Welcome from the New Dean

I am excited and honored to be joining the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources as the next dean as we embark on a new academic year.

One of the things I love about the field of natural resources is the people who are drawn to it - people with a passion for the environment and the outdoors, with a strong motivation to make a positive difference in the world.

QCNR is home to a community of amazing people who embody these core values. In the role as dean, I look forward to supporting exceptional experiential learning opportunities for our students as they become the next generation of natural resource stewardship leaders.

I also look forward to finding new and innovative ways to bring people together to collaborate on cross-cutting themes and issues focusing on land, water and air, and continuing work towards goals of diversity, equity, inclusion and social justice.

I am so appreciative of the warm welcome I have received, and look forward to meeting the broader QCNR community. By working together we can address unprecedented natural resource challenges across the West, and the world.

Linda Nagel
Dean
**QCNR Funding**

Our college funding remained on a solid foundation for the 2022 fiscal year. Research is the top source of funding with over $18M dedicated to a remarkable variety of important activities and efforts. This is a sizable increase from last year, largely buoyed by a $6.8M award to Juan Villalba and collaborators for a 5-year USDA Sustainable Agricultural Systems project, and other large grants awarded to our hardworking faculty. We acknowledge the broad set of foundations, state, and federal agencies who generously provided research funding this past year, relationships that are key to supporting our mission, and we value and continue to build.

As the world adjusts to a sometimes raucous post-pandemic reality, our faculty continue to tackle some of the toughest and most crucial natural resources issues, and strive to make connections between their research, students they mentor, and practical management and policy solutions. They stretch where they can, and are invested in making an impact with the resources that they secure with their hard work and dedication.
2022 QCNR Graduation

QCNR’s 2022 graduation ceremony held a unique energy. This, after all, is the cohort of students who for two years rolled with COVID-modified programs, classes and activities as a default part of their university experience. The key to their success? Adaptation and creativity. The face-to-face event held on May 6 felt to many like a privilege, and the 132 students who earned undergraduate degrees from the college have now launched careers with a strong set of academic and practical skills built during an unprecedented set of circumstances—skills that can help them define challenges, innovate strategies, and find solutions to all kinds of hurdles that lie ahead.

Undergraduate Student Highlight – Meridian Wappett

Meridian served as the QCNR Student Senator during the 2021-22 academic year. She was a tremendous leader within our undergraduate student body. She graduated with a degree in Conservation and Restoration Ecology and is taking her leadership skills and science background to the University of Montana Alexander Blewett III School of Law. At the University of Montana’s environmental law program, students learn and recreate in a place that brings natural resource issues to life. In class, students master the intricacies of laws such as the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and CERCLA. Outside of class, they observe these laws in action through field trips and field courses that take them to dam restoration projects, public lands used for grazing and logging, watershed protection areas, and tribal cultural sites.
Graduate Student Highlight – Jack Hinzman

Jack completed a post graduate certificate in Geographic Information Science. This summer Jack is worked as an intern with the Utah Division of Natural Resources in the Division of Water Resources as a GIS analyst. He worked on a database that will help Utah create a better picture of water resources throughout the state. His internship led to a job offer with the DNR as a full-time employee at the end of July.

Summer: Students at Work

QCNR students have migrated all over Utah and beyond this summer to work for state, federal and non-government agencies. These agencies have been recruiting students for summer positions since September. It was a competitive season with agencies trying to entice students to join their teams. With the summer work season behind us, students gained valuable insight into the professional field of natural resources, not to mention having a great time. These stories and photos say it all.

Lily Martindale – Wildlife Ecology and Management major Lily Martindale identified and banded hummingbirds as part of her work as a seasonal wildlife technician for the USFS Dixie National Forest based out of Escalante, UT. Martindale has a double major in Wildlife Ecology and Forest Ecology and Management, and is becoming a pro at identifying the difference between broad-tailed, broad-billed, and Rivoli’s (magnificent) hummingbirds.

