



# WSWS Board of Directors Candidate Information

# Candidate for President-Elect



## **Timothy Prather, University of Idaho**

Timothy S. Prather has worked as a professor at the University of Idaho for the past 20 years. He also serves as the senior associate director of the UI Rangeland Center. His extension program involves invasive plant management in range, forages, and forest as well as plant community restoration. He teaches Invasive Plant Biology and Plant Community Restoration Methods, and

recently started team teaching Plant Physiology, Forages and Intro to Plant Science. Tim's research program involves plant interactions with its abiotic environment, plant-plant, and plant-insect/fungal interactions. Interaction studies include multiple spatial scales, incorporating GIS and remote sensing. Prior to coming to UI, Tim was with UC Davis' IPM Program and located at the Kearney Agricultural Center in the San Joaquin Valley for 8 years, 1992 to 2000. He conducted extension and research programs for IPM with a focus to weeds in agronomic crops, tree crops, vines and worked with cooperative weed management areas that focused on natural area weed problems in the foothills to the Sierra mountains. He received his PhD at University of Idaho in Plant Science in 1993. He served as an associate editor for both Weed Technology and Invasive Plant Science and Management and has served on USDA and EPA research panels.

Tim Prather has received several awards including best paper in Weed Technology in 2003, Bronze Natural Resources Association of Extension Professionals Award in 2007, and Hall of Fame of the Idaho Weed Control Association in 2011.

Tim Prather has been involved with the WSWS first as a student member and then as a faculty. He has co-chaired four symposia that included spotted knapweed, perennial knotweeds, ventenata and annual grasses. He has served as section chair at our annual meeting, Poster committee, Education and Regulatory Section Chair, and a Rita Beard Foundation Trustee.

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## **Joel Felix, Oregon State University's Malheur Experiment Station**

Joel Felix is an Associate Professor of Weed Science at Oregon State University's Malheur Experiment Station, Ontario, OR, where he conducts applied research on weed management in irrigated crops including onion, sugar beet, corn, dry beans, potato, wheat and other specialty crops. He is also responsible for conducting educational programs and extension activities in eastern Oregon and the greater Pacific Northwest Region. Joel received his BSc. degree in soil and crop management and MSc. degree from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. He earned his Ph.D. degree from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Both of his advanced degrees are in Crop Production and Physiology with an

emphasis in Weed Science. In 1999, Joel accepted a postdoctoral position at The Ohio State University on the Wooster campus where he conducted research on weed management in vegetable crops. Joel has been a member of the Western Society of Weed Science since 2007, in which he has served in leadership as chair for various committees including student judging, herbicide resistant plants, and education & Regulatory. He is also a member of the Weed Science Society of America where he has served in various committee positions, American Society of Agronomy where he currently serve as an associate editor for Agronomy Journal, American Society of Horticulture, and Oregon Society of Weed Science, in which he has served as president. Joel has been honored with WSSA's Outstanding Paper in Weed Science Journal and Outstanding Paper Reviewer awards. He has published refereed journal articles in Weed Technology, Weed Science, and Crop Protection; and authored numerous abstracts in various professional meeting proceedings and periodicals.

## Candidate for Research Section Chair Elect



### **Harlene Hatterman-Valenti, North Dakota State University**

Harlene Hatterman-Valenti is a Professor, Assistant Head, and High-value Crops Specialist in the Plant Sciences Department at North Dakota State University. She has state-wide weed research responsibilities in most specialty crops. Harlene earned her M.S. in Horticulture from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (1985) and Ph.D. from Iowa State University in Agronomy and Horticulture (1993). Prior to accepting her current position at NDSU, she was a Research Biologist with FMC at the Princeton, NJ facility, responsible for primary and pre-secondary herbicide evaluations in the Herbicide Discovery project. Harlene has been at North Dakota State University since 2000, and has trained one Post-doc, two PhD, 23 MS students and currently has one Post-doc, one PhD and 11 MS students in her program. To date, Harlene has published 54 peer-reviewed manuscripts, authored three book chapters, published 181

scientific abstracts/proceedings, authored or co-authored 23 extension publications, and published 272 research reports. Since joining NDSU, she has also given 264 extension presentations.

