NCAC1 Annual Report
School of Natural Resources
University of Missouri
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Faculty/Administration:

College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR)

- **Dr. Shibu Jose was appointed as Associate Dean for Research in November 2019.**
- **Dr. Rob Kallenbach was appointed as Associate Dean for Extension in October 2019.**
- **Dr. Bruce Barrett was appointed Interim Director of the Division of Plant Sciences in August 2019.**

School of Natural Resources (SNR)

- **Dr. Patrick Market, Professor of Atmospheric Science, became Interim Director for SNR on January 1, 2019.**
- **Dr. Sonja Wilhelm Stanis, Associate Professor of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, became the Interim Associate Director of SNR on January 1, 2019.**

SNR continues to implement its own Strategic Plan, and work within the new Strategic Plan of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. Both plans will enhance the position of the School from the regional to the global scale.

Faculty and staff numbers held steady, with departures balanced by arrivals.

Undergraduate and graduate enrollment numbers were unchanged, with a total of 817 students enrolled in the School.

Our faculty applied for $13.1M USD in funding in FY2019.

As a result of a significant gift to the School, we were able to open the Land of the Osages Research Center, which became part of Missouri's Agricultural Experiment Station (AES), and the first such center to be opened in more than 30 years.

Budget:

SNR absorbed another, and hopefully last, round of budget reductions during the reporting year. Some of these reductions have were handled at the College level. The School's share was small compared to previous years, and handled largely with salary savings from a recently retired business staff position.

SNR Activities/Highlights:

New faculty hires:

Sarah Lovell was hired as an Associate Professor of Forestry, and the new Director of the Center for Agroforestry
Samniqueka Halsey was hired as an Assistant Professor of Ecosystem Health
Shuangyu Xu was hired as an Assistant Professor of Tourism

Notable society awards/accomplishments

Dr. Sonja Wilhelm Stanis received the CAFNR 2019 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award.
Dr. Ben Knapp received the CAFNR 2019 Early Investigator Researcher Award.
Dr. Patrick Guinan received the CAFNR 2019 Frederick B. Mumford Award for Outstanding Faculty.
Dr. Peter Motavalli received one of several MU 2019 Kemper Awards for Outstanding Teaching, which is accompanied by a $10,000 prize.
Dr. Tony Lupo was invited to be the keynote speaker for the 9th International Symposium on Atmospheric Sciences (ATMOS) sponsored by Istanbul Technical University.
Dr. Lisa Webb, Cooperative Associate Professor, received the U.S. Geological Survey, Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit Scientific Excellence Award for 2018.
Jenna Fusinatto, senior academic advisor, was named Region 2 Advisor of the Year by the National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS).
The **Mizzou Soil Judging Team** competed and was selected again to go to the National Competition in 2020 in Ohio.