Haley Munson - A student intern with the Utah Rare Insect Conservation Program at USU, Haley Munson joined a training for BLM field biologists to learn bumble bee survey methods for the Utah Pollinator Pursuit. Here she demonstrates that bumble bees are more delicate than dangerous—an important lesson for people doing important work collecting distribution data on rare bumble bee species around the state.
We’ve had a productive year, and one marked by change this fall. Dr. Yong Zhou will join our faculty as an Ecosystem Ecologist, coming from a postdoctoral position at Yale Institute for Biospheric Studies. He studies the biogeochemical consequences of vegetative changes at different spatial scales and was lead author on a Nature paper published this summer, also featured here. Dr. Julie Young is a familiar face, having been a Supervisory Research Wildlife Biologist with the USDA Wildlife Research Center Field Station and a USU federal collaborator since 2010. She was hired as an Associate Professor with tenure in WILD. Dr. Young’s expertise is in predator ecology and human-wildlife interactions.

Faculty Retirements

We’ve had four faculty retirements this year, including:

Dr. Mike Kuhns, Professor and Extension Urban Forester since 1992 and WILD Department Head 2013-2020. His work in Urban Forestry included the Tree Browser and Tree ID Resources. He will be missed, but is enjoying retirement in Salt Lake City.

Dr. Frank Howe, Associate Professor and State Collaborator with the Utah Division of Wildlife Resources (UDWR) will be retiring in December 2022. We’ve appreciated his work in the Master of Natural Resource program and way of connecting university research and education to UDWR needs.

Dr. Mary Connor, Research Associate Professor has been a delightful and valuable faculty member in WILD for years, conducting important quantitative ecological research in both fisheries and wildlife. She has provided mentorship to many students and we will miss her tremendously.

Dr. Tom Edwards, Jr., Professor and Federal Collaborator through the Utah Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit has been a valuable colleague and mentor in landscape ecology and species distribution modeling.
Faculty Promotions

We celebrate the promotion of several WILD faculty this year.

**Kari Veblen** was promoted to Full Professor

**David Dahlgren** was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor

**James Lutz** was promoted to Full Professor

**Darren McAvoy** was tenured and promoted to Associate Professor

**Karen Beard** took over the role of Associate Dean for the College in 2021

A Few Faculty Accomplishments

**Juan Villalba** is the PI for a 5-year USDA Sustainable Agricultural Systems project, "Using smart foodscapes to enhance the sustainability of western rangelands" funded for $6.8 M. **Eric Thacker, Dave Dahlgren** and **Doug Ramsey** are co-investigators with other USU faculty and four other institutions. Read more about it in [USU Today](https://www.usu.edu).

**David Dahlgren** and **Eric Thacker** are co-PIs for the “Tri-state avian and sagebrush ecology project”, a 5-year effort funded by the BLM for $1.24M. This project assesses interstate movements and habitat selection of greater sage-grouse in the tri-state area (UT, ID, NV), sagebrush obligate passerine response to post-burn recovery, and looks at pinyon jay ecology after conifer treatments.

**Karen Beard** is the PI for a 5-year National Science Foundation Polar Programs project that was funded for $1.4M, "Sea-level rise, warming and herbivory effects on vegetation communities and greenhouse gas emissions in coastal western Alaska."

**Eric LaMalfa** was awarded the Society for Range Management Early Career Undergraduate Teaching Award. This is a great recognition of the innovative work that Eric is doing with WILD students.

**Lainie Brice** and mentor **Dan MacNulty** published a paper in Ecology Letters, “Sampling bias exaggerates a textbook example of a trophic cascade.” This work was featured in an article in the [Wildlife Society](https://www.wildlife.org).

**Justin DeRose** authored a paper in Bioscience entitled “Adding Tree Rings to North America’s National Forest Inventories: An Essential Tool to Guide Drawdown of Atmospheric CO2” demonstrating how tree ring data can be used to help calculate how much CO2 forests pull out of the atmosphere. Read a summary here.

**Tal Avgar** authored a paper, “Biased Learning as a Simple Adaptive Foraging Mechanism” in the journal Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution. This work was also featured in a [USU Today](https://www.usu.edu) article.

**Sara Germain** (PhD student) and her mentor **Jim Lutz** published a paper in Ecology entitled “Shared friends counterbalance shared enemies in old forests.” This research was also featured in [USU Today](https://www.usu.edu).

**Dan MacNulty** co-authored a book “Yellowstone wolves: science and discovery in the world’s first national park,” which earned the Wildlife Society’s 2021 Publication Award.
The Department of Environment and Society serves as the College’s human dimensions and environmental social science department, as an interdisciplinary human and natural systems department, and as the hub of geospatial programming.

