

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

- Ph.D. Rangeland Ecology and Management (May 2008).
Dissertation Title: Use of EMYCIN to Transform Community-based Sustainable
Urban Planning Survey Data.
- M.S. Forest Resources and Conservation (August 1978). University of Florida, Gainesville
- B.S. Range Science, 1976, Texas A&M University

Experience

- 2008-Present Senior Program Development Coordinator and Coordinator of Africa Programs, The
Norman E. Borlaug Institute for International Agriculture, The Texas A&M
University System, College Station, Texas.

Program Development: Identifies and analyzes a variety of programs/projects of interest and benefit to the Agriculture Program of Texas A&M University (TAMU); develops programs and projects, collaborating with faculty, administrators and leaders of a variety of institutions; identifies and assesses TAMU resources to be committed to realization of the opportunity; prepares technical and cost proposals, financial documents and certification required by donor organizations, collaborating with contracting entities at TAMU; maintains discretionary authority for commitments during negotiations of budgets, terms of reference, and identification of personnel; periodic travels in US and internationally to develop opportunities and negotiate/alter terms and conditions of contracts and grants. Writes and coordinates the writing of proposals.

Project Management: Currently manages Texas A&M subcontracts for 2 USAID-funded IQCs, and a USAID-funded university linkage program. Served as TAMU Project Manager for the Mali Strengthening Research Planning and Research on Commodities (SPARC) Project, where TAMUS served as the prime contractor of an 8 member consortium of universities and private firms for this USAID-funded project. Provided or coordinated all technical and logistical backstopping for the project.

- 1992-Present Program Development Coordinator, Office of International Agricultural Programs, Texas A&M University System
- 1990-1992 Proposal Coordinator, Office of International Agricultural Programs, Texas A&M University System

- 1988-1990 Coordinator of Natural Resources Activities, Experience, Inc., Washington, D.C.
- 1987 Extension Video Specialist, Extension Training Component of the Togo Animal Traction Project (Kara, Togo, West Africa)
- 1982-1985 Range Management/Livestock Specialist, USAID North Cameroon Livestock and Agricultural Development Project, Experience, Inc. (Mindif, Cameroon)
- 1979-1980 *Associate Program Coordinator, International Training Division, Office of International Cooperation and Development (OICD/IT), U.S. Department of Agriculture (Washington, D.C.)*

Key Qualifications

More than 27 years of public and private sector experience in the development and management of international programs in agriculture, agribusiness, natural resources and rural development, funded through contracts and grants. Regularly collaborates with senior levels of foreign governments, international agencies, and US and foreign government agencies, including agencies of the governments of Rwanda, Ethiopia, Mali, Peru, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Mexico, as well as institutions within the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) system, The World Bank and regional development banks, USAID, the US Department of State, the US Department of Agriculture, private industry, non-governmental organizations, and US and international universities. Countries of work or collaboration include Tanzania, Cameroon, Togo, Mali, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Peru, Costa Rica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Turkmenistan, and France. Skills include: system-level thinking; visioning and strategy development to create and implement programs and projects; business development and marketing; and communications (written and oral) and negotiation. Additional areas of interest include: natural resources and sustainable development under global climate change conditions; promotion of women's access to education, health services and information, and participation in economic activity; "green" cities, sustainable communities, and participatory planning; renewable materials, energy and fuels; and value chain strengthening.