

# Ranae Dietzel

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## Education

- Iowa State University**, Ames, IA 2009-2014  
Doctorate of Philosophy  
Crop Production & Physiology and Sustainable Agriculture
- Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY 2006-2009  
Master of Science  
Soil Science, Minors: Agronomy and Biogeochemistry
- University of Minnesota – Morris**, Morris, MN 2002-2006  
Bachelor of Arts  
Biology

## Research and Teaching Experience

- Iowa State University Department of Agronomy, Ames, IA** Aug 2016-Present  
*Lecturer, Graduate Faculty Associate Member*
- Teach data stewardship principles to support better research practices
  - Serve on Program of Study Committees
- Iowa State University Department of Agronomy, Ames, IA** Aug 2014-Present  
*Postdoctoral Research Associate, Lecturer*
- Work in a lab group focused on addressing agronomic and environmental problems through field measurements and computer simulations
- Iowa State University Department of Agronomy, Ames, IA** Jan 2009-2014  
*Graduate Research Assistant*
- Examined differences in biogeochemical processes in corn- and prairie-based biofuel cropping systems
- Cornell University, Ithaca, NY** Aug 2006-Jan 2009  
*Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant*
- Conducted research on the effect of freeze-thaw cycles on spring nitrous oxide emissions in cornfields with and without a winter rye cover crop, focusing on microbial mechanisms
  - Assisted with teaching introductory soil science and soil ecology classes
- USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Morris, MN** May-Dec 2005  
*Biological Science Aid*
- Assisted with research on trace gas fluxes
  - Collected and processed soil, water, and gas samples
  - Ran field and laboratory equipment

## **West Central Research and Outreach Center, University of Minnesota, Morris, MN**

### *Undergraduate Research Assistant*

2003-2004

- Assisted with research on low input dairies
- Measured various properties of cattle feed

## **Agro-Soyuz, Mayskoye, Ukraine**

Summer 2004

### *Veterinary Assistant*

- Worked with dairy, swine, and ostrich
- Assisted with breeding, births, and treatments
- Assisted with veterinary research

## **Iowa State University, Ames, IA**

Summer 2003

### *Undergraduate Research Assistant*

- Assisted with studies on the impact of land use on streams
- Field work included rain simulations, stream and stream bank measurements, and riparian zone measurements
- Lab work included water testing, soil measurements, and dishwashing

## **Fellowships and Grants**

NIFA ELI Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$150,000, PI)	2016-2018
Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture Competitive Grant (\$48,000, PI)	2016-2019
Iowa Soybean Association Competitive Grant (\$230,000, co-PI)	2015-2017
Soybean Research Center Competitive Grant (\$79,805, co-PI)	2015-2016
NIFA Pre-doctoral Fellowship (\$75,000, PI)	2011-2014
Andrew W. Mellon Student Research Grant	2008
Agricultural Ecology Program Mini-grant	2008
Clinton DeWitt Smith Summer Fellowship	2008
NSF Biogeochemistry and Environmental Biocomplexity Small Grant	2007

## **Honors and Awards**

Outstanding Graduate Student, Iowa State University Department of Agronomy	2013
Crop and Soil Sciences Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Cornell University	2008
University of Minnesota – Morris Dean's Scholarship	2002-2006
Academic All-Conference Track and Field	2005, 2006
Academic All –Conference Cross Country	2005
All-American Wrestling	2003, 2004

## **Peer-reviewed Publications**

Cordova, S., Archontoulis, S., **Dietzel, R.**, and M. Castellano. *In review*. Plant litter quality affects the accumulation rate, composition, and stability of mineral-associated soil organic matter.

Martinez-Feria, R., Castellano, M., **Dietzel, R.**, Helmers, M., Liebman, M., and S. Archontoulis. 2018. Linking crop- and soil-based approaches to evaluate system nitrogen-use efficiency and tradeoffs. *Agriculture, Ecosystems & Environment* 256:131-143

