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Dwight W. Bensend, Ph.D.
Professor of Forestry
Wood Technology, Wood Liquid Relations,
Wood Composite Products
Properties of Wood, Wood Formation,
Wood Science Research

Dr. Bensend received his B.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota. While working for his graduate degree, he was an instructor on the Forestry teaching staff. After receiving his Ph.D., Dr. Bensend took a position on the research staff at the Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wisconsin. From there, he went to Utah State University as Associate Professor in Forestry. In September of 1947 he joined the Iowa State staff as Professor of Forestry. He took leave from Iowa State in 1961-62 to take an assignment at the University of Indonesia, Bogor, Java. Dr. Bensend is past chairman of the Midwest Section of the Forest Products Research Society and currently a trustee on the Board. He is also a trustee on the national Board of the Society of Wood Science and Technology and Chairman of the National Education Committee. He is chairman of the Department of Forestry Curriculum Committee as well as a member of several other committees. He is one of the wood anatomy technical reviewers for the Forest Products Journal, Wood Science, and Wood and Fiber. His major research is in the areas of wood anatomy and wood properties.

Wendell G. Beardsley, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Forestry
Forest Recreation
Resource Economics

This is Dr. Beardsley's second year with the Department of Forestry. Dr. Beardsley has had considerable experience with the U.S. Forest Service in both the Rocky Mountain and Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station. He spent ten years with the Forest Service starting his career as a fire control aid, then forester, and finally serving in both forest-economics and cooperative outdoor recreation research projects. Dr. Beardsley is a forestry graduate of the University of Minnesota, with graduate degrees from both Minnesota and Utah State University. He is an advocate of outdoor activities of many kinds.

Donald I. Dickmann, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Forestry
Forest Biology

Dr. Dickmann joined the forestry staff July 1, 1971. He is a forestry graduate of the University of Washington and received his Ph.D. in forest biology at the University of Wisconsin. Dr. Dickmann then spent a year in a special Forest Service pioneering research unit in tree physiology at the North Central Forest Experiment Station at Rhinelander, Wisconsin. Before coming to Iowa State, Dr. Dickmann was assistant professor of the Biology Department at West Georgia College. He is now teaching at both undergraduate and graduate levels while doing research in forest biology. Dr. Dickmann's interests include hiking, fishing, classical music, photography and wood working.
JOHN C. GORDON, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Forestry
Forest Biology, Advanced Silviculture,
Forestry Research Methods, Silviculture
Dr. Gordon received his B.S. from I.S.U. in 1961. In 1961 and 1962 he studied at the University of Helsinki, Finland, under a Fulbright Scholarship. During this time he also worked at the Forest Research Institute of Finland. After receiving his Ph.D. from I.S.U. in plant physiology and silviculture in 1966 he worked as a plant physiologist on a Pioneering Research Project in Wood Formation with the U.S. Forest Service in Rhinelander, Wisconsin until his appointment to the staff. He teaches forest biology and wood chemistry. Dr. Gordon is married and has a 7-year old son. He enjoys almost anything when he is in the right mood.

HAROLD S. MCNABB, JR., Ph.D.
Professor of Forestry, Professor of Plant Pathology
Forest Pathology, Wood Deterioration
Forest Diseases
For 20 years, Dr. McNabb has taught at Iowa State. He was awarded his B.S. from the University of Nebraska in 1949 and his M.S. and Ph.D. from Yale in 1951 and 1954 respectively. During the summers of 1950 through 1952, Dr. McNabb worked on the Tropical Woods Project—Office of Naval Research. Dr. McNabb has traveled throughout Europe visiting with people in the profession, represented the U.S. as an official delgiate at the FAO-IUFRO Symposium at Oxford, England and served in a similar capacity at the International Botanical Congress at Edinburgh, Scotland. Two of his recent projects included research in these general areas: relationships between soil fungi and plant roots, and host resistance reactions in woody-plant wilt diseases, the latter in cooperative studies with the Dutch and English. Dr. McNabb has been awarded a faculty improvement leave for 1973 when he will spend 6 months at the Forestry Commission Research Station at Farnham, England. He is chairman of the North American Committee on Elm Research. Besides his work in research and instruction, Dr. McNabb’s interests include politics and working with youth having served as Ames School Board member, 1963–1972 and a scoutmaster for 17 years.

FREDERICK S. HOPKINS, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Forestry
Forest Economics, Economics Research
Dr. Hopkins joined the Iowa State Faculty in 1959. He obtained B.S.F., B.B.A. and M.F. degrees at the University of Michigan and his Ph.D. at Syracuse. Dr. Hopkins worked professionally with a consulting organization and private firms in the Northeast before embarking on an academic career. He taught at the University of Vermont and at Syracuse before coming to Iowa State. Currently, Dr. Hopkins is teaching courses in economics and policy in the new integrated resource management sequence. He is a member of the All-University Judiciary Committee. He is also chairman of the Iowa Chapter of the Society of American Foresters.
DEAN R. PRESTEMON, Ph.D.
Associate Professor in Forestry
Mechanical Processing, Physical Properties of Wood, Advanced Topics in Wood Science

This is Dr. Prestemon's eighth year in the Department of Forestry. His B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees were obtained at Iowa State University, the University of Minnesota, and the University of California, respectively. About 50 per cent of Dr. Prestemon's time is devoted to forest products extension with primary emphasis on the use and marketing of wood in residential construction. He is actively involved in continuing education programs for home builders and lumber dealers. The remainder of his time is divided between resident teaching and research. Dr. Prestemon teaches courses in physical properties of wood and mechanical processing. His research is focused on housing problems.

