

Plant Pathology Seminar Series



**“Cat herding: perspectives from
extension, research, and
administration”**

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Abstract

‘Herding cats’ is an apt description for what we often do as scientists: take disparate people with their own skills and desires, centralize them around a common idea, and progress towards a goal. An important aspect of leadership is the ability to a diversity of ‘cats’ including our clients, our peers, and our stakeholders and achieve outputs such as publications, funding, and legislation to assist us in achieving our goals. This requires flexibility and good communication skills. This seminar will cover some cat herding strategies by following two major research and extension programs on wheat streak mosaic virus and root rots of pulse crops, as well as Burrows’ current administrative role as the Associate Director of the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station and Research Development.

Bio

Mary Burrows, Associate Director of Montana Agricultural Experiment Station and Research Development, Montana State University. Dr. Mary Burrows obtained her PhD in Plant Pathology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She started her position as the Extension Plant Pathology Specialist at Montana State University in 2006 and currently serves as the Associate Director of the Montana Agricultural Experiment Station. Her extension and research activities focus on diseases of field crops including cereals and pulses. She directs the Schutter Plant Diagnostic Laboratory, the Regional Pulse Crop Diagnostic Laboratory, serves as the Montana State Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, and has an active applied research program.

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