

## **Resume**

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## **Focus**

My major focus has been improving human development opportunities via work in community and economic development, future studies, and also in improving Extension and non-profits in the areas of innovation, technology development, and becoming future ready.

## **Employment History**

2021 - Current - Associate Professor & Field Specialist, Community Development, Department of Extension, The Ohio State University.

2012 - 2021 - Associate Professor and State Specialist, Departments of Extension and Agriculture, Communications, Education and Leadership, The Ohio State University.

2009 - 2021 - Leader, Innovation and Change, Ohio State University Leadership Center.

2005 - 2009 - Director, Ohio State University Extension Center at Lima.

2005 - Interim Co-Leader, Ohio State University Extension Community Development Unit.

2001 - 2005 - District Director, Ohio State University Extension.

1996 - 2001 - District Specialist, Community Development, Ohio State University Extension.

1990 - 1996 - County Extension Agent, Community Development, Ohio State University Extension.

1989 - Planner, Maumee Valley Regional Planning Commission.

## **Education**

Ph.D. - Human and Community Resource Development, The Ohio State University, 2001.

M.A. - Geography, The University of Toledo, 1991.

B.A. - American Studies, The University of Toledo, 1988.

### **Additional Assignments**

2015 - 2017 - Assistant Director, Innovation, National eXtension.

2013 - 2015 - Co-leader, State and Local Value Initiative, National eXtension.

2011 - 2012 - Various contracts with National eXtension focusing on technology and innovation.

2012 - Fellow, North Central Regional Center for Rural Development, Michigan State University.

2010 - Fellow, National eXtension.

### **Resident Instruction Teaching**

-Undergraduate technology and Extension internship related classes.

-Graduate classes in strategic and program planning, adult learning, and several independent classes on various topics.

### **Grants/Contracts**

~\$600,000 in Extension related contracts,

~\$2,000,000 in local community development projects.

### **Publications**

Articles in the *Journal of Extension* and *Economic Development Review*.

### **Scholarly Presentations**

Multiple presentations including at JCEP, NACDEP, Engagement and Scholarship, ESP, and NAEPSPD.

### **Speaking/Multi-State Extension Work**

Keynote speaker at Extension national conferences at Mississippi, Clemson, South Dakota, Colorado, Arkansas, and New York. Non-keynote presenter at Missouri and Michigan.

Keynote speaker at Joint Council of Extension Professionals Leadership and Public Issues conferences.

Consulting or other Extension work at Oregon, California, North Dakota, Indiana, Texas, Pennsylvania, American Virgin Islands, Michigan, Georgia, Delaware, and New Mexico.

### **Service**

Past president, Ohio ESP (Extension honorary society). Past president, Board of Directors, *Journal of Extension*. Board member for ~ 10 years.