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## **EDUCATION**

<i>Degree</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Date Received</i>
M.S. (Family Studies)	Abilene Christian University	1995
B.S. (Elementary Education)	Freed-Hardeman University	1982

### *Professional Certification*

Certified Facilitator, International Association for Public Participation 2011

## **CURRENT RESEARCH/EXTENSION ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

- Fostering Civic Engagement
- Promoting Sustainable Regional Economic Development Strategies
- Enhancing Rural Disaster Preparedness
- Addressing the Challenges of Persistent Poverty

## **CURRENT POSITION**

Program Manager, Southern Rural Development Center, (March 2008 – present)

## **RECENT PROFESSIONAL AWARDS**

- 2012 Educational Package Award – Team Award, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, for Stronger Economies Together
- 2011 Mary Wells Memorial Diversity Award, Southern Region, National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Science
- 2011 Excellence in Community Development Work – Team Award, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals for Turning the Tide on Poverty
- 2010 Excellence in Community Development Work – Team Award, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, for Building Resilient Communities
- 2010 Educational Technology – Team Award, National Association of Community Development Extension Professionals, for The National e-Commerce Extension Initiative
- 2010 Customer Outreach Award – Team Award, Mississippi State University Extension Service, for Turning the Tide on Poverty

## **REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- NACDEP Secretary (2012-2013)
- NACDEP Policies and Procedures Committee (2012-2013)
- NACDEP Track Chair, (2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013)
- National Stronger Economies Together Team (2009 – present)
- Southern Region Program Leadership Committee Liaison (2008 – present)
- Southern Region Community and Resource Development Program Leader Committee (2008- present)

## **RECENT PUBLICATIONS**

- 2012 Welborn, Rachel and Beaulieu, Lionel J. Turning the Tide on Poverty: *Measuring and Predicting Civic Engagement Success*

- 2011 Welborn, Rachel. *Forming Collaborative Planning Teams*. Module One in ReadyCommunity Preparedness Guide.
- 2011 Beaulieu, Lionel J. and Rachel Welborn (Eds.). *Stronger Economies Together: Strategies for Building New Economic Opportunities*. Mississippi State, MS: Southern Rural Development Center.
- 2010 Beaulieu, Lionel J. and Rachel Welborn. *Turning the Tide on Poverty Discussion Guide*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Southern Rural Development Center
- 2009 Beaulieu, Lionel J. and Rachel Welborn. *Turning the Tide on Poverty Discussion Guide*, Southern Rural Development Center

## **RECENT PRESENTATIONS**

- 2013 Civic Dialogue Facilitator Training, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS
- 2013 Building an eCommerce Training Toolkit, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Opelika, AL
- 2012 Turning the Tide on Poverty: Measuring and Predicting Civic Engagement Success, Kettering Foundation
- 2012 Creating Space for Dialogue, CLiPSE Spring Workshop
- 2011 Turning the Tide on Poverty, Mississippi School Board Association Conference
- 2011 ARC Coaches' Training Workshop, Louisville, MS
- 2011 Stronger Economies Together, First Year Accomplishments, Rural Sociological Society and Community Development Society joint conference
- 2011 Characteristics that Foster Civic Engagement, SRDC annual Board and Technical & Operational Advisory Committee joint meeting
- 2011 Planning for Success, Stronger Economies Together Workshop, Phase II
- 2011 Measuring for Success, Stronger Economies Together Workshop, Phase II
- 2010 Stronger Economies Together National Training, Kansas City, MO, co-coordinator of event, presenter
- 2010 Turning the Tide on Poverty, Multiple Training Events
- 2010 Building Resilient Communities: Presented at the National EDEN Conference, Lexington, KY
- 2010 Designed the PLN officer training materials for pre-conference training, coordinated the session via Adobe Connect, and assisted with the presentation.
- 2010 Designed materials and assisted with SRPLN Orientation session at conference, Memphis, TN
- 2010 Mississippi Community College Administration – Conducted workshop on Tools and Technology for Effective Grant Writing Workshop, Raymond, Mississippi
- 2010 Mississippi Area Health Education Center – Facilitated statewide strategic planning session, Jackson, Mississippi
- 2010 Jackson 2000 – Conducted Race Relations Study Circle Facilitator Training, Jackson, Mississippi