

## College of Agriculture

### Department of Agricultural Business and Education

| Faculty Name        | Degree | Granting University             | Graduate Faculty Level | Semester of Certification | Semester of Expiration |
|---------------------|--------|---------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Al Noor, Jajid      | Ph.D.  | New Mexico State University     | Full, Initial          | Summer 2025               | Summer 2030            |
| Abdelaziz, Lawani   | Ph.D.  | University of Kentucky          | Full Faculty- Initial  | Fall 2023                 | Fall 2028              |
| Illukpitya, Pradodh | Ph.D.  | University of Hawaii            | Full Faculty           | Spring 2023               | Spring 2028            |
| Khanal, Aditya      | Ph.D.  | Louisiana State University      | Full Faculty           | Spring 2023               | Spring 2028            |
| Li, Xiaoming        | Ph.D.  | Clemson University              | Full Faculty           | Spring 2026               | Spring 2031            |
| Muriuki, James      | Ph.D.  | Texas Tech University           | Full, Initial          | Summer 2025               | Summer 2030            |
| Posey, Sean         | Ph.D.  | University of Georgia           | Full, Initial          | Summer 2025               | Summer 2030            |
| Ricketts, John      | Ph.D.  | University of Florida           | Full Faculty           | Summer 2025               | Summer 2030            |
| Tran, Doc Lap       | Ph.D.  | University of Western Australia | Full Faculty           | Fall 2022                 | Fall 2027              |

### Department of Agricultural Sciences and Engineering

| Faculty Name              | Degree | Granting University   | Graduate Faculty Level | Semester of Certification | Semester of Expiration |
|---------------------------|--------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Abdoulmoumine, Nourredine | Ph.D.  | Auburn University     | Adjunct (NT)           | Spring 2026               | Spring 2029            |
| Addesso, Karla            | Ph.D.  | University of Florida | Full Faculty           | Spring 2025               | Spring 2030            |

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|------------------------|-------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Adu-Gyamfi, Akua       | Ph.D. | Auburn University                    | Full Faculty (Initial)       | Fall 2025   | Fall 2030   |
| Akumu, Clement Elumpe  | Ph.D. | Southern Cross University, Australia | Full Faculty                 | Spring 2022 | Spring 2027 |
| Alexander, Lisa        | Ph.D. | Purdue Univ.                         | Adjunct (NT)                 | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Amarasekare, Kaushalya | Ph.D. | University of Florida                | Full Faculty-Recertification | Summer 2024 | Summer 2029 |
| Ascunce, Marina        | Ph.D. | University of Bueno Aires            | Adjunct (NT)                 | Spring 2026 | Spring 2029 |
| Ayine, Priscilla       | Ph.D. | Auburn Univ.                         | Associate Level 1            | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Aziz, Ahmed            | Ph.D. | University of New Brunswick, Canada  | Full Faculty                 | Summer 2022 | Summer 2027 |
| Bardhan, Sougata       | Ph.D. | Ohio State University                | Full, Initial                | Summer 2025 | Summer 2030 |
| Baysal-Gurel, Fulya    | Ph.D. | Cukurova University, Turkey          | Full Faculty                 | Summer 2025 | Summer 2030 |
| Bhandari, Krishna      | Ph.D. | Texas Tech Univ.                     | Full Faculty, Initial        | Spring 2026 | Spring 2031 |
| Blair, Matthew         | Ph.D. | Cornell University                   | Full Faculty                 | Fall 2022   | Fall 2027   |
| Boyles, Thomas         | Ph.D. | Virginia Tech                        | Full Faculty                 | Fall 2024   | Fall 2029   |
| Chang, Anjin           | Ph.D. | Seoul National University            | Full Faculty-Initial         | Summer 2024 | Summer 2029 |
| Cruchfield, Nina       | Ed.D. | Texas Tech, Texas A&M                | Adjunct (NT)                 | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| De Koff, Jason P.      | Ph.D. | Purdue University                    | Full Faculty                 | Fall 2023   | Fall 2028   |
| Dumenyo, Korsi         | Ph.D. | University of Missouri, Columbia     | Full Faculty                 | Spring 2022 | Spring 2027 |

