in a biological, agricultural, or plant science, preferably specializing in vegetable crops. Soil and water coursework and/or experience are required. Postgraduate agricultural experience in applied research and education is desired.

Beginning salary will be in the UCCE Assistant Advisor rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. The full position vacancy announcement for position #ACV 06-02 and required academic application

are available at <http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting> or contact Cindy Inouye, UCCE Central Valley Region, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648; cinouye@uckac.edu, (559) 646-6535. Complete packets must be received by **Sept. 1**.

Stanislaus, Merced: NF&CS advisor

Stanislaus and Merced counties are seeking a nutrition, family & consumer sciences advisor.

This position, which will be headquartered in Stanislaus County, is responsible for conducting and coordinating education and applied research programs in nutrition, family and consumer sciences for all ethnic and socioeconomic groups, individuals, community agencies, associations and nonprofit groups. This person will administer the Stanislaus County Expanded Food Nutrition Education Program

(EFNEP), and the Food Stamp Nutrition Education Programs (FSNEP) in Stanislaus and Merced counties.

The position requires a master's degree in one of the disciplines relevant to the responsibilities of the position, including public health nutrition, community nutrition, or family and consumer sciences. Licensure as a registered dietitian is preferred.

Beginning salary will be in the UCCE Assistant Advisor rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. The full position vacancy announcement for position #ACV 06-03 and required academic application are available at <http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting> or contact Cindy Inouye, UCCE Central Valley Region, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648; cinouye@uckac.edu; (559) 646-6535. Complete packets must be received by **Sept. 22**.

Tuolumne and Mariposa: NF&CS advisor

Tuolumne and Mariposa counties are seeking a nutrition, family & consumer sciences advisor. This position will administer the Tuolumne and Mariposa County Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP) and support other existing UCCE programs in the area of expertise.

The nutrition, family, and consumer sciences advisor will be based in Tuolumne County and have cross-county responsibility in Mariposa County. The advisor will provide subject matter expertise and supervise staff and budgets for the federally funded Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FSNEP). The NF&CS advisor will implement applied research programs in areas such

as human nutrition, chronic disease prevention (diabetes, heart disease, and cancers), food safety and accessibility, obesity, parenting education, family resource management, and nutrition issues unique to the youth population and the senior population. It is expected that the advisor will identify timely and critical issues regarding the health of the community. The successful candidate will interact as part of a diverse statewide team, developing community strategies, collaborating with agencies, and building on a strong community network.

A master's degree is required in one of the disciplines relevant to the duties and responsibilities of this position, including public health nutrition, community nutrition, or family and consumer sciences.

Beginning salary will be in the UCCE Assistant Advisor rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. To see the full description of position #ANCM 07-01 or to download the academic application form, visit the Web site at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml>.

Applicant packets should be submitted to Academic Recruiter, ANR—North Coast & Mountain Region, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616-8575; fax (530) 754-8540; pdtise@ucdavis.edu. To assure full consideration, applications must be received by **Sept. 22**.

Humboldt and Del Norte: CD/livestock & natural resources advisor

Humboldt and Del Norte counties are seeking the position of county director (40%) and
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livestock & natural resource advisor (60%), which will be based at the Cooperative Extension office in Eureka.

The county director is responsible for the coordination and overall operation of Cooperative Extension programs in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. As livestock and natural resource advisor, the selected candidate will be expected to initiate, develop and conduct educational/research programs in livestock and natural resources, which can include range and pasture management, water quality/quantity, wildlife, animal nutrition, conservation biology and invasive weeds.

A master's degree in an appropriate area of animal science, livestock production and/or natural resources is required. Competency and practical experience related to the livestock/natural resource industry, water quality/quantity, invasive weeds, ag/urban interface, and range science is preferred.

Beginning salary will be in the UCCE Associate to Full Title rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. In addition, an annual administrative stipend is included.

For a full description of position #ANCM 07-04 or to download the academic application form, visit the Web site at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml>.

To submit an applicant packet or to request an academic application form, contact Academic Recruiter, ANR—North Coast & Mountain Region, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616-8575; fax (530) 754-8540; or pditise@ucdavis.edu. Applications must be received by **Oct. 3** for full consideration.

