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H.E. Garrett Endowed Chair Professor and UMCA Director -- Position Search Open

This month, the Center for Agroforestry formally released its' announcement to begin searching for the next Endowed Professor, Agroforestry and Director, Center for Agroforestry. This is a 12-month tenure-track appointment with a Faculty Rank at the Associate or Full Professor level.

The incumbent will hold the title, Endowed Professor of Agroforestry and Director, University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry. The Center, located in the School of Natural Resources, is a hallmark of interdisciplinary research and employs 12 scientists and staff and is widely recognized for its excellence. It is the responsibility of the Endowed Professor and Director to provide leadership in the procurement of funding and in guiding the Center's research efforts.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop a nationally-recognized extramurally funded agroforestry research program in their specialized field. The Center's research program is supported by two outlying Agriculture Research Centers. Research relating to all temperate-zone agroforestry practices is represented across these and other outlying MU Agriculture Research Centers. The position will strengthen growing interdisciplinary education, research and outreach programs, enhance the Center's ability to win major grants, form innovative new partnerships with private and public partners, and contribute toward improving grant and publication metrics considered in the AAU rankings.

The incumbent is expected to teach a dual level undergraduate/graduate online course in agroforestry

and develop an online graduate level course (8000 level) in an area related to the successful candidate's expertise that would complement current course offerings in agroforestry. The incumbent is also expected to advise graduate students (MS and PhD) and postdoctoral research associates. The Center currently offers on campus and online master's degrees in agroforestry along with an online graduate certificate.

A Ph.D. is required, with at least one degree in forestry or a related area. Administrative experience is highly desirable along with demonstrated leadership abilities. The successful candidate should have national recognition as an agroforestry scientist with a proven track record in refereed, peer-reviewed publications and extramural grant support.

To apply for this position, please visit the MU web site at <http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/>. Review of applications will begin on July 16, 2018 and will continue until the position is filled. Starting date for the position is January 1, 2019 or negotiated. For additional information about the position, please contact Drs. Mike Gold (GoldM@missouri.edu) and Dave Larsen (LarsenDR@missouri.edu), Co-Chairs of Search Committee.

The University of Missouri is an equal access, equal opportunity, affirmative action employer that is fully committed to achieving a diverse faculty and staff ([equal opportunity/access/affirmative action/pro-disabled and veteran employer](#))

UMCA Recruiting Assistant Research Professor – Silvopasture Systems

The Center for Agroforestry in The School of Natural Resources, University of Missouri, is accepting applications for an Assistant Research Professor position in Silvopastoral Systems. This will be a 12-month, benefit eligible, non-tenure track academic appointment.

Qualifications: Ph.D. degree in Animal Science or Forage Sciences, with solid background in both areas. Preference will be given to candidates with two or more years of postdoctoral experience working with grass fed livestock on pastures in temperate zone ecosystems. The ideal candidate should possess a track record of accomplishments demonstrating technical proficiency, independent thinking, and scientific creativity. The successful candidate is expected to publish peer-reviewed articles, present at scientific meetings, take a leadership role in the preparation of grant proposals and provide programmatic support for silvopasture research and outreach. Effective oral and written communications skills are required.

Application Procedure: Please apply online via Human Resources - <https://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic>
Applicants should submit, a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, names and e-mail addresses of three references.
Questions regarding the position should be directed to Dr. Michael Gold, Interim Director, Center for Agroforestry, Email: goldm@missouri.edu.

Savanna Institute to Hire Tree Crop Analyst: **Applications due June 20th**

The Savanna Institute (SI) invites applications for one or more Tree Crop Analysts. One full-time or multiple part-time analysts will be hired, depending on the skill sets of applicants. The Savanna Institute seeks applicants who share their passion for regenerative and resilient agriculture. The Tree Crop Analyst(s) will lead an array of research and development activities related to scaling tree crop industries in the Midwest US. The position will report to the co-Executive Directors.

Primary responsibilities of the Tree Analyst(s) will be to 1) conduct market and supply chain research, 2) identify commercialization bottlenecks, 3) assess germplasm characteristics and scalability, 4) analyze impact investment strategies, 5) synthesize stakeholder knowledge, 6) prepare reports and deliver presentations, 7) write tree crop development funding proposals, and 8) organize tree crop advisory committees.