**ENVS Researchers in Action**

*ENVS researchers work to address the social and human side of the climate crisis and advance a transition to sustainability.*

Drs. Mark Brunson and Peter Howe were invited by the U.S. Global Change Research Program to be authors for the [Fifth National Climate Assessment](#), scheduled for release in 2023. The quadrennial assessment interprets up-to-date scientific research to analyze the effects of climate change on the United States, both currently and into the future. Dr. Courtney Flint launched projects with two multi-university teams ([The Transformation Network](#) and [I-GUIDE](#)) awarded $15 million each from the National Science Foundation, addressing key sustainability challenges in the US and providing training to ENVS undergraduate and graduate students.

ENVS research is also having an impact on a more global stage. The 2022 report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)’s working group on vulnerability of socio-economic and natural systems to climate change and on climate change impacts and adaptation options cites papers by Drs. Peter Howe, Claudia Radel, and Chris Lant. Dr. Stefani Crabtree delivered a plenary lecture at a workshop hosted by the UNESCO International Year of Basic Sciences for Sustainable Development in Trieste, Italy, aiming to foster a science-based consensus on challenges that are central to sustainability.

With their research, ENVS faculty are also extending methodological boundaries for the social sciences. Dr. Crabtree’s 2021 paper using high performance computing (HPC) and GIS recently won the [Hyperion Research High Performance Computing Innovation Excellence award](#), sponsored by NASA and others. Dr. Sarah Klain, together with the Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation (NWBSN) and Trout Unlimited, received a Wildlife Conservation Society Climate Adaptation Fund grant for a partnership that brings together different forms of knowledge to support management of the Wuda Ogwa restoration site, location of the Bear River Massacre.

Dr. Joanna Endter-Wada was lead guest associate editor for a June 2022 featured collection in the Journal of the American Water Resources Association on “Connecting Land and Water for Healthy Communities.” She is also involved in a legislatively funded initiative in Utah on advancing the integration of water and land planning, and implementing a “Utah Growing Water Smart” program.
ENVS Mentors Future Environmental Leaders

Dr. Gustavo Ovando directed USU Blanding’s summer 2022 participation in Canyonlands Research Center’s paid internship program for Native American students, NATURE - Native American Tribes Upholding Restoration and Education.

ENVS students were back in person presenting at scientific meetings. Masters student Georgie Corkery presented at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Ecological Society of America in Montreal, on how queer birders perceive diversity statements from birding organizations and whether these statements facilitate a sense of belonging, comfort and safety while participating in birding. Students also participated in the USU-hosted Spring Runoff Conference.

The Utah High School Clean Air Marketing contest, co-led by Drs. Roslynn McCann (ENVS) and Edwin Stafford (Huntsman School of Business) involved almost 1,000 teens from high schools across the state and southern Idaho in the 2021-2022 academic year. Whitehorse Jr./Sr. High School in Montezuma Creek, Utah and serving the Navajo Nation, joined as the newest participating school.

Faculty Changes

As the 2021-22 academic year ended, we said goodbye to Dr. Mariya Shcheglovitova. Shannon Belmont, Director of the Utah Geospatial Consortium, was promoted to ENVS Senior Lecturer. We also appointed three new faculty.

Dr. Terry Dial, Professional Practice Assistant Professor

Originally from Missoula, MT, Dr. Terry Dial has a PhD in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology from Brown University. He will support our environmental studies program and the Masters of Natural Resources. Dr. Dial’s primary areas of research are in anatomy, evolution, and ecology. Dr. Dial is based at USU Moab.

Dr. Anna Miller, Assistant Professor of Recreation Resource Management and the Environment

Dr. Anna Miller hails originally from Winston-Salem, NC and earned her PhD from North Carolina State University in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism Management, but most recently she served as the Assistant Director of Research and Operations for our Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism. Dr. Miller has 10 years of experience working across disciplines to connect social and natural scientists for natural resource management goals. Her primary areas of research are recreation ecology, human-wildlife interactions, and outdoor recreation response to climate change. She’s based at the Logan campus.

