

Randall Violett

Associate Professor of Agriculture at Southern Utah University

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Dr. Violett specializes in natural resource and range management, livestock production, and secondary agriculture education.

Biography

Dr. Randall Violett is an Associate Professor of Agriculture at Southern Utah University. He teaches Natural Resource and Range Management courses, as well as advising the Range Club.

As a member of the board of directors for the Utah Section of the Society for Range Management (SRM), the director of the SRM Youth Range and Natural Resource Camp held every year for high school aged students, Dr. Violett is active in the community. He holds committee appointments in the Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS), North America College Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), and Utah Association of Agriculture Educators (UAAE).

Dr. Violett came to SUU from the University of Wyoming where he was a Research Associate at the Agriculture Research and Extension Center in Powell, Wyoming. During his time with UW, he conducted research on specialty crops such as canola, lentils, chickpeas, sunflowers, flax, and sainfoin as well as traditional crops such as alfalfa, barley, sugar beets, and corn. He also was able to conduct research to complete his Ph.D. dissertation titled “Foxtail barley (*Hordeum jubatum*) Ecology and Control in Irrigated Pastures”. A topic near and dear to him because of the problems this plant presented him on his personal sheep farm.

Dr. Violett earned a Ph.D. in agronomy from the University of Wyoming, a master’s degree in agriculture education and two bachelor degrees, one in animal science and one in agriculture education from Montana State University.

Industry Expertise

Agriculture and Farming, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Career Development for Public Land Management, Ecology of Western Wildlands, Livestock Management and Production, Livestock Nutrient Management, Native Plant Identification, Natural Resource/Range Management Youth Camps, Rangeland Restoration, Range Management for Youth, Restoring and Reclaiming Disturbed Ecosystems, Restoring and Reclaiming Disturbed Landscapes, Secondary Agriculture Education, Southern Utah Plants, Toxic Plants of the West

Affiliations

National Association of Agriculture Educators (NAAE), North American College Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA), Society for Range Management (SRM), Society for Range Management, Utah Section, Board of Directors, Utah Association of Agriculture Educators (UAAE), Utah Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE), Utah Society for Environmental Education (USEE), Western Society of Weed Science (WSWS)

Education

Montana State University
M.S. Agricultural Education

University of Wyoming
Ph.D. Agronomy

Montana State University
B.S. Animal Science

Montana State University
B.S. Agricultural Science

Northeastern Jr. College
A.A. Agriculture

Accomplishments

Teaching Award of Merit
NACTA, 2018

Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year
Utah ACTE, 2018

Honorary State FFA Degree
Utah FFA Association, 2018

Outstanding Faculty Member Agriculture and Nutrition Department
Southern Utah University, 2016

Gamma Sigma Delta Honor Society
2006

Citizen of the Year
Kiwanis Powell Chapter, 2005

Agri-Science Teacher of the Year
Montana, 1993

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