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GIS  
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- Wide ranging career demonstrating consistent success both in a non-profit international NGO and academia.
- Experience in conceptualising projects through successful grant applications, project management and attaining desired results.
- Extensive background of experiences in working with diverse partners.
- Broad experience in effective communication ranging from peer-reviewed journal articles to extension presentations and popular press.

2016–Present	Associate Professor
Toowoomba, Queensland, AUS	
2012–2015	Scientist I
Los Baños, Laguna, PHL	
2011–2012	Post-Doctoral Fellow
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2009–2010	Post-Doctoral Research Associate
Manhattan, Kansas, USA	
2002–2004	Research Technologist
Lincoln, Nebraska, USA	
2000–2003	Research Technician
Clay Center, Nebraska, USA	
1999–2000	Assistant Director
West Lafayette, Indiana, USA	
1997–1999	Research Technician
West Lafayette, Indiana, USA	
2009	Plant Pathology Epidemiology and Ecology of Plant Pathogens Disease risk mapping with metamodels for coarse resolution predictors: global potato late blight risk now and under future climate conditions Kansas State University, USA
2007	Geography Geographic Information Science Kansas State University, USA
2000	Agronomy Soil and Crop Management Purdue University, USA

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