Applicants who would also like to apply for the Modoc County rangeland, watershed and livestock advisor (position announcement #ANCM07-03) may submit one application for both positions. Please include both position announcement numbers on the application.

Modoc: Rangeland, watershed & livestock advisor

Modoc County is seeking a rangeland, watershed, livestock farm advisor to be based in the Cooperative Extension office in Alturas.

The rangeland, watershed, livestock advisor will be responsible for the development and implementation of Cooperative Extension education and applied research programs addressing important issues at the interface of rangeland livestock production systems and watershed health. The advisor needs to have a thorough, practical understanding of range livestock production and its constraints in arid ecosystems in order to develop an effective program, providing credible and practical solutions to ranch managers, natural resource professionals, and water resources regulators, who face complex management issues relating to livestock production, rangeland resources, and watershed health. The successful candidate will have expertise and experience in livestock production, range management, and watershed management.

A master's degree in an appropriate area of range science, natural resources, animal science or livestock production is required. Competency and practical experience related to the livestock/natural resource industry, water quality/quantity,

and range science is preferred.

Beginning salary will be in the UCCE assistant advisor rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. For a full description of position #ANCM 07-03 or to download the academic application form, visit the Web site at <http://ucanr.org/jobs.shtml>.

To submit an applicant packet or to request an academic application form, contact Academic Recruiter, ANR—North Coast & Mountain Region, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616-8575; fax (530) 754-8540; or pditise@ucdavis.edu. Applications must be received by **Oct. 3** for full consideration.

Applicants who would also like to apply for the Humboldt County director livestock/natural resources advisor (position #ANCM07-04), may submit one application for both positions. Please include both position announcement numbers on the application.

Marin and Sonoma: Horticulture advisor

Marin and Sonoma counties are recruiting an advisor to conduct extension educational and applied research programs in environmental and urban horticulture. This position also oversees the Marin County Master Gardener program.

A master's degree in biological, agricultural, plant science or related field is required. Competency and practical experience in the fields of entomology, plant pathology, horticulture, weed ecology, and crop production is desired.

Beginning salary will be in the UCCE Assistant Advisor rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. The full position vacancy

announcement for position #ANCM 07-02 and required academic application are available at <http://www.ucanr.org/jobs.shtml#ncmj>. The closing date for applications is **Oct. 6**.

To request additional information or to submit application materials, contact Academic Recruitment Office; Attn: Pam Tise, ANR—North Coast & Mountain Region, University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis CA 95616-8575; or fax (530) 754-8540; pditise@ucdavis.edu.

Sacramento Valley: Rice advisor

An advisor is being recruited to conduct education and applied research in rice farming systems and production for Sutter/Yuba, Sacramento and Placer counties. This position will develop and extend information that optimizes rice production and pest management technologies, while maximizing net farm income, conserving natural resources, and safeguarding the environment.

The position requires a master's degree in agronomy, crop sciences including pest management, environmental sciences, or agricultural engineering with a strong emphasis on agronomy.

Beginning salary will be in the UCCE Assistant Advisor rank, salary commensurate with experience and education. The full position vacancy announcement for position #ACV 06-04 and required academic application are available at <http://ucanr.org/cvr.joblisting> or contact Cindy Inouye, UCCE Central Valley Region, 9240 S. Riverbend Ave., Parlier, CA 93648; cinouye@ucdavis.edu; (559) 646-6535. Complete packets must be received by **Oct. 6**.

Communications Advisory Board seeks nominations

The advisory board to ANR Communication Services is seeking to fill positions on the board. Nominations can include, but are not limited to, specialists, advisors, and faculty affiliated with the Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

The board provides advice and support to the director of Communication Services, Bob Sams, on Division program connection, resource allocation prioritization, major policy issues, budget and long-range planning. It also provides oversight of the peer review process for ANR educational materials.

Board members, appointed by AVP Rick Standiford, serve three-year, rotating terms. The board meets on a quarterly basis. The new appointments begin in November 2006. Existing board

members whose terms are ending may reapply.