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| Evans, Jon                     | Ph.D. | Duke Univ.                          | Adjunct (NT)          | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Grant, Jared                   | Ph.D. | Univ. of Georgia                    | Adjunct (NT)          | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Grisnik, Matthew               | Ph.D. | Middle Tennessee University         | Full Faculty, Initial | Spring 2026 | Spring 2031 |
| Hinson, Phillip                | Ph.D. | Texas A&M University                | Full, Initial         | Spring 2026 | Spring 2031 |
| Kang, Chenchun                 | Ph.D. | Washington State University         | Full Faculty, Initial | Spring 2026 | Spring 2031 |
| Leib, Brian                    | Ph.D. | PA State Univ.                      | Adjunct (NT)          | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Machara, Margaret              | Ph.D. | Univ. of Kentucky                   | Adjunct (NT)          | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Mmbaga, Margaret               | Ph.D. | University of Wisconsin,<br>Madison | Full Faculty          | Summer 2022 | Summer 2027 |
| Molaei, Behnaz                 | Ph.D. | Washington State University         | Full, Initial         | Summer 2025 | Summer 2030 |
| Nandwani, Dillip               | Ph.D. | University of Jodhpur (India)       | Full Faculty          | Fall 2024   | Fall 2029   |
| Oliver, Jason                  | Ph.D. | Auburn University                   | Full Faculty          | Fall 2022   | Fall 2027   |
| Ogunmokun, Felix               | Ph.D. | Hebrew University of<br>Jerusalem   | Associate-1           | Fall 2025   | Fall 2028   |
| Omondi, Emmanuel               | Ph.D. | University of Wyoming               | Full Faculty-Initial  | Summer 2024 | Summer 2029 |
| Ondzghi-Assourne,<br>Christine | Ph.D. | University of Rouen, France         | Full Faculty          | Spring 2023 | Spring 2028 |
| Owade, Joshua                  | Ph.D. | University of Nairobi<br>(Kenya)    | Adjunct (NT)          | Spring 2026 | Spring 2029 |
| Parker, Travis                 | Ph.D. | Univ of California, Davis           | Adjunct (NT)          | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |

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| Petrie, Lana        | Ph.D. | Virginia Tech University                         | Full Faculty, Initial  | Spring 2026 | Spring 2031 |
| Pitchay, Dharma     | Ph.D. | North Carolina St. Univ.                         | Full, recertify        | Spring 2025 | Spring 2030 |
| Poghosyan, Armine   | Ph.D. | Virginia Tech                                    | Associate-1            | Fall 2025   | Fall 2028   |
| Richmond, Mitchell  | Ph.D. | University of Kentucky                           | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2026 | Summer 2029 |
| Roy, Sonali         | Ph.D. | University of East Anglia<br>(John Innes Centre) | Full Faculty (Initial) | Fall 2025   | Fall 2030   |
| Ruhl-Whittle, Laura | Ph.D. | Duke University                                  | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2025 | Summer 2028 |
| Schreckhise, Jacob  | Ph.D. | Virginia Tech                                    | Adjunct (NT)           | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Sharma, Chetan      | Ph.D. | Kansas State University                          | Full, Initial          | Summer 2025 | Summer 2030 |
| Si, Hongwei         | Ph.D. | Virginia Tech                                    | Full Faculty           | Fall 2024   | Fall 2029   |
| Smartt, Phillip     | Ph.D. | Texas A&M Univ.                                  | Adjunct (NT)           | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Spandau, Gabriel    | Ph.D. | Univ. of Florida                                 | Full Faculty Initial   | Spring 2026 | Spring 2031 |
| Steen, David        | Ph.D. | Auburn University                                | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2025 | Summer 2028 |
| Sun, Ge             | Ph.D. | University of Florida                            | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2025 | Summer 2028 |
| Taheri, Ali         | Ph.D. | University of Guelph                             | Full Faculty           | Spring 2023 | Spring 2028 |
| Thapa, Resham       | Ph.D. | University of Maryland                           | Full Faculty (Initial) | Fall 2025   | Fall 2030   |
| Todd, Antoinette    | Ph.D. | Delaware State University                        | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2025 | Summer 2028 |

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| Walker, Donald      | PhD   | Rutgers                                | Full Faculty Initial | Fall 2025   | Fall 2030   |
| Wallace, Lyle       | Ph.D. | Oregon State University                | Full Faculty Initial | Fall 2025   | Fall 2029   |
| Weng, Yiqun         | Ph.D. | Texas A&M Univ.                        | Adjunct (NT)         | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Wiggins, ZaDarreyal | Ph.D. | Tennessee State University             | Associate Level 1    | Fall 2024   | Fall 2027   |
| Witcher, Anthony    | Ph.D. | Univ. Southern Mississippi             | Full (recertify)     | Fall 2024   | Fall 2029   |
| Yedagiri, Zeinab    | Ph.D. | Univ. of Guelph                        | Adjunct (NT)         | Spring 2025 | Spring 2028 |
| Zhang, Xin          | Ph.D. | Washington State University            | Adjunct (NT)         | Summer 2025 | Summer 2028 |
| Zhou, Suping        | Ph.D. | Nanjing Agricultural University, China | Full Faculty         | Fall 2022   | Fall 2027   |

