

# USU Extension Announces Administrative Changes

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University Extension announces changes in administration that were recently approved by the USU Board of Trustees. Margie Memmott was named Extension Southern Region director and Justen Smith was named Northern Region director. Both have been serving as interim directors in these positions.

“We are very pleased to have such capable individuals serving in these important roles in Extension,” said Ken White, USU Extension vice president. “They both have a wealth of knowledge and experience they will bring to their regions. This is extremely important as Extension continues to seek to improve the lives of Utah individuals, families and communities at a time when our world is changing at an unprecedented rate.”

Memmott has worked for USU Extension as the family and consumer sciences and 4-H youth development faculty member in Juab County for nearly 25 years. She has served as interim Southern Region director since December 2015 and has worked with faculty and staff in 17 of the 29 counties in Utah.

“The past 18 months have been an incredibly rich and rewarding experience, and my years in Extension have been extremely fulfilling,” she said. “I am honored now to be appointed as Southern Region Extension director. I will work to continue to provide positive vision and leadership to this outstanding faculty and staff in facilitating balanced, comprehensive and coordinated Extension programs that are responsive to the critical issues of Utah citizens.” Smith has served as interim Northern Region Extension director for 7 months.

“I am truly honored to serve now as Northern Region director, working with the outstanding faculty and staff who have been examples and mentors for me during my career,” he said. “I am excited for the opportunity and challenge to provide leadership for the Northern Region as it is experiencing unprecedented growth and changing demographics. As Utah evolves, so does Extension. I will be working with dedicated world-class faculty and staff in evolving and developing progressive programs to meet the needs of Utahns while maintaining the land-grant mission of Utah State University.”

Both positions became effective July 1.