Start Date: July 1, 2018, flexible.

For additional details and to submit an application, go to www.savannainstitute.org/jobs by 4pm CT on June 20th, 2018. Questions? Email kevin@savannainstitute.org

Savanna Institute Releases New Book: *Perennial Pathways*

Perennial Pathways: Planting Tree Crops is filled with all sorts of practical ways to integrate perennial crops on your farm. As a comprehensive, 110-page guidebook to designing and installing farm-scale edible agroforestry, this book is indispensable for new agroforestry farmers throughout the stages of farm startup: from the outset of envisioning into the thick of planting and managing crops. It provides sparks to the imagination and scaffolding for plans to take shape. Throughout, it informs decisions of when to “do it yourself” and when to seek help. The book is available as a free PDF download and also in physical form shipped directly to you for \$20 (S&H included). Find the book at www.SavannaInstitute.org

KUDOS

The Center for Agroforestry’s Dr. Chung-Ho Lin is making the news this year with the development of a portable, low-cost air quality measurement tool, or “electronic nose”. In analysis of urban child care centers, MU researchers working with Dr. Lin found 47 of 73 volatile organic compounds that may impact children’s health. <https://munews.missouri.edu/news-releases/2018/0502-air-quality-measurement-tool-could-be-beneficial-for-childrens-health/>

Dr. Michael Gold, Interim Director, Center for Agroforestry, is now serving on the Savanna Institute's Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee is comprised of thoughtful leaders and food system innovators who share their vision of ecological agriculture. The Committee advises the organization on current and future endeavors, connects SI with allied efforts and opportunities, and helps share their work more broadly.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2018 Sixth Annual Agroforestry Academy

July 22 - 27, 2018 | University of Missouri campus, Columbia, MO | Univ. of MO Center for Agroforestry

The 6th annual Agroforestry Academy will take place July 22-27 this year in Columbia and surrounding field sites. This is a week-long training that includes integrated classroom workshops, multiple on-farm visits, hands-on demonstrations and content integration into practical on-farm agroforestry planning and design. Full scholarships are available to veterans, women, and minorities. More information at <http://centerforagroforestry.org/academy/2018/RegistrationBrochure.pdf>

NAFEX Fruits of the Heartland Conference

July 26 – 28, 2018 | Danville, IL | North American Fruit Explorers

Fruits of the Heartland is a joint conference of the North American Fruit Explorers, the Midwest Fruit Explorers, and the Savanna Institute. The conference will include presentations on growing and marketing fruit, hands-on demonstrations, and farm tours.

More information at <https://nafex.org/index.php/nafex-annual-meeting/>

Nutshell Online Discussion with Paul Wartman: Forest Gardens

June 19, 2018 | Free Online Discussion at 6pm CT | The Savanna Institute

The Savanna Institute's Nutshell discussions take place online, live with experts on practical topics in agroforestry and perennial agriculture. This Nutshell is focused on "How forest gardens combined with people-based ethics can transform food", with Paul Wartman of Floreren Farm in Six Nations Territory. Limited space is available, so register today at www.savannainstitute.org/events.html.

Nutshell Online Discussion with Dustin Kelly: Autumn Berries

July 3, 2018 | Free Online Discussion at 6pm CT | The Savanna Institute

The Savanna Institute's Nutshell discussions take place online, live with experts on practical topics in agroforestry and perennial agriculture. In this Nutshell, Dustin Kelly of Autumn Berry Inspired in Urbana, IL, will share "What Eating Autumn Berries Taught Me". Limited space is available, so register today at www.savannainstitute.org/events.html.

Nutshell Online Discussion with Bill Davison: Community Food Forests

July 3, 2018 | Free Online Discussion at 6pm CT | The Savanna Institute

The Savanna Institute's Nutshell discussions take place online, live with experts on practical topics in agroforestry and perennial agriculture. In this Nutshell, Bill Davison from University of Illinois Extension in Normal, IL, will facilitate a discussion on "Establishing a Food Forest in Your Community". Limited space is available, so register today at www.savannainstitute.org/events.html.