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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

2004 to date

Gardner Endowed Chair in Agricultural Policy

Implementing a program of classroom teaching, extension education and research on U.S. agricultural policy, competitiveness and agricultural trade.

Teach ACE 451 (Agricultural Development) and ACE 456 (Food & Agricultural Policy).

Participate actively in the global debate on the WTO agricultural trade negotiations as a member of the International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council and of the USDA-USTR Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade.

Co-Chair, Agriculture Task Force, and Chair, Experts Group Agricultural Development Project, Chicago Council on Global Affairs.

**SELF-EMPLOYED LECTURER AND CONSULTANT
Arlington, Virginia**

October 2002 to July 2004

Frequent presentations at national and international conferences and to corporate boards and senior management on a strategic vision for world agriculture, the WTO agricultural trade negotiations, and agricultural research investments. Clients included John Deere Credit, Syngenta, Nestle, Monsanto, Unigrain (France), Sparks Commodities, Grain Growers of Canada, Equipment Manufacturers' Association (U.S.), the World Food Program, U.S. Grains Council, Argentine Sociedad Rural, Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Danish & Swedish Food Economics Institutes, Foundation for Research on Economics & the Environment, New Zealand Institute for Economic Research, and the Public Diplomacy program of the U.S. State Department.

Served as Chairman (pro bono) of the International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council.

Served as Senior Fellow (pro bono), National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy, Washington, D.C.

THE WORLD BANK, Washington, D.C.

Senior Advisor, Agricultural Trade Policy

March-September 2002

Analyzed alternative strategies for developing countries in the Doha Development Round of WTO agricultural trade negotiations and advised on policy approaches.

Chairman, International Food & Agricultural Trade Policy Council.

Director of Rural Development**January 2000-March 2002**

Administratively responsible for the World Bank's central Rural Development Department, including its analytical work, technical advisory service to operating units of the Bank on agricultural and rural development issues, rural loan portfolio quality oversight, and knowledge management.

Led successful review and revision of the World Bank's agricultural and rural development strategy, which became the subject of a Harvard Business School case. Resulted in a 50% increase in rural development lending within two years.

Chaired the World Bank's Rural Sector Board, the policy making body for the Bank's agricultural and rural development lending program

Served as the World Bank's Co-Sponsor of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, Chair of the CGIAR Finance Committee, and Member of the CGIAR Steering Group of the Change Design and Management Committee.

Senior Advisor, Sector Strategy and Policy**June 1998 to December 1999**

Advised on strategy and policy for agricultural and rural development lending and non-lending services, with emphasis on financially stressed Southeast Asian countries and on helping developing countries prepare to participate more effectively in the upcoming WTO agricultural trade negotiations.

**WINROCK INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT,
Morrilton, Arkansas****President & Chief Executive Officer****July 1993-June 1998**

Chief executive officer for Winrock International, a not-for-profit corporation and private non-governmental organization, with agriculture, forestry and natural resources, renewable energy, rural employment and enterprise development, and leadership and human resource development programs in 40 countries of Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe, and rural Arkansas; a 250-acre headquarters campus, including a 27-guest room conference center; and a \$53 million endowment. Total budget of \$35 million and world-wide staff of about 300.

Led successful strategic planning and repositioning of Winrock International to tighten the focus of its mission on increasing agricultural productivity and rural employment, while protecting the quality of the environment. This resulted in significant growth in private sector partnerships, voluntary technical assistance, domestic-international rural development linkages, and global gender and women's leadership programs.

Led successful growth in project support from grants and contracts by one-third from \$24 million in 1993 to almost \$32 million in 1996, from a more diverse donor base, while reducing overhead costs by over one million dollars and core-funded U.S.-based staff by one-third and decentralizing many functions to the field.

Through over 100 speeches and dozens of media interviews in over 40 countries heightened awareness of Winrock International to enhance grantsmanship, fund raising, and partnerships.

Increased budgetary discipline and improved quality and timeliness of financial management information, with resulting improved financial performance, including an increase in indirect cost recovery from 12 to 18 percent of total direct costs.