Dr. Brooke Osborne, Assistant Professor of Environmental Change

Dr. Brooke Osborne is an ecosystem ecologist and biogeochemist. She has a PhD from Brown University and is originally from Montoursville, PA. Dr. Osborne was a postdoctoral researcher with the US Geological Survey Southwest Biological Science Center in Moab. Her research tells us how carbon and nutrient cycling influence terrestrial ecosystem processes and how global changes impact ecosystem structure and function from local to global scales. She’ll teach courses in environmental science and global environmental change out of USU Moab.
The Department of Watershed Sciences has had an incredibly productive year as we worked with our USU community and other stakeholders around the globe to broaden the impacts of our service and research.

New Faces

We welcome two new faculty and a new staff member to the department!

Scott Hotaling earned his PhD from the University of Kentucky where he used genomic tools to study aquatic insect biodiversity in the streams of Glacier National Park. He joins us from Washington State University where he studied genome biology of polar fishes in the Arctic and Antarctic. His new role as a Climate Resiliency Extension Specialist Assistant Professor will mean using research to bolster climate resiliency in the West.

Andre Moraes steps into the role of Assistant Professor of Climate Data Analysis. He earned his PhD in Agronomy Soil Science from the Rural Federal University of Rio de Janeiro in Brazil and comes from Purdue University. Andre is passionate about using geospatial and remote sensing analysis in multidisciplinary environments to do stakeholder-driven research and assess, model, and identify solutions for environmental issues.

Dominique Shore is the new Director of the Restoration Consortium. On top of planning short courses and workshops, she administers the Master of Ecological Restoration degree, Graduate Certificate in Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration, and Management and Restoration of Aquatic Ecosystem BS. She earned her MS in Geology at USU and joins us from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.

Bunny Sterin Scholarship for River Management

The Watershed Sciences community is deeply grateful to the late USU alum Bunny Sterin, who donated $50,000 to establish a scholarship for students in the Master of Ecological Restoration program. Family and friends donated $18,000 more to honor her. The $2000 scholarship is available to 4-5 students annually.
Bunny’s love of the outdoors was apparent in her 30 years of working on Western public lands where she specialized in everything from water quality and streamflow issues to management of wilderness, wild and scenic rivers, national monuments, and national conservation areas.

“The students share Bunny’s passion and enthusiasm for protecting and restoring rivers,” said Department Head Patrick Belmont. “They will all read about Bunny’s life and what she accomplished, and carry on the work that was so important to her.”

Watershed Accomplishments

Our faculty engage in important research and develop the next crop of watershed scientists.

Trisha Atwood was the lead on the mangrove section of a UNESCO Marine World Heritage report on global blue carbon assets and served on two UNEP panels.

Patrick Belmont led a public discussion on Connecting Our Values, Science, and Technology to Solve Climate Change and published research on wetlands as a cost-effective way to improve water quality.

Janice Brahney runs the busiest lab in the department and her work on microplastic pollution continues to make an impact and inspire other research.

Hope Braithwaite has greatly expanded Utah Water Watch and other Extension programs. Her Gotta Go! campaign won an Outdoor Summit Stewardship Award.

Phaedra Budy runs the USGS Co-Op unit and has shown critical need for natural flow regimes to create and maintain the complex habitat required by native desert fishes.

Edd Hammill’s research has found high concentrations of toxic metals in Great Salt Lake wetland plants and the insects that feed on them.

Chuck Hawkins was coauthor on a paper about global agenda for advancing freshwater biodiversity research. He continues to serve as the Director of the National Aquatic Monitoring Center and Editor in Chief of Freshwater Science.

Karin Kettenring leads one of the department’s largest lab groups and they published a synthesis extension resource on restoring native plants in the Great Salt Lake.

Sarah Null was named a CalTrout Ecosystem Fellow. Her Decisions Downstream exhibit was viewed by over 100,000 visitors at the Natural History Museum of Utah.

Erin Rivers established STORMnet and training and resources for high school teachers to address the newly implemented Utah Science with Engineering Education standards.

Brett Roper writes about a wide variety of watershed and wildlife related issues. His work with Carl Saunders suggests the need for different metrics when measuring stream disturbance by ungulates.

Jack Schmidt’s work on Colorado River conservation is a near daily newsmaker. The Center for Colorado River Studies continues to be a crucial voice on the river’s management.

