

Celebration of **TEACHING 2015 EXCELLENCE**

Thursday, September 17, 2015

The second annual showcase of innovation and excellence in mentoring and teaching in the College of Agriculture

Outstanding Graduate Mentor and Teacher Lecture

Dr. Linda Lee

“Helping Zebras Find their Stripes: Fostering Individual Growth”

Dr. Linda Lee, professor of agronomy and one of the premier organic soil chemists in the United States, is a quintessential advisor and mentor for graduate students. She has served (or is serving) as the primary advisor for 18 PhD and 10 MS students. She guides, inspires, and mentors over 50 students in the interdisciplinary Ecological Sciences and Engineering (iESE) program. As a graduate teacher, Dr. Lee strives to have students grasp the fundamental concepts and be empowered to quantitatively apply those concepts in their graduate research and careers. Through classroom, laboratory, and administrative leadership, Dr. Lee helps shape graduate students to think critically to solve the big and environmentally challenging issues of today’s world. **3:45–4:30 p.m. - Pfendler 241**



Kohls Lecture

Dr. Larry DeBoer

“Next semester I’ll do that better”

Dr. DeBoer, professor of agricultural economics, has long been an innovator in the classroom. Even though he now has a “big lecture,” he brings to the classroom energy, stories, and pictures. He may even break into song to engage the students. He uses Boilercast, video clips, and a custom

textbook. Since many in his classes are first-year students, he uses “Signals” to provide them early warning of poor performance. Dr. DeBoer offers an online version of AGECE 21700 and also incorporated Gradient, a peer-grading tool for essays that involves calibration and helps students read and evaluate critically. Even though he has tremendous experience, he redesigned his course through the IMPACT (Instruction Matters, Purdue Academic Course Transformation) program. Literally thousands of students have learned from Dr. DeBoer. It’s likely faculty can learn from him, too. **2:00–2:45 p.m. - Pfendler 241**

Schedule of Events

9:30–9:45 a.m.

Welcome and meet the speakers of the day

Pfendler gallery, 2nd floor

9:45–11:45 a.m.

Teaching Workshop

“Teaching Enhancement to Improve Student Learning”

Dr. Kirby Barrick, Professor in Agricultural Education and Communication, University of Florida

Dr. Barrick has researched and taught teacher education for university and high school faculty in the United States and abroad. He has won several national awards and served as NACTA president. To improve the quality of teaching and extent of learning, he instituted and led a “Teacher’s College” course at two institutions. He has been department chair, associate dean, and dean at different land-grant institutions and will bring expertise and experience to workshop participants.

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