Speaker Biographies
2014 Symposium on Sustainability:
Celebrating Our STARS, Charting Our Course

Public Lecture – Countdown: Our Last Best Hope for a Future on Earth?
Alan Weisman, Author and Journalist
Alan Weisman, author of “The World Without Us” and “Countdown: Our Last Best Hope for a Future on Earth?” He is a former contributing editor to the Los Angeles Times Magazine, a senior radio producer for Homelands Productions and teaches international journalism at the University of Arizona. Alan Weisman's reports have been featured in publications ranging from the Atlantic Monthly to Vanity Fair and have earned him appearances on The Daily Show and Colbert Report.

Symposium Sessions
Sustainability in Review – Highlights of our 2013 Live Green! Journey
Merry Rankin, Director of Sustainability, Iowa State University
Merry Rankin is the Director of Sustainability at Iowa State University. She received her B.S. in General Business and M.S. in Wildlife Biology from Iowa State University. Merry has fifteen years of experience in the area of environmental management and sustainability. She is responsible for coordinating sustainability (greening) activities at Iowa State University and serving as a central resource related to sustainability collaboration and information. She has completed international environmental human dimensions research in India, Costa Rica, Australia, and South Africa. Merry serves on the Board of Directors for the Volunteer Center for Story County, the Octagon Center for the Arts and Worldly Goods.

Achieving Gold Certification in Sustainability: Iowa State University’s Live Green! Foundation, Framework, and Vision - A Discussion with Leadership
Kathy Wellik, Manager, ISU Transportation Services
Kathy Wellik is the Manager of Iowa State University Transportation Services. Ms. Wellik has been with the University Fleet for 9 years. She has an Associate’s degree in Accounting and an Associate’s Degree in Sales and Marketing from American Institute of Business and Bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. The university fleet consists of approximately 550 vehicles that travel over 6 million miles each year.

Nancy Brooks, Director, Purchasing
Nancy Brooks, MPA is Director of Purchasing at Iowa State University. She has been with ISU Purchasing since 1989. Her purchasing career actually began in the private sector, as a purchasing agent in a large manufacturing
facility. Her background also includes a number of years in the construction management field. She received her B.S. degree in Business and a Master’s degree in Public Policy and Administration from Iowa State University. Nancy is very active in the National Association of Educational Procurement (NAEP). She has served on many national and regional NAEP committees including the Editorial Board, the Professional Development and E-communication Committee, the Annual Meeting Program Committee, the Regional Development and Strategic Visioning Ad Hoc Committees, and the Awards Committee. She is a Past President of the MINK region and also a Past President of NAEP.

Nancy also promotes the procurement profession through presentations and articles. She has presented workshops and/or participated in panels at Annual Meetings and Regional Meetings, at a national Educause Conference, and numerous workshops at ISM meetings and State of Iowa conferences for disadvantaged businesses. She also guest speaks at her university on public procurement to Supply Chain Management majors and Public Policy and Administration graduate students.

James Davis, Chief Information Officer, Informational Technology Services
Dr. James Davis is the first Vice Provost for IT and CIO for Iowa State University. He was named CIO July 1, 2004, and received the title Vice Provost for IT and CIO July 1, 2007. Davis was previously an Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) faculty member since 1984. He has also served Iowa State University as the director of Academic Information Technologies, interim chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering, chair of the Information Assurance graduate program, and as the Associate Director of the Information Assurance Center. He holds several teaching awards, is a Miller Faculty Fellow at Iowa State, and has been active in Project LEARN, a faculty-driven in-service program that mentors and teaches faculty to enhance student learning through innovative teaching methodologies. His research areas are in information security, specifically in security curriculum development and wireless mobile tactical networks. His teaching included courses on computer system security, legal and ethical issues in information assurance, operating systems, and embedded computer systems. Davis helped create the Information Assurance Center at Iowa State as well as the Information Assurance graduate degree program. From 2001-2005, he led Iowa State’s National Science Foundation-supported program to develop cohorts of students studying computer security.

A member of the academic and federal security community, Davis is also an active participant in conferences, workshops, and research panels. He is a founding editorial board member of IEEE Security and Privacy, and is on the editorial board of the International Journal of Information and Computer Security. He also serves on the advisory board for the Colloquium for Information Systems Security Education, and participates in organizing program committees for security conferences. Dr. James Davis received his degrees from Iowa State University earning a B.S. in 1975 in Computer Science, an M.S. in 1982 in Electrical Engineering, and a Ph.D. in 1984 in Computer Science.

