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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Harvard University (Economics); 1969

M.S., Auburn University (Agricultural Economics), 1958

B.S., Auburn University (Animal Husbandry), 1957

Graduate, Aliceville, Alabama, High School, 1951

Completed more than a dozen short courses in management and executive development including eight-week session of *The Residential Program in Executive Education* at the Federal Executive Institute, Charlottesville, Virginia, 1972

MILITARY

U.S. Army Signal Corps, 1953–1955

PERSONAL

Born May 29, 1933, Dancy, Alabama

Married, four children, seven grandchildren; Methodist

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

Professor and Department Head Emeritus, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, June 2002–present.

Professor Emeritus & Director, Agribusiness Institute, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. July 2001–June 2002.

Professor & Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, Starkville, MS. August 1993–June 2001.

Interim Co-Director, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University Starkville, MS. July 1996–July 1997.

Administrator, Economic Research Service (ERS), U.S. Dept. of Agriculture (USDA), Washington, DC. April 1982–June 1993.

Acting Administrator, ERS, USDA. October 1981–April 1982.

Acting Deputy Administrator for Economics, Economics and Statistics Service (ESS) (now ERS), USDA. June 1981–October 1981.

Director, National Economics Division, (NED), ESS, USDA. June 1979–June 1981.

Director, National Economic Analysis Division, (NEAD), ERS, USDA. October 1976–June 1979.

Director, Commodity Economics Division, (CED), ERS, USDA. June 1973–October 1976.

Director, Farm Production Economics Division (FPED), ERS, USDA. March 1971–June 1973.

Chief, Agricultural Finance Branch, FPED, ERS, USDA. July 1967–March 1971.

Agricultural Economist, Production and Resources Response Group, FPED, ERS, USDA. April 1964–July 1967.

Agricultural Economist, Costs and Returns Group, FPED, ERS, USDA. July 1962–April 1964.

Teaching Fellow, Department of Economics, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA July 1961–June 1962.

Instructor and Assistant in Agricultural Economics, Department of Agricultural Economics, Auburn University, Auburn, AL March 1958–August 1959.

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SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member, Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee of the American Bankers Association, 1967-1971.

Member, National Agricultural Credit Committee, 1967–1971, and 1976–1993. Chaired the Committee during most of those years. NACC is a coalition of public and private agricultural lender organizations.

Served on Advisory Board, Agricultural Finance Program, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Illinois, 1968–1970.

Consultant to the Commission on Agricultural Credit set up by Farm Credit Administration, 1969–1970.

Member, Steering Committee, Study of *Productivity in the Food Industry*, President's Commission on Productivity, April–October 1972.

ERS representative to NCA-12 and GPC-5, 1971–1981. NCA-12 and GPC-5 are regional committees of Agric. Econ. Dept. heads, sponsored by NASULGC.

ERS representative to NCRS-1, 1973–1977 (Executive Committee, 1967–1977.)

Member, Executive Committee, NC-117 (North Central Regional Project on Structure and Control of the Food System), 1976–1985.

USDA co-chairman (1977–1980) of Steering Group appointed by ARPAC and continued by the Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences to develop plans for comprehensive assessment of the state of technology in the food system.

Attended the Civil Service Commission's Federal Executive Institute in Charlottesville, Virginia, October – December 1972. While there, I was assigned to a study group on the Panama Canal Treaty negotiations and spent a week in Panama as part of that assignment.

Member, American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA), 1958 to present.

Member, Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA), charter member.

Member, American Economics Association (AEA), 1961-80.

Member, Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA), 1962-85.

Member, Northeast Agricultural Economics Council, 1962-82.

Member, International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) and participant in program for 1985, 1988, and 1991 meetings.

Charter Member and Director, International Agribusiness Management Association (IAMA) and participant in inaugural program at Boston, Massachusetts, 1991, and at Oxford, England, 1992, Caracas, Venezuela, 1994, and Paris, France (1994).

Agricultural History Society, 1978 to present.

Served on Editorial Council, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1971.

Chairman, Membership Committee, AAEA, 1975–1977.

First Vice President and Program Chairman, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, 1979–1980.

Outstanding Policy Research Award (shared), AAEA, 1980.

Founding Committee, John D. Black Appreciation Club of the AAEA Foundation.

Founding Committee, Frederick Waugh Appreciation Club of the AAEA Foundation.

Founding Committee, W.B. Sundquist Appreciation Club of the AAEA Foundation.

Founding Committee, Don Paarlberg Appreciation Club of the AAEA Foundation.

Founding Committee, Bruce Gardner Appreciation Club of the AAEA Foundation.

Appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Edward Madigan to chair the USDA/HACU Leadership Group, a panel of six presidents

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of Hispanic-serving colleges and universities and six USDA agency administrators whose purpose is to build a major partnership with, and enhance the capacity of, the more than 125 institutions belonging to the Hispanic Assoc. of Colleges and Universities.

