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- **Credential Offered**: Ph.D., M.S.
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### Faculty

- **Thomas Baldwin, Ph.D.**
  - University of Georgia, 2013
  - Research Interests: Barley-Pathogen Interactions, RNA-Interference, Fungal Genetics, Fusarium head blight

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  - Iowa State University, 1999
  - Research Interests: Epidemiology of Plant Diseases, Chemical and Biological Control of Fungal Diseases, Management of Canola Diseases

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  - Wageningen University & Research, 2018
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  - North Dakota State University, 2013
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  - Washington State University, 2012
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  - Clemson University, 1998
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  - Research Interests: Extension Plant Pathology, Rust Diseases, IPM, Emerging Diseases, Chemical Control

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