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EDGAR E. AND WINIFRED B. HARTWIG ENDOWED CHAIR IN SOYBEAN AGRONOMY

In 2013, the Mississippi Soybean Promotion Board invested in the creation of an endowed chair in soybean agronomy. The investment allowed Mississippi State University to leverage funds from industry partners Monsanto and Syngenta, and the Hartwig family, to create the Edgar E. and Winifred B. Hartwig Endowed Chair in Soybean Agronomy.

Hartwig spent 47 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Research Service in Stoneville. He was responsible for developing many of the soybean varieties grown both in the Southern U.S. and regions around the world with similar climates.

A 2007 contribution from Hartwig's wife, Winifred, established the endowment and provided support for graduate student research at Mississippi State. Investments from the Soybean Promotion Board and its industry partners were added to the original fund.

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2022-2023 • AT A GLANCE

\$1.7M External funding \$11M in collaborative

external funding

15 Peer-reviewed publications

6 Graduate Students **25** Conference presentations and abstracts

LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

For the past two years, I have been honored to serve as the Hartwig Chair for Soybean Agronomy at Mississippi State University. My short-term goal is to increase the research and extension capacity of the position while increasing the productivity and profitability of soybean farmers in the state and beyond.

In my first year, I endeavored to build bridges to colleagues in other departments on campus and in other states. We have active research and extension projects in the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering; the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture; as well as within the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences. The visibility of the Hartwig Chair placed our program on the national stage with the incredibly productive **Science** for Success team, a national team of soybean extension specialists from around the country. With their partnership, we can replicate research in many states and bring national soybean research trials to Mississippi. We also have accessed research and extension funds—both regionally and outside of the Mid-South—and are bringing those intellectual and financial resources to bear on issues facing Mississippi's soybean producers.

But we won't stop there. We have attracted funding from the United Soybean Board and the USDA as well. We were recently awarded a \$10 million project by the USDA in collaboration with MSU Extension Service and Southern Ag Consulting, among other partners, for verification of climate-smart agricultural practices in Mississippi. We have also been successful with our \$260,000 USDA Foreign Agriculture Service Scientific Exchange Program proposal to train visiting agricultural professionals from abroad.

Naturally, the program is only as good as the people who work for it. I am very fortunate to have found John



Wallace, an outstanding Research Associate II, who ran the Service Department at Wade Tractor, and has extensive experience working with farmers in the Mississippi Delta. John is a certified John Deere mechanic as well as a certified Ford mechanic. We have also hired one Ph.D. student and two master's students. Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the Mississippi Soybean Promotion Board and Hartwig Endowment. We are grateful for their feedback and support and look forward to serving you in our efforts to improve soybean production in Mississippi.

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Dr. Michael J. Mulvaney, CCA Hartwig Endowed Chair for Soybean Agronomy Mississippi State University



Our People



John Wallace Research Associate II



Oluwaseyi E. Olomitutu Ph.D. Student



Grant Shavers Master's Student



Tucker Hilyer Master's Student



Hunter Borgstrom

Undergraduate Student Agribusiness major



Sophia Gore

Undergraduate Student Environmental Science in Agricultural Systems major



ohn Wallace grew up in Suwanee, Georgia. Following his passion as an avid automotive enthusiast, he attended Universal Technical Institute in Mooresville, North Carolina, and then began his automotive career working for Mercedes Benz. However, the impact of the financial crisis and recession of 2007–08 made a future in the automotive field uncertain.

Wallace decided to pursue another life-long interest in agriculture and earned a bachelor's degree in ag engineering technology and business at Mississippi State University. After graduation, he took a research associate position at MSU under the extension corn and grains specialist, Dr. Erick Larson.

In the following decade, Wallace relocated to Hernando, where he worked on a large row crop farm in Tunica, followed by working as a field technician and as a service manager for John Deere.

As fate would have it, Wallace found himself back on MSU's campus. He has again taken on the role of research associate, but now under Dr. Mike Mulvaney. His past agriculture experience and mechanical aptitude has been very beneficial to helping run and expand Mulvaney's soybean research program at MSU.





aving grown up in a small-scale farmers' community in Nigeria, Oluwaseyi Emmanuel Olomitutu was inspired to create agricultural solutions for our collective future. He began his journey toward an agricultural career attending the University of Ibadan, where he earned his master's degree in plant breeding. Before joining MSU in January 2023 as a Ph.D. student in agronomy, Olomitutuwas a graduate research fellow at the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture for four years, working on the genetic improvement of the African yam bean for yield-related traits and nutrient quality.