Implemented team building, in-service training, and a new personnel grade structure and career ladder for staff.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, West Lafayette, Indiana

Dean of Agriculture

March 1987-June 1993

Chief administrative officer for Purdue University's School of Agriculture and the State of Indiana's Agricultural Experiment Station, Cooperative Extension Service, and state agricultural regulatory services, including administration of state seed, feed, fertilizer and pesticide laws; Indiana Agricultural Statistics Service; check-off programs; inspection of eggs, fruits, and vegetables; and licensing of milk trucks and milk testers; with a total staff of over 1,800 and budget of \$92 million.

Spearheaded successful grassroots campaign to increase recurring State of Indiana appropriations to Purdue University for agricultural research and extension by \$4 million per year.

Expanded annual giving to the School of Agriculture from \$600,000 per year in 1987 to over \$7 million per year in 1993.

Led successful strategic planning and repositioning of Purdue Agriculture's teaching, research and extension programs, including 20% downsizing of campus-based faculty and 15% downsizing of county extension field staff.

Rebuilt enrollment in School of Agriculture from 1650 in 1986-87 to over 2300 in 1992-93, with consistent placement of over 93 percent of graduates.

Organized successful internationalization of Purdue Agriculture, with significant increase in overseas study and internship opportunities for undergraduates, international content of core courses, overseas sabbaticals by faculty, and research linkages with leading laboratories all over the world.

Led expanded public affairs and media relations program to heighten profile of Purdue Agriculture to enhance recruitment and placement of graduates and fund raising from individual and corporate gifts, and state appropriations.

Received USDA's Public Service Award for leadership of Purdue Agriculture's response to the great drought of 1987.

Served as Co-chair, Committee on Future Directions for Purdue University, 1993.

Interviewed and quoted regularly on agricultural policy issues in the agricultural and business press.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Washington, D.C.

Assistant Secretary for Economics

1985-1987

As chief economist of USDA, advised the Secretary of Agriculture and the Administration on economic issues for agricultural policy formation and implementation of \$25 billion farm programs.

Responsible for the economic research, statistics and outlook functions of the Department of Agriculture with a staff of 2,000 and budget of \$100 million.

Spokesman for the Administration to the United States Senate and the House-Senate Conference Committee on the 1985 farm bill.

Member, Board of Directors, Commodity Credit Corporation.

Testified regularly before Congressional committees and addressed industry groups and the public on agricultural, macroeconomic and trade policy issues.

Quoted regularly and interviewed on agricultural economics issues by the general and business press.
PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL OF ECONOMIC ADVISERS, Washington, D.C.

Senior Staff Economist

1983-1985

Participated in interagency preparations for 1985 farm bill and Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Carried out staff analyses and briefed Council members on current food, agricultural and trade policy issues and legislation.

Represented the Council on interagency bodies concerned with food, agricultural, and trade issues, including the Cabinet Council Working Group on Future Farm Policy.

Wrote chapter on Food and Agriculture in 1984 Economic Report of the President and contributed to chapters on industrial policy and trade policy in the 1985 Economic Report of the President.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, West Lafayette, Indiana

Professor

1983-June 1993

Associate Professor

1979-1983

Assistant Professor

1974-1979

Developed a nationally recognized research program on international agricultural trade, with supporting work on the effects on macroeconomic policy on agriculture and the role of trade in agricultural development.

Authored over 115 research and popular publications.

Served as major professor for 22 graduate students and on thesis advisory committees of 33 graduate students.

Two Master's students supervised received the American Agricultural Economics Association's outstanding M.S. thesis awards, 1976 and 1980.

Obtained \$345,000 in outside grants and contracts to support research program.

Taught courses on international trade, agricultural development, agricultural policy and applied welfare economics.

Chaired agricultural economics graduate program review committee and Ph.D. preliminary examination committee.

Served in the University Senate and on the University Graduate Council.

INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR APPLIED SYSTEMS ANALYSIS, Laxenburg, Austria

Research Scholar

Summer 1983

Participated in development of computable general equilibrium model for food and agricultural policy analysis.

Designed trade policy scenarios to be analyzed with model.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, Washington, D.C.

Visiting Professor

1979-1980

Helped design the research program for the then newly reorganized International Economics Division of the Economic Research Service.

Reviewed USDA's global Grains-Oilseeds-Livestock Model and recommended reformulations to be made when the model was updated.

PURDUE UNIVERSITY, West Lafayette, Indiana

Graduate Research Instructor

1970-1974

Carried out Ph.D. thesis research on Brazilian agricultural development under Ford Foundation grant.

