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## EDUCATION:

Ph.D. degree in Economic Education, Ohio University, Athens Ohio, June 1996

M.A. degree in International Affairs with a concentration in Economics and Development Studies, Ohio University, June 1990.

B.S. degree in Business Administration with a minor in Economics, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, 1988

B.A. degree in Music General Curriculum, Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, 1988

## TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Instructor, Econ 110: Orientation course for new students (every fall semester)
- Instructor, Econ 297: Internship in Agribusiness (every fall)
- Instructor, Econ 385: Economic Development (every spring)
- Co-instructor, International Travel Courses focusing on Production Agriculture, Trade and Business in:
  - Australia— (Spring, 2008, 2011, 2014, and 2017)
  - Argentina---(Spring, 1999, 2001, 2006, 2009, 2012, and 2015)
  - Panama--- (Fall 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2008, 2012, 2014, and 2016)
  - Spain---(Spring 2003, 2005, 2010, 2013, and 2016)
- Instructor: International Travel Course to the United Arab Emirates with a focus on Culture and Economic Diversification in the UAE (Fall 2013, and 2017)

## AFFILIATION AND RECOGNITION:

Spring 2014: Inducted into Cardinal Key Honor Society—Oldest ISU Honor Society  
2012-2013 Wilbur L. Layton Award for Faculty who strongly supports student success  
2011-2012 College of Ag and Life Sciences Learning Community Coordinator Award  
2010-2011 ISU McNair Faculty Mentor of the Year Award  
2009-2010 Exemplary Peer Mentor Supervisor Award  
2008-2009 Learning Community Innovation Award (Team Award)  
2007-2008 ISU Foundation Academic Adviser Impact Award  
2006-2007 Learning Community Champion Award  
2002-2003 College of Agriculture Academic Adviser of the year Award  
Engineers Without Borders, Faculty Program Leader to Belize, May 2009  
Association for Women in Development (AWID)  
Phi Beta Delta—Honor Society for International Scholars.  
Pi Gamma Mu--International Honor Society in Social Sciences.  
Omicron Delta Epsilon--Honor Society in Economics.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Senior Lecturer and Coordinator for Undergraduate Academic Advising,  
Department of Economics, Iowa State University (August 1997-Present)

*Administration:*

- Coordinate a team of 5 faculty, 3 graduate and 1 professional advisers; ensuring efficient operations of the team
- Coordinate Learning Communities for first year students in the department of economics.
- Hire and supervise 7-12 Peer Mentors to work with new transfer and freshmen students.
- Serve as departmental liaison to the offices of admissions, registrar, and Dean of Students
- Assists with research and implementation of best practices, policies, procedures and organizational tasks, and advising assessment.
- Maintain signatory authority on most paperwork related to Econ undergraduate programs
- Coordinate regular adviser meetings and on going training.
- Respond to faculty adviser questions dealing with academic standards and procedures.
- Facilitate the training and orientation of new advisers—professional, faculty, and graduate student academic advisers.
- Serve on departmental and college ad hoc, academic advising and recruitment committee.
- Plan and manage the budget for all activities related to the Learning Community

*Academic Advising:*

- Directly advise all incoming first year students and international agriculture majors (75-100)
- Assist with engaging a community of advising including faculty advisers, graduate student advisers, collaborative offices, peer mentors, and all undergraduate students through training, seminars, programs, events, and related initiatives.
- Monitor student academic progress and serve as an associate adviser to all other upper level (500-600) students in the department of economics.
- Counsel and advice students on academic matters including degree requirements, degree audits, policies and procedures, study abroad and career issues.

*Recruitment and Retention:*

- Review and evaluate transfer student degree audits and recommend course substitutions.
- Compose and submit student letters for scholarships, internships, and permanent jobs.
- Initiate appropriate intradepartmental action to recognize outstanding students.
- Provide information and services to prospective students and their parents.
- Actively promote departmental programs through participation in on/off campus activities.
- Prepare official reports on program statistics, trends, evaluation, outcomes and other surveys.
- Develop and update recruitment materials, degree requirement sheets, and typical program of study sheets, placement summary sheets, and adviser handbooks.
- Organize and implement summer new student and transfer orientation programs.
- Survey and evaluate other programs and institutions where necessary, then provide input for curricular changes and updates.
- Coordinate the undergraduate scholarship program.
- Secure outside and university funding through competitive grants to support recruitment, Learning Community activities, and international travel courses.

***International & Diversity Programs:***

- World Food Prize; Global Youth Institute Faculty Expert, 2012 and 2013
- Engineers Without Borders Faculty leader for a needs assessment trip to Belize, C.A, 2009
- One of two faculty with signatory authority of approval international agriculture secondary major requests for the CALS
- Primary adviser for Ag Bus students with international agriculture as a secondary major.
- Departmental liaison and contact on international programs and opportunities.
- Collect and disseminate information on study abroad, student exchange and travel courses.
- Facilitate student involvement in diversity and international programs.
- Maintain and coordinate database of students studying or intending to study abroad.
- Write grants and find resources to support international programs and travel.
- Identify and/or initiate new international academic programs and opportunities.
- Coordinate and teach international travel courses
- Past departmental contact and representative to Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS).
- Previously served on the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Diversity and Recruitment & Retention Committees.

