

The Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

The notion for establishing, within the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA), a "Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics" (COSBAE), was a novel idea which time has proven to be a significant merit. Those who have been participants in the Association can recall how we waited with great anticipation to receive that first report which described the status of blacks in agricultural economics and a directory which identified the small cadre of black agricultural economists. In the beginning the committee had a twofold charge: (1) to provide a forum within AAEA to address problems confronting poor people and minorities; and (2) to reduce barriers to professional entry by black economists.

Since the early beginnings, our committee and group have addressed that charge and done more. Earlier chairpersons have undertaken yeoman tasks in moving our committee and the association forward. A cursory review of our records shows that since 1985 we have: produced the directory of black agricultural economists, sponsored pre-conference symposia, hosted receptions during the AAEA meetings, sponsored invited paper sessions, and convened meetings to provide a forum for those persons represented by COSBAE. Most recently, the committee spearheaded and hosted the symposium on 1890 universities, in commemoration of their centennial celebration. The impact of that event should be felt for time to come. While much has been accomplished, a great deal lies before us.

During the 1990-91 year, the agenda and goals of COSBAE will be moved forward by committed colleagues from among our ranks. They were appointed by AAEA President Warren E. