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# Bridging the Gap between 1890 and 1862 Land-Grant Institutions Agricultural Economics Programs

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**Purpose:** *To build alliances and collaborative linkages to more effectively bridge the institutional, funding, and operational gap between the 1890 and 1862 land-grants, and other institutions in agricultural economics research, teaching, and extension*

**Economic Research Service, Waugh Auditorium, 3rd Floor, 1800 M Street, NW**

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## Monday, June 13

**8:00 a.m.**

### Continental Breakfast and Registration

**8:30 a.m.**

### Welcome, Introduction, and Charge

Susan Offutt, Administrator,  
Economic Research Service, USDA

**8:45 a.m.**

### Introduction of Keynote Speaker

Doris Newton, Economic Research Service, Vice Chair,  
Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in  
Agricultural Economics

### Keynote Address: Widening the Base of the Triangle: What Land-Grant Institutions Must Continue to Do

Ralph Christy, J. Thomas Clark Professor of Entrepreneurship  
& Personal Enterprise, Cornell University  
*Followed by Discussion, Q&A*

**9:45 a.m.**

### Morning Break

**10:00 a.m.**

### General Session: Opportunities for Collaboration

Moderator: Jill Findeis, Professor, Agricultural Economics,  
The Pennsylvania State University

#### *What the Future Holds*

Handy Williamson, Vice Provost, International Programs  
and Faculty Development, University of Missouri

#### *Collaboration on Grants*

Debby Sheely, Integrated Programs Director, Cooperative  
State Research, Education, and Extension Service

#### *Collaboration on Teaching*

Jon Brandt, Department Head, Agricultural and  
Resource Economics, North Carolina State University

#### *Collaboration on Extension*

Richard Wootton, Director of Extension and Outreach,  
National Association of State Universities and  
Land-Grant Colleges

#### *Opportunities for Industry Collaboration*

George Othere, Vice President,  
Scientific Application International Corporatio

**11:45 a.m.**

### Lunch (catered)

**1:00 p.m.**

### General Session: Success Stories in Collaboration

Moderator: Janet Perry, Branch Chief, Animal Products,  
Economic Research Service

#### *Research*

Abebayehu Tegene, Senior Economist,  
Economic Research Service

#### *Research*

C.S. Prakash, Director, Tuskegee University Center  
of Plant Biotechnology Research

#### *Extension*

Clint Turner, Virginia State University, Interim Dean and  
Extension Administrator

#### *Student Recruitment*

Verian Thomas, Associate Dean for Academic Programs,  
College of Engineering Sciences, Technology & Agriculture,  
Florida A&M University

#### *Teaching*

Alfred L. Parks, Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research,  
College of Agriculture, Prairie View A&M University

**2:15 p.m.**

### Afternoon Break

**2:30 p.m.**

### Facilitated Breakout Sessions Opportunities for Action in Teaching

Facilitators: Jay Akridge, Professor, Dept. of Agricultural  
Economics, Purdue University  
Dovi Alipoe, Professor of Economics/Agribusiness,  
Alcorn State University

### Opportunities for Action in Extension

Facilitators: Ray McKinnie, Associate Dean for Extension,  
North Carolina A&T University  
Deacue Fields III, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Agricultural  
Economics & Rural Sociology, Auburn University

### Opportunities for Action in Research

Facilitators: Dave Weatherspoon, Associate Professor,  
Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University  
Fisseha Tegegne, Associate Professor,  
Tennessee State University

**4:00 p.m.**

### Reconvene: Feedback from Breakout Sessions

**5:30 p.m.**

### Reception at Sizzling Express Restaurant 1150 Connecticut Ave, NW (across 18th Street from ERS)

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# Program Agenda



## Tuesday, June 14

**8:00 a.m.**

### Continental Breakfast

**8:30 a.m.**

### General Session: Capacity Building at 1890's – Recent Progress and Future Opportunities

Moderator: Utpal Vasavada, Branch Chief, Production Economics & Technology, Economic Research Service

#### *CSREES Perspective*

Richard Hood, National Program Leader, Cooperative State Research, Education & Extension Service

#### *ERS Perspective*

Betsey Kuhn, Director, Food and Rural Economics Division, Economic Research Service

#### *University Perspectives*

Mary Marchant, Director of Undergraduate Studies for Agricultural Economics, University of Kentucky

**9:45 a.m.**

### Morning Break

**10:00 a.m.**

### Panel: Bridging the Gap between 1890's, 1862's, and USDA

Moderator: Lionel Williamson, Assistant Dean for Diversity, University of Kentucky

Dawn Mellion-Patin, Assistant Professor, Southern University and A&M College

Andrew Muhammad, Assistant Professor, College of Business, Southern University and A&M College

Daniel Whitley, Deputy Manager, Black Emphasis Program, Foreign Agricultural Service

Dave Weatherspoon, Associate Professor, Dept. of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University

**11:45 a.m.**

### Lunch (catered)

**1:00 p.m.**

### Facilitated Breakout Sessions

*Teaching:* Akridge & Alipoe,  
*Extension:* McKinnie & Fields,  
*Research:* Weatherspoon & Tegegne

**2:30 p.m.**

### Reconvene: Presentation of Recommendations and Future Plans by Breakout Facilitators

### Response and Comments

Joseph Jen, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA

**3:15 p.m.**

### Afternoon Break

**3:30 p.m.**

### Closure: Next Steps AAEA-COSBAE

Christopher Davis, Economic Research Service, Chair, Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics

Colien Hefferan, Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service

### Evaluation



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