David Miller, Associate Vice President, Facilities Planning and Management
David Miller is the Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning and Management at Iowa State University. In that role he has responsibility for utilities, building maintenance, area maintenance, campus services, custodial services, access control services, maintenance support, design services, project management, construction management, campus planning, space management, landscape services, auxiliary operations, and sustainability.
Dave has been at Iowa State for 30 years in a variety of roles. Dave has been a chapter author for the APPA Facilities Manual, has authored numerous technical papers, and has been a presenter at numerous technical conferences. He is an engineering graduate of Iowa State University and is a registered professional engineer.

**Dr. Peter Englin, Director, Department of Residence**

Pete Englin worked his way through school and soon found that Student Affairs positions were both fun and rewarding. He began as a resident assistant in his undergraduate residence hall. By the time he started work on a master's degree in business administration, the Vice President for Student Affairs at North Dakota State was suggesting that he revise his professional goals. Englin took the suggestion under consideration and eventually switched to a master's program in education with an emphasis on counseling and guidance. He now jokes that some people see his undergraduate emphasis in wildlife management as key to his success in student affairs.

However, in a more serious tone, he will let you know that some of the most important things he learned as an undergraduate were learned outside the classroom walls. "Through some wonderful role models, I learned early that integrity is important," Englin says, "because you will make mistakes in your life, and living with integrity helps people see them as 'honest mistakes' rather than deficiency in your character." Pete appreciates leisure time for reading, outdoor activities, and vacations focused around his wife, Becky, and their two children, Kelsey and Matt. However, Englin's private and professional lives are tightly connected, because both are shaped by his commitments to other people, his principled lifestyle, and his love of learning.

**Dr. Arne Hallam, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Professor, Economics**

Arne Hallam is a Professor in the Department of Economics, and Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Iowa State University. He received his B.S. in Agricultural Economics from Brigham Young University (1977) and M.S. (1980) and PhD (1983) degrees in agricultural and recourse economics from the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the faculty of the economics department at Iowa State University in 1983. He served as chair of the Department of Economics from 2000-2009. He has been Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences since 2009. Dr. Hallam has served as major professor for 26 graduate students as a committee member for more than 100 additional students. He has taught 24 different courses since leaving graduate school including courses in economic theory, mathematical economics, agricultural economics, industrial organization, agricultural ethics, and global sustainability. He has also taught courses in Egypt, India and Jordan. Dr. Hallam's research primarily relates to the economics of agriculture, resources, the environment, and sustainability. He has been very active at the university in analyzing and reviewing the current budget management model. Dr. Hallam has been a Boy Scout Leader for over 25 years. He and his wife have four children and 9 grandchildren.

**Nancy Keller, Director, ISU Dining**

Nancy Keller was born in Ottawa, Canada and raised in Northern California. She graduated from Santa Clara University in 1981 with a BS in Psychology. While at Santa Clara University, she worked her way through the "food service ranks" with Saga Corporation. She then pursued a career in Dining Services with several colleges and universities across the western United States. In 1995 - 2003 she was the food service director of Cal Poly Pomona for the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation, Inc., where she led her team to winning one state, one regional and six national awards. Nancy oversaw $9 million in sales and partnered an emergency preparedness program.
with housing and campus police as well as an etiquette program with the Career Center. She was a District Manager for ARAMARK in the Pacific Region and oversaw $13 million in sales in Alaska, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon and California with a 100% retention record and opened two new accounts and expanded the services of many others. Nancy most recently was a Business Consultant, where she uses her 30 years of operations knowledge and experience to bring to her clients change with buy in and financial results. Whether she is training staff in Customer Service or Building your Master Plan she is a great partner and result oriented leader. She now is happily living her dream of directing the team at Iowa State University. To maintain balance in her life she enjoys golfing, yoga, hiking, biking, reading adventure novels, entertaining and traveling.

