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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Development Sociology, January 2001. Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

- Minors in Applied Economics and Management and City and Regional Planning.
- Fulbright Fellow, University of Natal and University of Zululand, South Africa, 1997.

Master of Public Affairs, LBJ School of Public Affairs, August 1988. The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

- Concentrations in public policy and economic development.

B.S., Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, December 1984. Clemson University, Clemson, SC.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Department of Applied Economics and Statistics, Associate Professor, Clemson University,

- Currently responsible for conducting research and outreach related to entrepreneurship, and community and economic development.
- Teaching courses in Rural Sociology, Community and Economic Development, and Social Impact Analysis.
- Program activities include grant writing and applied research on community economic development and sustainable agriculture.
- Advise and mentor Community and Economic Development majors.
- Faculty affiliate of the Clemson Institute for Economic and Community Development, Sandhill Research and Education Center, Columbia, SC.

Department of Applied Economics and Management, Research Associate,

Cornell University, January 2001 to October 2005.

- Initiated research and outreach concerned with entrepreneurship, social capital and economic development.
- Program activities included applied research on community economic development, grant writing, and teaching.
- Organized and taught classes in development and emerging markets.
- Supervised, mentored and counseled student research and teaching assistants.

Texas Governor's Office of State-Federal Relations, Housing and Community Development Specialist, Washington, DC, August 1993 - December 1994.

- Served as the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs' (TDHCA) representative on Capitol Hill.
- Responsibilities involved intergovernmental relations on behalf of the State of Texas.

