

SUMMARY

Advanced degrees in Business Administration, Agricultural Economics, and Agricultural Sciences with more than twelve years of administrative experience in student affairs at premier universities. Expertise in campus internationalization, global education, curricular design, and innovation. Expertise in agriculture economics in developing countries with an emphasis on systems analysis.

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Visiting Project Manager, Department of Agriculture and Consumer Economics
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)***Aug. 2011– Present*

Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services, MEAS, funded by USAID.

- Overall project management for MEAS involves coordinating nine core partner institutions, more than 100 collaborators, activities in more than 20 countries, and a Leader with Associate Award budget of US\$ 9 million until 9/2015, with the potential for managing up to \$50 Million in USAID Associate Awards by 2021.
- Support collaborators in design, budget, and in some cases implement project subcomponent and activities. Serve as sounding board for ideas. Help network parties with common interests.
- Handle majority of internal and external communication, including websites and social media. Maintain network of +3500 contacts. Oversee editing and dissemination of publications.
- Organize seminars, workshops, and conferences in the U.S. and abroad.
- Prepare semi/annual reports and serve as primary contact for funding agency.

Project Manager and Consultant,*Aug. 2010 – Aug. 2011*

International Food Policy Research Institute, working on the Worldwide Extension Study, WWES

- Work on WWES included establishing a management information system for data analysis and handling the documents collected or created over the life of this project. Coordinated contributions to this project from extension service providers worldwide. Managed worldwide contact database of professionals in agricultural extension. Collaborated with the Global Forum on Rural Agricultural Services, GFRAS.

**College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES)
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)***Aug. 2002 – Aug. 2010*Assistant Dean, Academic Programs

- Managed all education abroad programs sponsored by ACES and promoted student participation in a broad portfolio of international learning experiences. This included developing programs abroad in collaboration with faculty and partner institutions, budgeting, student recruitment and advising, designing and teaching preparatory courses, orientation workshops for students and faculty, assuring program quality, managing risk, offering returnee workshops, and coordinating with the campus study abroad office. Streamlined the awarding of currently \$120,000 in study abroad scholarships to graduate and undergraduate students in ACES. Doubled study abroad participation among ACES undergraduate students and attracted a steadily increasing number of non-ACES students to participate in ACES sponsored programs abroad. Introduced the use of wiki spaces as a communication tool in education abroad related issues.
- Established new student exchange agreements with partner institutions abroad in addition to assisting departments in developing new partnerships. Helped partner institutions improve programs for U.S. students.
- Served among others on the UIUC Study Abroad Advisory Committee, ACES Global Connect Team, Steering Committee for Living and Learning Communities, and the Ad-Hoc Committee for Internationalization at the Graduate Level. Chaired the search for the Director of Student International Academic Affairs at UIUC.
- Facilitated workshops for faculty and staff led short programs abroad. Directly taught and led ten study tours.
- Advised several hundred students, especially freshman. Mentored close to 100 students (those who studied abroad multiple times or went for extended periods abroad). Assisted with recruitment and application review.

University of Hohenheim, Germany*June 1997 – March 2002*Assistant to the Dean of Studies, 10/2001-3/2002, Project Coordinator, 10/1998-9/2001

- Coordinated the prestigious and highly influential “Modularization” project funded by the Bund-Länder-Kommission für Bildungsplanung und Forschungsförderung (BLK, joint federal and state institution for the promotion of education and science) for implementing a modular course structure and introducing Bachelor and Master programs in Agricultural Sciences. The success of this project led to the establishment of the Assistant to the Dean of Studies position and the implementation of an academic advising structure.
- Collaborated with four European partner universities in a comparative evaluation of Bachelor programs and built new exchange programs with partners in the U.S.
- Managed a broad range of internal and external communication tasks.

Researcher at the Institute for Crop Production and Grasslands Research, 6/1997-9/1998

- Provided research and editorial support on topics such as biomass production, energy crops, bio-energy supply chains, and sustainability criteria for biomass production.

Freelance Research Assistant, Translator, Editor, and Trainer*May 1994 – May 1997*

- Edited and translated scientific texts pertaining to agriculture in general, biotechnology, sustainability, regenerative resources, horticulture, soils, and nutrition.
- Trained participants from various African nations on the topic “Economic benefits of Biotechnology” for the Deutsche Stiftung für Entwicklung (DSE, German Foundation for Development) as part of a course on ‘Biotechnology’ at Zschortau, Germany.

International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, Mexico*Feb. 1992 – March 1994*Junior Researcher

- Conducted research on rates of return to agricultural research investments worldwide
- Surveyed nearly one hundred wheat improvement programs worldwide, analyzed and then incorporated these findings into the 1992/93 CIMMYT Wheat Facts and Trends publication.

Ohio State University, Columbus, OH*June 1992 – Dec. 1992*Research Assistant to Dr. Henderson and Dr. Sheldon, Dep. of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology,

- Studied the implications of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) for Mexico's food processing industry. This included working in Mexico for three months and conducting firm level interviews.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING**Executive MBA, Sep. 2006 - May 2008**

4.0/4.0 GPA

Graduate School of Business, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Valedictorian. Beta Gamma Sigma and Phi Kappa Phi membership.

M.Sc. degree in Agricultural Economics, Sep. 1991 – Dec. 1992

3.8/4.0 GPA

Ohio State University, Columbus

Dipl.-Ing.agr. degree in Agricultural Sciences, Sep. 1988 – Aug. 1991

3.7/4.0 GPA

University of Hohenheim, Stuttgart, Germany

10/1990-2/1991 Intern, Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit in Sumatra, Indonesia

02/1990-4/1990 Intern, Groundwater Development Consultants International in Madura, Indonesia

07/1987-9/1988 Intern, Wiesengut, Experiment Station for Organic Farming in Hennef, Germany

Vordiplom in Agricultural Sciences, Oct. 1985 – Aug. 1987

Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms University Bonn, Germany

LANGUAGE SKILLS

German, English, French, Spanish, Bahasa Indonesia (rudimentary)