

ANR NEWS:

In September 2011, The Regents approved the appointment of Barbara Allen-Diaz as Vice President for ANR as of October 1, 2011.

After leading ANR for more than 3 years, and serving simultaneously as Senior Vice President for External Relations for almost as long, Dan Dooley will continue as Senior Vice President and “Senior Advisor for Agriculture and Natural Resources.”



Barbara Allen-Diaz

A message from Vice President Allen-Diaz: *The following article by Vice President Allen-Diaz was published in the February 2012 issue of Ag Alert.*

The University of California has a long and multifaceted relationship with the people of California. Many of you graduated from UC, and many of you have children studying on one of our 10 campuses now. In addition to its direct benefits, UC generates \$46.3 billion in annual economic activity for California, and contributes \$32.8 billion to the gross state product.

For more than a century, UC has sustained a unique and productive partnership with the agricultural community through our Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. ANR is the statewide UC organization responsible for implementing our public service mission through Cooperative Extension and the Agricultural Experiment Station. We are dedicated to providing the best, science-based solutions to address emerging issues in agriculture, challenges to natural resources, improvements in nutrition, and fostering the development of California's youth. Many of you grew up in 4-H or have participated in or benefited from ANR programs, which include Integrated Pest Management, the Ag Issues Center, 4-H Youth Development and Master Gardeners.

ANR carries out our research and service mission primarily through the innovative, problem-solving aca-

demics and other professionals of Cooperative Extension in counties all across California, at nine Research and Extension Centers, and through our Davis, Riverside and Berkeley campus faculty partners with Agricultural Experiment Station appointments.

UC researchers are vital links in finding solutions to current problems and creating the innovations to ensure the future productivity of California agriculture. For example, about 65 percent of the strawberries produced in California grow from UC-developed varieties. ANR research and extension scientists identified key points in rice production and postharvest management, leading to a better understanding of production and processing variables that has enabled farmers to harvest rice at lower moisture content, reduce drying costs, better preserve rice in storage and increase profitability.

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- Dooley announces changes in ANR Leadership (9/11)
- First multi-county partnership finalized (9/11)
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Our ANR Strategic Vision study identified nine initiatives as core to our work, and five of those are targeted for specific further investment: food systems, water, natural ecosystems, endemic and invasive pests and diseases, and healthy families and communities. With each initiative, we focus our increasingly scarce research dollars on solving specific, high-impact problems.

The decline in state support for public higher education has presented us and our campus partners an enormous challenge. In response to recent budget reductions, ANR decreased administrative costs by consolidating business offices and program support units, finding new homes for some long-standing units, eliminating positions and closing programs.

At this time, we do not know how the most recent \$100 million permanent cut to the UC base budget or the potential, additional cuts in 2012-13 will translate to reductions in our programs.

We are very concerned about the impact on the number of specialists and advisors—we are at the lowest number in more than 60 years. We are also challenged by our aging work force. We expect half of our current specialists and advisors to retire in the next six to eight years. We are carefully planning for replacing these positions, and determining the specialties and locations to best serve the needs of California. This planning must be informed by our various clientele.

I have instituted a new hiring process to include more explicit statewide input from constituents. Our program teams will directly seek input from clientele in their program areas. The type of academic position, appropriate location and specialization of the position will be discussed for every new recruitment proposal.

We are being proactive in facing budget realities and searching for new, stronger ways to provide UC and ANR campus and county-based research and programs to industries, agencies and local communities. We continue our efforts to develop multi-county partnerships in order to reduce administrative costs to both UC and county governments. Cooperative Extension advisors will have multi-county program responsibilities, and continue to conduct local research and deliver education programming to local constituencies.



As it copes with budget cuts, the University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources says it wants to ensure that Cooperative Extension farm advisors can continue to make science-based information readily available to address agricultural problems.

Photo/Bob Johnson

We are working with many of you to develop new partnerships and strengthen existing ones. We want to explore ways to continue to integrate Cooperative Extension programs with local and regional needs, and we want to ensure that science-based information is readily accessible to solve problems affecting California agriculture. We ask for your assistance in securing additional funding for Cooperative Extension positions and program support directly through your commodity boards and through other means.

