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## USAIN 2020 VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ...WITH A TEXAS STATE OF MIND

### INVITED SPEAKERS

#### MONDAY, JULY 20, 12PM EDT

##### **“Keep your Head Down and Manage for Resilience”**

Dr. Michael Farmer (Associate Professor of Agriculture & Applied Economics and Natural Resource Management, Texas Tech University)

#### TUESDAY, JULY 21, 11AM EDT

##### **Structural Racism and Food Systems Panel**

Dr. Kimberly Carr (Michigan State University)

Dr. Lindsey Lunsford (Tuskegee University)

Ms. Monyai Chavers (Tuskegee University)

#### WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 11:30AM EDT

##### **National Agricultural Library Update**

Mr. Paul Wester (Director, USDA National Agriculture Library)

#### THURSDAY, JULY 23, 3PM EDT

##### **The Impacts of Changing Climate on Agriculture Today and in the Future**

Dr. Katharine Hayhoe (Professor of Public Policy & Public Law at Texas Tech University; Director of the Climate Science Center; Founder and CEO of ATMOS Research)

## SPECIAL CONFERENCE ISSUE

**It's nearly here!**

From July 20-24, we've got an incredible lineup of invited speakers, posters and presentations, and opportunities to mingle with your favorite colleagues.

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# Meet Our Award Winners!

Please take a moment to welcome and congratulate them.



## **Graduate Student:**

### **Laura Rey (she/her/hers)**

Laura currently works at the Texas A&M University Medical Sciences Library. Having grown up on a farm, she knows the importance of information to produce livestock and crops firsthand. What drew her to librarianship? "The ability to facilitate and improve access to information about agriculture and veterinary medicine."

## **Librarians Representing HBCUs:**

### **Kimberly Michelle Gay (she/her/hers)**

Kimberly is the Head of Reference & Information Services at Prairie View A&M University and has been an agriculture librarian for 14 years. What interested her in USAIN? "As an agricultural/science librarian representing a Historically Black College and University that also is a land grant university, USAIN houses the dedication and devotion to the service of Agriculture Librarians as they work with like-minds who value the importance of the field of agriculture education and how to collectively preserve and transmit agriculture resources to a global society."



## **Librarians New to USAIN: Hillary Fox (she/her/hers)**

Hillary is the Collections & Research Strategy Librarian for Agricultural and Environmental Sciences at North Carolina State University. While working as a research assistant at the Southeast Regional Climate Center in Chapel Hill, Hillary realized she had more of a knack for finding and communicating scientific information than she did field work and shifted her career to librarianship. Though she is now an experienced science librarian, she is new to agriculture and joined USAIN to get involved with the land grant community. In addition to seeing USAIN as an opportunity to build lasting partnerships, Hillary was also pleased to find that she shares an interest in diversity/inclusion/equity issues in the ag community with many USAIN members.

## **Librarians New to USAIN:**

### **Jennifer Kirk (she/her/hers)**

Jen is the Government Information Librarian at Utah State University. She developed an interest in librarianship as an undergraduate at the University of Pittsburgh, where she conducted research on the history of presidential libraries. This naturally transitioned into an MLIS focusing on archives and records management. Jen learned about USAIN through agriculture liaisons at her institution and works with them to connect students, researchers, and faculty in the agricultural disciplines with government information.



## Acknowledgement & Gratitude

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our sponsors, the Conference Planning Committee, the Virtual Conference Planning Committee, and everyone whose hard work USAIN 2020 possible. We will miss seeing one another in person but look forward to meeting up with you all on the screen in July!

We wish to thank our sponsors for their support of the USAIN conference.



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