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Brief Biography

I have had life long interest and experience in crop production, plant physiology and horticulture with an emphasis on environmental sustainability. Recently, with the University of Wisconsin-Extension Service I have had the role of commercial educator in horticulture and have provided coursework and information regarding turfgrass science to the commercial sector of the turfgrass industry. As the owner of a small agricultural business I bring practical experiences in business operations. I expect that students who have successfully completed my courses will not only have a solid grasp of the fundamentals of turfgrass science and culture but also an appreciation of golf courses' responsibility to the environment and the surrounding community.

Education

- **Ph D Plant Breeding and Genetics-Horticulture**
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Madison, WI, 1987
- **MS Horticulture and Plant Breeding**
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE, 1980
- **BS Agronomy and Horticulture**
University of Wisconsin-River Falls
River Falls, WI, 1978

Work Experience

Academic - Post-Secondary

- **University of Wisconsin-Stout**, School of Hospitality Leadership
Adjunct Professor
January 2006 -
- **University of Wisconsin-Extension**
Horticultural Agent
February 2003 - January 2006
- **University of Southern Maine (Lewiston-Auburn and Portland Campuses)**
Assistant Professor
January 1997 - August 1999
- **Bowdoin College**
Research Associate
September 1996 - June 1997
- **University of Wisconsin-Madison**
Graduate Research Assistant
August 1983 - December 1986
- **University of Wisconsin**
Research Specialist
August 1980 - August 1983

Industry

- **Back To Our Roots (Community Supported Agriculture)**
Sole Proprietor
January 2000 -
- **Alf Christianson Seed Company**
Plant Breeder-Project Leader
June 1987 - July 1996
- **Alf Christianson Seed Company**
Research Manager
November 1991 - January 1994

Intellectual Contributions

Technical Report

- Behling, J. (1997). American Society of Horticulture Vegetable Cultivar Database. .

Journal Article

- Lodding, C., Cardon, Z., Behling, J., & Zarin, D. (1997). Water Relation Differences Between Cogenetic Birch Species in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. *Ecology Society of America*, 22.
- Behling, J. (1992). Seed Production of *Beta vulgaris* (Red Table Beet) in the Pacific Northwest. *Washington State Horticulture Abstracts*, 21(93).
- Behling, J., Gerloff, G. C., & Gabelman, W. H. (1986). Intraspecific Variation in Internal Ca Utilization by Tomatoes Grown Under Low Ca Stress. *Hortscience*, 21(3), 713-714.
- Behling, J., Riordan, T. P., Kinbacher, E. J., & Shearman, R. C. (1979). Evaluation of Kentucky Bluegrass Hybridization Methods. *American Society of Agronomy*, 132(55).

Awards, Fellowships, Honors, and Scholarships

Honor

- Horticulture Graduate Council , (1986)
- Sigma Xi (Honorary Research Society), (1986)
- Alpha Zeta Honorary Agricultural Fraternity , (1977)

Award

- Agronomy Student of the Year , (1978)

Professional Memberships

- Upper Midwest Organic Farming Association
- Crossroads Kitchen Advisory council
- American Society for Horticulture Science
- Root and Bulb Crops Germplasm Advisory Council
- USDA Brassica and Leafy Vegetable Germplasm Advisory Council
- ASHS Vegetable Breeding Working Group
- American Seed trade Association
- International Society for Horticulture Science
- Sugar Beet Technologists of America
- Washington State Biotechnical Consortium

Service

Community

- **Member**, Audubon Society – Skagit Chapter (On-going)
- Old Growth Forest Alliance (On-going)
- The Nature Conservancy – Washington Chapter (On-going)
- **Board of Directors**, Care-Link (November 2008 - May 2013)
- **Volunteer**, Scarborough Marsh Atlantic Coast Nature Sanctuary (June 1997 - June 1999)
- **Volunteer**, Maine Audubon (August 1996 - May 1999)
- Tidal Marsh Steward Workshop (May 1997)
- **Committee Member**, Skagit Valley Literacy Council (May 1992 - May 1994)