

The OSU Extension Excellence in Community Development Award recognizes a CD Extension professional for significant programmatic strengths, major contributions, and innovative approaches achieved over the course of their Extension career with a \$1000 cash award. The awardee's accomplishments must have value beyond their assigned work location; they must document long term strengths in teaching and research; exhibit a long-standing record of teamwork and collaboration in program planning, implementation and evaluation as well as a successful track record in grant awards, cost recovery, or other external funding. The awardees must also exhibit evidence of professional development and service to the profession. The 2012 OSU Extension Excellence in Community Development Award Winner...

...has demonstrated a record of excellence in creative and scholarly work. This year's winner...

1. Has co-authored more than 20 peer-reviewed publications including books and book chapters (5), journal publications (8) and factsheets, and bulletins (8), AND has been selected by peers to make over four dozen scholarly presentations at regional and national conferences.
2. Has been recognized with over a dozen awards for creative and scholarly work.
3. Has been responsible in part for obtaining nearly \$500,000 to support applied research projects in partnership with communities, organizations, and agencies throughout Ohio.

...has demonstrated a record of excellence in teaching. This year's winner...

1. Has effectively taught one on one and groups of a variety of sizes individually and as part of a teaching team.
2. Has utilized a variety of teaching methods (audio and enhanced podcasts, Moodle, and most recently Adobe Connect to support a webinar approach) to reach new and diverse clientele.
3. Has been recognized for teaching effectiveness, receiving a variety of teaching awards.

...has steadfastly served the profession and community. This year's winner has served as ...

1. A board member of OAEP
2. A board member of the International Community Development Society
3. An active member of the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance, Rotary, and Junior Achievement.
4. President of the Ohio Development Association (now known as Ohio Economic Development Association)
5. And most recently, on the Extension Faculty P&T Committee serving as POD her second year

This year's winner...

1. Began in Jackson and Vinton counties in 1989, served as a District Specialist in the East District, a Center Specialist at the Center at Lima (in Findlay), and now serves as an Educator in the Heart of Ohio.

2. Has focused on Economic Development, Sustainable Development, and most recently Energy Development.
3. Has been dedicated to excellence in creative and scholarly work, teaching, and service having been promoted from Instructor, to Assistant, and most recently Associate Professor (in 2010).
4. Has received the ODOD Director's Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Development of the State of Ohio
5. Has partnered with community leaders in the City of Kent to develop Ohio's first sustainable comprehensive plan, creating a model that received state, national and international awards and led to sustainable revitalization of Kent's downtown.
6. Is currently an active team member of the 'Energize Ohio' Signature Program Team and actively leads and contributes to teams focusing on regional and statewide programming such as the Sustainable Development Team and First Impressions Team.
7. Has focused her career on partnering with individuals, businesses, organizations and communities to develop and deliver multidisciplinary, holistic programs that promote balance among social, environmental and economic sectors of community to achieve sustainability.

It is with great pleasure that I announce the first winner of the OSU Extension Excellence in Community Development Award, Myra Moss.