



Jerold R. Thomas

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Paulding High School		1985
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Jerold R. Thomas, Ph.D. – Paulding High School Class of 1985

Jerry Thomas received his Bachelor of Arts in American Studies from the University of Toledo in 1988, his Master of Arts in Geography and Planning also from the University of Toledo in 1992 and his Doctor of Philosophy, Human and Community Resource Development, from The Ohio State University in 2001. He is currently an Associate Professor at The Ohio State University.

He has been with Ohio State University since 1990 in a variety of positions including Extension Agent, District Director, and Center Director. Jerry is currently the Leader, Innovation and Change with the Ohio State University Leadership Center and a faculty member with appointments in the Departments of Extension and Agriculture, Communication, Education, & Leadership. He also serves as the national coordinator for the eXtension

(pronounced e-extension) State and Local Value Enhancement Initiative and is the 2012 president of the *Journal of Extension* board of directors. Jerry has been a past Fellow with the National eXtension Initiative (University of Nebraska Lincoln) and the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (Michigan State University).

Jerry is the son of Loren and Louella Thomas, and brother of Pam Moore. He has been married to Rachel Thomas for 24 years and has a son, Justin, a daughter Kylee and a granddaughter Ally.

