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CEMARCH Universities Rebuild Earthquake-Destroyed Facilities to Provide Opportunities in Fisheries



In August of 2021, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck the Les Cayes-Aquin region of Haiti, killing more than 1,900 and leaving thousands injured and displaced from their homes. Two days later a severe storm drenched that same region in heavy rain, creating flash floods and further destruction. Research and teaching fishponds at the Les Cayes-located Université

Notre Dame d'Haiti (UNDH) and the American University of the Caribbean (AUC) were both destroyed in the onslaught. Until recently they sat unrepaired and unused. Use the button below to read the full story of how the universities repaired their fishponds to provide research, extension, and revenue in fisheries!

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SIIL Welcomes New Program Manager, Emma Flemmig



Emma Flemmig serves as a Program Manager for the SILL at Kansas State University. Flemmig provides administrative support for the SILL portfolio's associate awards and manages the Activity Tracker. She completed her B.S. in Agronomy from Iowa State University and an M.S. in Crop Science from North Carolina State University. Her experiences include the World Food Prize's global youth programs, obtaining an American FFA Degree, along with completing a USAID Global Food Security graduate fellowship in Haiti, and a Fulbright-Nehru student research fellowship at Punjab Agricultural University in India.

She has professional experience in East Africa, South and Southeast Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, and Europe. For further details of her qualifications, background, and contributions feel free to contact her at flemmig@ksu.edu or visit the [SILL website](#).

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***Monthly Spotlight:
International Women's History Month***

“I stand on the shoulders of many strong women leaders that have fought hard to pave the way for me and others who want to make a difference in this world.”



In November of 2023 SIIL's Associate Director, Dr. B. Jan Middendorf was recognized by Women We Admire (WWA) as one of the Top 50 Women Leaders in Kansas! WWA is a membership organization composed of the most accomplished women executives and leaders across the U.S. and Canada. Awardees were selected based on their current role and previous career experience.

Every year USA Today honors one woman from each state to serve as their 2024 Women of the Year. They choose deserving women in our communities who are leading change, modeling success, and lifting up others. After much deliberation and consideration, Dr. Middendorf was chosen as the representative for Kansas as the 2024 Women of the Year! Click [HERE](#) to read Dr. Middendorf's full story. The SIIL is proud of her accomplishments in this field of work and knows that this award is very well-deserved. Join us in congratulating Dr. Middendorf! Click on the photo above to watch a short video on her award!

Upcoming Events: ARD Research Symposium 2024

The SIIL will be traveling to the 2024



Association of 1890 Research Directors Symposium from April 6-9. This event is being held in Nashville, Tennessee at the Gaylord Opryland event space. The theme of this year's symposium is Climate, Health and Cultivating the Next Generation of Agricultural Leaders: Creating Solutions in Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources. Feel free to reach out to Sanders Williams

at sander3@ksu.edu to learn more about the SIIL's participation and engagement at the event. For more information on the event please click the button below!

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