



## Gary A. Fox

**Gary A. Fox, PE, ASABE Fellow**, is the 2021 recipient of the James R. and Karen A. Gilley Academic Leadership award for his outstanding mentoring of faculty and students to be leaders in the university department and profession.

Fox is a professor and department head of the biological and agricultural engineering department at North Carolina State University in Raleigh. There, he provides administrative leadership and oversight of the academic, research and extension programs.

Fox is recognized as an innovative leader in agricultural and biological engineering. He has served in numerous academic leadership positions, first as the director of the Oklahoma Water Resources Center at Oklahoma State University and now as department head of biological and agricultural engineering at North Carolina State University. During his tenure as department head, the undergraduate and graduate biological and agricultural engineering programs have risen to #6 and #4 respectively, as ranked by the US News and World Report.

Fox is a leading researcher in surface water/groundwater interaction as it relates to both hydrology and water quality. He has received more than \$27.1 million in nationally competitive grants from the National Science Foundation, the USDA, United States EPA, and the United State Geological Survey. A 24-year member of ASABE, Fox has maintained numerous leadership roles throughout ASABE committees and councils. In 2019, Fox was selected to be the first Editor-in-Chief of ASABE journals. In this role, he has worked to strengthen ASABE publica-

tions and he works with ASABE leadership and staff to develop and follow a strategic plan for ASABE journals and their role within the body of scientific literature. Fox is also a trustee on the Society Board of Trustees. Fox has served as an associate editor for the *Journal of Hydrologic Engineering*, a guest editor for a Special Collection on Undergraduate Research in Water for the *Journal of Contemporary Water Research and Education*, and as a special guest editor for the Special Collection on Streambank Erosion for the journal *Water*.

Fox has written more than 450 peer-reviewed articles, conference proceedings papers, and other publications and presentations. Throughout his career, Fox has received numerous awards. In 2020, he was inducted as an ASABE Fellow and received a ASABE Presidential Citation. He also received the ASABE ADS/ Hancor Soil and Water Engineering award and the Oklahoma Medal for Excellence in Research University Teaching for the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence.