Soil Survey Horizons Welcomes New Editorial Board Members

The Soil Survey Horizons Editorial Board is pleased to welcome two new editors, Russell Losco and Eric Brevik.

Russell Losco will serve as the new Associate Editor representing the National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists. Losco is a native of Economy Borough, PA and a 1981 graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania with a B.A. in Anthropology. He came to soil science by a round-about route, having spent several years in primate research on St. Kitts and Barbados in the West Indies before returning to the USA. In 1987, he made a career change, taking a job as a regulator for the Chester County Health Department (PA) inspecting soil testing and permitting on-lot sewage disposal systems. He returned to school in 1992, attending Delaware Valley College, the University of Delaware, and Temple University in order to earn his ARCPACS certification as a professional soil scientist. He founded Lanchester Soil Consultants, Inc. along with his wife Cindy in 1993, where they both still work. A serial student, he has attended eight different colleges and universities and is now, at the age of 50, completing an M.A. degree in Geosciences at West Chester University. His research includes soil genesis, anthropogenic influences on soil, paleo-geomorphology, indicators of seasonal high water tables, and on-lot sewage disposal in challenging soils. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Association of Professional Soil Scientists and is a frequent contributor to Soil Survey Horizons, where he over-uses commas. He lives in West Grove, PA with his wife, son Chris (26), and daughter Kelly (22).

Eric C. Brevik is joining the Soil Survey Horizons editorial board as the new Associate Editor, North-Central Region. Eric has served on the board as co-editor of the Profiles in History feature and is expanding his duties to include handling submissions from the north-central region. Eric completed B.S and M.A. degrees in Geology at the University of North Dakota in 1992 and 1994, followed by a stint as an Environmental Consultant with Chart Services of Des Moines, IA. He returned to school at Iowa State University in 1996, where he completed a Ph.D. in Soil Science under Thomas Fenton in 2001. From 2001 to 2007 Eric served as an Assistant and Associate Professor of Geosciences at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, GA, teaching introductory courses in geology and physical geography and upper level courses in soil science and geomorphology. In August 2007 Eric moved to Dickinson State University in Dickinson, ND, where he is an Associate Professor of Geology and Soils. His appointment is split between the Department of Agriculture and Technical Studies and the Department of Natural Sciences, and he teaches classes in soil science and geology. Eric's research interests include soil geomorphology, carbon sequestration by soils, and the use of electrical conductivity in soil mapping. Away from work, Eric enjoys travel and spending time with his wife Corinne, an Assistant Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Dickinson State, and children David (13), Josh (12), and Kate (6).

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