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Niemyer Lecture Addresses Importance of One Health Partnerships

Tracey Lynn, DVM, MS, presented the lecture "Actualizing One Health: The Role of Public-Private-Academic Partnerships" Sept. 17 at the Bond Life Sciences Center. Held as part of MU's 175th Anniversary Commemorative Week, the presentation was sponsored by the MU College of Veterinary Medicine's Niemyer Lecture Series.

As the One Health science and policy academic liaison at the U.S. Department of Agriculture [Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service](#) (APHIS), Lynn is part of a team coordinating the agency's animal health component of One Health.

The [One Health](#) concept emphasizes that the health of animals, the health of people and the viability of ecosystems are inextricably linked. This approach embraces the idea that disease problems affecting the health of humans, animals and the environment can only be solved through improved communication, cooperation and collaboration across disciplines and institutions.

The USDA has a long history of partnering with public and private organizations. Lynn discussed how the USDA and the [One Health Collaboration Center](#) (OHCC) are building upon that framework to develop innovative partnerships with academia to address challenges using a One Health approach.

There is tremendous value in such partnerships, Lynn said.

"Creativity is better as a team sport than as an individual process," she said. "In order to address these grand challenges, we really have to find new ways to work effectively together."

Working with a variety of organizations, including international partners, academia and state and federal agencies, the OHCC focuses on such priorities as zoonotic disease engagement, global health security, antimicrobial resistance, pandemic and animal disease preparedness and preharvest food safety.



Tracey Lynn

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Goals include building new collaborations and partnerships, sustaining existing relationships in the One Health community and spearheading outreach and communication to build credibility, trust and respect in the community.

Lynn described the center as a "One Health Match.com" that helps organizations find partners they might not be aware of.

Lynn earned her DVM at Auburn University and her MS in epidemiology at Washington State University. Prior to joining APHIS, she spent seven years as an epidemiologist in federal and state public health agencies working across the spectrum from outbreak investigation and response to policy development. Initially hired into APHIS Veterinary Services to assist in building effective collaborations and methods for coordinating zoonotic disease surveillance and data sharing with the CDC, Lynn specializes in developing innovative partnerships with federal agencies, academia and industry to increase efficiency and effectiveness in managing complex health threats through cross-disciplinary collaboration.

The Kenneth and Margaret Niemeyer Visiting Lecture Fund sponsored her presentation. The Niemeysers established the fund in 1986 to defray expenses of individuals brought to the CVM to deliver scientific lectures to veterinary students, faculty and other interested individuals. Kenneth Niemeyer was a 1955 graduate from the MU CVM. A long-time faculty member at the college, he also served as associate dean of academic and student affairs until the time of his retirement. He passed away in December 2011.

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