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A. Douglas Worsham Weed Science Lecture Series

The Policies and Politics of Weed Science: Current and Future Outlook

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2405 Williams Hall North Carolina State University, Raleigh

> Refreshments at 2:00 pm Seminar at 2:30 pm

Dr. Lee Van Wychen grew up on a dairy farm near Green Bay, WI. He has a B.S. in Agronomy and Horticulture (1996) and a M.S. in Weed Science (1998) from the University of Wisconsin. After his Ph.D. in Weed Science (2002) from Montana State University, he was selected as the 2003 ASA-CSSA-SSSA Congressional Science Fellow and worked for two members of Congress on agricultural and environmental policy. Since 2005, he has served as Director of Science Policy for the National and Regional Weed Science Societies. His main responsibilities include working with Congress, federal agencies and other NGO's to promote the research, education, and awareness of weeds in managed and natural ecosystems.

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The A. Douglas Worsham Weed Science Lecture Series

The Weed Science Program in Plant, Insect, Microbe and Soil Systems of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences announces the implementation of a lecture series designed to enhance collaboration among weed scientists at North Carolina State University and others involved in the understanding and management of weeds. The lecture series is named in honor of Dr. Arch Douglas Worsham who had a distinguished career as a weed scientist at North Carolina State University for many years. Dr. Worsham impacted many students at both undergraduate and graduate levels and served many others during his career. Dr. Worsham has long been considered a unifying figure among weed scientists at North Carolina State University. Dr. Worsham began his career at North Carolina State University in 1960 after receiving BS and MS degrees in Agronomy from the University of Georgia and his PhD in Crop Science from North Carolina State University. His research focused on witchweed (Striga asiatica) management, no-tillage systems, and many other important aspects of sustainable weed management. Dr. Worsham made significant contributions to the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service (now the Cooperative Extension Service) and was the instructor of the undergraduate weed science course at North Carolina State University. The series will include 3 to 5 lectures each year from a broad spectrum of weed scientists.