Nominations are due by **Sept. 5**. You may nominate yourself or someone else. Send nominations, along with the addresses of the candidates, to Communications Advisory Board Chair Ed Weber at eaweiler@ucdavis.edu. If nominating yourself, please submit a curriculum vitae and the application to Weber. The application is at http://ucce.ucdavis.edu/freeform/anrcs/documents/Communications_Advisory_Board9664.doc.

Current members of the advisory board are Marianne Bird, 4-H youth development advisor, Sacramento County; Mark Bolda, farm advisor, Santa Cruz County; Leslie (Bees) Butler, agricultural economics specialist, Davis; Joe Connell,

farm advisor, Butte County; Beth Grafton-Cardwell, director, Lindcove Research and Extension Center and associate CE IPM specialist/research entomologist, Kearney Agricultural Center; Rachael Long, farm advisor, Yolo/Solano County; Shirley Peterson, nutrition advisor, San Luis Obispo County; Dennis Pittenger, environmental horticulture advisor, Riverside; Ellen Rilla, county director, Marin County; Kim Rodrigues, regional director & administrative liaison Renewable Resources Extension Act, Davis; Rick Roush, director, statewide IPM program, Davis; Jim Thompson, CE agricultural engineer, Davis; Stephen Vasquez, farm advisor, Fresno County; and Ed Weber, farm advisor & county director, Napa County.

Listening seminar can be downloaded from Web

Gregorio Encina Billikopf, farm labor management advisor, has created a seminar about empathic listening that can be downloaded from the Internet and burned onto a compact disc for portability. Empathic listening, in which the listener tries to see things from the speaker's perspective, can be used to preempt or resolve conflict.

Empathic listening requires a different subset of proficiencies than conversing and is an acquired skill, according to Billikopf.

Billikopf says, "The role of the listener is to help empty the large reservoirs of emotion, anger, stress, frustration and other negative feelings until the individual can see more clearly. Not until then, can a party consider the needs of the other. Perhaps we can think of it as listening first aid."

The listening seminar can be downloaded from the Web at <http://www.cnr.berkeley.edu/ucce50/ag-labor/7article/article40.htm>.

Names in the news

Paine elected ESA fellow

For his outstanding contributions to entomology, Timothy Paine, UC Riverside professor of entomology, has been elected a fellow of the prestigious Entomological Society of America, the largest organization in the world serving the professional and scientific needs of entomologists and people in related disciplines.

This year, Paine and five others were elected to this honor. They will be recognized at the annual meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Indianapolis, Ind., on Dec. 10.

Paine's research focuses on developing effective and safe methods to reduce the damage caused by pests that feed on or live in shrubs and trees, whether in urban, nursery, or forest settings. As part of this effort, he studies the biology and life habits of exotic pests, including the ash whitefly, the eucalyptus snout beetle, and the eucalyptus longhorned borer. The author or coauthor of more than 100 scientific refereed journal articles, Paine also examines the interactions of pests with the plants they feed on, with competing pests, and with environmental stresses in order to

develop integrated pest management programs that maintain or improve the health and appearance of shrubs and trees.

Moore appointed to USDA Advisory Committee

The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has appointed veterinarian Dale A. Moore, associate professor at the School of Veterinary Medicine, to the USDA Advisory Committee on Foreign Animal and Poultry Diseases.

This group of farmers, scientists, trade associations, academics and others advise the Secretary of Agriculture on means to prevent, suppress, control, or eradicate an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease or other destructive foreign animal or poultry diseases if they should enter the United States. The committee advises USDA officials on the practicality of proposed programs; provides experience and knowledge of the livestock and poultry industries; and evaluates disease control programs.

A dairy veterinarian and epidemiologist with DVM, Master of Preventive Veterinary Medicine, and PhD degrees, Moore is based at the Veterinary



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Medicine Teaching & Research Center in Tulare. She is a collaborator in the National Center for Foreign Animal and Zoonotic Disease Defense, which sponsors research related to homeland security.

Moore was nominated for the position by the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine and the American Association of Bovine Practitioners. Her term of service begins immediately and runs until April 2008.

