

CURRICULUM VITAE

of

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PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS, RECOGNITION AND SERVICE

Degrees Received:

B.S., Horticulture-Turf, 1968, University of Illinois
M.S., Plant Pathology, 1969, University of Illinois
Graduate Study in Central India, JNAU Agricultural University,
Jabalpur, India; studying soil borne disease of soybeans, 1971.
Ph.D., Plant Pathology, 1972, University of Illinois

Professional Positions Held:

Professor - Plant Biology & Pathology Dept., Rutgers University, April
1996 – present, Turfgrass Breeder
Associate Director - Center for Turfgrass Science, 1996 - present
Director - Adelpia Research Farm, Hort Farm I, II and III, 1996 - present
Research Director - 1972-1975, Warrens Turf Nursery, Palos Park, IL.
Vice-President-Research - 1975-1996, Turf-Seed, Inc., Hubbard, OR
President - Turfgrass Breeder - 1975-1996, Pure Seed Testing,
Inc., Hubbard OR
Adjunct Member of Graduate Faculty - 1983-1996, Oregon State
University, Dept. of Crop Science.

Membership in Honorary Academic Societies:

Sigma Xi
Alpha Zeta

Membership in Professional Societies:

American Society of Agronomy
Crop Science Society of America (CSSA)
International Turfgrass Society
National Council of Commercial Plant Breeders
American Phytopathological Society
Grass Breeders Work Planning Conference
International Seed Federation
New Jersey Turfgrass Association
Midwest Golf Course Superintendents Association (Honorary)
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
New Jersey Golf Course Superintendents Association (Honorary)

Honors and Awards Received Since Baccalaureate Degree:

Wright Fellowship, University of Illinois, 1970 and 1971
Golf Course Superintendents Assn. of America Scholarship, 1967
Genetics and Plant Breeding Award for Industry for Crop Science Society of America, 1991
Fellow of the Crop Science Society of America, 1993
Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy, 1994
Fred Grau Turfgrass Science Award of Crop Science Society of America, 1994
Honorable Academician of Kyrgyz Agrarian Academy, Biskek, 2001
Non-resident Fellow of the Noble Foundation, Ardmore, OK, 2002 -2008
C. Reed Funk Turfgrass Breeder's Award, 2005
New Jersey Turfgrass Recognition Award, December, 2005
Honorary Lifetime Membership in Oregon Seed Trade Association, May 2006
Distinguished Service Award from Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, February 2007
Part of group that was recognized for a Team Award 2007 from NJAES & RCE for gray leaf spot control in perennial ryegrass
Professor of Year, Plant Biology Graduate Student Club, May 2009

Service to ASA and CSSA:

Appointed positions:

C-851 - Committee on Preservation of Plant Germplasm, 1986-present
CSSA Fred V. Grau Turfgrass Science Award Committee, 1988-89, 1998, 2000-2002; Chair 1989-90
C691-13 CSSA Liaison to the International Turfgrass Society, 1990-93
Fellows Committee of Crop Science Society of America, 1994 and 1995
Fred Grau Award Committee of Crop Science Society of America, 2000 - present
Awards Nominating Committee of C-5 Division of the Crop Science Society of America, 2003-present
Invasive Species Committee C-5 Division of the Crop Science Committee of America 2004-present

Elected positions:

Board of Director, CSSA, 1989-91
Program Chair C-5, 1989
Chair, Division C-5, 1991
Executive Committee C-5, 1990-92

Other Service:

National Service to Seed Trade:

American Seed Trade Association, Committee on Fluorescence, 1981-83

American Seed Trade Association, Committee on Minimum Distance
Between Tall Fescue Varieties, Chair, 1988-91

National Germplasm System-Crop Advisory Committee - Turf and Forage
Grasses, 1986-1994, 2002-present

Member and Alternate of the National Grass Variety Review Board, 1984
-1988, 1995 -1998.

