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Dr. Daniel Luoma is Assistant Professor, Senior Research in the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at Oregon State University. Dan received his B.S. in Physical Geography from the University of Oregon, after which he spent two years as a botanist with the Bureau of Land Management, Salem District. Returning to school, he obtained his M.S. and Ph.D. in Ecological Plant Geography from Oregon State University. He has been with Oregon State since 1984 starting as a Graduate Research Assistant. In 2004, Dan was honored as a Distinguished Alumnus by Lane Community College, Eugene, Oregon. The award recognizes its recipients for their achievements in their chosen profession and their service to the community. Dan was chosen, in part, due to his long record of service with the Mt. Pisgah Mushroom Festival.



Dan's teaching includes workshops and field courses on forest mycology and readings in the field of small mammal mycophagy. His research covers several integrated research projects in the field of Forest Mycology. Among Dan's current activities are quantitative studies of 1) the diversity of ectomycorrhizal fungi in natural and managed forests of the Pacific Northwest, 2) commercially harvested forest mushrooms, and 3) the effects of spore inoculation applied to seedling roots on seedling growth and ectomycorrhiza diversity. Outreach to forestland owners, managers, and users (for example, through the Swiss Needle Cast Coop) is an important aspect of his educational endeavors.