

ALUMNI CONNECTION

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Special Invitation to SENR Alumni: SENR and EPN present Dr. M. Sanjayan

at a special event at the Ohio Union, February 11, 2016.



Born in Sri Lanka, raised in Sierra Leone, educated at the Univ. of Oregon and UC Santa Cruz, now-American, world-renowned conservation scientist Dr. M. Sanjayan has hosted many series on PBS, BBC and other networks. His articles have appeared in academic journals and popular magazines. His 5-part *EARTH – A New Wild* series aired on PBS spring 2015 to great acclaim. This fall he co-hosted three hour-long programs live from Monterey Bay on PBS and BBC – the first-ever non-news live event on PBS. He frequently is interviewed on CBS, CNN and other news outlets about conservation, environmental and wildlife issues.

CEO of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, Tom Stalf, will briefly set the stage for Sanjayan's remarks: *Earth and People – Lessons in Living Together*. Sanjayan is Executive Vice President and Senior Scientist at Conservation International, and formerly was chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy.

This event is sponsored by the School of Environment and Natural Resources' Environmental Professionals Network and co-sponsored by The Nature Conservancy, OSU Office of Energy and Environment, the Sustainable and Resilient Economy Discovery Theme and the SENR student organization, TerraAqua.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the program beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Archie Griffin Grand Ballroom, Ohio Union. The event is free and open to all, but pre-registration is required. Register soon before all 1550 seats are taken! Bring/invite family, friends, and colleagues for an event that is certain to be fun, compelling, and memorable. We hope you enjoy this chance to mingle with past SENR and OSU alumni before and after the event.

Register at go.osu.edu/epn_Sanjayan. For more information please contact David Hanselmann at hanselmann.3@osu.edu.



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COSI After Dark Holiday Gathering

Do you want to be a kid again? Or at least play and learn like a kid again? Then we have the perfect event for you! This year, our ENRAS holiday gathering will be hosted at COSI After Dark on Thursday, December 10th from 5:30-10:00 p.m. The theme of the evening is *The Science of Toys!*



COSI After Dark is an opportunity for adults, 21 and over, to come to COSI and explore all of the exhibitions, children free. Features of the evening include a Nerf Gun Arena, learning how to solve a Rubik's Cube and the opportunity to explore all that COSI has to offer, from the High Wire Unicycle to the Adventure exhibition. Concessions will be available for purchase as well as a cash bar with beverages from North High Brewing. ENR Alumni and their significant others are encouraged to attend. ENR faculty, staff and graduate students are also invited to attend!

With an evening themed around toys of today and yesterday, we are asking for new, unwrapped toys and/or monetary contributions to support local organizations and families this holiday season. We ask that you bring your item(s) with you when you come to the holiday gathering. This is your opportunity to give back to the greater Columbus area and have some fun along the way.

Ticket information for COSI After Dark is:

Nonmember Cost: \$14 in advance, \$16 at the door

Member Cost: \$10 in advance or at the door

Planetarium Shows: \$5 for Nonmembers, \$4 for Members

To purchase your tickets in advance go to COSI After Dark Admission webpage.

Please RSVP for the event on our Facebook page and look for further details and updates as the event draws nearer. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us at ENRAS@osu.edu.

ENRAS at Farm Science Review

By Mark Giese

The Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society was well represented at the 2015 Celebration of the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences (CFAES) Luncheon at the 53rd Annual Farm Science Review held on Thursday, September 24th at the Molly Caren Agricultural Center in Madison County. Members of the ENR Alumni Society Executive Council were present for this event which recognized the highlights and accomplishments of our alumni, faculty and staff of the CFAES. It was a wonderful event.



Alumnus-owned Firm Receives Award for Community Conservation Efforts

MAD Scientist Associates, LLC has been recognized for their contributions to conservation through their promotion of wetlands, education outreach, and continuous support in community conservation efforts in Franklin County. The company, founded by ENR alumnus Mark Allen Dilley (MAD) was recently awarded the Great Blue Heron Award from Franklin Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Mark and his staff are longtime supporters of SWCD, assisting with a variety of projects. Recent examples include establishing a creek-side buffer in a Reynoldsburg park and assisting with the annual tree sale, through which low cost tree seedlings and native plants are made available to local residents. Every year this firm participates in events within the City of Westerville, including the annual Party at the Creek nature festival and the popular, family-focused, annual Wetlands Workshop. They also participate in Make A Difference Day, where they organize and work with volunteers to remove invasive species and plant native trees and shrubs in local parks.