Grass Breeders Work Planning Conference, 1976-present; Chair and Host
1988; President, 1991

Variety Review Board of the Lawn Institute, 1983-85

Turfgrass Breeders Association, Vice President, 1988-89; Secretary
-Treasurer, 1989-91

Coordinating Committee of National Turfgrass Evaluation Program,
1989-91

National Turfgrass Evaluation Program Policy Committee, 1989-1992

American Seed Trade Association, Chairman of the Lawn Seed Division,
1990

American Seed Trade Association, Program Chair of Lawn Seed Division,
1993

American Seed Trade Association, Chairman Ad Hoc Committee on
VNS/Variety Control, Lawn Seed Division, 1994

National Turfgrass Evaluation Program, Bentgrass Evaluation Committee,
1998,

Kentucky Bluegrass Evaluation Committee - 2000

Grass Seed Cropping Systems for Sustainable Agriculture, USDA
-CSREES Grant, 2002 - present

Forage and Turf Crop Germplasm Committee, USDA, 2001 - present

National Turfgrass Evaluation Committee for Bentgrass National Test
Fred Grau Award Committee of Crop Science Society of America,
2004-present

National Germplasm System Crop Advisory Committee - Turf and Forage
Grasses, 2002 - 2006

Reviewer for Grass Seed Cropping Systems for Sustainable Agriculture,
USDA-CSRESS Grant, 2002-present

Advisory Committee of National Turfgrass Evaluation Program for
Bentgrass, 2003

Turfgrass Breeders Association, Elected President, November 2007 –
present

Regional Service:

Western Regional Turfgrass Coordinating Committee, 1976-present; Chair
1980

Oregon Seed Trade Association, 1975-1996:

- a. President, 1989-1990
 - b. Board of Directors, 1984-1991
 - c. Secretary - Treasurer, 1988
 - d. Chair of Research and Development Committee, 1984-86, 1989
- Advisory Committee to Oregon Governor's Task Force on Field Burning, 1989
- School Board Member, Silverton Union High, 1984-88
- Served on Committee for Master of Science student at Oregon State University, as the co-advisor, 1984-85
- Board of Directors of Oregonians for Agriculture, a political action committee to preserve agricultural practices, 1989
- Technical Advisory Committee for Straw Utilization, Oregon Dept. of Economic Development, 1990-1996
- Member Oregon Seed Council, 1989-1996
- Oregon Dept. of Agriculture Field Burning Alternatives Research Program Committee, 1992-1996

School of Environmental and Biological Sciences Service:

- FASIP Committee, Plant Science, 1998
- Deans Advisory Committee, 1998
- Search Committee for Turf Entomologist, 1998
- Task Force for OCLTT, 1999
- Turf Scholarship Committee, 1998 - present
- Dean of Research Search Committee, 1998-1999
- Advisor to Rutgers Student Turf Club, 1998 - present
- Chair of Plant Improvement Committee, Cook College, 2000-2002
- Co-Chair of Research and Scholarship Committee, Vision and Planning, Cook College, 2000
- OCLTT Advisory Committee, Cook College, 2000 - present
- Chair of Search Committee to Hire Turfgrass Physiologist, 2000
- FASIP Committee Plant Biology and Biology, 2002
- Variety Review Committee, Cook College, 2001 - present
- FASIP Committee, Plant Biology and Pathology, 2002
- Chair of Plant Variety Review Committee, Cook College, 2001- present
- Chair of Turfgrass Breeding Search Committee, Cook College, Dept. of Plant Biology and Pathology, October 2003 - March 2004
- Chair of Plant Biology and Pathology Dept. - October 2003 - 2004
- University Senate, 2005 - 2008
- Advisory Committee Plant Biology and Pathology, 2003 - 2006
- Finance Committee, Center for Turfgrass Science, 1996 - present
- NJAES Budget Committee, 2006
- Chair of Center of Turfgrass Science Committee to develop policy for testing regulated turfgrasses, 2007
- Center Directors Committee, SEBS, 2008 - present