As we enter 2012, UC will focus on implementation of the additional \$100 million cut. There will be continued public concern over the rising cost of a UC education for California students. Less visible, perhaps in the public eye, is the university's commitment through the AES and CE to seek and disseminate solutions to critical problems facing agriculture, natural resources and youth development.

ANR is a vital conduit between the research power of the university and the implementation of practical solutions in the fields, groves and processing facilities of California.

We will need your support.

I look forward to working with you and to hearing your ideas on priorities for research innovations, priorities in your area that need science-based solutions, and ideas on strengthening our partnership in the years to come.



From left, Bill Frost, REC director; ANR Vice President Barbara Allen-Diaz; Bob Timm, HREC director; and Cody (a 4-H member from Mendocino County) break ground for the new facility.

The Rod Shippey Education Facility and Field Laboratory

A new 5,139 square foot structure, named in honor of the late Rod Shippey, former livestock advisor for Mendocino County, is currently under construction at the Hopland Research and Extension Center. The Rod Shippey Education Facility and Field Laboratory will include a large multi-purpose meeting room, museum space for the Center's historical collections, and research lab facilities. It will provide much-needed space for advisors, county-based faculty and others to offer programs that meet the needs of the community in the North Coast region.

The building will incorporate sustainability and have low energy requirements. Outdoor spaces planned include nature trails and interpretive natural history displays, as well as areas for break-out sessions and informal learning opportunities.

The building is being funded by University of California Capital Construction bond funds. However, numerous other design enhancements have been planned. These features will be funded through private donations and include such things as a solar thermal system, meeting terraces, wetland pond at the entry, and rainwater capture, storage and re-use.

To learn more about this project and to watch the construction progress on the webcam, please visit: <http://ucanr.org/sites/hopland/>

If you would like to make a donation to this project in memory of Rod Shippey, you may use the "Giving to ANR" form on page 8.

RETIREES STILL AT WORK

Jim Farley is in his second year working as an Auditor doing animal welfare audits for Validus Services based in Des Moines, Iowa. He is assigned to work in states primarily west of the Rockies. He does a variety of audits, but most are layer and dairy audits.

Keeping up with his specialty in Cooperative Extension, Jim is also certified to conduct Pork Quality Assurance Plus oversight audits.

Jan Harwood was appointed to the Pittsfield Township Historical Commission (PTHC). The commission's task is to identify sites in Pittsfield Township, Michigan, that are important to the history of the Township and find ways to enhance the sites. The PTHC has worked to establish a Historic District Ordinance for the township, which follows the state guidelines for the establishment of historic districts within the jurisdiction.

Joanne Ikeda continues to act as the Nutrition Consultant to the Cartoon Network. Initially, she helped them develop nutrient criteria for food products for which companies wanted to use CN's cartoon characters for advertisements of food products. Many food products do not meet the criteria because they are too high in sugar, sodium, fat, and trans fat. Some companies revised the "recipe" for their products so they meet CN's nutrition criteria.

Art Lange retired in 1987 and set out to reintroduce people to very good tree-ripened fruit, just as he enjoyed as a young farm boy in western Washington. Great was his disappointment when he ordered a "fresh fruit" salad at a restaurant in Gilroy and later in our California supermarkets, given the current taste of fruit.

After hearing from customers in many California farmers markets, Art knew he had found a real challenge for himself and his two young sons. They began farming fruit trees and vines near the Kearney Field Station outside of Reedley, California. Attending a UC Extension course on preserving fruit, they discovered a method of preserving the looks and taste of a dried fruit product without SO₂. Their dried fruit has been enjoyed by people from coast to coast and as far away as England, South Africa, India, Hawaii and Guam.