### Department of Environmental Sciences

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|-------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Archer, Reginald  | Ph.D.  | University of California, Santa Barbara    | Full Faculty           | Spring 2023               | Spring 2028            |
| Byelashov, Alex   | Ph.D.  | Colorado State University                  | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2025               | Summer 2028            |
| Chen, Yujuan      | Ph.D.  | Virginia Tech.                             | Full, initial          | Spring 2025               | Spring 2030            |
| Cook, S. Bradford | Ph.D.  | Southern Illinois University at Carbondale | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2026               | Summer 2029            |
| Eagar, Andrew     | Ph.D.  | Kentucky State University                  | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2026               | Summer 2029            |
| Li, Jianwei       | Ph.D.  | Duke University                            | Full Faculty           | Spring 2026               | Spring 2031            |
| Pokharel, Bharat  | Ph.D.  | Michigan Technological University          | Full Faculty           | Spring 2026               | Spring 2031            |
| Unger, Shem       | Ph.D.  | Purdue University                          | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2026               | Summer 2029            |

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| Rakshit, Sudipta | Ph.D. | University of Kentucky  | Full Faculty      | Fall 2024 | Fall 2029 |
| Sutton, William  | Ph.D. | Alabama A&M University  | Full Faculty      | Fall 2024 | Fall 2029 |
| Tecimen, Huseyin | Ph.D. | Istanbul Univ. (Turkey) | Associate Level 1 | Fall 2024 | Fall 2027 |
| Young, De'Etra   | Ph.D. | Texas A&M University    | Full Faculty      | Fall 2022 | Fall 2027 |

### Department of Food and Animal Sciences

| Faculty Name            | Degree | Granting University                              | Graduate Faculty Level | Semester of Certification | Semester of Expiration |
|-------------------------|--------|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Abudabos, Ala           | Ph.D.  | Clemson University                               | Full (initial)         | Summer 2026               | Summer 2031            |
| Aleti, Gajender         | Ph.D.  | University of Natural Resources and Life Science | Associate              | Spring 2024               | Spring 2027            |
| Browning, Richard       | Ph.D.  | Texas A&M University                             | Full Faculty           | Spring 2023               | Spring 2028            |
| Chen, Fur-Chi           | Ph.D.  | Auburn University                                | Full Faculty           | Spring 2024               | Spring 2029            |
| Fouladkhah, Aliyar      | Ph.D.  | Colorado State University                        | Full Faculty           | Fall 2022                 | Fall 2027              |
| Kilonzon-Nthenge, Agnes | Ph.D.  | Auburn University                                | Full, Initial          | Summer 2023               | Summer 2028            |
| Maharajan, Pramir       | Ph.D.  | University of Arkansas                           | Adjunct- NT            | Fall 2025                 | Fall 2028              |
| Nahashon, Samuel        | Ph.D.  | Oregon State University                          | Full Faculty           | Fall 2021                 | Fall 2026              |
| Parmar, Rajni           | Ph.D.  | Inst. of Himalayan Bioresource Tech (India)      | Adjunct (NT)           | Summer 2025               | Summer 2028            |
| Patras, Ankit           | Ph.D.  | University College Dublin, Ireland               | Full Faculty           | Spring 2021               | Spring 2026            |
| Pendyala, Brahmaiah     | Ph.D.  | Jawaharal Nehru Technological University, India  | Full, Initial          | Summer 2025               | Summer 2030            |

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| Reuscher, Kimberly          | Ph.D. | University of Wisconsin-Madison | Associate Level 1 | Fall 2023   | Fall 2026   |
| Sang, Yongming              | Ph.D. | Kansas State University         | Full Faculty      | Spring 2023 | Spring 2028 |
| Taylor- Bowden,<br>Thyneice | Ph.D. | Tennessee State University      | Adjunct (NT)      | Summer 2026 | Summer 2029 |
| Wu, Ying                    | Ph.D. | University of Geulph (Canada)   | Full Faculty      | Spring 2024 | Spring 2029 |

## Membership Categories

### 1. Full Graduate Faculty

- Definition: Full membership is for newly hired full-time tenure track faculty with more than three (3) years of graduate education experience prior to joining TSU, as well as for tenure track TSU faculty with over three (3) years of graduate education experience. Membership must be renewed every 5 years.

### 2. Associate Graduate Faculty Level II

- Definition: Associate Membership Level II is for faculty who have previously held Full Membership but no longer meet the criteria for re-certification.

### 3. Associate Graduate Faculty Level I

- Definition: Associate Membership Level I is for newly hired tenure track faculty holding a terminal degree with fewer than three years of graduate teaching experience, hired into departments with graduate programs.

### 4. Adjunct Graduate Faculty - Teaching

- Definition: Criteria apply to part-time adjunct or full-time temporary faculty members at TSU. Adjunct status must be renewed annually. Adjunct members may not direct theses or dissertations but may serve as committee members.

### 5. Adjunct Graduate Faculty - Non-Teaching (External)

- Definition: External Graduate Faculty Membership is for individuals who can support master's or doctoral candidates in completing their research. Status must be renewed every 3 years.

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