American Association for Agricultural Education

2023 WESTERN REGION RESEARCH CONFERENCE

THE CROSSROADS OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND INNOVATION

September 18 - 20, 2023 | Logan, UT|

Riverwoods Conference Center
| DAY ONE | 2023 WESTERN REGION AAAE RESEARCH CONFERENCE  
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| SPEAKER | **Dr. Ken White**  
Vice President and Dean USU Extension and College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences |
|         | **September 18**  
7:30-10:00 AM **Registration**  
**Grand Reception Hall**  
8:00-10:00 AM **W3006-Ag Literacy Group**  
**Willow**  
8:00-10:00 AM **WR Officer Team Meeting**  
**Cherry**  
10:15 AM **Load Bus for Tours**  
**Riverwoods Conference Center**  
10:30 - 4:00 PM **The CharcuTOURie - Tours of Cache Valley** |
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| | 5:30-7:40 PM | **"Sunset on the Patio" A Taste of Utah**  
Greetings Dr. Ken White  
Vice President and Dean USU Extension  
and College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences  
Dutch Oven Dinner  
Boneless BBQ Pork Ribs, Boneless Breaded Chicken Breast, Cheesy Potato, BBQ Baked Beans, Roll, Peach Cobbler, and Aggie Ice Cream! | **USU Campus AGRS Patio**  
Sunset 7:32 PM |
| | 7:40 PM | Load Buses for Riverwoods Conference Center |
| | 8:00-9:30 PM | Mix and Mingle Reception with Cash Bar  
Graduate Student Welcome  
Poster Session I Research | **Cottonwood-Juniper-Elm** |
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| **SPEAKERS** | **Dr. Kattlyn “Kat” Wolf**  
Professor and Interim Department Head  
University of Idaho  
Western Region AAAE Vice President  

**Dr. Jonathan Velez**  
Professor and Department Head  
Oregon State University  
AAAE President  

**Darren Parry**  
Former Chairman and current Councilman for the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation |
| **September 19** | **Grand Reception Hall**  
*Cottonwood-Juniper-Elm* |
| **7:30-9:00 AM** | **Registration**  
Set Up  
Innovative Posters |
| **8:00-8:45 AM** | **Breakfast Buffet**  
*Mahogany-Redwood* |
| **9:00-10:00 AM** | **Poster Session II**  
*Cottonwood-Juniper-Elm* |
| **10:00-11:45 AM** | **Research Session I**  
*Mahogany-Redwood* |
| **12:00-12:45 PM** | **Lunch**  
*Mahogany-Redwood* |
| **12:45-1:30 PM** | **Keynote Speaker**  
Darren Parry |
| **1:30-2:30 PM** | **Business Meeting I**  
Dr. Kattlyn Wolf  
Dr. Jonathan Velez  
*Mahogany-Redwood* |
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|               | Explore Logan, Take a Drive up the Canyon,
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**Thank you! Safe Travels!**
Tour Information

The CharcuTOURie

This tour takes us through the fascinating world of agriculture, food production, and unique items you can put on your next charcuterie board, starting with Central Milling, Zollinger Fruit and Tree Farm, The Lavender Apple, and concluding at the Aggie Chocolate Factory.

**Central Milling** is deeply rooted in American farmland preservation and the tradition of providing high-quality flour and grains. With a history dating back over 150 years, the Farmer, the Miller, and the Baker work together to ensure the continuity of this essential staple in daily life. The Organic 6-Grain Pancake & Waffle Mix and the Keith Giusto Bread Club in Petaluma, CA (powered by Central Milling flour) are common gifts from Dr. Lawver!

- *Note: Central Milling is an active food facility please leave purses, bags, or anything else on the bus during the tour. Pictures are welcome. You will be required to wear hair nets, pony tail holders for those with long hair is helpful.*

The **Zollinger’s Fruit and Tree farm** has been a family-owned business for nearly 120 years. Initially focused on commercial fruit orchards, the farm provides quality landscape trees. They have also narrowed their fruit production to apples and peaches. Try one of the delicious Zapples (carbonated apple) or fresh cider!

**The Lavender Apple** is a small boutique farm that crafts small batch bath and body, home, health, and culinary products. Each product is meticulously handmade and inspected by to guarantee an exceptional lavender experience. Experience the exquisite taste of the lavender-infused honey, made with local raw honey from Cache Valley.

Our journey continues to the **Aggie Chocolate Factory**, which opened its doors in 2018, operated by USU’s College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences; this facility serves as a unique learning and research center focused on chocolate science. The Aggie Chocolate Factory also plays a significant role in supporting the local confectionery industry by offering its expertise and facilities to both established and start-up business.
Dr. Ken White is the Vice President for Utah State University Extension, Dean of the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (CAAS), and Director of the Utah Agricultural Experiment Station. White has generated over $17.3 million in extramural funding to support research in animal reproduction and embryonic development and has published over 100 peer-reviewed scientific articles and led the nuclear transfer team that produced the world’s first cloned equines, three identical mule foals.

Dr. Kattlyn "Kat" Wolf is the Western Region American Association for Agricultural Education Vice President and Interim Department Head of the Agricultural Education, Leadership and Communications department at the University of Idaho. Dr. Wolf teaches undergraduate courses in agricultural education, communications, leadership, and supervises student teachers. Dr. Wolf’s research interests include early career teacher and faculty self-efficacy, mentoring, and leadership.

Dr. Jonathan Velez, President of the American Association for Agricultural Education and Department Head for the Department of Agricultural Sciences and Agricultural Education at Oregon State University. Dr. Velez currently holds the Bradshaw Agricultural Sciences Leadership Education Endowment and oversees the OSU Leadership Minor. Dr. Velez teaches graduate and undergraduate leadership courses, and his research interests include motivation, teaching methods, leadership development, and effective leadership assessment methods.

Darren Parry is the former chairman and a current councilman for the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation. He is the author of The Bear River Massacre: A Shoshone History and teaches Native American History at Utah State University. He is on numerous boards, including PBS Utah and Utah Humanities. In 2018, Darren raised over $2 million to purchase land for his Tribe at the site of the Bear River Massacre—one of the deadliest massacre of Native people in U.S. history. Now he and his Tribe are working with scientists at Utah State University to restore the land. Darren is also continuing to raise money to build a cultural center on the land so the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation can tell their story.
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