JOHN C. MEADOWS, JR., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor in Forestry
Resource Allocation in Forestry

Dr. Meadows has been a staff member at Iowa State since August of 1968. He received his B.S. degree at Auburn University, his M.S. in Industrial Management from the Georgia Institute of Technology, and his Ph.D. degree from Duke University in Forest Economics. His research criteria for decision in timber management in the lake states. He was formerly Industrial Forest Engineer with International Paper Co., Mobile, Alabama, and a real estate broker. His hobbies include hunting, fishing, and playing with the computer.

LARRY PROMNITZ, Ph. D.
Assistant Professor
Forest Mensuration, Dynamics of Forest Stands.

This is Dr. Promnitz's first year as an assistant professor. He received his B.S. from I.S.U. in 1967 and his M.S. and Ph.D. from I.S.U. in 1971 and 1972 respectively. Larry is primarily involved in teaching the mensurational and more statistically oriented courses. Besides fishing and hunting, Larry finds time for amateur spelunking.

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**Dietmar W. Rose**  
Assistant Professor of Forestry

Dr. Rose is a native of Germany. He came to this country upon completion of his "Diplom" (equivalent to M.S.) in Forestry at the University of Freiburg, West-Germany in Nov. 1968. He received his Ph.D. in Forestry Economics in June 1972 at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, where he held a research assistantship for 3 years. He also taught Forest Mensuration for one semester at the University of Wisconsin before coming to I.S.U. in July 1972. His teaching responsibilities comprise undergraduate courses in forest mensuration and forest protection and a graduate course and seminar in quantitative methods. Dr. Rose's major research interests are in the area of modeling and systems analysis with a strong emphasis on biologically oriented problems. His hobbies include guitar-playing, photography, swimming, hunting and fishing. He also enjoys traveling and classical music. Since May 1972 Dr. Rose is a naturalized citizen of the U.S.

**George W. Thomson, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Forestry  
Forest Photogrammetry, General Photogrammetry,  
Forest Management, Range Management,  
Case Studies  
Summer Camp Mensuration  
Introduction to Forestry.

Dr. Thomson became an undergraduate student at Iowa State in 1939 and has taught in the forestry department since 1948. He received his B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. degrees from I.S.U. Dr. Thomson has served as chairman for the Mensuration Section of the S.A.F. He directs or participates in most forestry camps. His teaching responsibilities lie with the introduction of forestry, two photogrammetry and photo interpretation courses, range management and forest management plus serving on more than 10 graduate program committees each year. Currently chairman of the agriculture honors program committee and secretary of Iowa chapter S.A.F. He is a member of the usual university and graduate college committees as well as being an elected member of Faculty Council.

**Dr. Wayne Scholtes, Ph.D.**  
Professor of Agronomy, Professor of Forestry  
Beginning Soils, Forest Soils,  
Soil Genesis

Dr. Scholtes received his B.S. in forestry from I.S.U. in 1939, his M.F. from Duke University in 1940, and his Ph.D. from I.S.U. in 1951. In addition to his teaching, he is doing research on the evolution of the landscape in relation to soils. He was voted professor of the year by students of agriculture in 1960, and 1972 received the Gamma Sigma Delta award for distinguished service to agriculture in 1967, and received the National Agronomic Education award from the American Society of Agronomy in 1968. He received diplomas from the University of San Carlos in Guatemala for his teaching there in 1968 and 1969. He has been a visiting professor at the University of Illinois and at the University of Arizona. He is director of the Soil Science Institute at I.S.U. In addition to all of this, he holds the life-long self-appointed title of "Great Soil Scientist".

**THE 1973**
DEAN R. YOESTING, PH.D.
Assistant Professor
Forest Outdoor Recreation

Dr. Yoesting has been on the I.S.U. staff for 6 years, having originally been appointed in Sociology and Anthropology in 1966. He was jointly appointed in Forestry in 1969. Dr. Yoesting holds his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Ohio State University and his Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin received in 1967. For the last 11 years teaching and research have taken up his working time. Dean’s field of specialization is sociology of leisure and recreation. His principal duties in the Department of Forestry include participating in research concerning human-preference- and-use-pattern aspects of outdoor recreation. Dean also participates in teaching natural resource administration.

HENRY H. WEBSTER, PH.D.
Head of Department

Dr. Webster was appointed Head of the Forestry Department on June 1, 1967. He received his B.S. degree from the State University of New York, College of Forestry at Syracuse University. In 1956 he was awarded his M.F. degree and in 1960 his Ph.D. degree, both from the University of Michigan. From 1953 to 1963, Dr. Webster was employed as a Forest Economist with the Northeastern Forest Experimental Station, U.S. Forest Service. During 1962 he served as visiting lecturer at the University of Minnesota. He adjoined the faculty of the University of Wisconsin in 1963 and was appointed chairman of the Department of Forestry there in 1964. Dr. Webster is currently a member of the national Committee on Accreditation of the Society of American Foresters, and a Cooperative State Research Service Committee concerned with administrative guidelines for research in forestry schools. He is also a member of a national committee that is directing preparation and publication of a new book in Integrated Resource Management. He is also the author of more than 30 technical publications. Dr. Webster’s interests include classical music and also public and political affairs related to resource, environmental, and economic issues.

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