



Dr. Larry Davenport is a Professor of Biological & Environmental Sciences at Samford University, Birmingham, where he teaches courses in general botany, plant taxonomy, and wetlands. A native of Seattle, Washington, Dr. Davenport received his Ph.D. (Biology) from the University of Alabama. He is considered an expert on Alabama plants, rock outcrop plants, the history of botany in the Southeast, and aquatic and wetland plants, including the Cahaba Lily. The author of nearly 150 scientific and general articles, Dr. Davenport has contributed numerous nature columns to *Alabama Heritage* since 1993. In 2010, twenty-five of these columns were published as *Nature Journal* by the University of Alabama Press. In 2016, he co-authored (with Kenneth M. Wills) *Exploring Wild Alabama* (also UA Press). The Alabama State Legislature declared May 27, 2006, to be Professor Lawrence J. Davenport Day in our state. And in 2007, Dr. Davenport was named Alabama CASE Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.



Vince Wallace is a Honey Bee farmer from Tuscaloosa County. He is a Certified Alabama Master Beekeeper and Vice President of the Alabama Beekeepers Association. He finds great enjoyment and challenge being involved with the ABA. Staying on the cutting edge of relevance in beekeeping requires deep involvement, dedication and continued study. He began beekeeping in 2012 and has taught a variety of beekeeping classes throughout the state. He currently tends to approximately 70 colonies. He and his beloved, Karen, reside in Fosters, AL, where they own and operate Wallace Homestead. Beside honey bees and honey bee products, they also raise chickens, quail and rabbits.



Dr. R. Scot Duncan was raised on the shores of Pensacola Bay, FL by the celebrated birders and conservationists, Lucy and Bob Duncan. Both Scot and his brother, Will, have dedicated their lives to science, conservation, and education. Scot holds a BS in Biology from Eckerd College, and a MS and PhD in Zoology from the University of Florida. His research and explorations have taken him to Antarctica, New Zealand, East Africa, Central and South America, the Pacific Northwest, and ecosystems across the southeastern US. For ten years he studied tropical forest restoration in Uganda and Latin America, but now focuses his efforts on endangered species and ecosystems of the Southeast. Scot is the author of award-winning *Southern Wonder: Alabama's Surprising Biodiversity*. Written for the layperson, the book interweaves the disciplines of ecology, evolution, and geology into an explanation of why Alabama is home to more species than any other state east of the Mississippi River. The book won three awards, including the Phil Reed Environmental Writing Award for non-fiction from the Southern Environmental Law Center.

Scot served on the board of the Cahaba River Society (2006-2012), and now serves on the board of the Alabama Chapter of The Nature Conservancy.



Colonel Duane A. Lamb served as the Associate Vice President (AVP) of Facilities and Grounds at the University of Alabama. He became a member of the University senior leadership in July 2007 when he was assigned as AVP over the Grounds Department. In October 2008, he was promoted and became a dual-hat AVP charged with leading both the Grounds Maintenance Department and the Facilities Operations Department.

Under his leadership, the campus has gone from no national ranking in the Facilities and Grounds arena, to ranking #3 in the nation for most beautiful university/college campuses (Newsweek), ranking #2 in the nation for most beautiful and iconic university quads (Business Insider), and ranking #1 among their university peers (Sightlines) in facilities operations (building maintenance/operations, construction renovation, electrical, plumbing, HVAC, elevator operations, grounds/landscape maintenance, energy conservation, logistics, recycling, garage, and custodial services). Colonel Lamb is a guest lecturer for UA

AFROTC and the undergraduate/graduate classes for the College of Business on Leadership and Organizational Theory; in addition to speaking on Space and Satellite Operations for the College of Engineering and has been the keynote speaker for the Theta Chi National Convention, speaking to young college men on 'Leadership and Being a Resolute Man'.