- Ordóñez, R., Castellano, M., Hatfield, J., Helmers, J., Licht, M., Liebman, M., **Dietzel, R.**, Martínez-Feria, R., Iqbal, J., Puntel, L., Cordova, C., Togliatti, K., Wright, E., and S. Archontoulis. 2018. Maize and soybean root front velocity and maximum depth in Iowa, USA. *Field Crops Research* 215:122-131
- Togliatti, K., **Dietzel, R.**, Puntel, L., Archontoulis, S., and A. VanLoocke. 2017. How does inclusion of weather forecasting impact in-season crop model predictions? *Field Crops Research* 214:261-272
- Dietzel, R.**, Liebman, M., and S. Archontoulis. 2017. A deeper look at the relationship between root carbon pools and the vertical distribution of the soil carbon pool. *Soil*. doi:10.5194/soil-2017-5
- Puntel, L.A., Sawyer, J.E., Barker, D.W., **Dietzel, R.N.**, Poffenbarger, H., Castellano, M., Moore, K.J., Thorburn, P., Archontoulis, S.V. 2016. Modeling long-term corn yield response to nitrogen rate and crop rotation. *Frontiers in Plant Science*. doi: 10.3389/fpls.2016.01630
- Nichols, V., Miguez, F., Sauer, T., **Dietzel, R.** 2016. Field-measured root-growth derived CO<sub>2</sub> respiration in continuous maize and reconstructed prairies. *Crop Science* 56 2791-2801
- Martínez-Feria, R.A., **Dietzel, R.**, Liebman, M., Helmers, M.J., Archontoulis, S.V. 2016. Rye cover crop effects on maize: A system-level analysis. *Field Crops Research* 96: 145-159
- Dietzel, R.**, Liebman, M., Ewing, R., Helmers, M., Horton, R., Jarchow, M., and S. Archontoulis. 2016. How efficiently do corn- and soybean-based cropping systems use water? A systems modeling analysis. *Global Change Biology* 22: 666-681, DOI: 10.1111/gcb.13101
- Dietzel, R.** Jarchow, M. and M. Liebman. 2015. Above- and belowground growth, biomass, and nitrogen use in maize and reconstructed prairie cropping systems. *Crop Science* 55:1-14
- Jarchow, M., Liebman, M., Dhungel, S., **Dietzel, R.**, Sundberg, D., Anex, R., Thompson, M., and T. Chua. 2015. Tradeoffs among agronomic, energetic, and environmental performance characteristics of corn and prairie bioenergy cropping systems. *Global Change Biology Bioenergy* 7:57-71
- Dietzel, R.** and M. Liebman. 2014. Root inputs drive carbon storage potential differences in corn- and prairie-based cropping systems. Dissertation chapter. Order No. 3641012, Iowa State University, 2014, <http://search.proquest.com.proxy.lib.iastate.edu/docview/1622571419>
- Dietzel, R.** and M. Liebman. 2014. Predicted changes in soil organic carbon over fifty years in corn- and prairie-based cropping systems. Dissertation Chapter. Order No. 3641012, Iowa State University, 2014, <http://search.proquest.com.proxy.lib.iastate.edu/docview/1622571419>
- Jarchow, M., Neal, J., Costanza, R., D'Adamo, S., Damery, P., and R. **Dietzel**, et al. 2012. The future of food and life: Four visions focused on Iowa. *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability*. *International Journal of Agricultural Sustainability* 10:76-92
- Dietzel, R.**, Wolfe, D., and J. Thies. 2011. The influence of winter cover crops on spring nitrous oxide emissions from an agricultural soil. *Soil Biology & Biochemistry* 43:1989-1991

## **Extension Publications**

- Castellano M, Archontoulis SV, Cordova C, Dietzel R, Poffenbarger H, 2016. Nitrogen myths and realities. In Proceedings of the 28<sup>th</sup> ICM conference, November 30–December 1, 2016, Ames, IA, pages 133–137.

Archontoulis SV, Licht M, Castellano M, Dietzel R, VanLoocke A, Ordonez R, Iqbal J, Puntel L, Cordova C, Togliatti K, Martinez-Feria R, Huber I, Helmers M, 2016. Understanding the 2016 yields and interactions between soils, crops, climate and management. In Proceedings of the 28<sup>th</sup> ICM conference, November 30–December 1, 2016, Ames, IA, pages 13–17

Archontoulis SV, Dietzel R, Castellano M, VanLoocke A, Moore K, Puntel L, Cordova C, Togliatti K, Huber I, Licht M, 2015. Forecasting yields and in season crop water nitrogen needs using simulation models. In Proceedings of the 27<sup>th</sup> ICM conference, December 2–3, 2015, Ames, IA.

Archontoulis S, Licht M, Dietzel R, 2015. Wrap up and validation of the yield forecast project for 2015. Integrated Crop Management News. Paper 2134

Licht M, Archontoulis S, Dietzel R, 2015. In-season forecast of soil water-nitrogen and corn-soybean yields for central and northwest Iowa; August 12 Forecast. Integrated Crop Management News. Paper 822

Archontoulis S, Licht M, Dietzel R, 2015. In-season forecast of soil water-nitrogen and corn-soybean yields for central and northwest Iowa; an update. Integrated Crop Management News. Paper 675

Archontoulis S, Licht M, Dietzel R, 2015. In-season corn and soybean forecast of soil water-nitrogen and yields for central and northwest Iowa. A pilot project. Integrated Crop Management News. Paper 338