Mark, co-owner of MAD Scientist Associates with his wife Christine Dilley, is a 1991 Fisheries Management graduate of ENR. He is a Professional Wetland Scientist and Certified Senior Ecologist with over 20 years of experience in wetland science, field biology, ecology, and environmental studies. Earlier in the year, Dilley was also honored to receive the Ohio Alliance for the Environment Award from the Environmental Education Council of Ohio (EECO), an award "given to businesses in Ohio that are dedicated to fostering a climate of cooperation for resolving environmental problems."

Congratulations to Mark and his growing team of professionals, including fellow ENR alumni, Mary Skapof and Aaron Laver, and College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences alumnus and ecological engineer, Logan McClish!

Featured Alumnus



Kevin McCarty (1992) Natural Resources Development

Are you curious about what fellow alumni have been up to since graduation? Do you wish you could be recognized for the everyday things you have done since graduation? Look no further than the Featured Alumni of the Week program. Being featured is a simple process. Volunteer alumni are given a short questionnaire about their life during and after their time at Ohio State. They fill out the questionnaire and send it along with their photo for publication. Each Wednesday, an alumnus is selected to be featured on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

If you are interested in being a Featured Alumni, please email us at ENRAS@osu.edu.



Brandon Beck (2014) Environmental Policy & Decision Making

like us on  at <https://www.facebook.com/OhioStateSENRAS>

and follow us on  @ENRAlumni

Be on the lookout for old friends and faculty that are featured!

Update Your Alumni Information

We like to keep our information as up-to-date as possible when it comes to our alumni. Please take a second to follow the link below to give us your most current information. It will allow us to keep you up-to-date with all things happening with ENRAS and the School of Environment and Natural Resources.

ohiostatealumni.org/yourcontactinfo

Career Bootcamp

By Molly Hardesty

SENR's 2016 Bootcamp will be held on Tuesday, January 26th from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Through this event, ENRAS and the Coalition of Student Organizations help both current students and recent graduates connect with ENR Alumni working in the various fields of environment and natural resources. Alumni get the opportunity to interact with students and give them an "inside look" at what it is like to work in natural resources. The evening offers appetizers, mingling, a Q&A panel and small group conversations with students in various programs of study. It is a great opportunity for you to share your experiences with the next generation of environmental professionals.

If you are interested in being a small group facilitator or panelist for this event please, contact Molly Hardesty (hardesty.112@osu.edu).



Become a Sustaining Member of ENRAS

By Mark Giese

The Environment and Natural Resources Alumni Society continues to expand its reach and is working to connect with as many of our ENR Alumni as possible. The support of our Alumni is an important component to the success of the School of Environment and Natural Resources and our students.

The University Advancement model works to integrate Ohio State alumni into the greater mission of the university and The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA) redefined its membership levels to better serve this role:

Membership Levels

Alumni - Individuals who have earned associate, bachelor, graduate, professional, or honorary degrees from Ohio State, as well as medical resident graduates of the university.

Sustaining Member - Alumni who have renewed their commitment to Ohio State each year by making a tax deductible gift of \$75 or more to the university program(s) of their choice.

Life Members - Alumni or friends of Ohio State who joined the Association through a lifetime membership before it was discontinued on June 30, 2012.

[Click here to see your OSUAA membership benefits.](#)

We encourage our ENR Alumni to consider becoming Sustaining Members. This gift will qualify you as both an ENRAS Sustaining Member and a Sustaining Member of The Ohio State University Alumni Association (OSUAA). We hope you will consider designating a portion of your annual giving towards funds that will directly benefit the students and programs of the School of Environment and Natural Resources. We will be reaching out again via email in December. Watch for two separate communications. The first will be an emailed survey sent to all of our ENR Alumni. We hope to better capture your interests and find ways that our Alumni Society can best engage with you as an ENR Alumnus. The second email will be for our ENR Sustaining Membership Drive. Watch for these communications. Or make your Sustaining Membership gift now by clicking on the 'Give Today' button. Your gift to the university can be made as a tax deductible donation before the end of this tax year. Please consider becoming an ENRAS Sustaining Member before December 31, 2015.

GIVE TODAY

Director Profile: Mohan K. Wali

By Mark Giese



From its conception in 1968, the School of Environment and Natural Resources (formerly the School of Natural Resources) has had many distinguished and talented men serve in the important role of Director of the School. This is no exception when considering the School's Director from 1990-1993, Mohan K. Wali.

