



2025 Bonnie Teater

**Community Development
Early Career Achievement
Award Recipient**

Dr. Hunter P. Goodman

**University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture
Cooperative Extension Service**

The Southern Rural Development Center is proud to honor Dr. Hunter P. Goodman as the 2025 recipient of the *Bonnie Teater Community Development Early Career Achievement Award*. In August 2021, Dr. Goodman was named as Assistant Professor of Community Workforce, and Economic Development with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture (UADA).

Dr. Goodman's work in Extension community development focuses on building trust-centered relationships and understanding opportunities for Extension to best collaborate and deliver services that advance community, economic, and development change within Arkansas communities. Within her first few months, Goodman interviewed over 50 stakeholders—including nonprofits, corporate partners, higher education institutions, chambers of commerce, and community organizations—to better understand their needs and develop effective programming. Recognizing the value of participatory, asset-based, and systems approaches for achieving lasting impact, Goodman frequently collaborates with faculty across departments, program areas, and institutions. Her cross-sector partnerships are reflected in initiatives such as the Center for Resilience & Workforce Development, the Rural Health and Safety Education Extension Health Ambassador program, the BankOn Arkansas+ program, and Strengthening Rural Resilience: Agricultural Workforce Development in Risk Management.

Dr. Goodman has made significant contributions to the Arkansas Extension program and community development, securing nearly \$2.3 million in funding through 10+ grants as principal investigator (PI) or co-PI from various sources, including government agencies, universities, and private entities. Additionally, her scholarly contributions include co-authored book chapters, a peer-reviewed curriculum, a published journal article, numerous Extension publications, and several works currently under review. She has also delivered 17 presentations at state, regional, national, and international conferences, demonstrating her active engagement in both research and dissemination.

On behalf of Dr. Hunter P. Goodman's nomination, Dr. Stacey McCullough, Assistant Vice President for Community, Professional & Economic Development, University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture Cooperative Extension Service stated, "Her work is innovative and impactful, and she embodies everything we look for in an outstanding community development professional and faculty member." Dr. Daniel Kahl, Associate Professor, Community and Leadership Development and Associate Director, Blueprint Kentucky, Martin-Gatton College of Agriculture, Food, and Environment, University of Kentucky affirms that Dr. Goodman's work is impactful as well as describes her as being "... a very bright 'rising star' in the community development field. She is having influence in the work and efforts of academics and practitioners across the U.S. and around the globe."

Dr. Hunter P. Goodman's contributions to community development embody the principles and impact recognized by this prestigious honor, making her a highly deserving recipient of the Southern Rural Development Center's 2025 Bonnie Teater Community Development Early Career Achievement Award.