

Nathaniel to lead Healthy Families and Communities initiative

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Keith Nathaniel has agreed to lead the Healthy Families and Communities Strategic Initiative, effective Jan. 1, 2015.

Nathaniel joined UCCE in Los Angeles County in 1994 as a 4-H youth development program coordinator and became a UCCE 4-H advisor in 2007. He has served as county director since 2012. His research focuses on adolescent development, educational planning, social capital and community networks.

He succeeds Dave Campbell, UCCE community development specialist in the Department of Human Ecology at UC Davis, who has been named Associate Dean for Social/Human Sciences in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at UC Davis. Dave was instrumental in the initiation of the Strategic Initiative and his guidance in development of a strategic plan, participation in ANR Program Council, and



Keith Nathaniel

many programmatic efforts are greatly appreciated.

Current HFC panel members include [Susan Donohue](#), [Lenna Ontai](#), [Lynn Schmitt-McQuitty](#), [Connie Schneider](#), [Martin Smith](#) and [Sheri Zidenberg-Cherr](#).

As the HFC SI leader, Nathaniel will serve on the ANR Program Council.

Bill Frost
Associate Vice President

VP approves UCCE positions for recruitment

Dear Colleagues,

To continue our aggressive effort in hiring Cooperative Extension Advisors and Specialists, I am announcing the release of positions for future rounds of hiring. These positions have been through a thorough process of proposal and review. The more than 120 proposals for these CE positions were developed in consultation with our stakeholders. The review process involved public comment (more than 900 individual comments from agricultural organizations, governmental agencies, youth and nutrition coalitions, individuals and many others), ANR Program Teams, Cooperative Extension County Directors and College and School leadership. All of the review information, along with information regarding current staffing and retirement projections, was

considered by ANR Program Council in their deliberations to provide me with recommendations. My decisions in the release of these positions were based upon review of all the available information.

These positions are now in the queue and will be released for recruitment in phases over time to enable us to accomplish the search and hiring process in an orderly fashion, evaluate resources on a real-time basis, deal with unexpected changes in staffing, and address unanticipated issues as they arise. While I am providing the anticipated release dates, we will also be monitoring progress in recruitments already released to ensure that we are progressing efficiently.

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Although we have hired more than four dozen new Cooperative Extension Advisors and Specialists over the past three years, we currently have 20 recruitments of previously released positions either underway or still to be initiated.

So, CE advisor and specialist positions approved for hiring in 2015-2016 (location, counties or campus) are listed below.

Barbara Allen-Diaz
Vice President

Round 1 (Spring 2015)

- Area Youth & Community Advisor (Mendocino, Lake)
- Area Agronomic Cropping Systems / Nutrient Management Advisor (Kings, Tulare, Fresno)
- Area Citrus Advisor (Tulare, Fresno, Madera)
- Area Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science Advisor (Central Sierra Multi-County Partnership)
- Area Environmental Horticulture Advisor (Fresno, Madera, Tulare, Kings)
- Area Environmental Horticulture Advisor (San Diego, Orange)
- Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor (Siskiyou)
- Beef Cattle Herd Health and Production Specialist (School of Veterinary Medicine, UCD)
- Community Food Safety Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, UCD)
- Integrated Urban Water Management Specialist (College of Natural and Agricultural Science, UCR)

Round 2 (Summer 2015)

- Area Youth & Families Advisor (Imperial)
- Area Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science Advisor (San Mateo, Santa Clara)
- Area Small Farms Advisor (Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, San Mateo, San Benito)
- Area Rice Advisor (Sutter-Yuba, Placer, Sacramento)
- Area Orchard Systems Advisor (Madera, Merced)
- Area Vegetable Crops Advisor (Colusa, Sutter-Yuba)
- Area 4-H Youth Development Advisor (Marin, Sonoma, Napa)
- Agricultural Safety & Health Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Science, UCD)
- Irrigation Water Management Specialist (Kearney Agricultural Research & Extension Center)
- Quantitative Policy Analysis Specialist (College of Natural Resources, UCB)

Round 3 (Fall 2015)

- Area Agronomic Cropping / Weed Science Advisor (Glenn, Butte, Tehama)
- Area Agronomy Advisor (Capitol Corridor Multi-County Partnership)

- Area Nutrition, Family and Consumer Science Advisor (Tulare, Kings)
- Livestock and Range Economics Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Science, UCD)
- Aquaculture Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Science, UCD)
- Mechanization Engineering Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Science, UCD)
- Pathology of Field and Vegetable Crops Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, UCD)

Round 4 (Spring 2016)

- Area Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor (Placer-Nevada, Sutter-Yuba)
- Area Livestock & Natural Resources Advisor (Plumas-Sierra, Butte)
- Area Nutrition, Family & Consumer Science Advisor (Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Sutter-Yuba)
- Area Vegetable Production & Irrigation Advisor (Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Merced)
- Area Low Desert Weed Advisor (Imperial, Riverside)
- Forest Products and Woody Biomass Specialist (College of Natural Resources, UCB)
- Orchard Crop Entomology Specialist (College of Natural and Agricultural Science, UCR – located at KARE)
- Evaluation Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Science, UCD)
- Water Quality and Environmental Issues Advisor (San Diego)