Dr. Wali received his Ph.D. in Plant Ecology-Soils from the University of British Columbia in 1970. Before making his way to Ohio State, he was a professor of biology from 1962-1982 at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks, ND. While there, he also served as Director of the Forest River Biology Area Field Station from 1970-1979. Later, from 1983-1990, he became director and professor of the Graduate Program in Environmental Science at the State University of New York, College of Environmental Science and Forestry in Syracuse, New York. His service at The Ohio State University originated with his appointment as Director and professor of the School of Environment and Natural Resources (then SNR) in 1990.

During his service as School Director, Dr. Wali led multiple initiatives in environmental science restructuring and promoting the natural resources seminar series which continues today as ENR 8980. (For more information visit <http://senr.osu.edu/AU15SeminarSeries>.) He is well known in and outside of the classroom as a teacher and researcher, and for his dedication to public service. Dr. Wali's research has taken him all over the world, from the Kashmir Himalayas to the Danish woodlands, and the Canadian boreal forests and throughout the mid-continent of North America. His work has been cited in numerous publications and in over one hundred textbooks and research journals.

After stepping down as School Director, Dr. Wali continued in his role as professor in SENR until his retirement as professor emeritus. He also maintained his position as Director of the Ohio State Environmental Science Graduate Program from 2001-2006. He has been the recipient of many awards, including a two time recipient of the National Lecturer of Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society. He is also a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the National Academy of Sciences of India. He holds a courtesy appointment in the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State.

Dr. Mohan K. Wali has greatly impacted science education and our knowledge of the environment through his seminars, excellence in teaching, and dedication to the community at large. His service to the School of Environment and Natural Resources and The Ohio State University is celebrated by his peers and his students at large throughout the planet. He continues to impact and enlighten not only his students but those who have read his findings and embrace his teachings.

Click here to view Dr. Wali's distinguished faculty lecture, *From Analog to Digital – A Lifetime in Ecology and Environmental Science* from the SENR Seminar Series of April 2013.



Current SENR Director, Jeff Sharp presents Dr. Wali a plaque for his distinguished faculty lecture for the SENR Seminar Series.

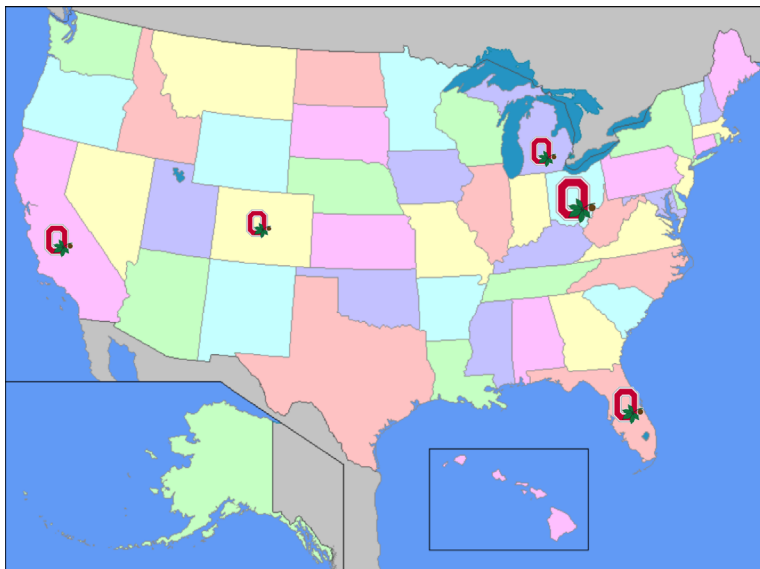
How Many ENR Alumni Are There?

By Molly Hardesty

At one of our recent Hofbrauhaus gatherings, someone asked, “how many SENR alumni do we really have?” A number, up until recently, we were not 100% sure of until querying our database. The Ohio State University has a database with information about alumni around the world. The Advancement System, TAS, holds everything from contact information, to degrees acquired, employment to retirement and much more. In a recent search, we found that there are 9,311 living alumni that have earned degrees from SENR.

SENR has alumni in all 50 states and in 59 countries from Canada to America Samoa and every country in between, we have alumni! Ninety-eight percent of alumni live within the United States, with Canada, India, Taiwan and Brazil being the

next top four countries. Within the United States, 63% of alumni live within Ohio, with Florida, California, Colorado and Michigan being the next four states. Within the Buckeye State, Franklin County has 27% of the Ohio alumni with Delaware, Cuyahoga, Licking and Fairfield counties following.