Olomitutu's graduate research focuses on increasing planting speed using offthe-shelf precision planting technology and evaluating soybean response to increased planting speeds. Due to weather constraints during soybean planting season, the most critical planting window is very short, and precision planters may be able to cover more acreage in less time than traditional planters. Olomitutu tested one of these precision planters and found that the precision planter exhibited the same level of performance (soybean plant stand, spacing distribution, and yield) running at 10 miles per hour as the traditional mechanical planter running at only five miles per hour.

In February 2023, Olomitutu placed first in the Ph.D. Student Oral Competition at the 23rd Graduate Research Symposium at Mississippi State University.





ucker Hilyer grew up on a small cow-calf operation in Clanton, Alabama. While an undergraduate, Tucker competed on the 2022 Mississippi State Livestock Judging Team, and competitively judged livestock across the U.S. at major competitions. Hilyer had an interest in agriculture from his childhood but discovered his passion for soybean research during his internship at GDM Seed, a soybean breeding and research facility in Jonesboro, Arkansas. Hilyer earned his bachelor's degree from Mississippi State University in agronomy and is now pursuing a master's.

Hilyer's research examines the effects of biological products—living organisms that improve plant health, control pathogens, or increase immune response—on soybeans. His research examines soybean agronomic, physiological, and plant health response to biologicals. Hilyer's research is conducted at three different sites: Delta Research and Extension Center in Stoneville, North Mississippi Research and Extension Center in Verona, and the MAFES R.R. Foil Plant Science Research Center in Starkville. The effects of biologicals are important to understand so producers can make informed decisions with unbiased information on how to use the products to benefit soybean production systems.

Hilyer is also responsible for the United Soybean Board's (USB) national biological trial as well. The USB biological trial is in cooperation with 25 collaborators from 22 universities with Ohio State leading the project. The trial seeks to understand the effects of seed treatment biological products and how they affect soybean under various environments.





Grant Shavers

Frant Shavers began working with soybeans at the age of 13, helping at his grandfather's cattle and soybean operation in West Tennessee. During high school, he took every plant science class offered, including some college courses, and joined the local Future Farmers of America chapter.

Determined to pursue this field in college, he enrolled at Mississippi State University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in integrated pest management in the fall of 2022. The following semester, Grant began his master's degree program working with Dr. Mike Mulvaney.

Shavers is working on two projects for Mississippi soybean farmers. The first is to successfully establish cover crops into bedded systems. The goals of this project are to determine which methods are most effective for fall establishment and which methods do not hinder spring planting. His second project seeks to improve fertilizer use efficiency by comparing fall- and spring-applied fertilizers at different rates. His results may lead to fewer fall-applied fertilizer applications, which we hypothesize are subject to high loss and runoff into major waterways during heavy rain.



OUR RESEARCH

FUNDING SOURCES

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MSU COLLABORATORS

- **Tom Allen**, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology and Plant Pathology
- **Beth Baker**, Wildlife, Fisheries and Aquaculture
- Corey Bryant, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Bill Burdine, Plant and Soil Sciences
- **Daniel Chesser**, Agricultural and Biological Engineering
- Joby Czarnecki, Geosystem Research Institute
- Jagmandeep Dhillon, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Jessica Drewry, Agricultural and Biological Engineering

Drew Gholson, Plant and Soil Sciences Trent Irby, Plant and Soil Sciences

Wes Lowe, Agricultural and Biological Engineering

- Will Maples, Agricultural Economics
- Brian Mills, Agricultural Economics
- Raju Rangappa, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Vaughn Reed, Plant and Soil Sciences
- Mark Shankle, Plant and Soil Sciences

Brian Smith, Industrial and Systems Engineering

Mary Love Tagert, Agricultural and Biological Engineering

RESEARCH

The Hartwig program tackles today's most urgent issues in soybean research using strategic and investigative themes. Strategic research seeks solutions to the problems faced by Mississippi soybean producers today, and investigative research determines whether a problem exists before engineering a solution.