International Service:

Member of International Turfgrass Society, 1972-present
Elected to Board of Directors of the International Turfgrass Society, 1989
-1997
Finance Chair for 1993 ITRC Conference
Vice President for grasses of International Association of Plant Breeders
for the Protection of Plant Varieties, 1993-2001
Essentially Derived Perennial Ryegrass Committee of International Seed
Federation, 2002 - 2009

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS:

Extension and Industrial Education Service:

William A. Meyer has been widely sought as a spokesman on variety improvement of cool-season turfgrasses and the U.S. turfgrass seed industry. His talks are presented in a clear, concise, well-organized manner oriented as appropriate to the specific audience. He speaks regularly at national, regional and state turfgrass conferences. The number of requests far exceeds the time available.

For the past 37 years Dr. Meyer has given four or more invitational lectures annually at university turfgrass conferences: including Purdue, Michigan State, Ohio State, Rutgers, Maryland, Illinois, Texas, Colorado, Utah, Georgia, Arizona, and California; plus the American Golf Course Architects Society, GCSAA, International Turfgrass Conference, and the Sports Turf Association. These included two recent trips to be main speaker in Slovenia and Italy.

Dr. Meyer chaired a large Annual Field Day related to turf and seed production research in Western Oregon, 1982-1995. Over 600 attend each year from throughout the United States and world.

He served on the three-person People's Republic of China Committee of the Lawn Seed Division of the American Seed Trade Association to establish turf trials in Beijing, China and to prepare turf for 1990 Asian Games. Traveled to Beijing in August of 1988 and successfully established a large 250-entry turf trial.

Investigative Competency:

Dr. Meyer was the administrator and chief research scientist of the largest and most successful private turfgrass breeding program in the world from 1975-1996. This is evident by the fact that (a) 80 cultivars developed or co-developed by him are in current production by affiliated companies or by competitors who have purchased the rights to cultivars developed by him, (b) 80 cultivars that have been granted plant variety protection, and 45 cultivars have been registered with CSSA. The intensity and dedication of his efforts are evident in that this has all been accomplished since the breeding program was initiated in 1972.

One of Dr. Meyer's outstanding achievements was the search, identification, and utilization of stem rust resistance in the development of resistant perennial ryegrass cultivars. It has been a contribution of great significance in terms of protecting grower investments and insuring income to the grass seed producers of the Pacific Northwest. He discovered and developed the first three genetic sources of stem rust resistance in perennial ryegrass. He then developed or co-developed the first stem rust resistant commercial perennial ryegrass cultivars: Manhattan II, Manhattan 3, Citation II, Citation III, Omega II, Birdie II, Vintage 2DF, SR4100, Sunrye (246), Jazz, SR4000, Commander, Competitor, Pebble Beach, Charger, Saturn, Assure, Legacy, Quickstart, Dimension, Shining Star, Passport and BrightStar. Dr. Meyer also discovered and developed the first source of stripe rust resistance in Shasta Kentucky bluegrass.

A second major achievement, nearly equal in importance, is a very extended search for a semi-dwarfing character, reduced vertical shoot growth rate, and high tiller density in tall fescues. Dr. Meyer has been successful in isolating and subsequently incorporating these characteristics into improved turf-type cultivars of tall fescue for the unique adaptation zone between the cool and warm climatic regions where most turfgrasses are very difficult to grow. His turf-type tall fescues have exhibited high performance levels under heat, drought, and shade stresses. Nine improved semi-dwarf cultivars released were Coronado, Tomahawk, Matador, Monarch, Apache II, Eldorado, Silverado, and Trailblazer II.

