



## **DR. GERALD JOHN HOLMES**

### **The Strawberry Center at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo: A public-private partnership for applied science and workforce development**

The Strawberry Center at the California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) in San Luis Obispo is a partnership between the California Strawberry Commission and Cal Poly. This seminar will describe this new private-public model for applied research and workforce development, including research results that have direct impact on how strawberries are grown.

**Spring 2022 PSLA**

**LECTURE**

**SERIES**

**April 11, 2022**

**PLSC Building: RM  
1140**

**Time:**

**12PM**

**[UMD Zoom](#)**

**Graduate student  
lunch w/ speakers**

**1PM**

**PLSC RM 2107/2109**

Gerald Holmes is the founding Director of the Strawberry Center at Cal Poly State University in San Luis Obispo. Gerald got his Ph.D. in Plant Pathology from UC Riverside in 1994 then worked as a Cooperative Extension Farm Advisor in Imperial County for three years. For the next 12 years he was an Extension Vegetable Pathologist and Associate Professor at NC State University then worked six years as Product Development Manager for Valent USA Corporation before becoming Director of the Strawberry Center in 2014.



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