You may visit Art's fruit stand at the SE corner of Manning and Lac Jac Avenues. Anyone who would like to compare notes in the area of fruit products would be welcomed. HONEY CRISP; Tree Ripened Fruit <http://www.honeycrisfarm.com>

ANR FAMILY NEWS

Personal messages from members of the ANR Family:

Jim Farley – This past summer Jim got the "bug" to own an antique John Deere tractor. Following an audit in Oregon, he stayed an extra day and was able to locate a restored John Deere Model B Orchard-style tractor. The deal was made and he and his wife, Louise, made a quick trip to central Oregon to haul it home. While it was restored, he did some additional clean-up and preparation for the Atwater Christmas Parade in early December, complete with green and yellow LED lights.

When they got the tractor home, Jim told his wife "Now I need a trailer to haul it to events..." She acknowledged that she knew that was the next expenditure. While Jim is an accomplished welder and metal worker, he just doesn't have the time to build a trailer so he has an excellent high school ag shop instructor overseeing the construction of the trailer by his students.

Louise recently asked Jim "You really enjoy your new job, don't you...?" He told her he enjoys being able to use his Animal Science training and also learning about the animal and avian production practices in place today. He also enjoys working with the people whom he is auditing. His approach is to be very professional, yet friendly, when he conducts an audit.



Even at 100 Christine is a loyal NU fan!!

Christine Groppe – Christine Groppe, former home economist in Alameda County (1951-1963) and nutrition specialist at Berkeley (1964--1971), celebrated her 100th birthday on August 15, 2011. She now lives at Samarkand, a retirement center located in Santa Barbara, California. In good health and enjoying activities there, she reports she is as sassy as ever!!!

She celebrated her birthday on a cruise with her family (17) and at numerous parties with friends!!!

Joanne Ikeda – Joanne and her husband are involved in "Youth Court," where youngsters under the age of 18 years, who have admitted to committing a misdemeanor, are given penalties by their peers (i.e. kids between 12 and 18 who volunteer for this, or are doing it to get community service credit given by their junior high or high school). Joanne's husband, Roy, acts as a judge, guiding the teens through the process, and she as a jury mentor, guiding the kids through the process of determining the sanctions given for committing a misdemeanor. They both enjoy working with the teens and finding out what the world is like for them.



Steve Nation at Tunnels Beach on North Shore Kaua'i in September 2011 (Steve retired February 2010)

Steve Nation – Steve Nation finds that he loves retirement and keeps very busy with things he enjoys. He and his wife, Catherine, enjoyed a vacation on Kaua'i's north shore in September. They have two daughters leading busy lives as students at Cal. Their son, Tyler, is a senior game designer/program manager for a major Japanese social game company that is preparing to work on a new major

league baseball game. For someone who always wanted to play major league baseball, this is the next best thing, reports Steve, who stays in touch with his Oakland ANR colleagues.

Pete Passof – Last year was a big year for Flo and Pete as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Their two kids pulled it off and they had their entire family attending, as well as several friends from the local area.

Something as big as a 50th requires at least three trips so they went off to the Mexican Riviera in January, followed by a 10-day cruise in the Virgin Islands and 10 days on Long Island, New York visiting family. As if that was not enough, they then headed for Kona on the Big Island and hung out in a condo for the month of July.

Pete is excited about the new Rod Shippey Educational Facility and Field Laboratory, currently under construction at the Hopland Field Station. He attended the recent ground breaking ceremony where he saw many familiar faces, and enjoyed reminiscing about

Rod Shippey's many achievements. (For more information about the Rod Shippey Educational Facility and Field Laboratory, see page 3.)



Wini Steiner - enjoying the holidays

Wini Steiner – Wini's daughter, Mary Beth Train, reports that Wini, now 98, lives in The Sequoias, located in Portola Valley, California. Although she suffered a minor heart attack in September and her vision and hearing are somewhat impaired, she enjoys an active lifestyle. Every morning, Wini leads a daily exercise class for Health Center residents – the most popular class offered there! She takes great delight in her grandchildren, four great-granddaughters (ages 14, 12, 10 and 6), a great-grandson (age 3), and the Arnoldy grandchildren, great-grand twins and great grand-daughter. Her family and friends visit her often. She sends her wishes for a prosperous and healthy New Year to all!