Served as Visiting Professor at the Federal University of Vicosa in Brazil, where I taught graduate courses in production economics in Portuguese and supervised thesis research.

Graduate Research Fellow

1967-1968

Carried out M.S. thesis research on exchange rate policy in Brazil.

Recipient of National Science Foundation Traineeship.

INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTARY SERVICES, INC., Pakse and Vientiane, Laos

Volunteer Agriculturalist

1968-1970

Participated in the rice short course at International Rice Research Institute in Los Baños, the Philippines.

Worked with Lao agricultural extension and research services on introduction of high-yielding rice varieties from IRRI.

Conducted farmer-field demonstrations, variety trials and fertilizer experiments.

Carried out economic analysis of new rice varieties and taught an extension agent short course.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, 1974.

Master of Science, Agricultural Economics, Purdue University, 1969.

Bachelor of Science, Agricultural Economics, Cornell University, 1967.

Junior Year Abroad in Denmark on the Scandinavian Seminar program, 1965-1966.

EXECUTIVE EDUCATION

Harvard Business School Agribusiness Seminar, 1996, 1998 and 2002.

Carnegie Mellon University's College Management Program, July 1992.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Academic Honors

Doctor of Laws, honoris causa, Dalhousie University, May 7, 1999.

Doctor of Science, honoris causa, Pennsylvania State University, May 15, 1999.

Fellow, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1993.

Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1991.

Foreign Member, Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, 1992.

Foreign Member, Ukrainian Academy of Agricultural Sciences, 1993.

Honorary Scientist, Rural Development Administration, Korea, 1997.

First recipient of Purdue University's Agricultural Research Award, given each year for outstanding cumulative research contributions for the past 10 years, 1982.

Co-recipient of the American Agricultural Economics Association Award for Quality of Communication, 1979 and 1991.

Elected to Gamma Sigma Delta and Alpha Zeta, national agricultural honoraries, and Sigma Xi, national scientific research honorary.

Leadership and Service Honors

New York State Agricultural Leaders Honorary, Inducted 21 August 2008.

Humanitarian Award, American College of Nutrition, 2 October 1999.

Justin Smith Morrill Memorial Award "in recognition of your demonstrated leadership and significant contributions to the principles of higher education in the food and agricultural sciences," presented by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the annual meeting of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, Nov. 12, 1995.

Agricultural Vision Award "presented to Robert Thompson, whose effort and foresight have advanced the future scope and diversity of agriculture," presented by National Forum for Agriculture, March 4, 1997.

USDA Superior Service Award, 1989.

Outstanding alumni award, Cornell University's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, 1988.

Sagamore of the Wabash, the State of Indiana's highest honor, by Governor Evan Bayh, for service as Dean of Agriculture at Purdue University, 1993.

Indiana Wildlife Federation's Agriculture Conservation Award, 1993.

National 4-H Alumni Award, 1992.

Chicago Farmers' Agriculturalist of the Year Award, 1992.

Honorary Empire Farmer Degree, New York State Future Farmers of America, 1986.

Centennial Honor Roll, Alpha Zeta, the national agricultural professional fraternity, 1997.

Presented McLean Memorial Lecture, University of Guelph, October 6, 1987.

Presented J. Norman Efferson Memorial Lecture, Louisiana State University, October 12, 1987.

Presented Fifth Annual Distinguished Lecture Series, College of Agricultural Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, April 8, 1996.

Presented D.W. Brooks Lecture, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia, October 1, 1996.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Member, Editorial Board, China Agricultural Economic Review, 2008-date.

Member, Editorial Board, Choices Magazine (American Agricultural Economics Association), 2005-2008.

Founding member, USDA/Universities International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium, 1975–date.

National Academy of Sciences Panel to Study the Research Program of the Economic Research Service, 1997-99.

Member, Board of Directors, International Agribusiness Management Association, 1993-99 (Executive Committee, 1996-99).

Member, Board on Agriculture of the National Research Council, 1987-92.

President, International Association of Agricultural Economists, 1994-97. (Past-President, 1997-2000).

Chair, Advisory Council of the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy at Resources for the Future, 1987-92.

Member, Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1994-96.