Appointed by Secretary Madigan as Member and Chair, General Administrative Board, Graduate School, USDA, 1992 (4-year term). Member, General Administrative Board of Graduate School, USDA, 1985–1990. Member of Executive Committee of the Board 1986–1990. Chair of the Graduate School Futures Committee, 1987–1990. Prior to being on the Board, chaired, for several years, the Social and Behavioral Sciences Committee (somewhat like a university department) of the Graduate School.

From 1983 to 1992, taught EECON 495, *Seminar on U.S. Agricultural and Food Policy*, in the Graduate School, USDA (for last 3 years with Keith Collins and Ed Rossmiller). The course has become so popular that enrollment had to be limited. We fulfilled requests to teach mini versions of the course to Congressional staff, GAO and several Federal agencies.

Leader, U.S. study team to China (Chinese Agricultural Procurement and Marketing System), August–September 1983.

Member, Advisory Council, Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI), University of Missouri and Iowa State University.

Member, Executive Committee, Great Plains Agricultural Council (GPAC), 1986–1990, and played lead role in reorganizing and redirecting the efforts of that organization; secured Federal agency funding to support a newly established GPAC Executive Director position.

Instructor (with Ray Goldberg, Harvard Business School), *Economics of Agriculture* at two-week workshop for newly-elected members of Congress, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, December 1986.

Leader, U.S. Delegation to OECD Conference of Directors of Agricultural Research, Paris, October 1984. Also, member of U.S. delegation to 1989 version of this meeting, Paris, October 1989.

U.S. delegate to OECD Joint Working Committee on Agriculture and Trade, October 1983.

Member, Joint Council on Food and Agricultural Sciences, 1981 to 1993, and member, Executive Committee, 1982–85. Active spokesman for social science issues and priorities on this council. JCFAS was established by Congress to coordinate Federal and state agricultural science activities.

Member, USDA Policy Coordination Committees for Science and Education and for Natural Resources and Environment.

Member, USDA Committee on Biotechnology in Agriculture (CBA), the nine person body that sets USDA policy on biotechnology regulation and research guidelines (1985-93).

Technical advisor to Agricultural Marketing Authority of Zimbabwe, September–October 1987, under OICD US/Zimbabwe Technical Exchange Program.

Member, Advisory Board, International Food and Agriculture Policy Institute, University of Minnesota, 1986-92.

Elected member of AAEA Foundation Governing Board, 1990, for 3-year term. Elected President in 1991 for 2-year term.

Member, Board of Directors, National Research Initiative, Competitive Grants Program, USDA, 1991 to 1993.

Invited to Chair, 5-member International Visitation Committee to review and evaluate program of Agricultural Economics Research Institute (LEI-DLO) of The Netherlands Ministry of Agriculture, The Hague, December 1992. Author of 50-page report with recommendations to the Institute.

Member, Task Force organized by the National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy at request of U.S. Senate Agricultural Committee to develop recommendations for the commodity portions of the 1995 Farm Bill. Resulted in a report to the Congress and several publications. Completed Feb. 1995.

Chair, Planning Committee, Fellows Forum, American Agricultural Economics Association, Toronto, Canada, July 27, 1997.

President, National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators, 1997-98.

Member of five-person Mississippi Agribusiness 2000 Committee appointed by Legislature, State of Mississippi.

In Warsaw, Poland, I met with the Foundation for the Development of Polish Agriculture as part of a special project on the readiness of Poland to enter the European Common Market, Warsaw, Poland, July 1995. Also presented keynote address to Polish National Agricultural Outlook Conference.

Leader, USDA delegation to Taiwan Ministry of Agriculture (Council on Agriculture) to review draft of proposed new Taiwan Agricultural Policy, advise Director of COA, and conduct two-day training session on U.S. agricultural policy for ministry

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officials. Taipei, Taiwan, November 13-21, 1995.

Member, Executive Committee and Advisory Board of the Agribusiness Institute, Mississippi State University, 1994-2000.

Interim Co-Director, Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University, July 1996-August 1997.

Member, Board of Trustees, National Center for Food and Agricultural Policy (NCFAP), Washington, DC, 1998 to 2006; Vice Chairman, 2001 to 2006.

Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association, elected 1990.

Member, Agricultural Research Institute and speaker at several annual conferences of ARI.

Awarded Distinguished Service Award by Great Plains Agricultural Council, 1992.

Listed in *Who's Who*; *Who's Who in the East*; *Who's Who in U.S. Government*.

Friends, colleagues, and peers established a Marie and John E. Lee Jr. Appreciation Club to benefit the AAEA Foundation at the AAEA Annual Meeting, August 2002, Long Beach, CA.

Member, CSREES, USDA Review Team to review Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Auburn University, May 12-16, 2003.

