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Kai Umeda has been an area extension agent for turfgrass science since 2003, working with golf course superintendents, sports turf managers, and commercial landscapers in Maricopa County and adjacent counties in Arizona. His turfgrass extension program areas of emphasis are in weed science and pest management. He began his career with Cooperative Extension in 1994 to work in vegetable crops and has always worked closely with many of the University of Arizona's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences research and extension faculty as well as collaborating with private and public researchers. In recent years, broader extension activities have included contributions to the Community Integrated Pest Management team and specifically to Schools IPM program.

Umeda obtained a bachelor's degree in pest management from the University of California, Berkeley and received his master's degree in weed science from Southern Illinois University. Prior to joining the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension, he worked in private industry conducting agrichemical research and development.