

The Stillingher Herbarium: Inside the University of Idaho, 1889 to present

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Description: The Stillingher Herbarium was established when the University of Idaho was founded in 1889. The early years of the herbarium were guided by the first herbarium director Louis F. Henderson. Between 1889 and 1906 the herbarium amassed upwards of 85,000 specimens. Tragedy struck in March of 1906 when a fire destroyed the Administration building housing the collection, destroying much of the collection. The collection grew slowly for much of the next half century, with notable contributors William H. Baker and J.H. Christ. In 1957 the Stillingher Trust was established, leading to a period of relatively rapid growth, largely under the directorship of Douglas M. Henderson (1972-1996). Today the collection houses over 180,000 vascular plant specimens, approximately 20,000 bryophytes and lichens and close to 15,000 mycological specimens. The current mission and future directions will also be discussed.

Biography: Dr. Kuhl received his Bachelor of Science from Iowa State University, and Master of Science and PhD from University of Wisconsin - Madison. He conducted post-doctoral research at the Boyce Thompson Institute for Plant Research (Cornell University) and Michigan State University. He was employed by the USDA, Agricultural Research Service as a Research Geneticist for four years in Palmer, Alaska. In 2009 he joined the University of Idaho where he is an Associate Professor of Plant Genetics. Dr. Kuhl was excited to be appointed Director of the Stillingher Herbarium in Fall 2022.

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