

AGENDA AT-A-GLANCE
76TH PROFESSIONAL AGRICULTURAL WORKERS CONFERENCE
DECEMBER 2-4, 2018

“Beyond the Veil: Changing the World Through Agricultural Transformations and Sustainable Partnerships, Practices and Policies”

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2018		
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	PAWC Early Registration	Auburn Marriott Opelika Lobby Lounge
SUNDAY, December 2, 2018		
8:00 am – 10:00 am	PAWC Help Desk	Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel Lobby Lounge
10:00 am – 3:00 pm	PAWC Conference Registration	Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel Lobby Lounge
10:00 am - 4:00 pm	PAWC Conference Registration “Student Competition Participants”	Tuskegee University Kellogg Conference Center Registration Desk
10:00 am	Shuttle Departs from Marriott Hotel for Tuskegee University	Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel National Side Entrance
11:00 am - 4:00 pm	Student Paper and Poster Competition	Tuskegee University Kellogg Conference Center Meeting Rooms F & G Meeting Rooms D & E Ballroom Atrium
11:00 am – 4:00 pm	Tomorrow’s Agricultural Professional Symposium – Student Professional Development Series	Tuskegee University Kellogg Conference Center Ballroom A
11:00 am – 3:00 pm	PAWC Scholarship Program Check In	Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel Conference Center Lobby Lounge
3:00 pm	Shuttle depart from Marriott to Tuskegee	Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel Side Entrance
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	PAWC Opening Reception	Tuskegee University Kellogg Conference Center Ballroom
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Tuskegee University Christmas Concert	Tuskegee University Chapel
9:30 pm	Bus Depart from Kellogg Conference Center for Hotels in Opelika, AL	Tuskegee University Kellogg Conference Center
9:30 pm – 10:30 pm	PAWC Meet & Greet	PAWC Hospitality Suite

MONDAY, December 3, 2018		
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Exhibit and Vendor Setup	Marriott Ballroom Atrium
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast	The Ballroom - Marriott
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	Registration	Ballroom Foyer - Marriott
7:30 am – 5:00 pm	PAWC Help Desk	Ballroom Foyer- Marriott
8:00 am - 9:30 am	76 th PAWC Opening Plenary Session	The Ballroom- Marriott
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Refreshment Break & Exhibit Hall	Marriott Breakroom
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Concurrent Session I	See Below
	Interactive Grant Writing Session Part I	Meeting Room 1
	Disasters & Agricultural Emergency Management Part I	Meeting Room 2
	Changing the World Through Agricultural Transformations & Sustainable Partnerships, Practices, and Policies	Meeting Room 3
	Increasing Your Profits Through Value – Added Enterprises	Amphitheatre
	Tomorrow’s Agricultural Professional Symposium	Exhibit Lounge
11:00 am – 11:15 am	Stretch Break	Marriott Breakroom
11:15 am -12:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions II	See Below
	Social & Economic Justice in Agriculture and Rural Communities	Meeting Room 1
	Practical Applications in Forest Science, Agroforestry, and Forest Management	Meeting Room 2
	The Intersection of Farm, Food, and Health	Meeting Room 3
	Marijuana Cultivation as Horticulture	Amphitheatre
	Tomorrow’s Agricultural Professional Symposium (TAPS)	Exhibit Lounge
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	L.A. Potts Luncheon and Success Stories	Marriott Ballroom
2:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions III	See Below
	Innovative Programs for Youth	Meeting Room 1
	Workshop on FAMILY GPS to Realign Society’s Systems	Meeting Room 2
	Innovation in Animal Science Research & Outreach Programs	Meeting Room 3
	NRCS Panel Discussion	Amphitheatre
	Tomorrow’s Agricultural Professional Symposium (TAPS)	Exhibit Lounge
3:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Refreshment Break and Visit with Exhibitors	Marriott Breakroom
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions IV	See Below
	Agricultural Economics	Meeting Room 1
	Conserving, Sustaining, & Managing Our Natural Resources	Meeting Room 2
	Beyond the Veil with MANRRS: Changing the Face of Agriculture through Sustainable Partnerships	Meeting Room 3
	The 2018 Farm Bill: New Protections, New Opportunities and What You Need to Know	Amphitheatre
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	PAWC Professional Poster Competition	
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	PAWC Tasting Reception & Agribusiness Showcase	
6:30 pm – 9:30 pm	George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Awards Banquet	Marriott Ballroom