Castellano M, Archontoulis S, Cordova C, Dietzel R, Licht M, 2015. Fixing the soybean nitrogen credit. Iowa Soybean Association, Advance Newsletter

Licht M, Dietzel R, Archontoulis S, 2015. Using the soybean planting decision tool to help make planting date and maturity selection. Integrated Crop Management News

Licht M, Dietzel R, Archontoulis S, 2015. Soybean planting decision tool released to help farmers make informed decisions. Iowa Soybean Association, Advance Newsletter

Archontoulis SV, 2014. Cropping systems modelling tools to improve soybean management and yields in Iowa. Iowa Soybean Association, Advance Newsletter

Dietzel RN and Archontoulis SV, 2014. What is a cropping systems model? Iowa Soybean Association, Advance Newsletter

## **Service and Membership**

ISU Agronomy Postdoctoral Organization, Founder and Co-chair 2017-present

Rgronomists (R software use group) Founder and Organizer 2017-present

Iowa State University Science with Practice Undergraduate Mentor 2016

Agronomy, Crop Science, and Soil Science Societies of America, member 2006-2016

Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture, Coordinating Committee 2010, Curriculum

Committee 2011, Admissions Committee 2012

Agronomy Departmental Seminar Committee 2011, 2012

Environmental Working Group, Consultant 2011

Agronomy Graduate Student Club, President 2010

Reviewer – Plant Biology, Global Change Biology, Agronomy Journal

Candor, New York Town Planning Board 2008

Cornell Soil and Crop Science Graduate Student Association, secretary 2007, co-chair 2008

## **Presentations**

Dietzel, R., Liebman, M., Ewing, R., Horton, R., and Archontoulis, S. 2016. How efficiently do corn- and soybean-based systems use water? A modeling analysis. **Invited lecture:** *University of South Dakota Biology Seminar Series*

Dietzel, R., Liebman, M., Ewing, R., Horton, R., and Archontoulis, S. 2015. How efficiently do corn- and soybean-based systems use water? A modeling analysis. *ASA-CSA-SSA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN*

Dietzel, R., Archontoulis, S., and M. Liebman. 2014. Predicted changes in soil organic carbon over fifty years in corn- and prairie-based cropping systems. *ASA-CSA-SSA Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA*

Dietzel, R. and M. Liebman. 2014. Root inputs drive C storage differences in corn- and prairie-based cropping systems. *ASA-CSA-SSA Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA*

Dietzel, R. and M. Liebman. 2012. Root inputs drive C sequestration differences in corn and prairie cropping systems. *ASA-CSA-SSA Annual Meeting, Cincinnati, OH*

Dietzel, R. and M. Liebman. 2011. Root growth in corn- and prairie-based biofuel cropping systems. *ISU Agronomy Research Symposium, Ames, IA.*

Dietzel, R. and M. Liebman. 2010. Root growth in corn- and prairie-based biofuel cropping systems. *ISU Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture Symposium, Ames, IA*

Dietzel, R. and M. Liebman. 2010. C sequestration in cornfields and prairies? *Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium, Ames, IA.*

Dietzel, R., Jarchow, M., Sundberg, D., and M. Liebman. 2009. A comparison of corn- and prairie-based cropping systems. *ASA-CSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Pittsburgh, PA*

Dietzel, R., Jarchow, M., Sundberg, D., and M. Liebman. 2009. A comparison of biomass production in corn- and prairie – based cropping systems. *Live Green! Sustainability Series Poster Presentation, Ames, IA*

Dietzel, R., Jarchow, M., Sundberg, D., and M. Liebman. 2009. A comparison of biomass production in corn- and prairie – based cropping systems. *BioCentury Research Farm Dedication, Ames, IA*

Dietzel, R., Jarchow, M., Sundberg, D., and M. Liebman. 2009. A comparison of biomass production in corn- and prairie – based cropping systems. *Biofuels Research at ConocoPhillips – Women in STEM Speaker Series, Ames, IA*

Dietzel, R., Jarchow, M., Sundberg, D., and M. Liebman. 2009. A comparison of biomass production in corn- and prairie – based cropping systems. *Iowa State Graduate Student in Sustainable Agriculture Annual Research Symposium, Ames, IA*

Dietzel, R. 2008. The influence of winter field cover on spring nitrous oxide emissions. *Cornell Crop and Soil Sciences Seminar Series, Ithaca, NY*

Dietzel, R. and J. Thies. 2008. Surface insulation leads to higher N<sub>2</sub>O fluxes during soil thawing. *ASA-CSA-SSSA Annual Meeting, Houston, TX*