



Speaker Bios

Soils: Fundamental for Life Webinar

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Clay Robinson

Dr. Clay Robinson is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist with a PhD in Soil Science from Iowa State University. He has worked in academia, in the private sector in environmental consulting, for a non-profit professional society, and currently is an Associate Professor of Soil Science at Illinois State University. He has a passion for talking about soil to college students, K-12 students and teachers, urban gardeners, practicing agronomists, farmers, and anyone else who will listen. This passion gave rise to his alter-ego, Dr. Dirt, who has a strong social media presence. Clay spends as much time as possible outside, cycling, hiking and backpacking. He has traveled extensively, both in the US and abroad, and always is fascinated by the ecosystems he sees: landscapes filled with communities of plants and animals - and the soils that support them.

David Lindbo

Dr. David Lindbo is the Director of the Soil Science Division of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service where he directs the soil and ecological site survey, research and interpretation programs. He has spent his career working on land use soils relations including soil interpretations, hydric soils, wastewater and related issues. He has worked extensively with K12 students and teachers regarding soils and land education, has authored/co-authored over 130 numerous research and extension publications, as well as a general interest soil book for young children "Soil! Get the Inside Scoop" and an advanced book "Know Soil, Know Life".

Wale Adewunmi

Dr. Wale Adewunmi is a soil and environmental scientist with nearly three decades of experience in the field. He has worked on various soil and water-related issues including biosolids land-application & management, site remediation, fate of compounds of emerging concern in wastewater and soil, hazardous waste management & compliance, PCB biodegradation and monitoring, pesticide transport and analysis, wastewater/water quality issues, and regulatory compliance. He is a Certified Professional Soil Scientist and has been involved in soil science outreach and education for many years. He obtained his B.S in Agronomy, M.S in Soil Science and Ph.D in Environmental Science.

Rachel Leege

Rachel Leege is the Manager of Student and Early Career Programs for the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America. Rachel has her bachelor's degree in Soil and Crop Science, and she is a Wisconsin Certified Crop Advisor. In her free time, Rachel enjoys gardening and farming with her family.