Tim Walsworth’s work informs management of the Rio Grande, and Utah and Yellowstone Lakes, and he has started running workshops to put the science into practice.

Joe Wheaton continues to build out the capacity of the Riverscapes Consortium. The Low Tech Process Based Restoration course series is having a national impact for restoring waterways.

Peter Wilcock’s Sediment Transport in Stream, Assessment and Design course attracts professionals from around the U.S. and beyond. He is a leader in our restoration programs.

Wayne Wurtsbaugh continues to be an advocate for conservation of the Great Salt Lake and is engaging in research related to nutrient transport, as well as pollution and water management.
Centers and Institutes

QCNR Partners with the New Institute for Land, Water & Air at USU

As an integral part of Utah’s land-grant institution, the Quinney College of Natural Resources is uniquely connected to the state’s landscapes. Our faculty, staff and students are engaged in understanding and supporting Utah’s natural environment and communities, and are working hard to explore and define strategies to address the most pressing and complex ecological problems. With an unparalleled combination of local expertise and world-renowned discovery, the college offers critical context to tackle these issues.

The new Janet Quinney Lawson Institute for Land, Water & Air (ILWA) at USU is an interdisciplinary effort initiated by President Noelle Cockett to bring together two critical discussion spaces—USU’s research programs and state, county, and city governments. The hope is to create a positive impact for Utah by offering leaders science-based insight into what these landscapes need to fare well in an uncertain future.

The QCNR is uniquely positioned to help. With cutting-edge expertise in all three named categories, researchers from QCNR have already played important roles during ILWA’s inaugural year. Former dean Chris Luecke co-chaired the advisory committee, and Janice Brahney (WATS), Joanna Endter-Wada (ENVS), Wayne Freimund (ENVS), Karin Kettenring (WATS), Chase Lamborn (ENVS), Jim Lutz (WILD), Terry Messmer (WILD), Anna Miller (ENVS), Chris Monz (ENVS), Sarah Null (WATS), Erin Rivers (WATS), Jack Schmidt (WATS), Jordan Smith (ENVS), Eric Thacker (WILD), Joe Wheaton (WATS), Wayne Wurtsbaugh (WATS), and Larissa Yocom (WILD) all worked hard to consolidate and curate the latest research and information on topics such as outdoor recreation, wildfire and drought. These contributions were compiled in the first annual report delivered to Governor Spencer Cox in December 2021.

Brian Steed, former executive director of Utah’s Department of Natural Resources, has been named the ILWA’s first executive director, and stepped into that responsibility on July 1, 2022. Steed will serve as the lead interface of the institute to university and civic partners. His role will include working with legislative leaders to articulate needed programs, fostering collaboration with partners to address concerns across the state, and securing funds to implement projects and programs, and QCNR is dedicated to supporting that ongoing mission.
A Look at Some of our Institutes and Centers

The Ecology Center has been Utah’s center of excellence in ecology since the mid-1960s, when it was created with support from the State of Utah and the National Science Foundation. The Center is responsible for supporting excellent graduate education and research in all areas of ecology campus-wide and for providing science-based information to inform decisions and actions. Thirty students received MS or PhD degrees in Ecology this spring, and about 130 graduate students are currently enrolled in MS or PhD degree programs in Ecology. The Center has over 100 affiliated faculty, from 12 departments, and provides many forums through which researchers can connect across campus and with our surrounding communities. USU belongs to the Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center university consortium.

Institute of Outdoor Recreation & Tourism

The Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism is currently working with municipal, county, state, and federal stakeholders across Utah to develop the state’s Outdoor Recreation Strategic Plan. The plan will guide the actions of the Utah Outdoor Adventure Commission, which has been tasked with making recommendations for how the state legislature should allocate approximately $38 million in ongoing appropriations for outdoor recreation infrastructure development.

The Jack H. Berryman Institute (BI) is an international organization housed in the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources. The BI hosts international, national, and state conferences to engage diverse stakeholders in open dialogue and science regarding the management of human-wildlife conflicts to improve human-wildlife relationships. In 2021-2022 the BI hosted the 19th Wildlife Damage Management Conference and the International Wild Pig Conference. In the fall the BI will host the 4th Free-roaming Equid Summit, October 12-14 in St. George, Utah. The BI also publishes Human-Wildlife Interactions (HWI), which can be found in USU’s Digital Commons. HWI is an open-access peer-reviewed journal dedicated to publishing research, management case studies, and policy perspectives designed to enhance the professional management of human-wildlife conflicts.