Managed teams of USDA Cochran Fellows (political and scientific leaders from emerging democracies and developing countries) from Central Asia (2002), Poland (2002), and southern Africa (2003), and co-managed a 4-member team from Russia (2002). Developed and managed Cochran Fellows teams from Kenya (2005), South and Central America (2005), Asia, Africa and Middle East (2005), two teams from Madagascar (2006); a trade policy team from Africa (2007), a WTO Notification team from Ukraine (2008), a policy analysis team from Bulgaria (2009), and a market development team from West Africa (2009).

In July, 2008, organized and directed (with Otto Doering) a panel of leading agricultural economists for a full-day "dialogue" with the CSREES Administrator on the future of agricultural and resource economics in USDA-CSREES and the new Institute for Food and Agricultural Sciences.

From May, 2006 to March, 2007, served as Review Director of a comprehensive review of the U.S. Census of Agriculture. Directed a panel of 16 experts to produce a book of recommendations, published by NASS/USDA in March, 2007.

From June, 2008 to July, 2009, served as Panel Director for a comprehensive review of the agricultural price statistics program of NASS-USDA. Directed a panel of experts to produce a book of recommendations, published by NASS-USDA in June, 2009.

SUMMARY OF OVERSEAS EXPERIENCES

Leader of scientific exchange team of 5 to China (August–September 1983; 31 days) at a time when China was just beginning to experiment with more market-oriented food policies. Studied pricing and procurement policies for grain, soybeans, cotton, and horticultural crops in several provinces. Traveled to work in areas in and surrounding Beijing, Harbin, Shanghai, and within Shandong Province.

Twice visited Egypt (1980s) to review U.S. AID–funded program to develop Cost of Production (COP), and crop statistical reporting system staffed with ERS economists. Negotiated with U.S. AID country mission staff and U.S. Embassy staff as well as with top officials in Egypt's Ministry of Agriculture. Reviewed agricultural development projects along the Nile River.

Conducted one–person review of Zimbabwe Agricultural Market Authority (AMA) programs (1987) and made recommendations for improvements to Authority Director, Felix Masuzu, and the Board of Commissioners. While in Zimbabwe, I also reviewed agricultural economics programs of the Ministry of Agriculture. At the time, the Rural Land Program was directed by Tobias Takavorasha, who became Minister of Agriculture. Met with faculty at the University of Zimbabwe in Harare.

En route to Zimbabwe for the preceding mission, stopped in Sudan to review program on U.S. AID projects for Agricultural Improvements, especially in Gizzera irrigated lands. Met with faculties of the University of Khartoum and Gizzera University.

Reviewed U.S. AID–assisted program at Egerton College in Nojuru, Kenya, at the invitation of U.S. AID officials (1987).

Lectured at the Institute of Agricultural Economics, Sao Paulo, Brazil, in 1973.

Attended USDA Foreign Agricultural Service's agricultural attaché conference at Caracas, Venezuela, 1986.

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Participated in a special Federal Executive Institute project undertaken to study the Panama Canal Treaty negotiations in 1973.

Spent more than one week in Washington, DC, interviewing officials of institutions related to Panama and the Canal, and another week in Panama meeting with top U.S. and Panamanian officials.

Attended conferences of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) in Malaga, Spain (1985); Buenos Aires, Argentina (1988); and Tokyo, Japan (1991), Chair or session presenter. Visited agricultural projects in each country.

Negotiated details of U.S. AID/USDA technical assistance programs in Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria (June/July 1991) with their Ministers and Deputy Ministers of Agriculture and other ministries.

Participated in international food policy conference in Steyning, England (1986).

Led U.S. delegations to OECD Conference of Directors of Agricultural Research, Paris, France (1984, 1989). Head of U.S. delegation to Agricultural Directorate of OECD, Paris, France (1985).

Attended conferences (1986, 1989) at FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy. Conferred with FAO officials on mutual research interests.

Accepted invitation to head international team of economists to review program of The Netherlands's Institute of Agricultural Economics at The Hague, December 1992. Author of 50-page report with recommendations to the Institute.

Participated in International Agribusiness Management Association's World Congress Meetings in Oxford, England (1992), Caracas, Venezuela (1994), and Paris, France (1995).

Led USDA Policy Review team to Taiwan, November 13-21, 1995. Reviewed proposed agricultural policies of Republic of China and made recommendations to Minister of Agriculture. Also conducted a two-day workshop on U.S. agricultural policies for senior Taiwanese officials, and lectured at the Taiwan National University.

Presented keynote address to Polish National Agricultural Outlook Conference and was a guest participant at the meeting of the Board of the Foundation for the Development of Polish Agriculture (July 1995).

Presented paper at Australia-New Zealand Agricultural Outlook Conference, Canberra, in 1984 and 1990. Presented paper to Australian Agricultural Economics Association in Brisbane in 1990. En route, I traveled in New Zealand and presented seminars at Lincoln University in Christchurch and at Massey College in Palmerston North.