There were nine major private turfgrass breeding programs in the 1980's and 90's in the US involving one or more Ph.D. geneticists, plus an equal number of lesser efforts by other companies. A number of these companies have been devoting efforts to turfgrass breeding for three to four decades. The success of Dr. Meyer's breeding program in a short period, compared to the other breeding programs, is a credit to his innovativeness, diligence and dedication to his chosen field of endeavor. No other turfgrass breeder within the private sector has ever approached the level of accomplishments achieved by Dr. Meyer.

Internationally, Dr. Meyer is well known by fellow grass breeders in other countries, such as the Netherlands, Germany, France, Denmark, Sweden, New Zealand, and Australia. He is very highly respected and his advice is frequently sought by these foreign grass breeders. A number of turfgrass cultivars developed by Dr. Meyer are now standards in national performance trials of individual countries; thus, other breeders strive to achieve similar cultivar performance levels already set by him. He has 45 cultivars inscribed in the European OECD approved list.

Dr. Meyer has not restricted his efforts solely to the turfgrass breeding area. He has branched into forage grasses, with emphasis on orchardgrass, where he made very substantial progress. He also conducted a major wildflower evaluation program, and directed some efforts in sugarbeet breeding in conjunction with a European company.

Rutgers Investigative Competency:

Since April, 1996 Dr. Meyer has served as the Director of Turfgrass Breeding of Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, tall fescue, fine fescue and bentgrass at Rutgers University and New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. This work has involved conducting population improvement projects on 13 different species of cross-pollinated cool-season turfgrasses. A seedling screening technique has also proven successful in identifying promising hybrids in large populations obtained from crossing apomictic Kentucky bluegrasses. Over 2,000,000 seedlings have been screened in of the past 14 winters. Over 800 new potential Kentucky bluegrass hybrids were harvested in summer of 1997, 1400 in 1998, 1700 in 1999, 2300 in 2000, 1900 in 2001, 1100 in 2002, 760 in 2003, 750 in 2004, 800 in 2005, 400 in 2006, 110 in 2007, 140 in 2008 and 472 in 2009.

This intensive breeding work has focused on developing germplasm and varieties with improved turf performance, seed production and disease and insect resistance. Another important aspect has been the identification of new sources of *Neotyphodium* endophytes to provide improved insect and stress tolerance in the fescues and ryegrasses. In the past 14 years, Dr. Meyer has directed the collection of over 20,000 new turfgrass germplasm sources and 250 new endophytes from old turf areas in New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Oregon, Poland, Switzerland, Austria, Germany, Italy, France, The Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Romania, Inner Mongolia, Finland, Norway, Pyreneans, Rhode Island, and Massachusetts, Sweden, France, Slovenia, Croatia, Portugal, Holland, Ukraine, Maryland, Lithuania, Latvia, Austria, Holland, Uzbekistan, and Kyrgyzstan.

The new unique germplasm sources identified from these collections are being integrated into modified backcrossing program with the best adapted turfgrass germplasm for New Jersey. Over 80 new sources of endophyte from Eastern Europe in *Loliums* are presently in this project.

In the past 14 years at Rutgers University, he has developed or co-developed over 310 new improved cool-season turfgrass cultivars.

Leadership:

At Rutgers, Dr. Meyer serves as director of both the Adelpia Research Center in Freehold, NJ and the Horticulture Farms I, II and III in North Brunswick, NJ. Three research facilities are well maintained with many exciting improvement projects on the farms.

He also serves as the Associate Director of the Center for Turfgrass Science and is a member of the budget and finance committee. Dr. Meyer also serves as the faculty advisor and instructor to the Continuing Education Golf Turf Management Short Course with over 170 students per year in the 10-week program and 53 students in the 3 week short course. He is advising two Ph.D. students. He is also on three other graduate student committees.

