



Tom Lograsso Named Interim Director of Ames Laboratory



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MSE Adjunct Professor Thomas Lograsso has been named interim director of the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Ames Laboratory.

Lograsso will replace MSE Professor Alex King, who will lead the Laboratory's Critical Materials Institute, a \$120 million DOE Energy Innovation Hub announced in January.

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MSE Highlights

Kaitlin Bratlie is the recipient of a grant from the [Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust](#) of Muscatine, IA and has been awarded \$344,451 for her research on materials used in drugs to fight cancer.

Best of luck to Mike Kessler who will be leaving the MSE department in August to begin a new position as the Director of the School of Mechanical and Materials Engineering at Washington State University. A Farewell Reception for will be held for him on June 7 from 2:00-3:30 PM in 2220 Hoover Hall. If you are unable to attend and would like to give any well wishes to him, please email them to Melissa Skinner, skinnerm@iastate.edu, by June 5.