

Integrated weed management represents a critical component of efficient and high yielding irrigated cropping systems in Arizona. The challenges of economic, effective and sustainable weed management are greater than ever with the fast growing world's population, as well as the burdens of climate change, loss of water resources, labor shortages, greater pesticide use restrictions and herbicide resistance. As one of the final candidates for the position of Extension Weed Specialist at the University of Arizona, I would like to invite you to join us on July 1st to attend my seminar titled "Developing an Extension and Applied Research Weed Science Program for Arizona". During my seminar, I will be sharing how I plan to continue Dr. Bill McCloskey's education, extension and applied research efforts in conducting an effective state wide educational program, as well as a meaningful research program based on weed biology, ecology and innovative technology. I believe that my diverse professional experience in Brazil, Florida, Wisconsin and more recently in California, has equipped me with the right tools to help the agriculture industry and clientele in Arizona to meet these and future weed management challenges. I hope to see you there!

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