

North Central Region

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Joe Colletti is a tireless advocate for research and its application to benefit society. As a dynamic leader in his role as Senior Associate Dean, he brings unbridled enthusiasm, vision and hard work towards a core belief in “team science” and “science with practice” philosophies. He is a daily champion of diversity enhancement programs with multicultural students, staff and faculty, so they are welcomed and successful in achieving their goals. He also served as Interim Endowed Dean and Interim Director.

Colletti has served the North Central Regional Association (NCRA) of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors as an active participant and chair (two terms) plus as a member and chair of the Multistate Research Committee, and originator of efforts with the bioeconomy and service to the National Plant Germplasm Coordinating Committee. Joe has helped to streamline the processes and functions of multistate committees as well as serving as Administrative Advisor to multiple projects. He has served on the ESCOP Science and Technology Committee, which recently completed the Grand Challenge Roadmap Briefs. Within NCRA, he is a tireless advocate for cultural competencies, diversity and inclusion through sharing of best practices and programs.

Joe has been a leader and collaborator with the Iowa State University BioCentury Research Farm, partnership with Tuskegee University, NSF Midwest Big Data Hub, Dean’s Leadership

Program in Rome with FAO, Big Data Summit and other conferences. Colletti was recognized for his teaching and advising skills, receiving the College of Agriculture-Louis Thompson Advisor of the Year, Outstanding Club Advisor from the CALS Ag Council, the Most Beloved Instructor of the Year from the Forestry Club (multiple times) and the ISU Foundation Award of Outstanding Achievement in Teaching. Joe has been an invited professor at Nanjing Forestry University in China and conducted research at the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico at the INIFAP research facility.

Colletti earned a B.S. from Humboldt State University in California and M.S. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.