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# CANDIDATES FOR VICE-PRESIDENT

## KEVIN BRADLEY

Kevin Bradley is an Associate Professor and State Extension Weed Scientist in the Division of Plant Sciences at the University of Missouri. Kevin is a native of Virginia and received a B. S. degree in Agriculture from Ferrum College and a Ph.D. in Weed Science from Virginia Tech. Kevin's faculty appointment includes extension and research responsibilities in the area of applied weed management in corn, soybean, wheat, pastures, and forages. He also teaches a graduate level class in herbicide mechanism of action and has served as major advisor to 11 graduate students since his arrival at the University of Missouri in 2003. Kevin's publication record includes 41 refereed journal articles, over 70 abstracts, 17 extension manuals or guides, and 5 multimedia publications. Kevin is a member of the Weed Science Society of America, the North Central Weed Science Society, and the American Society of Agronomy. He has served on numerous committees and leadership positions at the University and society levels, including the Board of Directors for both WSSA and NCWSS. While at the University of Missouri, Kevin has been honored with the Provost's Award for Creative Extension Programming by New Faculty, the Vice Provost's award for Outstanding Achievement by extension faculty, the Outstanding Recent Alumnus from the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology, and Weed Science at Virginia Tech, the Outstanding Young Scientist award from the North Central Weed Science Society, and the J.W. Burch State Specialist Agricultural Extension Award from the University of Missouri Extension system.



## SARAH WARD

Sarah Ward is Associate Professor in the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences at Colorado State University, where she conducts research on the population genetics of weeds and invasive plants, teaches genetics to undergraduate and graduate students, and serves as Director of the CSU Program in Molecular Plant Biology. Sarah grew up in sheep and dairy country in southern England and completed her B.S. in Plant Sciences at the University of London. She spent two years working on a women's agricultural project in highland Ecuador before moving to the U.S., where she received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Colorado State University. Sarah is a member of the Western Society of Weed Science and the Weed Science Society of America, and currently serves as Member-at-Large on the WSSA Board of Directors. She recently stepped down after 6 years as Associate Editor for Weed Science and continues to represent the western region on the WSSA Publications Board. Sarah has served on numerous other WSSA committees, including chairing the Professional Development Committee and the Website Redesign Committee. Among various awards she has received she is especially pleased to have led the student author team that received the 2010 Outstanding Paper Award from WSSA for their publication in the journal *Invasive Plant Science and Management*.



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## JOEL FELIX

Joel Felix is an Associate Professor of Weed Science at Oregon State University's Malheur Experiment Station, Ontario, OR. He received his BSc. and MSc. degrees from Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana. He earned his Ph.D. degree from Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa. Both of his advanced degrees are in Crop Production and Physiology with an emphasis on Weed Science. Joel accepted a postdoctoral position at The Ohio State University on the Wooster campus in 1999 where he conducted research



on weed management in vegetable crops. Joel accepted a position as an Assistant Professor at Oregon State University in December 2006, and he is stationed at the Malheur Agricultural Experiment Station in Ontario, OR where he serves as a Weed Scientist. His current research involves development of weed control strategies in the irrigated crops of Eastern Oregon. He is responsible for conducting educational programs and applied research on weed management in onions, sugar beet, corn, dry beans, wheat, alfalfa, potato, and other minor crops. Joel is a member of the Weed Science Society of America, the Western Society of Weed Science, the American Society of Agronomy, and the Oregon Society of Weed Science. He has served on numerous committees and leadership positions for both WSSA and WSWS.

## LARRY STECKEL

Dr. Steckel is a Professor in the Plant Sciences Department at the University of Tennessee; where he holds a weed science extension (75%) and research (25%) appointment.

Dr. Steckel received his Ph.D. in 2003 from the University of Illinois, his M.S. in 1989 from the University of Missouri and his B.S. in 1987 from Western Illinois University. He was employed as a seed corn company agronomist in the private sector for ten years in southern Illinois. Currently, Dr. Steckel maintains an extensive



applied research program on weed management in agronomic crops in Tennessee. His research focus is on the study of the biology and management of glyphosate-resistant horseweed, giant ragweed and another very troublesome pigweed species, Palmer amaranth. These three weeds cause Tennessee growers the most issues in recent years and is where Dr. Steckel directs most of his efforts.