Harlene was more active as a member of the NCWSS (Fellow) until three years ago due to family conflicts. With the NCWSS she has been a graduate student paper/poster judge 10 times since 2001; Career Placement Committee, Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair, 2000-2002; Sectional Program Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair, Soybeans and Annual Legumes, 2002 – 2004; Membership Committee, 2002 – 2005, Chair/Past Chair 2003/2004; Resolution & Necrology Committee, 2003 – 2005, Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair 2004 – 2006; Electronic Communications Committee, 2004 - 2010; Sectional Program Vice Chair/Chair/Past Chair, Sugarbeets, Hort. & Orn., 2003 – 2005, 2009-2011, 2014-2016; Finance, Steering and Policy Committee, 2005 to present; Research and Publications Committee, 2005 – 2007; Board of Directors, 2005 to 2015, 2019 to present; Newsletter Editor, 2005 to 2015; and General Program, Vice Chair 2019/Chair 2020. Since the last child has left the house, Harlene has become a WSWS member and involved with WSWS as a student paper/poster judge and Necrology Chair 2019 and 2020.

## Candidate for Research Section Chair Elect



### **Dr. Marcelo Moretti, Oregon State University**

Dr. Marcelo Moretti joined Oregon State University (OSU) in 2017, where he has been involved in research on integrated weed management in perennial horticultural crops.

Dr. Moretti completed his Bachelor of Science degree from the University of São Paulo, Brazil (2006), Master of Science at California State University (2011), Doctor of Philosophy in Horticulture and Weed Science from the University of California – Davis (2016). He was a postdoctoral scholar at Purdue University (2016).

Dr. Moretti has attended the Western Society of Weed Science meetings since 2012. As a student, he made numerous presentations. He was the recipient of a 2012

student scholarship and received accolades in student poster contests in 2013 and 2015. He served the WSWS board as a student liaison in 2014-2015. Dr. Moretti was chair of the Weeds of Horticultural Crops section in 2018-19 and was reelected for the 2021-22 term. Dr. Moretti is honored to be nominated as a candidate for the Research Chair-elect, and would value the opportunity to serve the WSWS Board of Directors once again.

## Candidate for Education/Regulatory Section Chair Elect



### Jane Mangold, Montana State University

Jane Mangold is a Professor and Extension Invasive Plant Specialist in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences at Montana State University in Bozeman, MT. She has been in this position since 2008; prior to that she worked as a research scientist for USDA-Agricultural Research Service in Burns, OR. Her degrees are from Iowa State University (B.S. in Biology, 1994) and Montana State University (M.S. in Abused Land Rehabilitation, 1997; Ph.D. in Land Resources and Environmental Sciences, 2004). Jane's Extension and research program focuses on ecology and management of invasive plants on pasture, range, and wild lands. Much of her time is spent working on non-native annual grasses, but she has also researched and taught others about a variety of invasive and weedy species including spotted knapweed, hoary alyssum,

houndstongue, field bindweed, tall buttercup, western salsify, non-native thistles, and perennial non-native grasses like crested wheatgrass and smooth brome. During her tenure at MSU she has presented at nearly 400 Extension programs, been presenter or co-author on 58 conference presentations, and invited to give 44 additional presentations; she has published 43 Extension publications and 37 peer-reviewed journal articles. Awards have included Outstanding Young Range Professional in 2009 from the Society for Range Management, Outstanding Early Career Weed Scientist in 2013 from WSWS, and the Presidential Award in 2013 from the Montana Weed Control Association. Jane has served WSWS as chair-elect and chair of the Weeds of Range and Natural Areas session (2014-2015), Research Section Chair-Elect and Chair (2015-2016), member of the Nominations Committee (2018-2020) and ad-hoc Invasive Species Committee (2019-present), and as a judge for the student paper competition. She was an Associate Editor for *Invasive Plant Science and Management* (2014-2019) and currently serves on the Rita Beard Endowment Board.