Member, Danish Council for Research Policy's international panel to review Denmark's national agricultural research system, 1990.

Member, Editorial Council, American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 1984-85.

Reviewer for American Journal of Agricultural Economics, Western Journal of Agricultural Economics, Economic Journal (U.K.), and the Review of Marketing and Agricultural Economics (Australia), 1970s.

External examiner for doctoral dissertations at the University of Guelph (Canada), Queensland University (Australia), and La Trobe University (Australia).

Served on the national Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy task force to prepare a white paper on international trade research needs, 1982-83.

Served the Social Science and Humanities Council of Canada to evaluate the quality and contribution of the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics, 1981.

Reviewed grant proposals for the National Science Foundation, the Social Sciences Research Council of Canada, and the U.S.-Israel Binational Agricultural Research and Development Fund.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Chair and Member, respectively, Chicago Council on Global Affairs Global Agricultural Development Project, Experts Group and Leaders Group, 2008-2009.

Member, International Policy Council on Agriculture, Food and Trade, 1987-date (Chairman, 2000-2006; Vice Chairman, Board of Directors, 1997-2000).

Member, USDA-USTR Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade, 2005-date.

Member, Planning Committee, Vision for Illinois Agriculture, 2007-2008.

Member, Steering Committee, United Soybean Board 's 2020 Visioning Project, 2007-2008

Co'Chair, Chicago Council on Global Affairs Agriculture Task Force, 2004-2006.

Member, Farm Foundation's Bennett Agricultural Roundtable, 1987-date.

Member, Bretton Woods Committee, 1995-98; 2005-2007

Member, Dean's Advisory Council, Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, 1997-2004.

Chair, Pacific Food Outlook, Pacific Economic Cooperation Council, 1997-99.

Member, Board of Directors, Southern United States Trade Association, 1997-98.

Member, Commission on International Trade, Development, and Cooperation, 1996-97.

Member, Indiana Commission on Agriculture and Rural Development, 1987-93.

Member, Board of Directors, the Farm Foundation, 1988-93 (Vice-Chairman, 1990-91; Chairman 1991-92)

Member, Board of Directors, Institute for Science in Society, 1991-93.

Member, Board of Directors, Indiana Institute for Food, Agriculture, and Nutrition, 1987-93.

Member, Board of Directors, Indiana 4-H Foundation, 1987-1993.

Member, Board of Directors, Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association, 1987-93.

Member, National Advisory Council, Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), 1990-98.

Member, the French Government's Club D'Experts en Economie Agricole Internationale, 1988-89.

Member, National Commission on Agricultural Trade and Export Policy, 1985-86.

Served as a member of the Task Force on Domestic Agricultural Policy Alternatives of the National Agricultural Forum, 1983-85.

Member, Board of Directors, USDA Graduate School, 1985-87.

BIOGRAPHICAL LISTINGS

Who's Who in the World

Who's Who in America

Who's Who in American Education

Who's Who in Science and Engineering

Who's Who in Finance and Industry/Business

Who's Who of Emerging Leaders in America

Who's Who in the Midwest

Who's Who in the South and Southwest

Who's Who in the East

American Men and Women of Science

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Agricultural Economics Association

American Economic Association

International Association of Agricultural Economists

European Association of Agricultural Economists

Council on Foreign Relations

Chicago Council on Global Affairs

American Association for the Advancement of Science

International Agribusiness Management Association

CORPORATE BOARDS

Land O'Lakes, Advisory Director, 2006 - date

Rabobank, North American Agribusiness Advisory Committee, 1998-2003.

National Cooperative Bank, 1985-97 (Chair, Finance Committee, 1995-97).

PSI Resources (and its wholly owned subsidiary, PSI Energy), 1988-94 (Audit Committee).

Vigoro Corporation, 1993-96 (Co-Chair, Public Policy Committee, 1995-96).

Terra Industries, Inc., 1997-98 (Audit Committee)

Kincannon and Reed, a private agribusiness executive search firm, Advisory Board, 1997-98.

FOREIGN LANGUAGES

Portuguese

Read, write, and speak well.

Spanish

Reading and listening knowledge.

Danish

Read, write, and speak well.

French

Read well, fair speaking and writing knowledge.

Lao

Had good speaking and fair reading knowledge in 1968-70, with no use since then.

Publication list available upon request.

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