OSU Club & Society Leadership Symposium Update

By Neal Sargent (2008) Parks, Recreation & Tourism Administration, (2013) Master of Environment and Natural Resources



On Thursday, September 24th, immediately following the luncheon and positive message from Dean McPherson at the Farm Science Review, I quickly made it to the Fawcett Center in time to attend the Regional Engagement Roll Out and the briefing on staff rolls and support for clubs & societies sessions of the symposium hosted by the OSU Alumni Association (OSUAA). I was greeted by Craig Little, Director of Alumni Societies who welcomed me and offered the ENR Alumni Society and Executive Council all the support he could. He continues to be a great asset to this School's Alumni Society.

After being convinced to take the swag bag, I caught the tail-end of the Regional Engagement Roll Out session. It focused on the rationale, purpose and goals of the OSU Alumni Association's Regional Rollout Program. It examined the current status and the future with a new blueprint. Six alumni regions were shared, and population data were examined. The development office, alumni association, communications, and admissions offices offer services that build a strong partnership. These services were explained and national alumni association representatives were educated about what the program could offer them to strengthen their clubs. A financial incentive program was shared, along with a restructured awards program and tiered level of recognition.

It was clear that the hundreds of alumni association representatives in attendance from all four corners of the country, were pleasantly surprised to learn about the high level services to grow and enhance their local alumni clubs. It was interesting to meet these club representatives and hear about their experiences. All in attendance filled the room with Buckeye spirit. It ended with the singing of *Carmen Ohio*.

The second session introduced the staff of the Regional Engagement team and defined their roles. This forum opened the door for some lengthy and candid discussion about the impacts of this program if adopted by their clubs. Website creation, mail and management services, administrative services, toolkits, brand design assistance, schedule and event coordination, and communication, technology and phone services are many of the services available to these clubs. The message of the Alumni Engagement Program was one of creating consistency across the vast world of OSU alumni clubs and societies, broadening outreach and connectivity between the OSUAA and all of the outside/satellite alumni clubs. The staff were prepared and are very willing to improve the alumni experience for the representatives and their members alike.

It's easy to feel the Buckeye spirit while living in central Ohio, but it was extraordinary to feel the scarlet and gray energy that the representatives brought from all the towns and cities across America. They were able to take away some great enhancements for their alumni clubs and societies.

Fallfest and Alumni Functions

Friday and Saturday, October 9th and 10th, marked the annual CFAES Fallfest activities at the Nationwide and Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center. Friday's activities began with a breakfast and the Dean's State of the College address held in the Bob Evans Auditorium. Following the Dean's address, a host of advisory committee meetings were held, as was a meeting of the Alumni Society Alumni Awards selection committee. A buffet lunch was served, followed by the Alumni Society Board of Directors' meeting. Other advisory committees continued their meetings from the morning.

Saturday's pre-game activities began with a brunch provided by Bob Evans Catering, followed by an Anniversary Recognition Program. Attendees were recognized who were celebrating 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, and 60 year reunions. The day's activities also included a host of entertainment including, among other things, live music and caricature artists. Game tickets were available through the alumni society, and the activities concluded with many of the participants attending the football game with Maryland.

ENR Goes 'Tailgating'

By Matt Perry, ENRAS President

On September 12th, the National Champion Buckeye's played Hawaii at Ohio Stadium so ENRAS got together for some brats and burgers at the OSU wetlands before the game. There was plenty of food, music, and fellowship, including some cornhole throwing. ENR Alumni and students showed up for the event, and everyone had a great time. ENRAS sponsored this event and will be doing more events like this in the future. Catch our next event!



You Got Spammed?

Mark Giese

Back over the Labor Day weekend, some of our ENR Alumni might have received some spam email from an old alumni listserv. It has since been deactivated. Please accept our apology if you got spammed. Unfortunately, it can happen. Hopefully, it has not deterred you from staying connected with the ENR Alumni Society. We work hard to safe guard your contact information and try not to bombard you with frivolous email. Check your junk email settings to make sure you don't miss out on the relevant alumni news from ENRAS@osu.edu

We are also on social media with some surging virtual communities for our Alumni:

ENRAS on Facebook

ENRAS on LinkedIn

@ENRALumni on Twitter

Important Dates/ Events

Thursday, December 10th

COSI After Dark @ 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 26th

SENR's 2016 BootCamp at the
Nationwide and Ohio Farm
Bureau 4-H Center @ 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, February 11th

EPN Special Event with Dr. M.
Sanjayan at the Ohio Union @
7:00 p.m.



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