Tuesday, December 4, 2018		
7:00 am – 8:00 am	PAWC Advisory Board Meeting	Marriott Lobby Lounge
7:00 am – 8:00 am	Breakfast	Marriott Ballroom
8:00 am – 2:00 pm	Conference Registration	Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Ralph Paige and Saul Wilson Lecture	Marriott Ballroom
9:30 am – 10:00	Break	
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Concurrent Sessions V	See below
	Sustainable Agricultural Practices	Meeting Room 1
	Small Farm Issues	Meeting Room 2
	NIFA Grant Writing Workshop Part II	Meeting Room 3
	Social and Economic Justice in Agriculture and Rural Communities	Amphitheatre
11:00 am -11:15 am	Coffee Break	
11:15 am – 12:15 pm	Concurrent Sessions VI	See Below
	Agriculture in the Classroom	Meeting Room 1
	Disaster and Agriculture Emergency Management	Meeting Room 2
	USDA -NIFA Workshop	Meeting Room 3
	From the Farm to the Kitchen: Can Producer Cooperatives & Consumer Groups Eliminate the Middlemen?	Amphitheatre
12:30 pm – 1:45pm	Memorial Luncheon	Marriott Ballroom
2:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Concurrent Session VII	See Below
	Legal Concerns for Specialty Crops	Meeting Room 1
	Financial Management	Meeting Room 2
	Rural Public Policy	Meeting Room 3
	Heir Property	Amphitheatre
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Concurrent Session VII	See Below
	Specialty Mushroom Production Expanding the Opportunity for Small Farms	Meeting Room 1
	Social and Economic Justice in Agriculture and Rural Communities	Meeting Room 2
	An Overview of the New Farmers of America	Meeting Room 3
	Cover crop options for hot and humid areas	Amphitheatre
6:30 pm	MANRRS Student Banquet	Tuskegee University Kellogg Conference Center Ballrooms
8:30	Buses Return to Opelika	Tuskegee University Kellogg Conference Center

Saturday, December 1, 2018

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm PAWC Early Registration – *Marriott Lobby Lounge*

Sunday, December 2, 2018

8:00 am – 10:00 am PAWC Help Desk – *Auburn Marriott Opelika Lobby Lounge*

10:00 am – 3:00 pm PAWC Conference Registration – *Auburn Marriott Lobby Lounge*

10:00 am – 4:00 pm PAWC Conference Registration – *Tuskegee University(TU) Kellogg Conference Center*
Student Competition Participants

11:00 am – 4:00 pm GSD Student Paper and Poster Competition – *TU Kellogg Conference Center*

- Graduate Competition – *Meeting Rooms D & E*
- Undergraduate Competition - *Meeting Rooms F & G*
- Poster Competition – *Meeting Rooms A & B*

11:00 am - 4:00 pm Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium College Student Professional Development Series - *TU Kellogg Center Auditorium*

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm PAWC Opening Reception – *TU Kellogg Conference Center Ballroom*

Presiding: Gregory Bernard, Tuskegee University
Greetings & Welcome: TBA, Tuskegee University

Remarks: TBA, USDA – Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm Tuskegee University Christmas Concert – *TU Chapel*

9:30 pm – 10:30 pm PAWC Meet & Greet – *Marriott PAWC Hospitality Suite*

Monday, December 3, 2018

Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel and Conference Center at Grand National

7:00 am – 8:00 am Exhibit & Vendor Setup – *Ballroom Foyer*

7:00 am – 8:00 am Breakfast - *Ballroom*

7:30 am - 5:00 pm Registration – *Exhibit Lounge*

7:30 am – 5:00 pm PAWC Help Desk – *Ballroom Foyer*

8:00 am – 9:30 am 76th PAWC Opening Session – *Ballroom*

Presiding: TBA
Invocation: TBA
Greetings & Welcome: TBA
State Roll Call TBA
Recognition of Sponsors TBA
Opening Remarks: TBA
Introduction of Speaker: TBA

Speaker: TBA

9:30 am – 10:00 am Break & Visit with Exhibitors – *Marriott Break Room*

10:00 am – 11:00 am Concurrent Session I

MEETING ROOM 1

Title: Interactive Grant Writing Workshop Part I
Moderator: Denis Ebodaghe, USDA – National Institute of Food and Agriculture
Presenters: Marion Simon & Edwin Chavous, Kentucky State University
Edwin Chavous, Kentucky State University
Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

Description:

Please make plans to participate in this interactive grant writing session where your goals and objectives when well-articulated can result in successfully getting your project funded. Advanced planning and preparation are the keys to successful grant writing. Are you responding to the questions put forward in the evaluation criteria? Do you have the commitment and support of your institutions or organizations in proposal submissions? How do you request for funding to conduct project work and convince the peer reviewers that funding requested is appropriate to complete project tasks? You will get the response to all these questions and a whole lot more at this interactive participatory workshop sessions.