The largest reservoirs on the Colorado River—Lake Powell and Lake Mead—are now less than 30% full, and major reductions in water use are currently being negotiated. Declining natural runoff, overconsumption by farms, cities, and industry, and reservoir evaporation put the water supply at risk, with recreation and ecosystem health also greatly affected. At this critical time, the Center for Colorado River Studies has emerged as an intellectual leader to chart a sustainable management path forward. Our Future of the Colorado River project undertakes ground-breaking scientific and water-resource engineering studies that are discussed and debated throughout the West. Center staff are regularly consulted by managers and by the media. The Center also trains future researchers and managers and provides outreach to Colorado River communities.
Utah State University alumni and friends generously donated a total of $109M in FY22 to benefit students, faculty, and innovative research. The S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources is incredibly grateful for the support alumni and friends showed the College and University at large. Through the generosity of the Aggie Family, the QCNR received $1M in philanthropic donations by 233 individuals, foundations, and corporations in FY22. The College is honored and grateful to deploy donor funds to support students, faculty, and the natural world.

The QCNR, and University at large, continue to feel the immense impacts the S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney and Janet Quinney Lawson Foundations have on our students, faculty, research, staff, and facilities. In addition to the Quinney Foundations generous annual support to the College, the Janet Quinney Lawson Foundation has pledged $7M to launch USU’s new Institute for Land, Water and Air. The center has been named in honor of the Foundation and their dedicated support to natural resources research. We are honored to partner with the Quinney Foundations to address some of the world’s most pressing natural resources issues.

The College would also like to recognize major gift donors in FY22:

- C. Val ‘78 Ph.D. and Sue Grant
- David ‘59, ’72 MS, ’77 Ph.D. and Deanna ’71, ’76 MS, ’82 Ph.D. Winn
- The late Bunny Sterin ’85 MS
- My Good Fund
- Kirt Rhoads ’86
- Jim ‘82 and Jeri ‘81 Spinner

The College is incredibly grateful for these donors’ generosity and investment in the QCNR.

**QCNR and HSB Alumni Couple Support Lab and Study Spaces for Students**

Jim and Jeri Spinner have graciously made gifts to the S.J. and Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources and Jon M. Huntsman School of Business allowing the colleges to expand spaces and resources for students and faculty. The Spinners gift to the QCNR will enable the College to renovate and update a lab space dedicated to the
student and faculty research in the Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism. The Jim and Jeri Spinner Institute of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism Lab in the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources will include the latest lab equipment and supplies in a space designed for students to conduct high-quality research. Jim wanted the gift to help those who work and study at the institute that focuses on tourism and outdoor recreation use; the social and economic tradeoffs of tourism and outdoor recreation for local communities; and the relationship between outdoor recreation and tourism and public land management practices and policies. The Spinners gift will allow the College to renovate the lab space and create an endowment to maintain the space in perpetuity.

In addition, the Spinner Weeks Terrace, located in the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business, provides an overlook on the west side of Huntsman Hall that Jeri hopes can be enjoyed by both business and non-business students alike. Jeri’s affinity to the Huntsman School is four-fold as Jim, although a QCNR graduate, earned a minor in business, and the couple’s two children, Hannah ’10, graduated with a degree in accounting and Jesse ’12, earned two degrees, one in business and one in biochemistry. The couple beam when talking about their children, who were undergraduate research fellows at USU, and who also went on to further education. Hannah is a clinical pharmacist at the University of Utah and Jesse is a doctor who trained at Ohio State University and is specializing in radiology. He is currently completing a fellowship in Seattle, Washington.

Named spaces are one way the university is able to acknowledge the generosity of donors and honor those whose service to or affiliation with USU enhances the university. The legacy the couple wants to leave at USU is meant to honor not only Jim and Jeri, but also their children, as well as Jeri’s dad Wendell L. Weeks, a USU alum who graduated in 1954, her grandfather, Lawrence G. Weeks, who also attended, and Jeri’s great-grandfather, Albert Beutler, who milled lumber for the first buildings on the USU campus.

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