

Candidates for President Elect

Nevin Lawrence



Dr. Nevin Lawrence is an Associate Professor and Extension Weed Specialist at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, located in Scottsbluff, NE. Nevin began his current position in 2016. Prior to his position at UNL, Nevin received his Ph.D in Agronomy (Weed Science) from Washington State University in 2015, and a M.S. (Weed Science) and B.S from the University of Wyoming in 2011 and 2009, respectively.

Nevin conducts research and extension predominantly in potato, dry bean, sugarbeet, alfalfa, and other minor and specialty crops. Specific projects include controlling herbicide-resistant kochia and Palmer amaranth using multi-year integrated management plans, the use of metamitron - a novel herbicide for the US - in sugarbeet, and the introduction of cover crops to supplement weed control in sugarbeet and dry bean. Non-crop research and extension projects include the evaluation of weed control practices for management of downy brome, common mullein, and other invasive weeds in rangeland.

Nevin has attended the WSWS every year since 2010 and has previously served as the Basic Biology & Ecology and Agronomic Weeds Section Chair, a committee member for the Awards and Finance Committee, and as Education & Regulatory Chair. In 2021, Nevin was awarded the Outstanding Weed Scientist, Early Career, Public Sector Award by the WSWS. He regularly reviews manuscripts from Weed Science, Weed Technology and Invasive Plant Management, along with other Agronomy focused journals.

Judit Barroso



Judit Barroso is an Agronomist Engineer by the Polytechnic University of Madrid (Spain), where she also obtained her PhD in Weed Ecology. In 2010, she moved to the USA after being granted with a Fulbright scholarship to work as a postdoc in the Land Resources & Environmental Sciences department of Montana State University (MSU; Bozeman, MT). After the scholarship completion, Judit continued working as a research assistant at MSU until she moved to Pendleton, OR to work for Oregon State University (OSU) as an Assistant Professor in 2014.

Currently, Judit is an Associate Professor at the OSU - Columbia Basin Agricultural Research Center, which responsibilities include developing and leading research and outreach programs that integrate chemical, cultural, and mechanical weed control measures using new or novel approaches for weed management in the wheat-based production systems of eastern Oregon. Her program focus on weed management issues of critical importance in dryland cropping systems, including fallow-based systems, with the intent to foster adoption of best practices leading to effective weed control, while preserving the environment and maintaining cropping systems sustainability.

During her scientific career, Judit has received several awards, of which she would like to highlight: the extraordinary doctorate award for her PhD thesis (Titled: Site-specific management of *Avena sterilis* L. populations present in cereal crops in central Spain) and the award from the Spanish Agency of International Cooperation (AECID) for her cooperative work on weed mapping at the National University of Rosario (Argentina). She has written more than 70 peer-reviewed articles and more than 120 extension publications (including abstracts in proceedings). Her previous service within WSWS includes: member of the Necrology Committee 2015-2016 (Chair in 2017), volunteer judge for the paper and poster student contest (2017-2024), and member of the Board of Directors in 2021 as Research Section Chair-Elect and as Chair in 2022. Judit is currently a member of the Student Paper Judging Committee.

Candidates for Research Section Chair Elect

Mirella Ortiz



Mirella Ortiz is originally from Brazil, where she earned a BS in Agronomy. In 2015, she moved to the US to join the Weed Science group at Colorado State University, where she received her MS and PhD, both in Weed Science.

She has been an Assistant Professor in Weed Science at Utah State University since summer of 2022. Her journey with the Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS) began in 2016 when she attended her first meeting as an undergraduate student in Albuquerque, NM. Since then, she has been a dedicated member, participating in every annual meeting.

Her involvement with WSWS has been deeply rewarding. She served as the Student Liaison Chair in 2021, received the Presidential Award of Merit in 2022, and has served as the Chair of the Public Relations Committee and Co-Chair of the Invasive Species AdHoc Committee in 2024. Additionally, she has been a student presentation judge for four years. WSWS has played an important role in her professional and personal development. She is passionate about contributing to its mission and supporting its members and looks forward to the opportunity to further serve the society.

Clint Bieremann



Clint Beiermann first attended a Western Society of Weed Science meeting in 2015 as a master's student and has attended every year since. Clint completed a master's degree at the University of Wyoming in 2017, working on harvest systems in dry edible bean. He continued on to a PhD program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, studying Palmer amaranth control in dry edible bean and sugarbeet.

After completing a PhD in 2020, Clint joined Montana State University as an Assistant Professor of Cropping Systems Agronomy and worked at the Northwestern Ag Research Center near Kalispell, MT. In 2023, Clint joined the University of Wyoming in his current position, as Assistant Professor of Forage Crop Production and Weed Management. Clint has served the society as the student liaison from 2018 to 2019 and chaired the student paper judging committee from 2022 to 2023.

Candidates for Education and Regulatory Section Chair Elect

Ryan Edwards



Ryan Edwards is a Sr. Research Manager in Product Development at Winfield United. He has been with Winfield United for 9.5 years where he is based at the Innovation Center in River Falls, WI. He received his Ph.D. in Agronomy / Weed Science from Mississippi State University and his M.S. in Weed Science from Colorado State University. He received a B.S. in Biology and a minor in Environmental Science from the University of Northern Colorado.

Ryan's primary focus at Winfield United is on development of new adjuvants and proprietary herbicide, insecticide and fungicide products. He is the primary field researcher for those LOB's, responsible for field protocol design, contracting research trials with Universities and Private external cooperators across the US, internal field data collections and data interpretations. Ryan is also the project manager for those LOB's, owning the development process of a project from the initial ideation phase all the way to pre-commercialization and pilot.

During his tenure, Ryan has been involved in launching over 30+ products into the Winfield United system.

Elizabeth Mosqueda



Elizabeth Mosqueda is the Agriculture Instructor at Madera Community College where she heads up various Plant Science, Agriculture Business, and Mechanized Agriculture programs. She was raised in Soledad, California and is a first-generation college graduate with immigrant parents from Guanajuato, Mexico. Elizabeth received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in Plant Science from California State University, Fresno and her Ph.D. in Agronomy from University of Wyoming. She has been an active member of the Western Society of Weed Science since she was a graduate student and helped initiate the societies Diversity and Inclusion Ad-hoc Committee. Her goal as an educator is to

develop accessible, adaptable, and engaging learning and career opportunities that center around equitable teaching practices that shapes tomorrows agricultural leaders in the Central Valley of California.