

Shibu Jose - SAF Fellow – Biography

SAF member since 1993. Currently the H.E. Garrett Endowed Chair Professor and Director of the University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry. Previously served as a Professor and Associate Professor of Forest Ecology at the University of Florida; the Director, Cooperative for Conserved Forest Ecosystems: Outreach and Research (CFEOR) (2007-2008); the Co-Director (2006 and 2009); Assistant Professor of Forest Ecology & Silviculture (1998-2004), School of Forest Resources & Conservation, UF Received Ph.D. and M.S. in Forest Science from Purdue University and B.S. in Forestry from Kerala Agricultural University, India.

National SAF activities include: Served on the National SAF Ad-hoc Committee to explore Certified Agroforester program from 2015-Present; as Editor, Journal of Forestry from 2005-2008; as Book Review Editor and Associate Editor, Forest Science from 2002-2009; as a National Convention Program Track Chair and Session Chair (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013); as a National Convention Session Organizer (2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008); as a member of the Forest Science and Technology Board (2006-2008); as the Chair, Barrington Moore and Forest Science National Awards Committee (2008); member (2006-2007); as the Chair, SAF Science Fund Committee (2008), member (2006-07); as the Chair, Cultural Diversity Committee (2004-2005) and Member (2002-2007); as the Chair, Agroforestry Working Group (2005-2006) and Chair-elect (2002-2004); as a Member, Silviculture Working Group (since 1993) and attended Silviculture Instructors Tour 1993, 1999, and 2001.

Multi-State / Regional activities include: Chair, Poster Session Committee, Southeastern SAF Annual Meeting (2007); and Chair, Communications Committee, Southeastern SAF (2003- 2007)

State activities include serving as the Chair of the Florida SAF Annual Conference Committee (2006-2009)

Local activities include: Member, Awards Committee, MO SAF (2010-2012); Session organizer and Co-organizer, Missouri Natural Resources Conference (2011 and 2012); Chair, Florida Panhandle Chapter of SAF (2004) and Chair-elect (2003); and Chair, Membership Committee, Panhandle Chapter of SAF (2003)

Shibu has conducted various research to help address ecological sustainability challenges of forested ecosystems at local, national and international levels with global impacts.

Memberships and Affiliations:

- Society of American Foresters (since 1993)
- American Association for the Advancement of Science (since 1998)
- Ecological Society of America (since 1997)
- Association for Temperate Agroforestry (since 1995)

Other Activities:

- Member, Purdue University Department of Forestry and Natural Resources External Review Committee (2013) - Reviewed the forestry program and made recommendations to the Purdue Administration on how to strengthen the program.

- Keynote and other speeches – Invited speaker at national and international conferences on a regular basis (average 4 international invited talks a year at forestry conferences)
- Books and publications – Over 150 publications to advance the science of forestry, including 8 edited books
- Reviewer/Panel member – Regularly review manuscripts and proposals; proposal reviews include agencies such as USDA NIFA and NSF, two major agencies funding forestry research in the US.

Awards and Honors

SAF Awards

- Barrington Moore Memorial Award, Society of American Foresters; Highest honor for forest biology research (2014)
- National Young Forester Leadership Award (for sustained and outstanding leadership in the profession), Society of American Foresters (2007)
- Southeastern Society of American Foresters Award of Excellence in Research; for research contributions to forestry in the Southeast (2005)
- Florida Division Society of American Foresters Stephen Spurr Award; for Research Contribution to forestry in the state of Florida (2004)
- Society of American Foresters Leadership Academy (2002)

Other National and International Awards and Recognitions

- USDA Secretary's Forest Research Advisory Council (2014-2017)
- IUFRO Scientific Achievement Award (2014)
- European Union Agroforestry Project External Advisory Board Member (2013-)
- Vice Chancellor's Distinguished Faculty Recognition, MU CAFNR (2012)
- Communication Fellow, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, University of Missouri (2012)
- Fulbright Scholar, J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board and the U.S. Department of State (lecturing and research in Bangladesh) (2009)
- UF College of Agricultural and Life Sciences Nominee for University Wide Dissertation Advisor/Mentor Award (2008)
- UF IFAS International Program Travel Award (2007)
- Outstanding Dissertation Advisor Award, School of Forest Resources and Conservation (2007), UF
- Outstanding Thesis Advisor Award, School of Forest Resources and Conservation (2006), UF
- Xi Sigma Pi, the Honor Society of Forestry (2006)
- Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, Junior Faculty Award of Merit (2004)
- Nominated as a member of the National Advisory Committee of the Interagency Joint Fire Science program (2003)
- Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture (2003)
- Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society (1997)
- Aga Khan Foundation's (Switzerland) International Scholar Award (1997)
- Best Research Poster Award, Purdue Graduate Research Symposium (1996)
- Best Overall Research Poster Award, Society of American Forester's National Convention (1993)
- Best Research Poster Award in the Silviculture Working Group, SAF (1993)
- Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial National Award (India) for Scholastic Excellence, (1992)