MEETING ROOM 2

Session Title: Developing a National Framework for Engaging 1890 Land-Grant Universities in Disaster Education
Presenters: Finis Stribling III, Tennessee State University
Gill Finley, Kentucky State University
Michelle Eley, North Carolina A&T State University
Rodney Stone, USDA-OPPE/Tuskegee University
Warren Buchanan, Tuskegee University

Description:

The national Extension Disaster Education Network (EDEN) is seeking to fully engage 1890 Land-Grant Universities (LGUs) into EDEN and its resources. EDEN is a collaborative multistate effort of Land Grant Universities and Sea Grant Extension Programs that delivers science-based disaster education to clientele across the USA. Efforts to engage 1890s in EDEN are both critical and timely, especially due to the increased frequency and intensity of disasters. Also, it is widely known that limited resource communities are often the least prepared, lack disaster resources and/or do not receive the timely assistance necessary to promote disaster resilience in their communities.

MEETING ROOM 3

Title: Beyond the Veil: Changing the World Through Agricultural Transformations and Sustainable Partnerships, Practices and Policies

Moderator: Iris Cole – Crosby, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

Presenters:

- **Identifying Challenges and Issues Impacting Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers**
Speight, Eloris Alcorn State University
- **Sustainable Partnerships for Community Development – Lessons and Best Practices**

Doamekpor, Prosper, Central State University and Tonda Nelson, Florida A & M University

- **Improving shared value through systems thinking at the Department of Agriculture Western Cape**
Thembi Mnisi, Western Cape Department of Agriculture

AMPHITHEATER

Title: Increasing Your Profits Through Value -Added Enterprises
Moderator: Lawrence Carter, Florida A & M University
Presenters: Anita & Thomas Roberson, Botanical Bites & Provisions, LLC
James Brown, Family Friends Smokehouse
Matthew Robinson, The Produce Tribe, LLC
Terrell Hollis, Fort Valley State University

Farms that sell only fresh produce are dependent on buyers for markets and pricing. Farmers can earn more money by taking production a step further, by adding extra value to their products with processing, preserving and packaging the produce. Producers will share their challenges and successes in producing and marketing value-added products.

EXHIBITOR LOUNGE

Session Title: Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium (TAPS)
Moderator (s): EXERT
Presenters: EXERT

11:00 am – 11:15 am Stretch Break

11:15 am – 12:15 pm Concurrent Session II

MEETING ROOM 1

Title: Social and Economic Justice in Agriculture and Rural Communities
Moderator: Gwen Johnson, Tuskegee University
Presenters:

- **An Examination of the 1980 Emergency Land Fund Study on the Impact of Heir Property and Land Loss Due to Partition Lawsuits**
Copeland, Roy and William Buchanan, Valdosta State University
- **Understanding The Role Of Women's Community Groups As Mechanisms For Advancement: Case Of Umgungundlovu District, Pietermaritzburg, South Africa**
Majokweni, Pilela, Molnar, Joseph, Auburn University
- **Gender Matters: Masculinities Among African-American Men Farming in North Carolina**
Bernard, Marcus, Federation of Southern Cooperatives and Rosalind Harris, University of Kentucky

MEETING ROOM 2

Title: Practical Applications in Forest Science, Agroforestry, and Forest Management
Moderator: Wilhelmina Bratton, USDA Forest Service

- **Silviculture Training in the Forest Service**
Gwaze, David, United States Forest Service
- **Floristic Composition of tree cover on cattle farms in the southeast Region of Guatemala**
Solis, Jennifer, CATIE, Costa Rica
- **Silvopasture: From Ideas to Adoption**
Steve Gabriel, Cornell University

MEETING ROOM 3

Title: The Intersection of Farms, Food and Health
Moderator: Karla Martin Hollis, USDA