Bamforth honored by food technologists

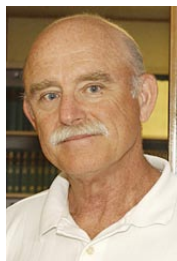
UC Davis food science and technology department chair Charlie Bamforth was honored at the Institute of Food Technologists' annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, as the "2006 Fermented Foods and Beverages Division Lecturer" for his leadership, expertise, and extraordinary contributions in the field of fermentation technology.



Bamforth has also been invited to join the University of Nottingham as a Special Professor in the School of Biosciences. These appointments are given in recognition of distinguished service and are to facilitate collaboration in research and to strengthen links between University of Nottingham personnel and those engaged in research outside.

Reisen receives Belkin Award

Research entomologist William Reisen, a mosquito specialist at the Center for Vectorborne Diseases (CVec) and an adjunct professor in the School of Veterinary Medicine, is the 2006 recipient of the international John N. Belkin Award for his contributions to mosquito biology. Reisen's research is on *Culex* mosquitoes and their ability to transmit arboviruses, including West Nile virus.



The Belkin Award, given by the American Mosquito Control Association (AMCA), is for meritorious contributions to mosquito systematics and/or biology.

Koret gives \$1 million for vet school shelter medicine

A program in the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine dedicated to improving the health and well-being of shelter animals has received a \$1 million gift from Koret Foundation Funds of San Francisco. The UC Davis Koret Shelter Medicine Program — as it will be known during the course of Koret's five-year funding commitment — is the nation's first program to emphasize shelter medicine as a veterinary specialty.

"This grant from Koret Foundation Funds will allow us to expand our shelter outreach and consultation services while training veterinary students and residents in this emerging specialty," said Kate Hurley, director of the Koret Shelter Medicine Program. "Koret's support comes at a pivotal time. We are training more students and residents than ever, and as shelters from across the country learn of our services and special expertise, their shelter staffs are seeking help with their critical animal health and management issues. This past year we responded to more than 500 consultation requests."

In addition to preparing veterinarians for careers in shelter medicine, Koret's support will provide expanded consultation services nationwide and allow shelter medicine specialists to pursue scientific research that will improve the welfare of animals in shelters.

Koret has previously supported UC Davis' Center for Companion Animal Health at its School of Veterinary Medicine, to create the Koret Foundation Center for Veterinary Genetics, as well as the veterinary student exchange program with the Koret School of Veterinary Medicine at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel.

— Pat Bailey

Myers joins ANR as Sea Grant advisor

Monique Myers was named Sea Grant's new coastal community development advisor in July. Although she is based at the UC Cooperative Extension office in Ventura County, she will also have responsibilities that pertain to Los Angeles County.



Myers has about 15 years of experience as a researcher and educator in the field of environmental science. Her primary research interests are in smart growth, wetland restoration, invasive species control and water quality. Specifically, during the first years in her new position, she would like to look at ways to reduce urban sprawl, create greenways, protect and restore the Ormand Beach wetland, assist regions to meet water quality standards, and shield

native streams from the New Zealand mud snails. While she explores these critical issues, she hopes to get to know and work with community members, leaders and government officials to develop a sense of collaborative stewardship.

"I look forward to working with Dr. Myers, as she understands the critical issues facing our coastal communities. I believe she will contribute much to Cooperative Extension and the field of environmental science," said Rachel Surls, Los Angeles County director.

Myers received her doctorate in environmental science and engineering from UCLA, master's degree from Western Washington University, and bachelor's degree from Boston University.

Originally from Maine, Myers now calls Santa Barbara home, where she enjoys the wonderful California weather. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, outrigger canoeing and diving.

— Dohee Kim

Thomas Tomich

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planning, fundraising and global information outreach; and producing scientific work including a World Bank project on the value of biodiversity.

Tomich received his bachelor's degree in economics from UC Davis, and master's degree and Ph.D. from Stanford University's Food Research Institute in agricultural production economics, and food consumption economics and human nutrition.

Before heading to Kenya, he was the principal economist working on natural resource policies for the World Agroforestry Centre's Southeast Asian Regional Research Program. During the previous 10 years, he was an associate at the Harvard Institute for International Development, and a lecturer at the J.F. Kennedy School of Government and the economics department at Harvard University. He has been a visiting scholar at Columbia University's Earth Institute and the Research School of Pacific Studies at the Australian National University, Canberra.

