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Good news from my friends at the University of Arkansas, Monticello: Michael Blazier, Dean of College Of Forestry, Agriculture & Natural Resources, Shaun Tanger, and Pipiet Larasatie.



Arkansas Center for Forest Business is taking shape

The Arkansas Center for Forest Business is taking shape, with new personnel arriving on campus. These new experts will help ACFB fulfill its mission to enhance the forest industry and provide post-baccalaureate education in forest business. The latest arrivals are Drs. Pipiet Larasatie and Shaun Tanger.

As an Assistant Professor, Dr. Pipiet Larasatie brings a unique perspective to the University of Arkansas at Monticello, having collaborated with scientists and researchers worldwide. She has her bachelor's degree in Forest Management from Bogor Agricultural University (Indonesia). Dr. Larasatie earned her M.S. in Forestry Science from University of Canterbury (New Zealand) and her Ph.D. from Oregon State University in Forest Products Marketing/Business.

One of the critical responsibilities of Dr. Larasatie is to provide market studies and information to support the recruitment of new forest industry to Arkansas. Dr. Larasatie will be the only forest products marketing expert in the state.

Additionally, she is part of the Forest Business graduate degree program, where she helps design and develop the curriculum and will teach courses such as Forest Products Marketing and Leadership in a Forest Business.

Dr. Shaun Tanger, an expert in forest economics and policy, joined the University of Arkansas at Monticello in February. Tanger's academic background includes a bachelor's degree in wildlife management and a master's degree in forestry/economics from Auburn. His Ph.D. (Forestry/ Economics) is also from Auburn University, where his emphasis area was forest policy.

Dr. Tanger's current teaching and research programs deal with forest policy and trade questions, emphasizing how forest policy impacts forest health and timber supply. His outreach efforts focus on forest management for small landowners, forestry-related economic development projects, and timber harvesting supply chain logistics.

As an associate professor, Tanger's primary responsibilities include creating an environment for drawing in new industries, supporting the existing forest industry, removing barriers preventing the industry from operating efficiently, and improving infrastructure.

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Infrastructure is an area where Tanger will play a crucial role. Many counties struggle to maintain their roads and bridges, making it difficult for logging operators to transport their goods. Tanger will work with partners to identify ways to improve infrastructure, such as reaching out to the Department of Transportation for grants and funding for road and bridge repairs.

Tanger will also be responsible for teaching graduate certificate forestry courses related to forest economics and policy, including a class on timber appraisal. Tanger said, "with a big demand for appraisers in the forestry industry, this class will be taught in the fall and spring semesters.

Dr. Pipiet Larasatie



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