Great universities attract professors who combine passion for their discipline with a focused determination to do important work. Our campus is fortunate indeed to introduce the newest members of our faculty—talented and determined scholars who will enhance our greatest strengths. We hope that each of them enjoys a long and satisfying career at Nebraska.

In his 2012 State of the University address, Chancellor Perlman proposed a set of bold new goals for the University, including an historic investment in new faculty who are specifically selected for their ability to teach and inspire today’s students, focus their research, scholarship and creative activity on issues of contemporary global significance, and engage with Nebraska’s citizens on their most pressing needs. These new members of our faculty embody the next installment toward this goal.

One of the things that makes our campus a great place to conduct a faculty career is that we all have a stake in the success of our newest colleagues. We ask each of you to join us in pledging our support and encouragement to this exceptional Class of 2012—our newest Big Ten faculty class at UNL.

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Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

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English. Ph.D., Southern Illinois University, 1997; M.A., University of Northern Colorado, 1993; B.A., Montana State University, 1989. **Area of focus:** Digital humanities, text-mining, Irish and Irish-American literature. **Representative publications:** Macroanalysis: Digital Methods and Literary History, University of Illinois Press, 2011 (expected February 2013); coauthored, “Quantitative Formalism: An Experiment,” Pamphlet 1, Stanford Literary Lab, 2011. **Representative grants:** Software Environment for the Advancement of Scholarly Research (SEASR) project, Mellon Foundation ($790,000), 2010-12; Stanford Literary Lab, Presidential Fund for Innovation in the Humanities ($20,000), 2010.

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**Representative grants:** Field testing the oak wilt, Ceratocystis fagacearum, confirmation protocols needed to populate the national oak wilt database under development by FHTET, USDA Forest Service ($80,000), 2009-2012; Determining whether Alaska’s new forest pathogen, Phytophthora alni ssp. uniformis, is native or invasive, USDA Forest Service ($60,000), 2009-2011. **Representative awards:** Sabbatical Research Fellowship, National Foundation for Science of South Africa, 1999; Outstanding Mentor Award, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program, 1997.

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**Representative grants:** Optimizing future crop yield projections using weighted multi-model ensemble approaches: A new framework for an integrated climate application system, PI, NSF Earth System Modeling (EaSM): USDA/NIFA 2011-00828 (project $895,379/share $299,704), 2011-2014; Integration of NASA models and missions into agricultural decision support, Co-PI, NASA Earth Science Division Applied Sciences Program (NNH08ZDA001N-DECISIONS) (project $926,437/share $185,916), 2009-2012. **Representative awards:** Young Researcher Award of the Florida Section of the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (FASABE) 2009.
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Plant Pathology.
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West Central Research and Extension Center. Ph.D., University of Arkansas; M.S., Nanjing Agricultural University (P.R. China); B.S., Shandong Agricultural University (P.R. China). **Area of focus:** Understanding crop residue management and water management and their impacts to soil borne diseases and root diseases; soil microbial ecology. **Representative publications:** Coauthored, “Pythium and Fusarium communities in soils with long-term conventional tillage, no tillage and successional systems and their relationship with seed-rot and damping-off of soybean,” *Applied and Environmental Microbiology*, 2011; “Rapid diagnosis of Colletotrichum acutatum and C. gloeosporioides using molecular techniques,” *European Journal of Plant Pathology* 120:273-287, 2011. **Representative grants:** Characterization, quantification and biological function of Fusarium species in soybean root systems, Soybean Board of Nebraska ($26,500), 2012; Characterization and quantification of root disease complex pathogens of wheat causing crown rot and root rot in irrigated and dry land as well as various cropping systems, ARD internal grant, UNL ($89,000), 2012.

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Animal Science. Ph.D., University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2006; M.S., University of Nebraska–Lincoln, 2002; B.S., North Dakota State University, 1999. **Representative publications:** Coauthored, “Case Study: Grain adaptation of yearling steers to steam-flaked corn-based diets using a complete...
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Food Science and Technology. Ph.D., Iowa State University, 2006; B.S., Western Kentucky University, 2000. Area of focus: Understanding how host-microbial interactions, including gastrointestinal infections, influence mucosal immunity and gastrointestinal homeostasis. Representative publications: Coauthored “Helicobacter bilis colonization enhances susceptibility to typhlocolitis following an inflammatory trigger,” Digestive Diseases and Sciences, 2011; coauthored “Mucosal gene expression profiles following the colonization of immunocompetent defined flora C3H mice with Helicobacter bilis: a prelude to typhlocolitis,” Microbes and Infection, 2009. Representative grants: Impact of Escherichia coli colonization on susceptibility to inflammatory insults, Crohn’s and Colitis Foundation of America ($270,000), 2012-2014. Representative awards: Graduate Research Excellence Award, Iowa State University, 2006.

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**Representative grants:** Bison herd health management practices, USDA/NIFA-Oglala Lakota College ($58,067), 2011-2013; Range Bison Herd Health, Five-State Ruminant Consortium, South Dakota State University ($125,000), 2010-2012.

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Southeast Research and Extension Center. Ph.D., Purdue University, 1990; M.S., Kansas State University, 1986; B.S., Kansas State University, 1984. **Area of focus:** Extension farm management and marketing.

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Agronomy and Horticulture. Ph.D., Wageningen University (Netherlands), 1996; M.S., Wageningen University (Netherlands), 1993; B.S., China Agricultural University (China), 1984. **Area of focus:** Crop simulation modeling, development of decision support system for crop management.  
**Representative publications:** Coauthored, “Hybrid-Maize: A Simulation Model for Corn Growth and Yield” (hybridmaize.unl).

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