

Dean Kurt Pregitzer - Bio

Kurt Pregitzer was appointed dean of the College of Natural Resources and Thomas L. Reveley Professor of Forest Ecology on Aug. 8, 2010.

Prior to coming to the University of Idaho, Pregitzer was professor and chair of the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Science at the University of Nevada. Pregitzer served as director of Michigan Technological University's Ecosystem Science Center.

From 1994-2007, he was a professor in the School of Forestry and Wood Products at Michigan Technological University. From 1983-91, he moved from assistant to full professor positions in the Department of Forestry at Michigan State University, and from 1981-83, he was an assistant professor in University of Idaho's Department of Forest Resources.

In 2002, Pregitzer received the Barrington Moore Memorial Award from the Society of American Foresters for Outstanding Accomplishments in the Advancement of Forest Biology. Pregitzer also has served as a competitive research program manager for both the Department of Energy and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Over the course of 13 years at Michigan Technological University, he secured more than \$20 million in extramural support for the institution; and over a two-year period, he brought more than \$2 million to the University of Nevada. Active in research, writing and mentoring, Pregitzer has published 183 refereed papers, 14 book chapters, and trained 41 graduate students and several post-doctoral scholars. Pregitzer has served as an associate editor for the Canadian Journal of Forest Research, Tree Physiology, the Journal of Ecology, Ecology and Ecological Monographs. In 2004, the Thompson Institute of Scientific Information identified the world's most highly cited authors and placed him on its list of Highly Cited Researchers, comprised of less than one-half of one percent of all publishing researchers across all fields of science.

Pregitzer earned his degrees from the University of Michigan: a Bachelor of Science degree in forestry, and his master's and doctoral degrees in forest ecology. He was a research fellow at the Hessen Forestry Research Institute in Germany. As an academic, his interests reside in plant ecology, ecosystem science and sustainable ecosystem management.