

# Celebration of **TEACHING EXCELLENCE**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014**

*The first annual showcase of innovation and excellence in mentoring and teaching in the College of Agriculture.*

## **Outstanding Graduate Mentor and Teacher Lecture**

*Dr. William Johnson*

**“Creating an Environment That Enables Graduate Students to Build a Skill Set for Future Success”**

Dr. Johnson, a professor of weed science at Purdue since 2002, has been the primary advisor to 17 MS and 9 PhD students. Many of his students have won awards in presentation and poster competitions, and they have authored 60 percent of his 115 refereed articles. Dr. Johnson models and cultivates energy, effort, and passion, which are critical for successful careers. One of his former students said, “He displays constant drive and knows just what to say to guide, direct, and encourage.” **2:00–2:30 p.m. - Pfendler 241**



## **Kohls Lecture**

*Dr. S. Suzanne Nielsen*

**“Linking Student Learning to Career Realities”**

Dr. Nielsen, professor of food science, is well known in the United States and around the world for her text and supporting lab manual Food Analysis, which has been translated into Spanish, Chinese, and Arabic. She has taught at Purdue for more than 30 years.

Her cumulative experiences enable her to use case studies and individual student projects to tie course technical content directly to practical problems in the food industry. The relevance and valuable industry contacts that the case studies bring to class help motivate students. From beginning undergraduates to graduate students, students constantly comment on her dedication and genuine interest in them and their future. **3:30–4:00 p.m. - Pfendler 241**

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## *Schedule of Events*

**9:30–10:00 a.m.**

**Welcome and meet the speakers of the day.**

*Coffee, donuts, and bagels*

*Pfendler gallery, 2nd floor*

**10:00–11:00 a.m.**

**Teaching Workshop**

*“It’s Showtime: Break a Leg or Dance”*

*Dr. Michael Wetzstein, Professor of Agricultural Economics*

Dr. Wetzstein is an Association of Public and Land Grant Universities National Teaching Award (2013) recipient. He joined Purdue in 2014.

*Pfendler 241*

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**Showcase of Purdue Agriculture Teaching Excellence and Innovation**

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**4:00–5:00 p.m.**

**Reception**

*Pfendler gallery, 2nd floor*