Tomich is the author or co-author of more than 130 scientific papers, books, policy briefs and training materials.

His appointment was facilitated by a gift of \$1.5 million from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, which established an endowed chair to support the new Agricultural Sustainability Institute. ASI draws together several UC Davis campus programs and numerous faculty members whose research and teaching interests span a broad array of disciplines including plant and animal sciences, pest and disease sciences, natural resource conservation, food science and nutrition, economics, sociology, education, agricultural environmental policy and community development.

Tomich can be reached at t.tomich@cgiar.org. After Jan. 2, he will be reachable at the UC Davis campus. His phone number and e-mail have not yet been assigned. — *Lyra Halprin*

Read full news release at <http://news.ucanr.org/newsstorymain.cfm?story=824>

In memoriam

Ted Bradshaw, UC Davis professor of community development, died Aug. 5 while running near his home in Oakland. He was 63.

Born in Ely, Nev., on Oct. 28, 1942, Bradshaw was raised in Walnut Creek. He pursued his education through Diablo Valley Community College; California State University, Sacramento, where he earned a bachelor's degree in sociology; and ultimately UC Berkeley, where he completed a doctorate in sociology in 1974.

He joined UCD's Department of Human and Community Development as an assistant professor in 1995 after a nearly 20-year career at UC Berkeley as an associate research sociologist with the Institute of Governmental Studies and Institute of Urban and Regional Development, and as a lecturer in the Department of City and Regional Planning. At UC Davis, he made full professor in June.

His colleagues say Bradshaw embodied the spirit of UC's land-grant mission. Recently, he spearheaded a plan to establish the Center for the Study of Regional Change, with the aim of harnessing UC Davis expertise across



disciplines for community and economic development in the San Joaquin Valley.

Bradshaw wrote four books and numerous journal articles, but his 2004 book on energy is perhaps his most influential. "Agile Energy Systems: Global Lessons From the California Energy Crisis," was co-written with Woodrow W. Clark II.

When Castle Air Force Base closed in 1994, Bradshaw studied the impacts on the nearby community of Atwater. His report quelled the anxieties of Atwater residents when he found that the community had re-employed many of the skilled base employees to create a new economic vitality. Bradshaw's analysis was used to reset expectations for communities facing base closures across the nation.

In the mid-1990s, Bradshaw also worked with the American Farmland Trust to analyze the conversion of farmland in the San Joaquin Valley. According to UC Davis public policy specialist Al Sokolow, Bradshaw's predictions in that report are now coming into fruition.

Bradshaw is survived by his father, Ken, of San Francisco; his wife, Betty Lou, of Oakland; two sons, Niels, of San Francisco, and Liam, of Oakland; brothers, David, of Sacramento, and Larry, of Vancouver, Canada; and a sister, Carolyn Jerde, of Scotts Valley. — *Susanne Rockwell*

Snapshot of VP & AVP activities

Over the past four weeks, VP Gomes engaged in the following meetings:

- 7/24 Partnership Working Group (USDA/CSREES) meeting, Portland, Oregon
- 7/27 Meetings with Robert Dynes, UC President, Mike Barr, President and CEO of The California Agricultural Leadership Foundation, and Joe Jen, Senior Advisor to the President of California Polytechnic State University
- 7/29 Retirement celebration for Regional Director Cuco Gonzalez, Holtville
- 8/4 2006 California State Fair Gala honoring agriculturist of the year, John Harris, Sacramento

Every Monday
President's Cabinet

Twice monthly
UC VP Cabinet with the President

Every Monday
ANR VP Cabinet

Over the past four weeks, AVP Standiford engaged in the following meetings:

- 7/17 President's Cabinet and VP's Cabinet
- 7/18 Regional Directors, Davis
- 7/19 Program Council, Davis
- 8/7 VP's Cabinet
- 8/9 AVP Affirmative Action Equal Opportunity Committee
- 8/9 CNR Dean Paul Ludden
- 8/10 Conference call with associate deans

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