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BIO:

[Dr. James Barnes](#) joined the [Department of Agricultural Economics](#) at *Mississippi State University* on August 1, 2012 after serving seven years as an Extension Economist with the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at the Louisiana State University Agricultural Center. Since joining the faculty at MSU, Dr. Barnes has launched such new [Extension programs](#) as: (1) [Mississippi Bricks to Clicks](#); (2) [Foundations of Facebook Economics](#); (3) [Foundations of Economic Development](#); and (4) [Economic Impact Analysis](#). His research examines agribusiness management and contracting, the economics and management of social media, and rural health care economics. Dr. Barnes also teaches, [An Introduction to Regional Economics](#).

Education

Ph.D., *Agricultural Economics*, University of Missouri, 2004. Dissertation Title: Regulation of Agro-biotechnology and Vertical Control in the Global Agri-Food Chain.

Executive Education, *Optimizing the Supply Chain*, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), 2001.

M.S., *Agricultural Economics*, Oklahoma State University, 1996.

B.S., *Agricultural Economics*, Oklahoma State University, 1994.

Employment History:

Assistant Extension Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS, August 1, 2012 to present.

Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 2010 to July 31, 2012.

Director, Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, February 2008 – Present.

Director, Delta Rural Development Center, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Oak Grove, Louisiana, February 2005 – Present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Oak Grove, Louisiana, February 2005 – June 2010.

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma, March 2003 – January 2005.

Agribusiness Management National Needs Fellow, Economics and Management of Agrobiotechnology Center (EMAC), University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, August 1998 – February 2003.

Agricultural Economist, Markets and Trade Division, Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., May 1996 – August 1998.

Agricultural Economist, World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates Board (WASDE), United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C., May 1996 to August 1998.

National/Statewide Leadership Service

Southern Region Representative, Community Rural Economic Development (CRED), National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA), National Leadership Council, 2011-2013.

State of Louisiana Broadband Advisory Council Member, Appointed by Louisiana Governor Bobby Jindal, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 2009 – Present.

Coordinator, Louisiana Delta Initiative, Northeast Louisiana Regional Economic Development Network, Oak Grove, Louisiana, September 2008 – Present.

Director, Louisiana Center for Rural Initiatives, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 2006 – Present.

State Program Leader for Community Development, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Louisiana State University Agricultural Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, July 2006 – Present.

Grants

Barnes, J. "The Economics and Management of Social Media in Small Business", *Southern Rural Development Center*, \$3,000, July 1, 2013 (*funded*).

Barnes, J. and A. Myles. "The Economic Impact of Agriculture in the Mississippi Delta." *Southern Rural Development Center*, \$14,000, May 1, 2013 (*funded*).

Barnes, J., A. Myles, K. Hood. "Economic Opportunities in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi." *Cox Foundation – in partnership with the University of Mississippi*, \$642,000, June 1, 2013 (*Submitted*).

Louisiana Broadband Alliance (LBA)-Louisiana Board of Regents, LSU Agricultural Center's Delta Rural Development Center as a Partner Organization of LBA, Louisiana Optical Network Initiative, **\$80,596,415**, July 2010.