- **Effectiveness of Stress & Anxiety Reduction in Daily Activities**
Wadlington, Carolyn, Aina-Popoola, Sola, Tuskegee University
- **Examining the Consumer Nutrition Environments of Rural Communities in North Alabama**
Dixon, La-Tonya & Hannah, Isariah R., Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University
- **Exploring the Relationship between a Health Forum and Fair and Agricultural Extension**
Lila B. Karki, Raymon Shange, Walter Hill, Tasha Hargrove, LaTanya Hunt-Haralson, Brian Glover, and Sheila De-Heer, Tuskegee University

AMPHITHEATER

Title: Marijuana Cultivation as Horticulture v. Hemp Cultivation as Agriculture

Moderator:

Presenters: Scheril Murray Powell

Panelists: Desmond Mortley, Tuskegee University
Ellen Grizzle, University of Technology, Jamaica
Arby Barroso, Green Roads World
William Rennalls, Green Sustainable Strong, LLC

Description:

This workshop will be presented from the perspective of a Cannabis Grower and a University Research Scientist. We will explore the distinctions in approach with determining outputs from hemp and Marijuana, and we will also look at the nuances of growing and harvesting each plant. There will be discussion on seed selection, soil and conditions control in order to optimize outputs from both hemp and marijuana.

EXHIBITOR LOUNGE

Session Title: Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium (TAPS)

Moderator (s): EXERT

Presenters: EXERT

12:30 pm – 2:15 pm

L.A. Potts Luncheon & Success Stories

Presiding: TBA

Invocation: TBA

Lunch

Introduction of Speaker:

Introduction of Success Stories: TBA

Success Stories: TBA

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Concurrent Session III

MEETING ROOM 1

Session Title: Innovative Programs for Youth

Moderator: Dreamal Worthen, Florida A & M University

- **Using Agriculture as a Vehicle for Change through Experiential Learning (FAST TRACK)**
Stephanie M. Elwood, Southern University Ag Center
- **Changing Agricultural Demographics in Kansas: Innovative diversity programing for student success and recruitment**
Wiley, Zelia, Kansas State University; Carter, Tiffany; Kansas State University; Hobbs, Jr., Lonnie, Kansas State University
- **The Relationship Between Agricultural Literacy and Application of Literate Knowledge: A New Model for Agriculturalists**
Linder, James, Auburn University

MEETING ROOM 2

Title: Workshop on FAMILY GPS to Realign Society's Systems

Moderator: Suchet Loois, Tuskegee University (Retired)

Presenters: Harold May, FAMILY

Ramble Ankumah, Tuskegee University

Marikis Alvarez, Delaware State University

Ellene Kebede, Tuskegee University

Gamal Afandi, Tuskegee University

Description:

In these days of national and international fragmentation and discord, we invite interested 1890 Universities and other institutions to this workshop in which the participants will Lift Society's Second Veil which is preventing us from seeing clearly that we are all members of one family. We introduce the FAMILY Global Positioning System, the Guidance System by which we will have to organize ourselves to realign society's currently misaligned systems.

MEETING ROOM 3

Title: Innovations in Animal Science Research & Outreach Programs
Moderator: James Theuri, University of Illinois
Presenters:

- **Economic Implications of Year-Round Forage Production and Grazing Management**
Karki, Lila, Uma Karki, Tasha Hargrove, and Ntam Baharnyi, Tuskegee University
- **The potential of Indigenous Breeds To Resource Poor Communal and Emerging Farmers: A Review**
Marguerite van Niekerk, Elsenburg Agricultural Training Institute, South Africa
- **Pasture and Grazing Management Education Program: Changing the Face of Small-Scale Livestock Operations in Alabama**
Uma Karki and Lila Karki, Tuskegee University

AMPHITHEATER

Title: **Natural Resource Conservation Services (NRCS) – Moving Outreach Forward**
Moderators: Ronald Harris & Vivian Dickson, USDA - NRCS
Description:

The mission of the NRCS Outreach and Advocacy Division is to provide leadership to ensure that all programs and services are made accessible to all NRCS customers, fairly and equitably, with emphasis on reaching the underserved and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers and landowners. This interactive session will provide an opportunity for participants to engage with NRCS leaders and learn more about current programs.

