

Special Lecture Series in

AGRICULTURE THEORY & PRACTICE

Visiting International Professional Program

FALL SEMESTER 2025

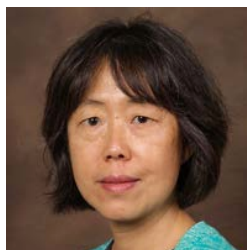
The MSU Visiting International Professional Program (VIPP) is hosting a student training program for PhD and Master's students from Anhui Agricultural University. As part of this program, VIPP has organized a lecture series exploring a variety of current topics in agriculture, such as plant biotechnology, genetic engineering, AI, the economics of food and agriculture, and the use of nanotechnology-enabled biosensors for detecting food-borne pathogens in the food supply chain.

SPEAKERS

The lecture series is taught by distinguished MSU faculty and administrators. See page 2 for schedule of speaker topics.

Professor Kang Xia

Associate Director of MSU
AgBioResearch



Dr. Dave Ivan

Community, Food &
Environment Institute Director,
MSU Extension



Dr. Jane Payumo

Research Evaluation and Data
Analytics Director, AgBioResearch



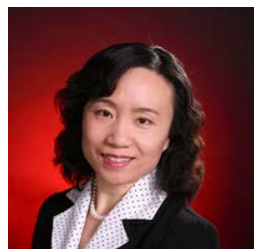
Dr. Evangelyn Alocilja

Professor, Department of
Biosystems & Agricultural
Engineering and founding
program director of the Nano-
Biosensors Lab



Dr. Holly Wang

Professor, Department of
Agricultural, Food, and Resource
Economics



Dr. Hui Li

Professor of Environmental Soil
Chemistry, Department of Plant,
Soil and Microbial Sciences



Dr. Guoqing Song

Professor and Associate Director,
Plant Biotechnology Resource &
Outreach Center



LECTURE SERIES SCHEDULE

SESSION TOPIC	SPEAKER	DATE & TIME	LOCATION
WEEK 1 Current Issues in the World of Food & Agriculture	Dr. Holly Wang	September 25 1:30 - 4:30 pm	Wells Hall B110G
WEEK 2 A Research Journey on Uptake, Translocation and Transformation of Organic Contaminants in Plants 1	Dr. Hui Li	October 2 1:30 - 4:30 pm	Wells Hall B110G
WEEK 3 Plant Biotechnology: Traditional Genetic Engineering and Gene Editing	Dr. Guoqing Song	October 9 1:30 - 4:30 pm	Wells Hall B110G
WEEK 4 Frontiers in Intelligent Data and AI for Graduate Research and Innovation (A visit to Dr. Payumo's center will follow.)	Dr. Jane Payumo	October 16 1:30 - 4:30 pm	Wells Hall B110G
WEEK 5 Policies, Markets and Economics of Food and Agriculture	Dr. Holly Wang	October 23 1:30 - 4:30 pm	Wells Hall B110G
WEEK 6 MSU Agricultural Extension	Dr. Dave Ivan	October 30 1:30 - 4:30 pm	Wells Hall B110G
WEEK 7 A Research Journey on Uptake, Translocation and Transformation of Organic Contaminants in Plants 2	Dr. Hui Li	November 6 1:30 - 4:30 pm	Wells Hall B110G
WEEK 8 Nanotechnology-Enabled Biosensors for Rapidly Detecting Food-borne Pathogens in the Food Supply Chain	Dr. Evangelyn Alocilja	November 13 1:30 - 4:30 pm	D2L
WEEK 9 Overview of Fundamental and Applied Research of Agricultural Biotechnology	Dr. Kang Xia	November 20 1:30 - 4:30 pm	Wells Hall B110G

