

EXTENSION NEWS

AmeriCorps Member Joins Extension Staff



Sarah Bailey

Sarah Bailey joined the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County staff on Sept. 1 as an AmeriCorps State and National member. AmeriCorps State and National places members in local organizations for one-year terms. Sarah's position at extension is a part of the AmeriCorps Recovery-Go Green Initiative that aims to provide community outreach and service focused on environmental issues.

Sarah is originally from Lincoln and grew up here attending Lincoln Public Schools. She recently attended the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Environmental Studies. Her primary interest area is in grassland ecology and plant/insect ecology. Over the past two summers Sarah has spent time in the field, researching how nutrients available in grassland ecosystems affect both plant and insect communities. She plans to continue her research interests in graduate school in the near future.

While attending UNL, Sarah was also involved in Roots & Shoots, a global organization through the Jane Goodall Institute, which focuses on community service-based projects that improve the environment. Activities the group pursued sparked Sarah's interest in environmental education and community service projects. She has a strong interest in helping kids connect to nature and in providing others in the community with information on sustainable choices they can make.

During her year with extension, Sarah will be working on a number of different projects in the Lincoln community. Primarily, she will focus on afterschool programs for both elementary and middle school students. She will plan, prepare and lead 4-H projects dealing with the environment, ecology, agriculture, photography, community service and global issues. Sarah will also assist with 4-H school enrichment programs such as Garbology and Trash to Treasure which teach kids about the importance of recycling, and the 4-H Embryology school enrichment program which features chicks hatching in classrooms. Sarah will also help with composting workshops in the community and an extension garden project at the People's City Mission Garden.

Public Notice

The Lancaster County Board of Commissioners seek members of the community to serve on the Lancaster County Extension Board. The vacancies will be filled with terms beginning in January 2010.

Extension Board members represent and assist University of Nebraska-Lincoln Extension staff in Lancaster County with priority issue areas including Agricultural Profitability and Sustainability; Children, 4-H, Youth and Families; Food Safety, Health and Wellness, Strengthening Nebraska Communities, and Water Quality and Environment. The Board meets monthly (usually the second Friday of the month at 8 a.m.).

Registered Lancaster County voters interested in serving a three-year term should complete an application for an appointment by Nov. 1, 2009. Additional information and an application can be obtained from UNL Extension in Lancaster County, 444 Cherrycreek Road, Suite A, Lincoln, NE 68528-1507 or phone 441-7180. Applications are also available on the Internet at www.lincoln.ne.gov/cnty/commiss/boardapp.pdf

FREE SPEECH UNL Speakers Bureau in 15th Year

The University of Nebraska-Lincoln Speakers Bureau begins its 15th year this fall with 18 speakers and several topics from which to choose. This free service connects faculty and



other university experts with Nebraska citizens through service organizations, schools and other groups who want knowledgeable, interesting speakers on a variety of topics.

Some of the speakers are available on a year-round basis and others during the academic year only. The Web site

www.speakersbureau.unl.edu provides access to each speaker's topic information with a form to submit to book a speaker for your event.

For more information or to book a speaker, go to www.speakersbureau.unl.edu or contact Barbara Bowers in the Office of University Communications at 472-0088.

2009-2010 Speakers

Speaker	Speech Topics
DEE AGUILAR Coordinator, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute	Lifelong Learning: Your Brain or Mine? Play: A Lifelong Ambition Humor: What's So Funny?
PATRICE BERGER Professor of History & Director of University Honors Program	Europe: 2009 Europe: 1939 University of Nebraska-Lincoln in the 21st Century
DON COSTELLO Lecturer, Computer Science and Engineering	Information Technology – Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow Computer Games The Birth, Death and Resurrection of Computers in Banking
KEN DEWEY Professor of Applied Climate Sciences, School of Natural Resources	Across the Arctic and Down to Hawaii in Search of Global Warming Impacts Storm Chasing with the Nebraska Vortex Intercept Team North to Alaska and Across the Canadian Arctic: A Photographic Journey
BOB DIFFENDAL Professor Emeritus, Conservation & Survey	Geologic Development of the Ogallala/High Plains Aquifer System in Nebraska A Non-Specialist's View of Native American Mound Builders Structures in the American Mid-Continent Views of the Southern Parts of the Colorado Plateau-National Parks, National Monuments and State Parks
JAMES GOEKE Research Hydrogeologist, School of Natural Resources	Nebraska's Water Resources: Past, Present and Future
MICHAEL HOFF Professor of Art History	Pirates and Roman: Cities of the Cilician Coast of Ancient Turkey Athens Under Roman Domination Ancient Roman Religion and Nebraska Football
ROGER HOY Nebraska Tractor Testing Lab	The Nebraska Tractor Testing Lab: Past, Present and Future
PETER LEVITOV UNL International Affairs & Immigration Attorney, NU Central Administration	International Students in the United States
NANCY MITCHELL Director, General Education and Professor of Advertising, Office of Undergraduate Studies	What Nebraska Students Need to Know in the 21st Century
MAUREEN OSE Communications Coordinator, Textiles, Clothing and Design/International Quilt Studies Center and Museum	3,000 Quilts and Counting: UNL's International Quilt Study Center and Museum Reading the Quilt: Stories Told in Textiles from the Era of the Civil War
WES PETERSON Professor, Agricultural Economics	The Idea of Poverty What's Up With the Doha Development Round (DDR)? Why is Agricultural Policy so Hard to Change?
PAUL READ Professor, Horticulture and Viticulture	Grape Expectations: Nebraska's Developing Grape and Wine Industry Gardens of the World
JOHN W. RICHMOND Professor and Director of the UNL School of Music	Does Music Make You Smarter? It Depends on What You Mean! Thinking About Common Dimensions of Aesthetic and Religious Experience Finding the Next Mozart! Music Composition Education in the 21st Century
JOHN RUPNOW Professor, Food Science and Technology	History and Agents of Agroterrorism It Must Have Been Something I Ate: Issues in Food Safety Guru or Gourmet: The Science of Food
GREG SNOW Associate Professor, Physics & Agronomy	Did a Giant Asteroid Kill the Dinosaurs? E=mc²: The Most Famous Scientific Formula
SANDRA STOCKALL Professor Emeritus, University of Nebraska Extension	Wow, That Felt Great! Communication is a Contact Sport
CHRIS TIMM Associate Director, Career Services	Developing a Top Internship Program Using the Web to Effectively Recruit College Students