EXHIBIT LOUNGE

Session Title: **Tomorrow's Agricultural Professional Symposium (TAPS)**
Moderator (s): EXERT Team
Presenters: EXERT Team

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm Afternoon Break

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Concurrent Session IV

MEETING ROOM 1

Title: Agricultural Economics
Moderator: David N. Tackie, Tuskegee University
Presenters:

- **Dimensions of Rural Poverty**
Tracy Farrigan, Economic Research Service
- **Farm Safety Net for Small Farmers**
Alejandra Plastina, Iowa State University
- **Farm Income Estimation**

MEETING ROOM 2

Title: Conserving, Sustaining and Managing Our Natural Resources
Moderator: Franklin Quaracoo, Tuskegee University
Presenters:

- **Blueberry Cultivar Evaluations and Emerging Pest Management**
Coneva, Elina and Vinson, Edgar, Auburn University
- **Management of Fusarium crown rot of wheat with crop rotation and tillage practices in the Western Cape, South Africa**
Fagrie Arnold, Western Cape Department of Agriculture
- **Insect Population Dynamics and Performance of Organic Insecticides against Insect Pests of Summer Squash Grown in the Southeastern United States under Organic Cultivation Practices**
Chitturi, Anitha, Tuskegee University Quarcoo, Franklin, Kpombrekou-A, Kokoasse, Tuskegee University, Barickman, Casey, Mississippi State University, Casey, Jeanine Davis, North Carolina State University, Mortley, Desmond, Tuskegee University

MEETING ROOM 3

Title: Beyond the Veil with MANRRS: Changing the Face of Agriculture through Sustainable Partnerships

Moderator: Olga Bolden – Tiller, Tuskegee University
Presenter: Ebony Webber, National MANRRS
Quentin Tyler, Michigan State University

Description:

MANRRS has been one of the primary drivers in engineering and guiding diverse candidates into the food, agriculture, and natural resource industries. Through effective partnerships with academia institutions, government agencies and private industry, MANRRS is able to service each point in the pipeline. Through effective outreach to local high schools and community groups, the Jr. MANRRS has been able to provide exposure and access to agricultural careers for underrepresented middle thru high school students from rural and urban communities. MANRRS has been instrumental in providing access and exposure to minorities in agriculture. In this session, we highlight best practices for establishing effective partnerships, sustaining key relationships, and demonstrating the return of investment on sponsorship

AMPHITHEATER

Title: The 2018 Farm Bill: New Protections, New Opportunities and What You Need to Know
Moderator: Savonala Horne, Esq., Executive Director, North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers Land Loss Prevention Project

Panelists:
Quinton Robinson, Esq., Policy Advisor, Rural Coalition
Willard Tillman, Executive Director, Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project, Inc.
John Zippert, Federation of Southern Cooperatives, and Chairperson, Rural Coalition

Panel Description: The 2018 Farm Bill may finalize after the November Elections. The current Senate version of that bill includes important changes for African American and other Historically Underserved Producers, and the Community Based Organizations and 1890 and other Educational Institutions that serve them. This panel will examine the pending

changes and discuss strategies to guide farmers, CBO's and 1890's in using them. Topics include but are not limited to: farm credit, industrial hemp, and FOTO.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm PAWC Professional Poster Competition

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm PAWC Tasting Reception & Agribusiness Showcase

6:30 pm – 9:30 pm **George Washington Carver Public Service Hall of Fame Awards Banquet**

Presiding: TBA

Innovation: TBA

Dinner

Induction into the Hall of Fame

Carver I: TBA

Carver II: TBA

Special Presentations: TBA

Recognition of Student Awards: Franklin Quarcoo, Tuskegee University

Closing Remarks: Walter Hill, Tuskegee University

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2018

Auburn Marriott Opelika Hotel and Conference Center at Grand National

7:00 am – 8:00 am	PAWC Advisory Board Meeting – <i>Lobby Lounge</i>
7:00 am – 8:00 am	<i>Breakfast – Marriott Ballroom</i>
7:00 am -2:00 pm	Conference Registration – <i>Lobby Lounge</i>
8:00 am – 9:30 am	Ralph Paige & Saul Wilson Memorial Lecture – <i>Marriott Ballroom</i>
Presiding:	Carl Butler, USDA
Introduction of Speaker:	Esmerelda Dickson, USDA National Agricultural Statistical Services
Speaker:	Hubert Hamer, USDA National Agricultural Statistical Services
Special Presentation:	USDA – Economic Research Service Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) Uses by Decision Makers Speaker: Jeff Hopkins USDA- Economic Research Service
9:30 am – 10:00 am	Refreshment Break
10:00 am – 11:00 am	Concurrent Session V

