



From Jiangsu to Colorado: My Journey to Academic and Professional Leadership



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Abstract

Dr. Gu's research and extension efforts have focused on addressing critical challenges in the green industry, including Japanese beetle management, development of alternative potting substrates, sensor-controlled nursery irrigation, and control of crapemyrtle bark scale. Her work has been supported by over \$6 million in funding from industry partners as well as state and federal agencies. She has disseminated her findings through more than 100 peer-reviewed journal articles and numerous trade and extension publications. She has spoken to many national and international events, such as Cultivate and International Plant Propagators' Society (IPPS) Conference.

Dr. Gu is a highly regarded member of both the academic and professional horticultural communities. She has made significant contributions to leading organizations, including American Society for Horticultural Science (ASHS), International Society for Horticultural Science, and IPPS. Her leadership roles include serving as Vice President of ASHS's International Division, and in recognition of her impact, she was named an ASHS Fellow in 2022. She just became ASHS President-elect. She is also a fellow from the Food System Leadership Institute.

Passionate about mentoring future leaders in horticulture, she will share her journey from Jiangsu Province in China to the leadership roles in both academia and professional societies.