There are few scientists who are so outwardly enthusiastic about their chosen field of research. In traveling or visiting with him, Dr. Meyer is constantly challenging his guests with new ideas and approaches to the breeding and development of turfgrass cultivars. His presence stimulates a thought provoking atmosphere and an enthusiasm for grass breeding that is very contagious to those around him. This enthusiasm for grass breeding and genetics combined with a unique willingness to share his knowledge have had a major impact on the grass breeding programs within the industry and on turfgrass breeding programs at the agricultural experiment stations within the United States. The extent to which he shares the knowledge he has developed is unusual, to say the least. As a result, Dr. Meyer has had an even greater impact on the development of turfgrass cultivars in North America and throughout the world.

Dr. Meyer's superior leadership qualities are also exhibited by his very active role in national, regional and state turf, and seed industry organizations, as previously listed. He has been a respected spokesman known for innovative new ideas and a strong stance in terms of producing and marketing high quality improved turfgrass seed.

Service:

Dr. Meyer developed or co-developed 80 improved cultivars with Plant Variety Protection when he was in private industry. Over 20% of the seed of proprietary cool-season turfgrass cultivars produced and marketed were developed or co-developed by Dr. Meyer. This represents 80 million pounds of grass seed out of a 400 million total. His impressive service contributions include:

Developed or co-developed in private industry over 40 commercial turf-type tall fescue (*Festuca arundinacea*) cultivars in the last 24 years, which represent over 25% of the 100,000 acres in commercial seed production during this time.

The three tall fescue entries from the Rutgers breeding program, placed in the 1996 National Turfgrass Evaluation Trial, were the top three entries out of 126 in 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000. Over 25% of the commercial turf-type perennial ryegrass (*Loium perenne*) seed acreage (200,000 acres) in Western Oregon comes from the 46 cultivars developed by Dr. Meyer. He developed Saturn perennial ryegrass, the No. 1 cultivar in the 1986 National Perennial Ryegrass Trials, and co-developed 7 of the top 11 cultivars. BrightStar is another variety that topped the 1990 National Perennial Ryegrass Trial and BrightStar II topped the 1994 trial. The 15 entries from Rutgers in the 1999 National Perennial Ryegrass are again setting the standard for performance to date. The top 20 entries in 2001 and 2005 Tall Fescue NTEPs were from Rutgers. The top 24 entries in the 2004 perennial ryegrass NTEP were from Rutgers for Gray leaf spot resistance.

The stem rust resistance developed by Dr. Meyer is saving Oregon perennial ryegrass seed growers over \$250,000 per year in fungicide costs.

Co-developed in private industry the Kentucky bluegrass (*Poa pratensis*) cultivar Blacksburg, which has ranked first in the National Bluegrass Trials. Also developed or co-developed Challenger, Columbia, Midnight, Optigreen, Able I,

Livingston, Brilliant, Midnight, Apollo, Serene, Northstar, Voyager and Unique. These turf-type cultivars represent 5-10% of U.S. production. The cultivars Moonshadow and Midnight II are two top entries, in 2000 NTEP for 2000-2004.

Developed the improved turf-type rough bluegrass (*Poa trivialis*) cultivar, Colt. Involved in the development of Winterplay rough bluegrass.

Developed Shadow, Shadow II and Tiffany Chewings fescue; and Flyer, Vista, Shademaster, and Shademaster II spreading red fescues (*Festuca rubra*); representing 10% of the fine-leaved fescues in seed production. Has also developed an endophyte-containing Shadow (E) Chewings fescue. Developed or co-developed the new excellent strong creeping red fescue Jasper II, Cindy Lou, Navigator and Aberdeen. The new top performing Chewings fescues are Longfellow II, Ambassador, and Intrigue, and the new top performing hard fescues are Berkshire, Oxford, Eureka II, and Chariot.

Developed the improved turf-type, high seed yielding hard fescue (*Festuca longifolia*) cultivar, Aurora that has rated well in all National Fescue Trials. Developed an endophyte-containing version of Aurora (E). Developed Discovery hard fescue, which is an endophyte-containing cultivar that topped the 1989 and 1993 National Fescue Trials.

Developed Bighorn sheep fescue (*Festuca ovina*), a landmark cultivar for turf use.

