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Education

Master of Arts, Major: Agricultural and Extension Education, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, December 1996.

Community Development Specialist Certificate, Community Development Institute, University of Central Arkansas, Conway Arkansas, July 1996.

Bachelor of Science in Agriculture, Major: Agricultural Biology with an emphasis in Pest Management, Minor; Agronomy, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, NM, May 1991.

Experience

- 1994 - Present** Assistant Department Head and College Professor, Department of Ag. Economics and Ag. Business, New Mexico State University. Serves as director for the NMSU CES's, Rural Agricultural Improvement and Public Affairs Project, and assists the New Mexico Small Farm and Ranch Task Force. Responsible for coordinating, implementing and administrating extension programs in rural community development and outreach that include: leadership and organizational development; agricultural policy; small business development; value-added agriculture; and sustainable agriculture education and research. These educational programs are targeted for limited resource small-scale farmers/ranchers of the thirteen counties in north-central New Mexico who are predominantly of Native American and Hispanic ancestry. These programs accelerate existing extension educational and research efforts in an attempt to empower limited resource rural families with the skills to identify and effectively resolve their problems and enhance the quality of their lives. While at this position, have generated over \$11,227,610.00 in grants, contracts and state recurring appropriations that provide extension and research educational programs targeted at socially disadvantaged agriculture producers in northern New Mexico.
- 1991 – 1994** Extension Associate, New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service, Jicarilla Apache Reservation. Coordinated and conducted extension educational programs for the Jicarilla Apache and Southern Ute Tribes in agriculture (livestock production, forage crop production, marketing and range management) and youth leadership development. Agent worked closely with Tribal and Bureau of Indian Affairs natural resource divisions to implement sustainable, multiple use management practices, accommodating both livestock and wildlife on the reservation.
- 1988 –1990** Adult Education Instructor, Jicarilla Apache Nation Department of Education, Dulce, NM. Instructed students in areas of need in preparation for the High School Equivalency Examination.

1973 - 1989

Self-employed Rancher/Farmer, Dulce, NM. Responsible for the general care and management of a 200 head commercial and purebred beef cow and calf operation which had been in the family since the mid 1800's. Implemented sustainable, multiple use management practices on 6,000 acre ranch which included a big game hunting operation for deer, elk, black bear and turkey; and farmed over one hundred acres of irrigated alfalfa, timothy hay and small grains through rotational cropping systems.

National, Regional and State Committee Assignments

USDA NIFA Grant Review Panel Member – 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017
Western Region USDA Extension Risk Management Education Advisory Committee, 2015, 2016, 2017
USDA NIFA Grant Review Panel Manager - 2016
NMSU ACES and NMSU Ag. Economics and Ag. Business Department Promotion Committee, 2012- Present
USDA National Small Farm Program, State Coordinator/Contact, 1999 – Present
USDA National Commission on Small Farms, Member, 1997 - 1999
New Mexico Governor's Wildlife Conflict Resolution Committee, Member, 1999 - 2001
USDA Third National Small Farm Conference, Co-Chair, 2000 – 2002
USDA National Small Farm Conference Steering Committee Member, 2002, 2005, 2008, 2012, 2015, 2016
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service, National Advisory Committee, Member, 2003- 2009, Minority/Diversity sub-committee Chair, 2007-2009
USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service Minority Enumeration Committee, 2003 - Present
National Association of County Agricultural Agents, Public Relations and Agriculture Issues Committee, National Chair, 2004- 2008
National Association of County Agricultural Agents, Public Relations and Agriculture Issues Committee, Vice Chair 2000- 2004
Project Wet, State Advisory Board Member, 1998 – 2003

National and State Awards

Western Extension Directors Association Award of Excellence, (RAIPAP Team Award), 2016
USDA Secretary of Agriculture Appreciation Award, 7th National Small Farm Conference, 2016
NMSU CES Distinguished Extension Award, 2014
NMSU President's Research Achievement Award, 2013
NMSU ACES Team Award "RAIPAP", 2012
USDA Secretary of Agriculture Appreciation Award, 2012
USDA-NIFA, Appreciation Award, 6th National Small Farm Conference, 2012
USDA National Small Farm Program Appreciation Award, 2009
USDA-NASS, National Partners Award, 2009
USDA-NIFA, Extension Committee on Organization and Policy, 2008 National Award for Diversity (RAIPAP Team Award)
USDA-CSREES, 5th National Small Farm Conference Appreciation Award, 2008
USDA Secretary of Agriculture Appreciation Award, 2008
USDA-NASS, National Partners Award, 2008
NACAA, National Committee Chair Appreciation Award, 2008
NACAA, National Vice-Chair Appreciation Award, 2007
USDA FS, National Partners Award, Valle Grande Grass Bank, 2006
NACAA, National Committee Chair Appreciation Award, 2006
USDA Secretary of Agriculture Appreciation Award, 2005
NACAA, National Vice-Chair Appreciation Award, 2005
USDA Secretary of Agriculture Appreciation Award, 2002
Northern New Mexico Stockman's Association, Vaquero Award, 2000
NACAA, National Achievement Award, 1999
USDA Secretary of Agriculture Appreciation Award, 1999
USDA Secretary of Agriculture, Certificate of Appointment, National Commission on Small Farms, 1997
New Mexico Cattle Growers, Salt of the Earth Award, 1993