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EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- . Professor and District Extension Director, University of Florida, Florida Cooperative Extension Service (UF/FCES, since 2010)
- . Associate Professor and District Extension Director, UF/FCES (2009-2010)
- . Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, UF Horticultural Sciences Dept. (2005 to 2009)
- . Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, UF Horticultural Sciences Dept. (2000 to 2005)
- . Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Dept. of Horticulture, Auburn Univ. (1996 to 2000)
- . Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Horticulture, Auburn Univ. (1994 to 1996)
- . Analytical Laboratory Manager, Micro-Macro International, Inc. (1993-1994)
- . Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant, Univ. of Georgia (1990-1993)

EDUCATION

- . Ph.D., Univ. of Georgia, Horticulture, 1993, "Irrigation scheduling of turnip greens"
- . Diploma of Applied Agronomy (Equivalent to MS), Ecole Nationale Supérieure Agronomique de Toulouse, France, Agronomic Engineering, 1989

ADMINISTRATIVE AND LEADERSHIP RESPONSIBILITIES IN THE FLORIDA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (since 2009)

- . Supervises 72 county faculty located in 17 North Florida Counties in agriculture, horticulture, 4-H, family and consumer science, and marine programmatic areas
- . Interacts with 17 Boards of County Commissioners and County managers
- . Conducts searches and fills vacant positions
- . Coaches agents involved in promotion, permanent status and/or mid-career review
- . Member of the Extension Staffing Task Force (2014)
- . Member of the extension Road Map Committee (2010-2012)

PROGRAMMATIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY IN THE HORTICULTURAL SCIENCES DEPARTMENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (2000-2013)

- . Nutrient management, fertilization practices, soil and fertilizer chemistry, and vegetable mineral nutrition: update fertilization recommendations for vegetables, and teach advanced plant nutrition course.
- . Water management, irrigation scheduling techniques, and water conservation practices; improve irrigation recommendations for vegetables by developing real-time irrigation methods
- . Environmental impact of vegetable production, nutrient leaching, Total Maximum Daily

- Load (TMDL), and Best Management Practices (BMPs); involved in drafting, verification and implementation of nutrient and irrigation BMPs for vegetable crops grown in Florida.
- Committee chair or co-chair of 5 PhD students, member of 7 doctoral committees; chair of 2 Doctor of Plant Medicine students; chair of 1 Master Student; member of 6 Master students committees (2002-2011)

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Performed US-AID assignments in Haiti (2001), Honduras (2006, 2007) and Tanzania (2014)
- Gave presentations in France (2004), Canada (2006), Thailand (2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013), Italy (2008), Mexico (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013), Singapore (2013), Tanzania (2014) and Vietnam (2014)
- Fluent in English, French and Spanish

SERVICE TO PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Program coordinator, Florida State Horticultural Society (2006-2010)
- State-wide co-leader for UF/IFAS Best Management Practices implementation and coordination (2007-2009)
- Focus team co-leader for the UF/IFAS Extension Vegetable Commodity team (2005-2007)
- Associate Editor for the “Variety testing and evaluation” section of HortTechnology (2001-2006)
- Member of the Editorial Board (1995-2012) and Associate Executive Editor (2001-2012) for the Journal of Plant Nutrition
- Member of the Editorial Board (1995-2012) and Associate Executive Editor (2001-2012) of Communications in Soil Science and Plant Analysis
- Chair of the Mineral Nutrition Working Group of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences (2003)
- Section Chair of the vegetable group of the Southern Region of the American Society for Horticultural Sciences (2000)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Recipient of the 2012 Best Paper Award, Vegetable Section, Florida State Horticulture Society
- Recipient of the 2007 Florida State Horticultural Society President Gold Medal
- Co-recipient of the 2006 best paper award, vegetable section Florida State Horticultural Society
- Recipient of the 2005 Wagner Award (Young scientist category) to “recognize leadership and accomplishments toward efficient, competitive agriculture based on sound science and in harmony with environmental and human values” from the Potash & Phosphate Institute, 2005.
- Co-recipient of the 2002 UF/IFAS Jim App Award for Outstanding Design Team presented to the Design Team members of State Major Program 107 “Vegetable production, harvesting, handling efficiencies and IPM in Florida”
- Recipient of the 1998 “Ag Research Award” from the Alabama Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association for “Special service and dedication to Auburn University's research program on fruit and vegetable crops and for providing up-to-date, practical information to the industry”