

MYRA MOSS RECIPIENT OF FIRST *EXCELLENCE IN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AWARD*



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 awardee must also exhibit evidence of professional development and service to the profession.

Myra Moss, the 2012 OSU Extension Excellence in Community Development Award Winner, has demonstrated a record of excellence in creative and scholarly work by . . .

- co-authoring 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.
- being recognized with over a dozen awards for creative and scholarly work.
- being responsible in part for obtaining nearly \$500,000 to support applied research projects in partnership with communities, organizations, and agencies throughout Ohio.
- partnering with faculty at OSU and other academic institutions in Ohio to share expertise.

Myra has demonstrated a record of excellence in teaching by . . .

- averaging roughly .63 formal group teaching events per week.
- effectively teaching one-on-one and groups of a variety of sizes individually and as part of a teaching team.
- utilizing 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.
- being recognized for teaching effectiveness, receiving three teaching awards.

Myra has steadfastly served the profession and community by serving as . . .

- an Ohio Association of Extension Professionals (OAEP) board member.
- an International Community Development Society board member.
- a fact sheet reviewer and as a member of a number of CD applicant screening committees.
- a member of the CQI Teaching Resource team that assisted in the development and delivery of programs to promote and teach CQI techniques and processes throughout the College.
- an active member of the Eastern Ohio Development Alliance, Rotary, and Junior Achievement.
- president of the Ohio Development Association (now known as Ohio Economic Development Association).
- a member of the Extension Faculty P&T Committee serving as POD her second year.

Myra also . . .

- has been dedicated to excellence in creative and scholarly work, teaching, and service having been promoted from Instructor to Assistant and now Associate Professor (in 2010).
- began her Extension career 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.
- has received the ODOD Director's Award for Outstanding Service and Dedication to the Development of the State of Ohio.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.