Sonya Varea Hammond – Sonya and her husband, George, relocated in September to Greenville, South Carolina. They are busy getting established in their new home on the top floor of a downtown condominium right off Main Street and next to the Reedy river. When they get a chance, they spend time at their lakeside house which is about an hour from Greenville. They have also been traveling - to Williamsburg, Kauai, Los Angeles, and Washington, D.C. They would love to hear from you: sonya248@sbcglobal.net.

Norma Wightman – Norma and Peter Wightman (San Luis Obispo County) were off to Ireland in late August to visit their son, Glen and his Irish wife, Elaine, in County Kerry. A bit of dark beverage with a heady foam was indulged in during the visit!

Norma especially enjoyed kayaking with Glen off the Ballybunion Coast, going through caves and tunnels on a rare calm day. Glen works as a fish biologist working on a watershed restoration project to encourage Atlantic salmon migration up tributaries of the Shannon River.

Note to ANR Family: Prior to his unexpected passing on January 27, 2012, **Ron Tyler** wrote that he served on the board of directors for Agriculture, a non-profit organization affiliated with the Santa Cruz County Farm Bureau. Last year Ron helped write, direct and edit a new DVD on the county's agriculture, for use in educational programs. The DVD received a national award from the American Farm Bu-



Norma and Peter Wightman resting on their veranda in South Africa

Then the Wightmans flew to Africa to view wildlife in South Luangwa National Park, Zambia and visited with family and friends in South Africa.

Close adventures with elephants included a night visit by one to browse a tree next to the chalet in which they were sleeping. Nothing like waking up to a very large black silhouette munching on branches next to your bed!



Deforestation in Zambia and Malawi is denuding the country rapidly. To earn some money to augment subsistence agriculture, rural people cut down trees to make charcoal which is then sold to urban populations for cooking fuel. "As we landed at Lilongwe airport in Malawi," comments Norma, "it was devastating to see only small bushes and no trees for miles around the city."

To see more photos of Norma & Peter's trip to Africa visit Norma's album at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/norma.wightman/SouthernAfrica2011>.

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reau Federation in January. Ron also remained active with the Agricultural Museum in Watsonville. Even with those activities, he managed to find time to travel, play golf and garden.

Awards:

Helms receives Gifford Pinchot Medal

John Helms, UC Berkeley professor emeritus of silviculture, has been awarded the Gifford Pinchot Medal by the Society of American Foresters. The medal recognizes outstanding contributions by a forestry professional in the administration, practice and professional development of North American forestry. The award, presented biennially, consists of an engraved medallion, and a \$500 honorarium.

TRANSITIONS

Recently Retired:

The following people have recently retired from ANR. Look for them in the ANR Retiree Directory:

http://danr.ucop.edu/devserv/aer/directory_page.htm

William “Bill” Coates – farm advisor and county director, San Benito County

Laurence R. Costello – environmental horticulture advisor, San Mateo and San Francisco counties

Steve Dasher – 4-H advisor, San Diego County

John Edstrom – farm advisor, Colusa County

Mary Harmon – 4-H advisor, Imperial County

Stephany Kellogg – administrative specialist, UCOP Oakland office

Douglas Kuney – poultry farm advisor, UC Riverside

Michael Marzolla – 4-H advisor, Ventura County

Michael Murray – county director, Colusa County

Gary Nakamura – forestry specialist, Shasta County

Carole Paterson – county director and 4-H advisor, Solano County

Shirley Peterson – nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor, San Luis Obispo County

Carolyn Pickle – farm advisor (1st female farm advisor), Sutter-Yuba Counties

Steve Quarles – wood durability advisor, Richmond Field Station

Michael Reid – environmental horticulture professor and specialist, UC Davis

Jeanette Sutherlin – nutrition, family and consumer sciences advisor and county director, Fresno County

James Thompson – biological and agricultural engineer, postharvest specialist emeritus, UC Davis

Sonya Varea-Hammond – public policy advisor and county director, Monterey County

New ANR Appointments

Cyndi Barnett is moving to Northern California, as of January 1, 2012, to be the 4-H youth development advisor for Shasta, Trinity, Siskiyou and Modoc counties.

