

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

PhD International Agricultural Education, Penn State University, State College, PA, 1998.
MS Animal Science/Ruminant Nutrition, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ, 1994.
BS Agriculture Science and Management/Animal Science, University of California, Davis,
CA 1983.

Key Qualifications

Project Development and Implementation; co-PI USAID projects; Coordinate International Learning Opportunities; Agricultural Extension and Training approaches and methodologies; Participatory Approaches; Youth policy development; Impacts of HIV/AIDS on Agriculture production; Micro-credit programs for rural communities; Curriculum Development; Communication methodologies (rural radio, media); International Programs implementation and evaluation. Language skills include French and some Kikongo and Spanish.

Experience

2009-present Co-Director, Northeast Organic Farming Association in New Jersey
2006-2009 Director, International Extension Programs, MSU
Associate Director, Institute of International Agriculture, MSU
2004-2006 Director, Lake County One-Stop (Workforce Investment Act Program) Lake
County Office of Education, Lakeport, California
1998-2004 FAO Program Officer for Africa Region, Agricultural Extension, Education
and Communications, Sustainable Development Unit, Food and Agriculture
Organization, Accra, Ghana

Relevant Professional History

2006-2008 Michigan State University – Peru
Develop a 2 year professional development program for MSU faculty to become more engaged in international research, extension, and scholarship. Set up stateside training sessions; facilitate research linkages; set up 2 week visit in Peru including universities, agricultural institutions, rural communities and private export farming corporations.
2007-2008 Michigan State University/DAI – Serbia
Lead the MSU contributions to the development of a Rural Youth Entrepreneurship program for Serbia in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Education, and the Chamber of Commerce. Program will launch a nation-wide business planning competition to educate Serbian youth and promote new ideas and opportunities in agricultural business. Introduce secondary and continuing education courses in entrepreneurship, agricultural marketing, business development, and agribusiness production and technology.

- 1998-2004 Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Extension, Education & Communication Officer, Africa Regional Office, Accra, Ghana
Participate in agricultural sector reviews to assess the situation and need for strengthening agricultural education, extension, training and rural youth programs and services at the country and regional level.
Promote a participatory extension approach, research extension linkages and provide assistance in developing training and extension programs for small-scale farmers, rural women and youth.
Develop, conduct and coordinate national and regional research efforts in agricultural education, extension and communication for publication and presentation at professional meetings.
Conduct studies, assist in the development, monitoring, evaluation and formulation of agricultural training, education and extension programs and projects at the country and regional level, and provide technical backstopping for their implementation.
Assist in the development of communication for development programs in the region.
Prepare clear and concise reports on the activities described above.
- 1996-1997 American Refugee Committee – Program Manager, Conakry, Guinea
Establish 3 national offices in Guinea for refugee relief programming/projects.
Hire, train and supervise 90+ international staff for managerial/extension positions.
Negotiate contracts for structural/personnel needs with UNHCR/Guinean government.
Develop and implement social, environmental and agricultural programs according to criteria established by UNHCR, USAID and Guinean government officials.
Design and conduct qualitative research on the effectiveness of refugee humanitarian aid programs in Guinea for publication.

Selected Publications

- Owens, M.E. (2004) Transforming Agricultural Extension in Africa. Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education, Vol. 11(1), 109-110.
- Okorley, E.L., J.A. Kwarteng and M. E. Owens (2004). Determinants of the propensity of tertiary agricultural students in Ghana to enter into agribusiness as a self-employment venture. Submitted to the Ghana Journal of Agricultural Science. Council for Scientific and Industrial Research, Accra. Ghana.
- Owens, M.E. & Eweg, M. (2003) Extension Delivery for Small-Scale Sugarcane Growers in South Africa: A Public/Private Joint Venture. Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education, 2003 Annual Conference, Raleigh, North Carolina, 7-11 April 2003.
- Simpson, B.E. and Owens, M.E. (2002) Farmer Field Schools and the Future of Extension in Africa. Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education, 2002 Annual Conference, Durban, South Africa, 30 May – 05 June 2002.
- Asiabaka, C.C. and Owens, M.E. (2002) Determinants of Adoptive Behaviors of Rural Farmers in Nigeria. Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education, 2002 Annual Conference, Durban, South Africa, 30 May – 05 June 2002.