



SOCIETY OF
WOOD SCIENCE &
TECHNOLOGY



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COUNTRY OF ORIGIN

United States

RESEARCH TOPIC

Quantitative wood anatomy;
ecological disturbance and wood
quality, correlated microscopy

DEGREES

PhD, Wood Products Engineering,
State University of New York, Syracuse,
NY, 1992; M.S., Wood Anatomy,
Colorado State University, Fort Collins,
CO, 1986; B.S., Forestry and Forest
Products, Colorado State University,
Fort Collins, CO, 1982

CURRENT POSITION

Professor and Associate
Department Head

Persevere, persist, and resist when you face obstacles. Wood and forest products (and those who study them) offer tremendous opportunities. By recognizing that bias and negative assumptions will be encountered, you have taken the first step in preventing yourself and others from succumbing to that negativity. Be creative and pioneer the positive changes needed in our world.

Audrey is a professor and associate department head in the Department of Sustainable Biomaterials at Virginia Tech. She was the first woman to be hired into a tenure-track position and achieve the rank of professor in her college. She was also the first woman department head and president of SWST. Her research encompasses wood anatomy and the impacts of ecological disturbance on wood properties and quality. She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in quantitative wood anatomy and wood structure and properties. She also developed SWST and 4-H curriculum units in wood science and created InsideTrees, a summer camp for women and underrepresented high school students.



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