While we maintain additional research efforts, such as those coordinated at the national level or led by other principal investigators, the following themes represent the current, overarching research strategy of the Hartwig program.



Strategic research theme 1: **Planting speed**

Graduate students assigned: **Oluwaseyi Emmanuel Olomitutu** (Ph.D. student)

This initiative examines the speeds at which we can run high-speed planting technology without affecting yields.

Mississippi growers lose 0.4 bushels per acre each day in soybean yield when planted outside the optimal planting window, April 10 to May 1. But the three-week optimal planting window is often reduced to one week due to wet weather. This results in only 45% of Mississippi soybean acres planted before the optimal planting window closes.

Seven site-years of data show large replicated plots, including on-farm trials, using high speed planting technology, can be planted up to 10 miles per hour with no significant yield loss when compared to planting at 5 miles per hour. That's twice the acres planted, without the yield loss due to planting date.





Strategic research theme 2: Cover crop establishment methods on beds

Graduate students assigned: Grant Shavers (Master's student)

This initiative creates solutions to optimize cover crop management for bedded soybean production systems.

Establishing cover crops on raised beds is a unique challenge facing growers of the Lower Mississippi River Basin. In addition to the usual benefits of cover crops, using them in a bedded system may also improve bed stability and longevity. Since beds are formed in the fall, when cover crops must be planted, cover crop planting methods may include broadcasting prior to bed formation, broadcasting after bed formation, drilling, or broadcasting cover crop seed during the soybean harvest—which would save a pass in the field for planting. The latter two methods will be tested in 2023-24.

Funded by the Mississippi Soybean Promotion Board, our preliminary data show that the first two methods achieved acceptable cover crop stands, neither of which interfered with subsequent soybean stand or yield. The effect of the cover crop establishment method did not significantly improve bed stability, although broadcasting then hipping increased bed height compared to the no cover crop control.





Combine modified to broadcast cover crop seed during harvest, which would save a pass in the field and facilitate cover crop planting.

Investigative research theme 1: Irrigation water quality

This initiative seeks to understand whether the salt concentration in Mississippi's irrigation water is high enough to affect soybean production. Our investigative study will determine whether we need to engineer solutions to reduce salt concentrations in irrigation water. Soybean is a moderately salt tolerant plant. However, the potential issue is that salts in irrigation water may accumulate in Mississippi soils since percolation is low. Repeated application of high-salt irrigation water during dry periods may limit crop growth or may accumulate over time to harmful levels in the future. The extent of this issue is unknown.

We conducted an irrigation water and soil survey with funding from the Mississippi Soybean Promotion Board. This survey showed that almost all salts in irrigation water were not problematic, with the notable exception of bicarbonates. The little research on the effects of bicarbonates on crop growth indicates that bicarbonate is harmful. Although the level considered "severe" for irrigation water varies, we considered 100 parts per million to be the threshold. Our survey results show the average bicarbonate concentration in Mississippi irrigation water to be 306 parts per million— three times that threshold. These preliminary results indicate that further research into this potential issue is warranted.



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- 12. **M.J. Mulvaney**. 2023. 2023 Alabama Precision Ag Workshop. Athens, AL. Feb. 8, 2023. Attendance: 63.
- M.J. Mulvaney. 2022. Planter technologies and considerations to improve field performance and productivity. 2022 Mid-Atlantic Crop Management School, Ocean City, MD. Nov. 15-17, 2022.

- 14. **M.J. Mulvaney**. 2022. Noxubee turnrow talks/Field visits. Brooksville, MS. Jun. 30, 2022. Attendance 45.
- 15. **M.J. Mulvaney**. 2023. 2022 MSU Seed & Ag. Technology Short Course Planning Committee. Starkville, MS, Aug. 15-16, 2022.



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- O.E. Olomitutu, J. Dhillon, M.J. Mulvaney, W.J. Lowe, C.J. Bryant, J. Wallace, N. Harper, G.M. Shavers. 2023. Corn stands establishment and grain yield are influenced by planting speed. ASA-CSSA-SSSA International Annual Meeting, St. Louis, MO, Oct. 29- Nov. 1, 2023.
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