



Oklahoma State University Roadside Vegetation Management Team

Dr. Dennis Martin is a Professor & Turfgrass Extension/Research Specialist at Oklahoma State University. He joined the faculty of OSU in September of 1990. Dr. Martin currently holds the Huffine Endowed Professorship and has a 75% extension and 25% research assignment. Dr. Martin received his Bachelor of Science degree in Ornamental Horticulture at the University of Illinois with a specialization in Turfgrass Management. His M.Sci and PhD degrees were in Horticulture at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Dr. Martin's research activities include evaluation of turfgrass species for general adaptation to Oklahoma. He assists in the development of new seeded and vegetative propagated cold hardy bermudagrasses for sports turf, golf course fairways/tees and home lawns. He is a co-inventor of Yukon, Riviera, Patriot, Latitude 36, Northbridge, Tahoma 31, and OKC1876 bermudagrasses. Specific turfgrass research areas have involved evaluation of bermudagrasses for spring dead spot disease resistance, and evaluation of drought resistance of various bermudagrasses. Dr. Martin leads the roadside vegetation management (RVM) team at OSU. The RVM team has evaluated herbicide programs for weed control on roadsides, tested a number of herbicide/adjuvant tank mixes for compatibility, and tested roadside mowing timings/frequency for effect on presence of green antelopehorn milkweed.

Dr. Andrea Payne Connally has been an Extension Program Educator at Oklahoma State University since January 2018. She got her PhD in Plant Pathology in December 2017 and Master of Public Health in Epidemiology in December 2009. She has been an invited speaker at numerous conferences in Oklahoma in fine-turf and the right-of-way environment with the Oklahoma Dept. of Transportation.

David Gerken's career in the Turfgrass Industry has spanned over the past 30 years. He holds a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in Vocational Education and a M.Sci from Oklahoma State University in Horticulture with an emphasis in Turfgrass Science.

Early in his career David worked in the golf course industry prior to accepting a faculty position at OSU-OKC. For the next 20 years David taught turfgrass management, soils, irrigation design as well as other horticulture classes.

In May 2019 joined the turfgrass science group at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater where he currently is an Extension Program Educator working on Roadside Vegetative Management and Turfgrass.