Jennifer Bunge has been named ANR budget director, effective December 1, 2011.

Jan Corlett joined ANR as chief of staff to VP Allen-Diaz on December 5, 2011.

Shannon Dogan has been selected as associate director of Program and Policy 4-H Youth Development for the Statewide Youth, Families and Communities Program, effective May 1, 2011.

Richard Enfield will add oversight for UCCE in Ventura County to his county director responsibilities for San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties.

Dorina Espinoza joined ANR on January 9, 2012, as the youth, families and communities advisor serving Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake and Mendocino counties.

Beth Grafton-Caldwell, director of the Lindcove Research and Extension Center, and a UCCE entomology specialist, was named Endemic and Invasive Pests and Diseases strategic initiative leader.

Chris Hanson joined Communication Services’ Web Action Team.

Trish Hare joined ANR on March 21, 2012, as principal program analyst in the Program Planning and Evaluation unit.

Rose Hayden-Smith turned over the Ventura County director responsibilities to Rich Enfield, effective April 1, 2012. Hayden-Smith now leads the Sustainable Food Systems Strategic Initiative.

Steve Heindl joined Communication Services & Information Technology as an instructional designer as of July 5, 2011.

Brian R. Johnson joined the faculty of the UC Davis Department of Entomology as an assistant professor.

Donna Jones has been named director of the Office of the President Budget Office, effective November 1, 2011.

Michael D. Lairmore has been named the new dean of UC Davis’ School of Veterinary Medicine.

Terry Lehenbauer has been named director of the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine’s Veterinary Medicine Teaching and Research Center in Tulare, as of June 1, 2011.

Peggy Mauk has been named director of Agricultural Operations and CE specialist at UC Riverside, effective September 1, 2011.

JoLynn Miller is ANR’s new 4-H youth development advisor serving the four counties within UCCE Central Sierra.

Richard Molinar appointed to a two-year term on the Minority Farmer Advisory Committee. Molinar is the only California representative on the roster.

Catherine Montano has been promoted from administrative policies coordinator to director of Administrative Policies and Business Contracts.

Angela Oates joined ANR's Program Support Unit on April 18, 2011 as a program assistant III.

Timothy Paine has been named divisional dean for agriculture and natural resources in UCR's College of Natural and Agricultural Sciences, effective July 1, 2011.

Doug Parker joined ANR as the inaugural director of the California Water Resources Research Institute (CWRI), effective October 1, 2011.

Connie Schneider was selected to be director of the Statewide Youth, Families and Communities Program, effective April 1, 2011.

Matthew Smith joined UCCE in Imperial County October 10, 2011 as a 4-H program representative II.

May Turner joined ANR's Contracts & Grants Unit as a senior contracts and grants analyst on March 14, 2011.

In Memoriam:



Harold O. Carter – former chair and professor emeritus of UC Davis agricultural and resource economics, died September 22, 2011 in Davis, at the age of 78.

Paul Casamajor – editor and principal author of "Forestry Education at the University of California (The First 50 Years)", died at his home in Walnut Creek on September 25, 2011. He was 92 years old.

L. Peter Christensen – UC viticulture specialist emeritus, passed away on September 25, 2011, at age 76.

Bill Fischer – Fresno County farm advisor emeritus, passed away on January 30, 2012.

Wilford Gardner – dean of the UCB College of Natural Resources, passed away at his home in Mapleton, Utah, on May 20, 2011. He was 85.

Harold F. Heady – professor emeritus of forestry, passed away at the age of 95 on April 28, 2011, in La Grande, Oregon.

Peter Lert – UC ornamental horticulturalist specialist, passed away on January 9, 2011. He was 90.

Gordon Mitchell – UC pomology specialist emeritus, passed away on February 10, 2012.