Since April 1996, Dr. Meyer has been involved at Rutgers in the NJAES germplasm used to develop the following new turfgrass varieties including Brightstar II, SR4010, Riviera II, Repell III, Prelude III, Paragon, Churchill, Exacta, Palmer III, Panther, Premier II, Road Runner, Catalina, Jet, Promise, Pizzazz, Affirmed, Gator II, Wizard, Amazing, Applaud, Divine, Charismatic, Seville II, Cabo, Pacesetter, Manhattan 4, Mach I, Keystone, Kokomo, SR 4220, SR 4420, Hawkeye, Arrival, Paragon GLR, Stellar, SR4240, Charismatic, Keystone, Pacesetter, Paradigm, IQ, All Star 2, Grand Slam, Gator 3, Inspire, Blazer IV, Protege, Brightstar SLT, Citation Fore, Palmer IV, Prelude IV, Sunkissed, Dazzle, 1G2, Repell GLS, Panther GLS, Gold Hawk, Phenom GLR, SR4550, Precious, Buena Vista, Regal 5, SR4600, Apple GL, Attribute, Revenge GLX, Harrier, Stellar GL, Homerun, Protégé GLR, IG², Fiesta 4, Charismatic II, GLSR, Secretariat II GLSR, All Star 3, Dart, Derby Xtreme, Exacta II GLSR, Palace, Palmer V, Primary, Keystone 2, Integra II, Dasher 3, Zoom, Prelude GLS, Overdrive, Repell GLS, Defender, 1G Squared, Derby Xtreme, Amazing GS, Manhattan 5 GLR, Gray Star, Kokomo II, Primary, Uno, Transformer, Gray Goose, Gray Fox, Palmer GLS, Palmer V and Linedrive GLS perennial ryegrasses; Pride, Masterpiece, Coronado Gold, Tarheel, Rembrant, Wolfpack, Coyote II, Bandana, Plantation, Picasso, Mustang II, Mustang III, Rebel Sentry, Rebel 2000, Rebel Exeda, Rebel Pro, Endeavor, Bingo, Finesse, Focus, SR 8250, Finesse II, Greystone, Tarheel II, Forte, Justice, 2nd Millennium, Da Vinci, Signia, Guardian 21, Cochise III, Avenger, Arid II, Silverado II, Greenkeeper WAF, Blackwatch, Lexington, Kalahari, Padre, Apache III, Magellan, SR 8550, Falcon IV, Finelawn Elite, Five-Point, Firebird, Rebel IV, Raptor, Titanium, Constitution, Silverstar, Apache III, Escalade, Ultimate, Lexington, SR8550, Inferno, Gremlin, Riverside, Six-Point, Turbo, Serengetti, Solara, Corgi, Beagle I, Barvado, Firenze, Silverado II, Rhambler, Traverse,

