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Department Head Is New Fellow

Huntsville, Ala. ---- The new chairperson of Alabama A&M University's Department of Natural and Environmental Sciences has received yet another coveted distinction from a national organization.

Dr. Teferi Tsegaye (suh-GUY) has been elected as a Fellow of the American Society of Agronomy. The professor's selection brings AAMU's total of ASA Fellows to five, according to School of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Dean Robert W. Taylor.



"The only other land-grant historically black university that has any fellow is Tuskegee," noted Taylor, adding that North Carolina A&T State University may gain one this year. "Tsegaye's distinction is significant in that competition is very fierce and one is competing against agricultural scientists from throughout the world."

Later this year, Tsegaye could become a Fellow of the Soil Science Society of America (SSSA).

A prolific researcher and educator, Tsegaye graduated from the University of Maryland in soil physics and joined the faculty at AAMU in 1996. He has won several honors and awards, including the coveted Bennie D. Mayberry Young Scientist Award (2000) from the 1890 Association of Research Directors.

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