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Pacific University  
1996 Winner



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Scott currently works as a soil/silviculture scientist for Weyerhaeuser Company in Springfield, Oregon. Over his 13-year career, his research has spanned from tree/soil nutrition and silviculture to soil sustainability topics around timber harvesting effects on soil carbon and slash removal impacts on long term soil productivity. Scott has affiliate appointments at the University of Washington, School of Environment and Soil Science and at Oregon State University, Crop and Soil Science department where he serves on graduate student committees and collaborates with university faculty on various projects. Scott is an active member in the Northwest Forest Soils Council, serving as vice-president from 2007-2008 and president from 2009-2010.

Scott attended Pacific University, in Forest Grove, Oregon, from 1993-1997 where he graduated cum laude, earning a B.S. with University Honors while double-majoring in Chemistry and Biology. He played basketball there and did undergraduate research projects on wetland restoration and herbicide degradation in wetlands. Then he went on to Oregon State University, where he was advised by Kate Lajtha and earned a Ph.D. in 2002 in Botany and Plant Pathology with an Emphasis in Ecology. His thesis work investigated carbon and nitrogen cycling in forests, especially the fate of nitrogen inputs in old-growth forests of the Pacific Northwest.

After grad school Scott moved to Ada, Oklahoma, where he started work as a post-doctoral ecologist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency lab researching carbon and nitrogen cycling in the cross timbers region of southeastern Oklahoma. The post-doc ended when Scott accepted a full-time ecologist position with the same EPA lab where he continued carbon and nitrogen work and began work to investigate metrics for assessing ecosystem restoration. After almost 4 years in Oklahoma, Scott returned to Oregon and accepted his current position with Weyerhaeuser.

In his spare time, Scott enjoys family outings, hiking, and gardening. Scott is a two-time former world record holder for the largest green squash ever grown. His 2014 record breaker weighed in at 1578 lbs. and in 2016: 1844.5 lbs. (pictured below). A seed from his 1844 pounder allowed another grower from Rhode Island to produce the first green squash to weigh over one ton, producing a 2118 lb. green squash in 2017 breaking the world record again.



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