## Candidate for Education/Regulatory Section Chair Elect

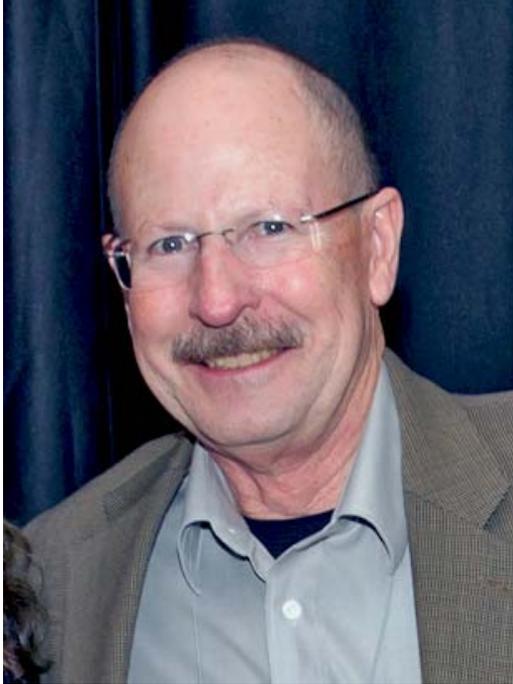


### **Nevin Lawrence, University of Nebraska – Lincoln**

Dr. Nevin Lawrence is an Assistant Professor and Extension Weed Specialist in the Department of Agronomy and Horticulture at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, located in Scottsbluff, NE. Nevin began his current position in 2016. His research and extension focuses on the development of weed management programs that leverage crop rotations and other cultural practices to supplement the sometimes limited weed control options available in Western Nebraska. Nevin conducts research predominantly in dry bean, sugarbeet, alfalfa, and other minor and specialty crops.

Prior to his position at UNL, Nevin received his Ph.D in Agronomy (Weed Science) from Washington State University in 2015, and a M.S. (Weed Science) and B.S from the University of Wyoming in 2011 and 2009, respectively. Nevin has attended the WSWS every years since 2010, beginning as a student, and has previously served as the Basic Biology and Ecology Section Chair and Agronomy Section Chair. He regularly reviews manuscripts from Weed Science, Weed Technology and Invasive Plant Management, along with other Agronomy focused journals. Nevin is also an active member in the WSSA and NCWSS.

# Candidate for Treasurer



## **Phil Banks, Marathon-Agric. & Eviron. Consulting, Inc.**

Phil Banks is President of Marathon-Agricultural & Environmental Consulting, Inc., located in Las Cruces, NM. He founded the company in 1990 and has provided contract research, educational, and consulting services to a variety of clients over the years. Following his graduation from Oklahoma State University (MS) and Texas A&M University (PhD) he was employed by the University of Georgia in a teaching and research capacity for 12 years, serving as major professor to 26 graduate students. He served as President of WSWs (2005-2006) and was the WSWs Business Manager from 2006 through 2017. He received the Fellow Award for WSWs in 2005 and was recognized with the Presidential Award of Merit in 2017.

# Candidate for Treasurer



## **Josh Adkins, Rohlfs and Adkins Research**

Josh Adkins operates Rohlfs and Adkins Research, a contract research business in Washington's Yakima Valley. The business conducts fungicide, herbicide, and insecticide efficacy studies on a variety of crops such as tree fruit, grapes, and hops. Prior to his current role, Josh worked as a Research and Development Scientist for Syngenta Crop Protection covering Washington and other portions of the Pacific Northwest from 2011-2017. Josh grew up in central Florida. While pursuing a B.S. degree in Horticultural Science from Florida Southern College, he worked summers at the University of Florida Citrus Research and Education Center. This was his first experience in the field of weed science, working in Dr. Richard Buker's program. After completing his B.S., Josh moved to Gainesville, FL where he completed his M.S. with Dr. Bill Stall and Ph.D. with Dr. Steve Olson at the University of Florida. Both graduate degrees were in

weed science and focused on weed competition and herbicide tolerance in watermelon. Josh has been a member of the WSWS since 2012 and has served on the Finance Committee.