President Elect

Brad Hansen



Brad Hanson, candidate for WSWS President-elect, grew up on a crop and livestock farm in Iowa. As an undergrad at Iowa State University, he became interested in weed research during summer internships with American Cyanamid Company and while working in a USDA-ARS weed ecology lab. His weed science training includes an M.S. from the University of Idaho (herbicide crop safety and performance), experience as a research technician at Oregon State University (herbicide-based weed management), a Ph.D. from the University of Idaho (crop-to-weed gene flow, herbicide resistance) and postdoctoral research at Colorado State University (natural products chemistry, imi-wheat biochemistry). From 2005 to 2009, he was a research agronomist with the USDA-ARS in Parlier, CA where he conducted weed and nematode control research as part of an effort to find alternatives to preplant soil fumigation with methyl bromide. Since 2009, Brad has been a Cooperative Extension Weed Science Specialist at the University of California, Davis where his statewide program focuses on weed management in orchard and vineyard crops, and parasitic weeds in processing tomato production systems.

Brad has authored or co-authored over 60 presentations at Western Society of Weed Science annual meetings since 1997. He has served the society as a member of the Public Relations and Necrology committees, Weeds of the West ad hoc committee, chaired discussion sections for the horticulture and basic biology sections and previously served on the WSWS Board of Directors as Research Section co/Chair, Education and Regulatory Section co/Chair, and Secretary. He was recognized as WSWS Outstanding Early Career weed scientist 2011 and as WSWS Fellow in 2023. Brad is also active in the Weed Science Society of America where he has served on several committees including herbicide resistance education committee, the Herbicide Handbook revision committee, Endangered Species Act committee, and as an Associate Editor for Weed Technology. He was recognized with the WSSA Outstanding Early Career award in 2014 and Outstanding Extension award in 2026.

The Western Society of Weed Science provides opportunities for education, collaboration, and collegiality to graduate students and weed scientists of all career stages and Brad looks forward to continued service to our Society.

Marcelo Moretti



Dr. Marcelo L. Moretti is an Associate Professor and Extension Weed Science Specialist at Oregon State University, where he leads a statewide research and Extension program focused on weed management in perennial and high-value specialty crops. His program emphasizes integrated weed management, herbicide resistance, precision application technologies, and nonchemical approaches such as electrical and laser weed control.

Marcelo attended his first Western Society of Weed Science meeting in 2012 and has participated in every annual meeting since, except 2016. His WSWS service includes two terms on the Board of Directors, Poster Section Chair, numerous session chair and moderator roles, and organization of the 2022 symposium "New Technology for Physical Weed Control." He currently chairs the WSWS Site Selection Committee and received the 2025 WSWS Outstanding Early Career Weed Scientist Award – Public Sector.

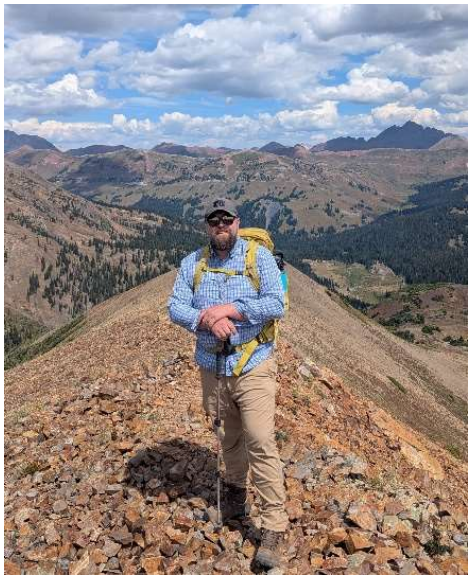
Marcelo is also active in the Weed Science Society of America, where he has served on several committees, as Horticultural Crops Section Vice-Chair and Biocontrol Section Chair, and organized the 2023 symposium "Novel Technology for Weed Management."

Since joining OSU in 2017, Marcelo has authored 47 peer-reviewed journal articles and generated more than $13 million in collaborative research support. He has trained seven graduate students, three postdoctoral scholars, and three research technicians, while mentoring numerous undergraduate researchers and visiting scientists.

As President-Elect, Marcelo would work to strengthen collaboration across WSWS, support students and early-career scientists, and ensure the Society remains at the forefront of emerging weed-management challenges and technologies. I'm Marcelo Moretti, and I approve this message.