Kirby Moulton – UCCE agricultural economics specialist emeritus, passed away on May 20, 2011. He was 82.

Richard "Dick" Rice – entomology specialist, emeritus at the Kearney Ag Center in Parlier, passed away on December 24, 2011, at age 74.

Gabriel Terronez – former 4-H migrant education specialist and advisor, passed away on July 8, 2011, in Fresno. He was 71.

Ron Tyler – pomology farm advisor and county director emeritus, died in Santa Cruz County unexpectedly on January 27, 2012, following complications from surgery.

Gaylord Whitlock – nutrition, family and consumer science specialist, died on October 24, 2011, in his Fairfield, California home after a short illness. He was 94.

Evelyn Wunderlich – first female Cooperative Extension county director for Humboldt County, died on May 6, 2011 at the age of 74.

The Retiree ID Card Has a New ANR Look!

In the 2009 newsletter we introduced the ANR Retiree ID Card, a laminated identification card sporting the ANR blue and gold logo. While the look has since changed, its purpose remains the same: this card may be used to join your local UC retiree and emeriti associations. Retiree benefits vary from campus to campus, however, they all welcome new members from any UC campus or division.



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For a list of UC campus Emeriti/Retiree organizations, click here: [UC/Campus Retiree Organizations](#)

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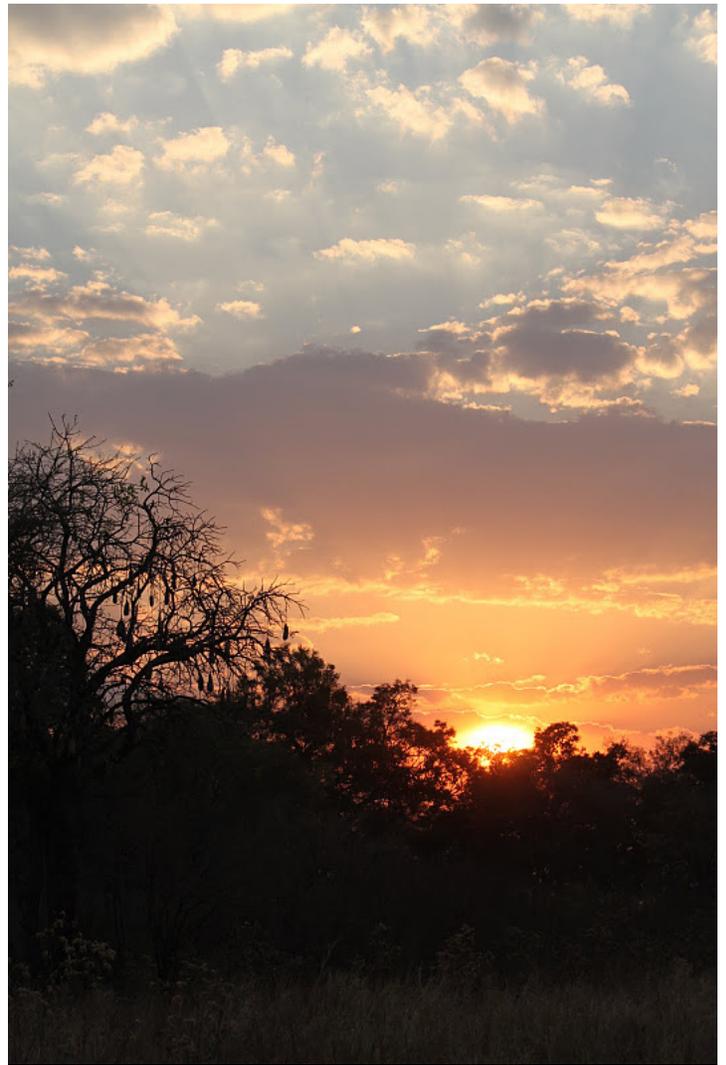
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Photos from Norma and Peter Wightman's trip to Africa. To see more, visit Norma's album at: <https://picasaweb.google.com/norma.wightman/SouthernAfrica2011>.