George Micalone, Director, Student Services
George Micalone is the Director of Student Activities and Assistant Director for the Memorial Union. His responsibilities include oversight of the recognition process for over 800 student organizations, chairing of the Student Organization Event Authorization Committee, arts and entertainment programming in and outside the Memorial Union, leadership and service programs, advisement of VEISHEA, Inc., Student Union Board and ISU AfterDark student organizations, Memorial Union marketing and graphics and oversight of the Multicultural Center, Maintenance Shop, Workspace and Underground in the Memorial Union. George received his Masters of Science in College Counseling and Student Development from St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud, MN and his Bachelors in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting and Computer Information Systems from Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. He’s originally from Boston, MA but enjoys what the Midwest has to offer. George enjoys live music, movies, sports and visiting friends and family around the US and beyond. At home he’s joined by his wife Kelly and two special girls Meredith and Addison.

Envisioning Our Next Five Live Green! Years: Open Forum Visioning and Goal Setting
Hillary Kletscher, Vice President, Government of the Student Body
Hillary Kletscher is a junior in biological systems engineering with a biorenewable emphasis. She is from a grain farm in southwestern Minnesota. She is serving as the Government of the Student Body Vice President. One of her main initiatives has been to establish a bike share program at Iowa State University. In addition to GSB, she has been involved in FFA, Dance Marathon, Honors, President’s Leadership Class and Alpha Gamma Delta. In her free time she enjoys reading historical fiction, working out, cooking, travelling and meeting students from across campus.

Presentation of the 2014 Live Green Awards for Excellence in Sustainability
Kerry Dixon, Project Manager and Sustainability Coordinator, FP&M Design, Chair, Council on Sustainability
Kerry has been with Facilities Planning and Management at Iowa State since 1995, and serves as the Coordinator of Sustainable Design and Construction in addition to her role as a capital projects manager. Kerry managed ISU’s first LEED project – the renovation of Morrill Hall, ISU’s first LEED Platinum project – the King Pavilion at the College of Design; and ISU’s first LEED for Commercial Interiors projects – Curtiss Hall Harl Commons and Curtiss Hall Student Services Mall. Kerry has a Bachelor’s of Architecture from the University of Notre Dame. In 2013 she received the Live Green! Award for Excellence in Sustainability, with Ulrike Passe, for their work with the USGBC Research to Practice Program on the ISU Campus. She also received the 2012 Iowa State University Professional and Scientific Excellence Award.
**Alyson Straube, Director of Sustainability, Government of the Student Body**

Alyson Straube is a junior in chemical engineering. As a high school student in Racine County, Wis., she used to move her friends’ soda bottles from the trash to a recycling bin, so Alyson Straube knows how to ‘walk the walk.’ The chemical engineering junior thinks the Government of the Student Body’s director of sustainability post is a great fit for her interests. “I wanted this position to try to make a difference,” she explained. “We [Iowa State] do a really good job with sustainable projects, but the more we can do, the better.” The University Library is testing another recycling program – with plastic, metal and glass food and beverage containers – through Jan. 31, thanks to work this fall by Straube.

**Closing Remarks**

**Dr. Jonathan Wickert, Senior Vice President and Provost, Iowa State University**

As Senior Vice President and Provost, Dr. Wickert has responsibility for planning, budgeting, diversity programs, information technology initiatives, and the recruitment and retention of faculty, staff, and students. Dr. Wickert emphasizes student access and success, educational opportunities that prepare students to make a difference in the world, and public-private partnerships in research and economic development across the university’s value stream.

Dr. Wickert is a Professor of mechanical engineering with research and teaching interests in the areas of vibration and noise control, and serves on advisory councils and boards for non-profit organizations in Iowa, and he is active nationally in higher education organizations. He earned B.S., M.S, and Ph.D. degrees from the University of California, Berkeley; was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Cambridge, UK; and was a visiting professor at the Helsinki University of Technology. He previously served as department chair and dean at Iowa State University, and he was a member of the engineering faculty at Carnegie Mellon University for 17 years.

**Public Lecture- Climate Preparedness and Resilient Cities: What It Means in Iowa**

**Mayor Frank Cownie, Mayor of Des Moines, Iowa**

Mayor Cownie has been an advocate for environmental sustainability within the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Local Governments for Sustainability (ICLEI), and he was invited to participate as a local government delegate at the International Climate Meeting in Copenhagen, Denmark. Prior to serving as mayor, Cownie served for two years as an at-large member of the Des Moines City Council. He also served several terms on the Planning and Zoning Commission and was chairman of Downtown Des Moines, Inc. Mayor Cownie was one of eight U.S. mayors recently appointed to the State, Local and Tribal Leaders Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience.