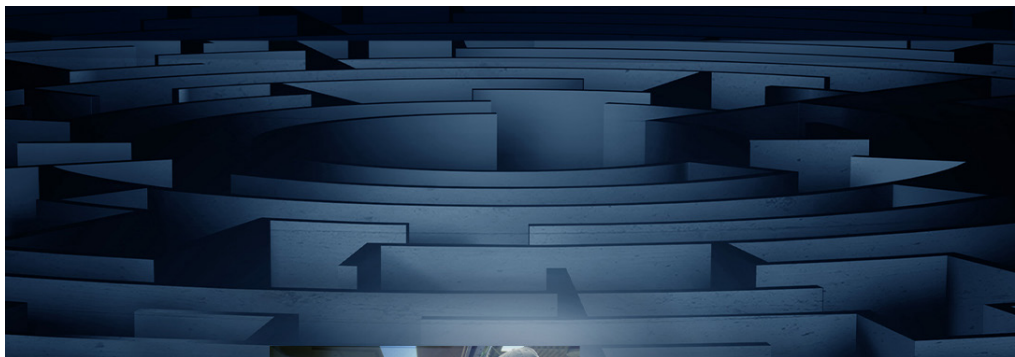


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FMC Fellowship in Applied Entomology

Lactalis Scholarship Program in Food Science

Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council Excellence Fund

Richard Craig Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences

Ralph Mumma Scholarship in the College of Agricultural Sciences

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in Food Science

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Twenty Years

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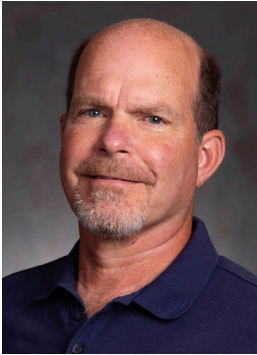
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Biographies (in order of appearance)



Robert Shannon

*Environmental Resource Management,
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Robert Shannon is the program coordinator for the undergraduate Environmental Resource Management major and an associate professor in Agricultural and Biological Engineering. The interdepartmental ERM program recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and is affiliated with the college's Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Science. Shannon also serves as assistant dean for undergraduate education in the college and is an alumnus of the college and ERM program. He and his wife, Tammy Shannon, have endowed a scholarship for ERM students who participated in the international Envirothon competition as high school students. Both Shannons have led many embedded study abroad courses for ERM and other Ag Sciences students, exploring countries and continents as varied as Chile, New Zealand, Costa Rica and Antarctica. After more than 27 years at Penn State spent teaching and advising ERM students who are passionate about the environmental sciences, Robert Shannon's greatest satisfaction continues to be working with students, faculty and staff who want to make the world a better place.

Away from Penn State, the Shannons like to hike, run, bike, canoe and explore the outdoors. Rob is a through-hiker of the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail, and the couple has started a second round, currently completing over 1,200 miles of the trail. Their adventures have provided many stories for their ERM classes.



László J. Kulcsár

Interim Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences

László J. Kulcsár is a professor of rural sociology and demography at Penn State, where he currently serves as the interim dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, following his appointments as the head of the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education and the interim senior associate dean of the college. His field of expertise is social demography, with an emphasis on migration, urbanization, aging and regional development. His research on population dynamics and community development in rural areas focuses on aging, depopulation and the use of natural resources.

Kulcsár has published numerous papers, contributed chapters to many books, given more than 100 talks, taught a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses and served as the editor of *Rural Sociology* between 2017 and 2020. Before joining Penn State in 2017, he was a faculty member and department head at Kansas State University in the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work.

Prior to embarking on his academic career, he consulted for the European Union on various rural development projects in Eastern Europe and worked in the public opinion polling industry in Hungary. He has an M.A. in public administration studies from the College of Public Administration and an M.A. in sociology from Eötvös Loránd University (both institutions are located in Budapest), and he earned a Ph.D. in development sociology from Cornell University.



Megan Guy

Plant Science

Megan Guy, of Dalton, New York, is a senior majoring in Plant Science, with a focus in crop production. Growing up on a farm in western New York, Guy found her passion in agriculture, weed science and politics. During her time at Penn State, Guy has taken every opportunity to develop these passions by working for the Weeds Science Lab and conducting research on the Agronomy Farm. She takes classes in agronomy, agroecology and leadership development while also being the vice president of the Collegiate Farm Bureau and a member of the Agronomy Club and Alpha Zeta. She also speaks on the University radio station. Outside of Penn State, Guy has worked for

Western New York Crop Management as a scout and interned at Cornell University as part of the Dairy Advancement Program. After graduating this May, Guy plans on becoming a certified crop adviser to consult for farmers, and she hopes to eventually become a political advocate for the agricultural industry.



Katherine Blocklove

Agricultural and Environmental Plant Science

Katherine Blocklove, of Lansdale, Pennsylvania, is a Ph.D. candidate in Agricultural and Environmental Plant Science. After completing her undergraduate degree with majors in Neuroscience, Biology and Psychology, she was inspired to switch fields after returning to her hometown woods and finding the ecosystem weakened and the plant community changed. As a Root Resilience Fellow at the Center for Root and Rhizosphere Biology, her research applies genomic and molecular techniques to investigate how invasive species interact with the soil microbiome to change ecosystem properties from the ground up.

In addition to her focus on conservation, Blocklove is passionate about sustainable agriculture, justice in food production and empowering communities to grow nutritious local produce. When not in classes, teaching undergraduates or working in the lab, Blocklove can be found tending her plot at the Penn State Community Garden, crocheting or painting. After completing her Ph.D., Blocklove plans to pursue faculty positions where she can continue research, teaching and outreach to smallholder farmers and natural ecosystem managers.



Kareena Pandya

Pharmacology and Toxicology

Kareena Pandya, of Edison, New Jersey, is a junior majoring in Pharmacology and Toxicology with a minor in Biology. Pandya has always had a passion for health care, the pharmaceutical industry and improving the community. She has worked as a medical scribe at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in the emergency department for the past two years and completed an internship at Merck in its Global Clinical Trial Operations team last summer, where she contributed to the drug development process, data-driven clinical trials and scientific discovery. At Penn State, she is the lead in planning the annual Diversity in Healthcare conference, volunteers locally through the philanthropy club ServeState, works as a learning assistant for a human physiology course and is completing her honors thesis in the Center for Molecular Toxicology and Carcinogenesis through the Patterson Lab. After graduating, Pandya plans to attend medical school and pursue a career in clinical trial research.

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