Education and Regulatory Chair Elect

Tom Getts



Tom Getts has worked for The University of California Cooperative Extension as the Weed Ecology and Cropping Systems Advisor in the intermountain region of the state since 2015. He has worked as an Affiliate of the UC IPM Program since 2020. Tom's research and extension programs focus on weed management and improving agricultural production in the forage crops of the region as well as noxious weed control where they grow. Tom completed his graduate work under Dr. Phil Westra at Colorado State University. Westra mentored Tom in the field of weed science and provided the opportunity to attend the Western Society of Weed Science as a student in Spokane in 2011. Since his first meeting, Tom has attended the Western's 14 times. Over the years, he has participated as an active presenter, occasional session moderator, student judge, and current chair of the education and regulatory section. Tom is very active in multiple societies in California. He has helped organize and moderate the California Alfalfa Symposium, and routinely speaks at the California Invasive Plant Council Symposium. Since 2019 Tom has served on the board of California Weed Science Society where he runs their student scholarship and contest programs and received the CWSS award of excellence in 2025. (Tom is planning on rotating off the California Weed Society board this year). He also has served as a member of the California Invasive Species Advisory Committee since 2021 which advises the Invasives Species Council of California on multi taxa invasive species threats in the state. When he is not working he enjoys fishing, hiking and dancing with his wife.

Kyle Roerig



Kyle Roerig is a Research Agronomist for Pratum Co-op. He holds a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Utah State University and a master's degree from Oregon State University. He has been an active member of the Western Society of Weed Science since 2013 and has served as an Agronomy Section chair and as a member of the Site Selection Committee. Kyle has also been active in the Oregon Society of Weed Science since 2011 and has served in numerous board positions in that organization, including president.

Kyle's interest in weed science was ignited when Corey Ransom encouraged him to seek an undergraduate research grant from the Weed Science Society of America, which was awarded in 2009. He has been conducting research in Oregon since 2011. Kyle's studies and his employment at OSU focused on weed science in field crops. Kyle joined Pratum Co-op in 2020, where he founded the Pratum Research program. Today Kyle and his team conduct approximately 60 field trials annually in crops including grass seed, clover seed, mint, hazelnuts, berries, and wheat and evaluates numerous important inputs including seed varieties, soil and foliar fertilizers, bio-stimulants, plant growth regulators, herbicides, and other pesticides. Kyle makes numerous presentations of his data at meetings including various Oregon commodity growers' leagues/commissions, grower meetings hosted by Pratum Co-op and at the Oregon Society of Weed Science and Western Society of Weed Science Meetings. His efforts have been recognized with the Outstanding Weed Scientist – Early Career award from the Western Society of Weed Science, the Distinguished Service Award from the Oregon Society of Weed Science, and the Outstanding Faculty Research Assistant award from Oregon State University.

Research Chair Elect

Earl Creech



Dr. Earl Creech is a Professor and Extension Agronomist at Utah State University. Dr. Creech leads a research and Extension program that addresses critical agronomic and weed science issues facing alfalfa, small grain, corn, and oilseed producers in Utah and throughout the western U.S. He served as president of the Western Society of Crop Science from 2015 to 2017 and received the USU Extension Specialist Career Award in 2024. Over the years, he has served in a wide array of roles in the WSWS and is currently the outgoing chair of the Necrology Committee.

Lisa Rew



Dr. Lisa Rew is a Professor of Invasive Plant Ecology and Management in the Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. Her research goal is to advance understanding of the ecology, dynamics, and management of weedy and invasive plant species, with the aim of improving desired vegetation, ecosystem function, and productivity at local scales. Her research has encompassed a broad range of topics over the years, across natural and working ecosystems and landscapes.

Lisa and her group's most recent studies include evaluating herbicides, soil amendments, and biofumigation for management of non-native annual grasses in grassland and sagebrush ecosystems; assessing alternative restoration seeding methods; developing approaches to facilitate recovery of conifer-encroached grasslands; and evaluating strategies for renovating Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) lands. Collectively, these efforts seek to improve the effectiveness, resilience, and sustainability of vegetation management and restoration in working and natural landscapes of the Northern Great Plains and Intermountain West.

Lisa has been an active member of WSWS since 2001!