Biography for Dr. Pat Williams, Hutson School of Agriculture

I have maintained a full schedule of classes, service while building and running the horticulture program for the past 12 plus years. I have been involved in most areas of the university governance and through my last five years on the University Tenure Committee and serving in my second year as Chair, I have come to see my role more clearly in supporting faculty. I have demonstrated the ability for clear thinking and reasoning while keeping the end goal in mind. A colleague described me as possessing both wisdom and compassion and I will bring both of those traits to the MSU Board of Regents.

Murray State University

Associate Professor in Horticulture, 4/07 to present

Assistant Professor in Horticulture, 1/01 to 4/07

Horticultural Operations Manager, 6/03 to present

Since January 2001 I have taught 21 different classes on a regular schedule and added seven classes to the horticulture and agriculture curriculums.

Murray State University Involvement

University Tenure Committee: Fall 2008 - current, Chair 2012 - current.

MSU Honors Committee: Fall 2011 - current.

Presidential Commission for Campus Sustainability: Fall 2010 - current
The Arboretum at Murray State University, Board of Directors: 2009 - current
Faculty Senator for Agricultural Science Department: Fall 2003 - Spring 2008

Faculty Senate Executive Committee At-large member: Fall 2005 - Spring 2008

Rules, Elections and By-laws Committee: Fall 2007 - Spring 2008

Academic Policy Committee: Fall 2003 - Spring 2007

URSA Review Board: Fall 2006 - current

Insurance and Benefits Committee: Fall 2003 - Spring 2006

Academic Council: Fall 2003, 2010

Graduate Studies Committee: Fall 2003, Fall 2010-Spring 2011

Hutson School of Agriculture Scholarship Committee: Spring 2002 - Spring 2005 First President of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi at Murray State University 2007-'09

Professional Activities

Peer Reviewer for the Journal of Therapeutic Horticulture: 2000 - current

American Society for Horticultural Science since 1994

Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science (SRASHS) since 2003

Southern Region American Society for Horticultural Science Executive Committee 2013-'16 Elected as Chair of J.B. Edmonds Undergraduate Student Paper Competition 2007 & 2008

American Horticultural Therapy Association (AHTA) 1986 - 2009

Registered Horticultural Therapist, HTM since 1992

Board of Directors-AHTA, 1988-93 and 2001-04

Honors & Awards

Miller Distinguished Educator Award, SRASHS, 2011

MSU Student Support Services Fabulous Faculty Award, 2010

Nominated for MSU Distinguish Mentor Award, 2006, 2010

MSU Board of Regents Teaching Excellence Award, 2006

North American Colleges & Teachers of Agriculture: Teaching Award of Merit, 2006

MSU SGA Teacher of the Year - Max Carmen Outstanding Teacher Award, 2005