MEETING ROOM 1

Title: Sustainable Agricultural Practices
Moderator:

- **The Effect of Orange Peel Amendments on PGPR-Mediated Growth Enhancement of Peanut**
Hassan, Mohammad, Mark, Liles, and Joseph Kloeppe, Auburn University
- **Cover Crops Benefit Small Farms Too**
Theuri, James, University of Illinois
- **Coming in from the Cold: Medical Cannabis for Sustainable Development**
Grizzle, Ellen and Perry, Rasheed University of Technology, Jamaica

MEETING ROOM 2

Title: Small Farm Issues
Moderator:
Presenters:

- **Marketing Strategies and Radio Broadcasting Tips for Small Farmers**
Elizabeth Myles & Jermone Myles, Sr. Alcorn State University

- **Using Marketing Plans and Strategies to Manage Risk**
Laurence Crane, National Crop Insurance Service
- **Working with Immigrant Beginning Farmers and Ranchers in El Paso del Norte Region**
Amelia Soto-Sanchez, National Immigrant Farming Initiative

MEETING ROOM 3

Title: USDA – NIFA Workshop Part

Presenters:

- **Taking the Lead: How Can Scientists from 1890 Universities & Other Minority Serving Institutions Build Multi-State, Multi-Institutional, Multi-disciplinary Projects**
Jason Oliver, Tennessee State University, Kobasse Kpombrebon, Tuskegee University, Cui Song, Middle Tennessee State
- **Establishing Performance Measures**
Lynn Khadiagala, USDA NIFA
- **Building a Strong Logic Model**
Tom Bewick, USDA- NIFA
- **Building Project Teams Through Hatch Multi-State Project Participation**
Sarah White, NIFA

AMPHITHEATER

Title: Social and Economic Justice in Agriculture and Rural Communities

Moderator:

Presenters:

- **Cultivating Sustainable Race Equity Reform Through Curricular, Extracurricular and Community Engagement Initiatives**
Kenya Washington Johnson, Florida A & M University
- **Climate Risks, Racism & Red cedar: Tracing the Failures & Potential of Farm Bill Conservation Policy in Oklahoma**
Fagundes, Colton, Watson, Tracy, & Lovelace- Grady, Garrett, American University
- **Understanding Food System in Mississippi: An Examination of the Prevalence of Food Insecurity**
Hawkins, Cassandra, Mississippi Valley State University

11:00 am – 11:15 am Stretch Break

11:15 am – 12:15 am Concurrent Session VI

MEETING ROOM 1

Title: Agriculture in the Classroom & Innovative Programs

Moderator:

Presenters:

- **Mutual Benefits Of International Partnerships**
Coleman, Lindsey, Texas A&M University
- **Assessing Teacher Practices Related to Precision Agriculture in Secondary Agriculture Education**
Heidenreich, Abigail, Auburn University
- **Outreach Education and Development Collaboration**
Murray, Dennis
- **The Moses Project & Sweat Equity**
Pitts, Curtis

MEETING ROOM 2

Title: Disasters & Agricultural Emergency Management

Moderator:

Presenters:

- **Weather Disasters Preparedness Prediction Program at Tuskegee University – Case Study: Prediction of Hurricane Michael Over Alabama**
Gamal El Afandi, Hassan Aboelkhair, and Souleymane Fall, Tuskegee University
- The Impact of the Recent Drought on Agriculture in the Western Cape (WC)
Phillip Michau, Western Cape Department of Agriculture, South Africa
- The Woolfolk Related Arsenic and Lead Contamination Four Decades Ago
Ovigueroye Ojarikre, Jacques Surrency, Samples Oreta, and Clarence Riley, Fort Valley State University

MEETING ROOM 3

Title: USDA – NIFA Workshop

Moderator:

Presenters:

- **How to Navigate an RFA**
Tom Bewick
- Common Mistakes from a Program Specialist's View point
Megan O'Reilly, USDA NIFA
- **Education Specific Programs & 1890 Specific Programs**
Edwin Lewis, USDA – NIFA

- **AFRI/Commodity Boards**
Pusha Kathir, USDA -NIFA
- **Integrated Systems Science Programs & IPM/Crop Protection Programs**
Tom Bewick

Amphitheater

Title: **From the Farm to the Kitchen: Can Producer Cooperatives & Consumer Groups Eliminate the Middlemen?**

Moderator: Willie Torrey, Community Gardener/Food Advocate, Cross Culture Community Development

Presenters: Brennan Washington, Southern SARE
Myra Bryant, Federation of Southern Cooperatives
Bobby Wilson, Metro Atlanta Urban Farm

Description:
What would the structure of a community based food system consist of in order to be sustainable for small farmers and market gardeners? How could a direct to consumer model benefit the profitability of the farmer and provide quality fresh fruits and vegetables at a competitive price to a broad base of consumers?
Are there any models presently in existence that are inclusive of reaching and servicing individuals and families in food deserts?

