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I joined the USDA-ARS, Root Disease & Biological Control Research Unit, Pullman, WA, in January, 2002. There are four USDA-ARS Research Scientists lead by Dr. David M. Weller, Research Leader, in our unit with a support team of twenty-five. This support team includes undergraduate students, graduate students, visiting scientists, and research technicians. I earned my

Bachelor of Science Degree from The University of North Texas in Denton, Texas, and my Masters of Science from Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana. My past work experience includes supervising in the manufacturing arena and coaching women's basketball. We here at the Pullman Location have been involved in outreach on the Colville Reservation for the past five years. We go up each month of the school year to take "hands-on" science to the 5th-8th graders at Nespelem Grade School on the Colville Reservation and Paschal Sherman Indian School. We also work with other rural schools to involve them in science. We feel it is important to help encourage the next generation of "scientists."