Round 5 (Summer 2016)

- Area Sustainable Orchard Systems Advisor (Butte, Glenn, Tehama)
- Area Orchard & Vineyard Systems Advisor (Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Alameda)
- Community Economic Development Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Science, UCD)
- Dairy Cattle Production Health Management Specialist (School of Veterinary Medicine, UCD)

Round 6 (Fall 2016)

- Area Desert Livestock Advisor (Imperial, Riverside, San Bernardino)
- Area Forestry & Natural Resources Advisor (Sutter-Yuba, Butte, Nevada)
- Area Livestock & Range Advisor (Ventura, Santa Barbara)
- Area Dairy Systems Advisor (Sonoma, Marin, Mendocino)
- Biometeorology Specialist (College of Agricultural and Environmental Science, UCD)

UCCE celebrates centennial in Riverside County

UCCE Riverside County celebrated the Cooperative Extension centennial with more than 80 stakeholders at the South Coast Winery in Temecula on Nov. 12.

Riverside County supervisor Jeff Stone presented a proclamation honoring UC Cooperative Extension on behalf of the County Board of Supervisors to Eta Takele, UCCE Riverside County director. Riverside County Farm Bureau president Richard Schmid also presented Takele with a proclamation. Patti Suppe, co-chair of the Alvord Unified School District's Wellness Committee presented a proclamation to Chutima Ganthavorn, UCCE advisor, for UCCE's nutrition education program and their partnership.



Riverside County supervisor Jeff Stone presents a proclamation honoring UCCE to Eta Takele, county director.

Takele opened the program with an overview of UCCE programs and opportunities for future programs in the county. The UCCE Riverside County staff also presented nine posters highlighting achievements of their programs over the years.

Doug Parker, California Institute for Water Resources director, gave a presentation about ANR's efforts in water management and Connie Schneider, Youth, Families and Communities Program director, talked about outreach in nutrition and youth development statewide.

UCCE specialist David Crohn talked about waste management and Peggy Mauk, UCR director of Agricultural Operations, talked about the relationships between UC Riverside and the UCCE advisors.

UCCE advisors Jose Aguiar and Vonny Barlow gave presentations about their local research and outreach programs for Riverside County. Myriam Grajales-Hall, manager of News and Information Outreach in Spanish, discussed changes in communicating with Californians as the state's population becomes increasingly diverse.



Myriam Acevedo describes EFNEP's outreach programs to TV show host Marcos Palma.

Chris Greer, vice provost, talked about ANR's Strategic Vision and future opportunities for UCCE and its local partners to make a difference.

The host of TVC Latino's news show Foro Latino, Marcos Palma, interviewed EFNEP nutrition educator Myriam Acevedo, 4-H advisor Claudia Diaz, 4-H members and others at the event. Foro Latino's 53-minute video coverage of the UCCE Riverside County event can be viewed at <http://youtu.be/o-yFoNxxk9Q?list=UUkKjhKHCWOu61Xu9nfdAAWw>.

A gallery of photos taken at the event is at <http://ucanr.edu/UCCEriverside100pics>.

ANR will wrap up the UCCE centennial year celebrations with UCCE Solano County's stakeholder event on Dec. 19.

Employment Opportunities

Stanislaus, Merced, and San Joaquin counties: Area IPM Advisor

ANR is seeking a Cooperative Extension advisor to conduct a multi-county extension, education and applied research program in integrated pest management, with an emphasis in entomology. Working with local advisors in Stanislaus, Merced, and San Joaquin counties, as well as supporting neighboring counties, the area IPM advisor will provide leadership in promoting IPM through research, training and extension activities.

The area IPM advisor will conduct applied field and lab research designed

to effectively and economically manage pests with practices that protect the ecosystem. Key to the position will be the development of extension outreach methods that lead to adoption of practices that reduce the risk of pests and pest management practices to the farmer, the food supply, the people and the environment.

A master's degree is required, though other advanced degrees are encouraged in disciplines such as pest management (entomology or weed science preferred) or a closely related field. Excellent

written, oral and interpersonal communication skills are required. Experience in IPM and demonstrated ability in applied agricultural research and extension of information are desirable. Skills to communicate effectively in a second language are also desirable.

For more information regarding position number AP#14-10, visit http://ucanr.edu/Jobs/Jobs_990/?jobnum=700. The position closes Jan. 9, 2015.

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Employment Opportunities, cont.

IPM Pesticide Safety Educator

The UC Integrated Pest Management Program (UC IPM) is seeking a pesticide safety educator to plan, develop and deliver local pesticide safety educational programs for fieldworkers, pesticide handlers, pesticide applicators, as well as other trainers of these clientele. This position supports the development and delivery of programs

that provide objective information about pesticide use and safety in order to reduce pesticide risks to human health and the environment.

