

Mickey A. Latour is the Dean of Agriculture at Arkansas State University. Before being named dean in March 2020, he served as dean and professor at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale (SIUC), overseeing all college activities. Prior to SIUC, he was a professor of animal science and associate dean for distance learning at Purdue University, where he led an active lipid research program and directed various distance-learning initiatives. As associate dean, he collaborated across colleges at Purdue to support students.

Throughout his academic career, Mickey has been a passionate advocate for student success, engagement, research, service, alumni relations, and community involvement. He is deeply committed to fostering the success of others.

Mickey earned his BS from Southeastern Louisiana University and completed his MS and PhD in physiology at Mississippi State University. Following graduation, he was an NIH fellow at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, where he studied a rare lipid disorder, hypobetalipoproteinemia, in affected kindreds.

In his personal time, Mickey enjoys spending time with friends and family, as well as walking, hiking, listening to music, volunteering, and working in the yard.