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm Memorial Luncheon
2:15 pm – 2:30 pm Break
2:30 pm – 3:30 pm Concurrent Sessions VII

Meeting Room 1

Title: Cannabis Legalization And The Agriculturalist: How To Get Engaged And Stay Of The Right Side Of The Law

Moderator: Scheril Murray Powell

Panelists: Bobby Phills, Southern University
Marla Dickerson, Southern University
Arby Barroso, Green Roads World CBD
William Rennalls, Green Sustainable Strong, LLC
Roz McCarthy, Minorities 4 Medical Marijuana

Meeting Room 2

Title: Financial Management
Title: **Money Power: Wise Decisions About Your Money**
Moderator:
Presenter: Joanne Bankston, Kentucky State University
Description:

The importance of financial education workshops, seminars, and classes cannot be understated as a means of increasing student knowledge in personal finance. Money Power: Wise Decisions About Your Money and Your Life.

Part II:

Title: Strategic Management of Resources in the 1890 Community

Presenter: Eloris Speight, Alcorn State University

Description:

Given the current climate of declining public funds (federal and state), land-grant universities, like others are challenged with revitalizing their mission to better serve the needs of the community. These universities must adjust research, extension and teaching programs to address societal concerns. This presentation provides a process, along with tools and techniques for the strategic management of resources that can be used by 1890 university leadership and staff to engage community partners in the creation of a shared strategic vision.

Meeting Room 3

Title: Ten Years After Obama's Historic Election Race: Race, Ethnicity, and Public Policy in Rural America of the Black Belt South

Facilitator: Andrew Zekeri, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

Folashade O. Adalumo, Tuskegee University
Gilbert Adjoyi, Tuskegee University
Alkordi, Dalal, Tuskegee University
Lucy M. Asare-Baah, Tuskegee University
Woods, Kara A., Tuskegee University

Amphitheater

Title: Heir Properties: Exploring a Southern Region Approach

Moderator: Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

Presenters:

Russ Garner, Southern Rural Development Center

3:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Break

Meeting Room 1

Title: Specialty Mushroom Production: Expanding the Opportunity for Small Farms

Moderator:

Presenter: Steve Gabriel, Cornell University

Description:

Cornell Small Farms has been working to develop extension resources and tools to support both rural and urban growers get into specialty mushroom farming. This workshop will introduce participants to outdoor log-grown shiitake and indoor oyster mushrooms production systems with hands-on demonstrations and review economic models for each production system. Group discussion will explore how practitioners and educators see their audience adopting mushroom production in their own local contexts.

Meeting Room 2

Cultivating Land and Community: (Re) Imaging Black Women’s Connections and Relationship with Land and the Development of Community

Hylton, Christina, University of Georgia

Social Forces Shaping The Future of Rural Black Belt Communities

Zekeri, Andrew, Tuskegee University

Meeting Room 3

Title: **An Overview of the New Farmers of America**

Moderator: Nathaniel Sheppard, Former NFA State Officer

Presenters: Esco Hall, Former State NFA Office
John Miles, Former State NFA Officer
Carl Britton, Former State NFA Officer
Osby Jackson, Former State NFA Officer
Ira Hicks, Former NFA Advisor

Description:

This presentation will provide an overview of the historical New Farmers of America (NFA) national organization. NFA began in 1935 for African-American youth to promote agricultural leadership, character, thrift, scholarship, cooperation, and citizenship.

Amphitheatre

Title: Cover crop options for hot and humid areas

Moderator:

Presenter:

- Justin Duncan, National Center for Appropriate Technology

PROFESSIONAL POSTERS

Increasing Cover Crop Diversity in Florida

Kaylene Sattanno, Sunehali Sharma, Carlene A. Chase, Marilyn E. Swisher, University of Florida

Yield and Consumer Preference of various Sweet Potato Varieties Grown in Virginia

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