***Internship Coordinator:***

- Meet and discuss internship opportunities with company representatives.
- Collect and disseminate internship opportunity information to students and faculty advisers.
- Collaborate with on-campus career placement office on internship information for students.
- Attend company tours and presentations by prospective employers.
- Disseminate, receive, and review internship reports throughout the summer.
- Coordinate and teach a two-credit departmental internship course.
- Work with students on independent study projects related to their internships.

**RESEARCH AND GRANTS**

- Part of a \$1.7 m USAID funded project on Farmer Decision Strategies for Improved Soil Fertility Management in Maize-Bean Production Systems in Uganda and Mozambique-Spring 2014- Fall 2017
- Co-author: Improved production systems for common bean on Ferralsol soil in south-central Uganda *African Journal of Agricultural Research* (October 2016)
- Constraints of Smallholder Farmer Participation in Common Bean Markets in Uganda and Mozambique. *Poster presentation at the 2016 PanAfrican Grain Legume and World Cowpea Conference Livingstone, Zambia.*
- Utilizing Imperfect and Inconsistent Data: Economic Feasibility Analysis of Common Bean Production in Uganda and Mozambique. *Conference presentation, Ouagadougou Burkina Faso August 2017*
- \$58,00 grant from Cochran Fellowship Program for Nigeria-Women in Agriculture Africa & Middle East to host eight women entrepreneurs from Nigeria for 2 weeks, summer 2017
- Co-Investigator: The Benefits and Concerns Regarding Production and Capture of Methane from Various Waste Materials and Utilization of Methane for Energy (Swine Research Report, Iowa State University, April, 1999)
- Teaching material contribution for Spain/U.S. *with Dr. Sergio Lence: Spring 2005:*
  - *Comparative Economic Analysis of Swine Sector in the U.S and Spain.*
  - *Historical Contexts and Comparisons of Agricultural Policies in the U.S. and the E.U.*

- Comparative Marketing Analysis of Agricultural Products in USA & Argentina: Awarded \$20, 000 competitive grant from the College of Agriculture's Council on International Programs to initiate and implement a new course "**Comparative Marketing for Agricultural Products**" that would include travel to agribusinesses within the U.S and in Argentina
- Awarded two industry grants in 1999 and 2000 totaling \$70, 000 to support students participating in the initial travel course for students to Argentina and Brazil.
- Awarded over \$150,000 (approx \$10,500 each academic year) competitive grant in the past thirteen years for implementation and administration of Learning Communities and peer mentoring for freshmen students majoring in agricultural Business.
- Development issues that impact the economic capacities of women in rural Kenya. Received a \$3,000 competitive grant for an exploratory visit for this study (*Dec. 1999*).

#### STUDENT MENTOR AND COMMITTEE WORK

- Mentored a Mandela Washington Young African Leaderships Initiative (YALI) Scholar from Nigeria for six weeks, Summer 2017
- Committee Member for Jake Smit, Master's Degree candidate in Sustainable Agriculture
- Committee Member for Elise Regen, PhD candidate in Sustainable Agriculture. Elise has received a Fulbright grant and will be doing her research in Egypt for 9 months starting in August
- Independent research adviser for Nimota Nasiru: Mechanical Engineering Student; Ronald E. McNair Scholar
- Working on independent research project with a graduate student in Community and Regional planning.

#### COMMITTEE WORK AND OTHER CAMPUS-WIDE INVOLVEMENT

- Faculty Senate Academic Standards and Advising Committee, 2011- present
- Member of the CALS Strategic Planning Committee for 2017-2022 (March-May 2017)
- University Advising Awards Review Committee (2009 and 2010)
- All University Judicial (AUJ) Hearing Board (2001-present)
- University Learning Community Advisory Committee (LCAC) (2001-2012)
- **Co-Chair**, Curriculum and Faculty Development Subcommittee of LCAC (2002-2012)
- Recruitment and Retention Committee, Department of Economics 1997-2007, chair 2001-2002
- Undergraduate Ad Hoc Committee, Department of Economics (2002-2008)
- Department of Economics Outcomes Assessment Committee (2002-2005)
- Faculty Advising Committee, Department of Economics (1997-present)
- College of Agriculture Recruitment and Retention Committee (2000-2004), chair
- College of Ag Transfer and Articulation Committee (2000-2009)
- College of Ag Academic Affairs Committee (Fall 2005-Present)
- Department of Economics Curriculum Committee (2004-2009)
- **Adviser**, Kenya Student Association (1999-Present)
- **Adviser**, UAE Student Organization, (Present)
- **Adviser**, Cardinal Key Honor Society (Spring 2014-Present)
- **Adviser**, Sigma Alpha (Professional Sorority for Women in Ag), (1998-2000)
- **Committee Adviser and Member of Planning Committee**, Minorities in Agriculture and Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) (fall 1997 & spring 1998).
- **Member**, College of Agriculture, Diversity Committee (1997-2000).