

## Dane County Extension Committee



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## Extension's Mission

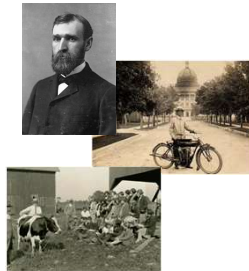
We teach, learn, lead and serve, connecting people with the University of Wisconsin, and engaging with them in transforming lives and communities.

Extension embodies the Wisconsin Idea by partnering to develop and connect the research and educational resources of UW-Madison with residents and communities to address local, statewide and national issues.



## Extension's History

- 1904 – UW President Charles Van Hise details the Wisconsin Idea, saying he'd "never be content until the beneficent influence of the university reaches every family in the state"
- 1912 – First county agent, E. L. Luther, hired as a county agriculturist in Oneida County
- 1914 – Smith-Lever Act formalized, first 4-H State, Program Leader appointed



History of Extension

## Statewide Network

Extension has deep local ties that develop regional and statewide networks able to respond to emerging issues. Working in and with communities allows Extension to connect research and resources directly to affected populations and areas.



History of Extension

## The Role of the Extension Committee

### County Ordinance

The university extension committee shall be composed of at least five (5), but no more than nine (9), supervisor members appointed by the county board chairperson. At least two members of the university extension committee shall be members of the land conservation committee. The committee shall function as the agriculture and extension education committee in accordance with WI State Statute and within the limits of funding appropriated by the county board, shall have the powers set forth in said statute.

### WI State Statute

A university extension program is authorized, under the direction and supervision of the county committee on agriculture and extension education, cooperating with the university extension of the University of Wisconsin, and within the limits of funds provided by the board and cooperating state and federal agencies, to make available the necessary facilities and conduct programs.

## Agriculture

- The Agriculture Institute works to achieve better results through research and outreach supporting livestock management, crops and soils, farm management and horticulture.
- We work hand-in-hand with farmers, businesses and communities to build stronger, more diverse farm and food systems. Whether on the farm or in the field, we're working together to develop sustainable solutions that drive economic growth and keep our state's thriving agriculture tradition strong.



Chelsea Ziegler  
Crops & Soils



Claire Strader  
Organic Produce



Maria José Fuenzalida  
Dairy & Livestock



Lisa Johnson  
Horticulture

Agriculture

## Community Development

- The Community Development Institute delivers educational programming that supports individuals, communities and organizations in realizing their fullest potential.
- With programs dedicated to building leadership capacity, strategic planning, training local government officials, economic development and community food systems, our Institute promotes civic engagement and social responsibility and empowers citizens to become leaders of transformative change.



Sharon Lezberg  
Community Development



Jess Guffey Calkins  
Food Systems

Community Development

## Health & Well-Being

- The Health & Well-Being Institute works to catalyze positive change in Wisconsin families through evidence-based programs focused on nutrition, food security, food safety, chronic disease prevention, mental health, substance abuse and health insurance literacy.
- Rooted in both urban and rural communities, we're working together to help solve the state's most pressing well-being needs and to ensure that all Wisconsinites live stronger, healthier lives.



**FOOD WISE**  
Healthy Families. Healthy Lives.

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Jackie Gehin John Bedigian Zulma Cruz Hines Lytoma Floyd Venkata Karri Kazous Moua Udal Olivares Anacely Portillo Holly Simon Claire Mance

Health & Well-Being

## Human Development & Relationships

- The Extension Institute for Human Development & Relationships supports families and communities through programming that encourages growth and understanding in the digital age.
- As a source of well-researched information on topics related to parenting, family relationships, child development, aging, housing and financial security, we provide positive and powerful training and tools that strengthen family bonds and enhance financial competence.



Deb Neubauer



Karina Mendoza

Human Development & Relationships

## Natural Resources Programs

- The Natural Resources Institute helps individuals and communities coexist with and make the most of our state's rich water, mineral and forestry resources.
- Our programs harness leading-edge university research and a network of local, state and regional partnerships to ensure our resources remain strong, resilient and productive.
- From water and forestry programming to conservation training to citizen science and youth environmental education, we're working to ensure that our resources remain at the heart of our communities, economies and state identity.



Mindy Habegger



Michelle Scarpace

Natural Resources

## Positive Youth Development Institute

- The Positive Youth Development Institute prepares the youth of today to become the effective, empathetic leaders of tomorrow.
- Our research-based programs give young people the hands-on experiences they need to develop an understanding of themselves and the world. From teens advising local government to Wisconsin 4-H clubs, we offer diverse educational opportunities that put youth on the path to success in Wisconsin and beyond.



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Lisa Curley  
4-H Club Program



Javier Nieto  
Community Youth Development



Alissa Grenawalt  
Ag in the Classroom



Udal Olivares  
Grow Academy

Positive Youth Development

## Dane County Extension's Response to COVID-19

All staff are telecommuting but programming and services continue

A few examples from the past 8 weeks:

- Online class for Master Gardener Volunteers to learn about planning and maintaining vegetable gardens to help others with food production.
- Online Dairy Education Meeting for more than 50 4-H youth to learn about biosecurity and show heifer management skills from three presenters.
- Series of social media posts for Latinx community on resources for families to stay safe and learn during "safe at home" period.
- Virtual response system for residents to receive financial coaching to provide reliable and timely resources to solve financial issues occurring from COVID-19.
- Resource web-page and newsletter for small-scale food businesses with information on COVID-19 impacts and resources.
- Web-page and newsletter for non-profit organizations with information on COVID-19 impacts and resources.
- Fact-sheet for residents that describes household food procurement methods to ensure that families of all income levels maintain access to healthy and affordable food during the COVID-19 crisis.
- Webinar series to learn about udder management strategies for dairy farmers implementing extended dry-off periods.
- Videos in Spanish for Latino ag-workers to learn about COVID-19 and resources to prevent transmission of disease on the farm.