Van Gogh, Falcon V, Cezanne, Monet, Finelawn Express, Millennium SRP, Falcon NG, Jamboree, Terrier, Rocket, Essential, Fat Cat, Bullseye, Virtuosa, Mustang 4, Firecracker LS, Titanium LS, Cochise IV, Braveheart, Umbrella, Canovara, Greenbrooks, Gazelle II, Cateclyst, Agressor, Garrison, Faith, Shenandoah Sport, Falcon V, Speedway, Wolfpack II, Finelawn Express, and Ninja III tall fescues; Longfellow II, Ambassador, Treasure, Intrigue, Ambrose, Seven Seas, Compass, Culumbra II, Cardinal, SR3150, and Zodiac, Intrigue II and Rushmore Chewings fescues; Gotham, Oxford, Nordic, Reliant II, SR5210, Celestial, Reliant IV, Predator, Eureka II, Chariot, Spartan II, Viking, Firefly and Mattehorn hard fescues; Trapeze, Pathfinder, Fenwick, Cindy Lou, Celestial, Firebird, Lustrous, Epic, Razor, Rose, Aberdeen, Fortitude, SR5250, Navigator II and Foxfire strong creeping red fescues; Princeton P105, Blackstone, Langara, Moonlight, Cabernet, Royce, Lakeshore, Moonshine, Rampart, Arrow, Avalanche, Skye, Wildhorse, Sonoma, Bordeaux, Boutique, Brooklawn, Champagne, Bedazzled, Moonshadow, Deep Blue, Mallard, Blue Ridge, Royale, Midnight II, Bluestone, Royce, Champlain, Diva, Sonic, Glenmont, Mercury, Gold Star, Bonaire, Bewitched, Appalachian, Blackberry, Bravado, Delight, Katie, P707, Valor, Durham, Mongoose, Zinfandel, Pinot, Shiraz, Volt, Blue Note, Baroness, Barnique, Concerto, Starburst, Belissimo, Argos, Skye, Rythum, Avid, Ridgeline, Aries, Aura, Delight, Futurity, Katie, Rhapsody, Hampton, Juliet, Gaelic and Touché Kentucky bluegrasses; Longhorn, Spitfire, Bandara, and Fahrenheit 90 Texas bluegrass hybrids; Memorial, Independence, Declaration, Benchmark DSR, Kingpin, Authority, Tyee, Shark, Memorial, SR1150 and Pinup creeping bentgrasses; Greenwich, Vesper, Legendary and Villa velvet bentgrasses; Revere and Capri colonial bentgrass.

New option and sale agreements have been developed with commercial seed companies on 530 new germplasm sources in the past 14 years. These agreements have been negotiated and prepared with over 24 different seed companies and institutions.

Graduate Students - Major Professor:

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| Stacy A. Bonos | - Ph.D., May 2001, Rutgers University |
| Gengyun Zhang | - Ph.D., Oct. 2003, Rutgers University |
| Eric Watkins | - Ph.D., Jan. 2004, Rutgers University |
| Yuanhong Han | - Ph.D., May 2005, Rutgers University |
| Jonathan Bokmeyer | - Ph.D., May 2009, Rutgers University |
| Christine Kubik | - M.S., May 2000, Rutgers University |
| Crystal Rose-Fricker | - M.S., May 1999, Oregon State University |

Current Ph.D. Graduate Students:

Priti Saxena
Joshua Honig

Book Chapters:

- J.F. White, Jr., W. Meyer, R. Sullivan, M. Moy, G. Balady, and D. Cabral. 2001. Evolution of *Epichloë/Neotyphodium* endophytes. The Germany Symposium - Neotyphodium/Grass Interaction (ed., V. Paw and P.H. Dapprich, Fachbereich Agrarwirtschaft, Soest, Germany, pgs. 17-30.
- J.F. White, Jr., R. Sullivan, M. Moy, and W. Meyer. 2002. Evolution of *Epichloë/Neotyphodium* endophytes and other clavicipitalean biotrophs. In a book called Symbiosis: Mechanisms and Model Systems, Eds. J. Seckback. Kluwer Press, The Netherlands, pgs. 411-424.
- J.F. White, F. Belanger, Betsy Lewis, Melinda Moy, and W. Meyer. 2002. Developmental interactions between clavicipitalean endophytes and epibionts and their host grasses. *Plant-fungal Symbiosis*. 33:201-213.
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- Meyer, W.A., J.F. Nicholson and J.B. Sinclair. 1971. Translocation of benomyl in creeping bentgrass. *Phytopathology* 61:1198-1200.
- Meyer, W.A., M.P. Britton, L.E. Gray and J.B. Sinclair. 1971. Fungicide effects of the fungal ecology in creeping bentgrass turf. *Mycopathologia et Mycologia Applicata* 43:309-315.
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- Meyer, W.A., J.B. Sinclair and M.N. Khare. 1974. Factors affecting charcoal rot of soybean seedlings. *Phytopathology* 64:845-849.
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