A bachelor's degree or equivalent experience in a field closely related to pest management is required. The successful candidate will be fluent in conversational and written Spanish and have

demonstrated teaching skills, including hands-on and train-the-trainer type programs.

The position is based in Davis and closes Dec. 17. For the full position description, visit http://ucanr.edu/Jobs/Jobs_990/?jobnum=704.

Names in the News

Rodrigues named Hopland REC director

Kim Rodrigues has accepted the Hopland Research and Extension Center director position, effective Jan. 2, 2015. She has been serving as the interim director for the Hopland REC since July.



Kim Rodrigues

Rodrigues has served ANR in several roles, including regional director, county director, UC Cooperative Extension advisor and, most recently, executive director for the Academic Personnel Unit. She began her UCCE career in 1991 as a forestry and natural resources advisor for Humboldt and Del Norte counties and became the county

director two years later. Her research and extension activities have focused on environmental policy and engagement of the public in resolving environmental conflicts.

As regional director of the North Coast and Mountain Region for 10 years, Rodrigues was responsible for the UCCE programs in 23 Northern California counties. For the past five years, she has been executive director of Academic Personnel, but continues to participate in the UC Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project, leading the public participation team efforts.

Rodrigues earned a B.S. in forestry at UC Berkeley, M.S. in forestry and genetics at Colorado State University and Ph.D. in environmental policy at UC Berkeley. She is a Registered Professional Forester and serves on the Professional Forester's Examining Committee as a public representative. She also serves on the Research Committee for Save-the-Redwoods-League.



Sonia Rios

Rios named subtropical hort advisor

Sonia Rios was appointed as a UCCE Area subtropical horticulture advisor in Riverside and San Diego counties, effective Nov. 17.

Rios joined UCCE in 2011 as a staff research associate II in Tulare County, assisting advisors with research projects that included testing for herbicide

resistance, variety evaluations and evaluating new herbicides and insecticides for pest management.

She completed an M.S. in Plant Science from California State University, Fresno, and a B.S. in Plant Science from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona.

Rios is based in Moreno Valley and can be reached at (951) 683-6491 and sirios@ucanr.edu.

Names in the News, cont.

Quinn named vertebrate pest advisor

Niamh Quinn joined UCCE on Nov. 3 as an area vertebrate pest advisor serving Orange, Los Angeles and San Diego counties.



Niamh Quinn

Quinn was a postdoc fellow in the Crop and Environmental Sciences Division of the International Rice Research Institute, Philippines, where she led projects on rodent and weed interactions in lowland rice agro-ecosystems in the Philippines and Indonesia. Quinn has also worked at the Institute of Integrative Biology at the University of

Liverpool, United Kingdom, where she supported researchers conducting field work, which involved live trapping and data collection from wood mouse and bank vole populations. Quinn has also worked as a staff research associate at Kearney Agricultural and Research Extension Center, leading a project to develop an index to evaluate populations of roof rats (*Rattus rattus*) in almond orchards.

She earned a Ph.D. in Small Mammal Ecology and a B.S. in Zoology from National University of Ireland, Galway.

Quinn is based at South Coast Research & Extension Center and can be reached at (949) 653-1813 and nmquinn@ucanr.edu.

CAPCA honors Weir



Bill Weir

Longtime UCCE advisor Bill Weir was honored for his outstanding contribution to agriculture by the California Association of Pest Control Advisers at their recent convention in Anaheim.

Weir began work in the UC system in 1966 as a staff research associate at UC Davis and retired as a UCCE cotton advisor for Merced County in 2002. He

recently retired as a part-time professor of plant sciences at Merced College after 20 years of service.

"If I were independently wealthy, I still would have liked to do what I did during my career," Weir said when he retired from UCCE. "That's how much I've enjoyed working in agriculture, helping farmers and being a part of extension."

With his own research and consulting company, Weir continues to help growers keep track of the nitrogen in their soils and determine the optimum amount to apply.

Qualset receives CSSA Presidential Award

The Crop Science Society of America gave its Presidential Award to Cal Qualset, professor emeritus in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis, for his long dedication to wheat research. Qualset received the award on Nov. 3 at the society's annual convention in Long Beach.



Cal Qualset

Qualset was cited for his long service to CSSA, the American Society of Agronomy and the Agronomic Science Foundation. He was editor-in-chief and president of CSSA, president of the American Society of Agronomy and a founding influence for the International

Crop Science Congress. He organized symposia on intellectual property rights for plants and initiated the formation of the Plant Genetic Resources Division.

He was a founding member and coordinator of the International Triticeae Mapping Initiative for 12 years. His UC Davis team developed and released 28 varieties of wheat, oat and triticale for California farmers, with much of the research conducted at UC Intermountain REC. He has published more

than 350 research papers, reviews and reports. Qualset, who retired from UC Davis in 1994, has remained active in wheat research, organized a research farm in Lithuania for a private foundation and served on numerous international boards and review panels.

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