

FAEIS Principal Investigators



Dr. Mary Marchant: Principal Investigator

Dr. Mary Marchant obtained all of her advanced degrees at the University of California Davis. Upon graduating with a PhD in agricultural economics, she joined the University of Kentucky faculty, where she worked for 17 years. Dr. Marchant joined Virginia Tech (VT) as Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs for the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences in April 2006 and recently joined the VT faculty in the Department of Agriculture and Applied Economics.



Dr. Tim Mack: Co-Principal Investigator

Dr. Tim Mack is the dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). Mack came to IUP from Georgia Southern University, where he was the Dean of the Jack N. Averitt College of Graduate Studies. Previous to that position, he worked at Virginia Tech, serving for three years as Associate Dean for Information Technology and Distance Education in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Dr. Mack was instrumental in bringing FAIES to VT and served as the original principal investigator.



Dr. Eric Smith: Co-Principal Investigator

Dr. Eric P. Smith has been a member of the Statistics Department at Virginia Tech faculty since 1982 and chair of the department since 2006. His research focuses on the development and application of statistical methods to help understand and solve environmental and ecological problems. He was the director of the Statistical Consulting Center 1995-2004.



Dr. Eric Vance: Statistical Project Manager

Dr. Eric Vance is an Assistant Research Professor in the Department of Statistics at Virginia Tech. He received his MS in statistics and decision sciences from the Institute of Statistics and Decision Sciences at Duke University and his PhD in Statistical Science from the Department of Statistical Science at Duke University. He has more than 7 years of experience contributing statistical expertise to interdisciplinary research projects. Since 2008, he has been the director of the Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis (LISA).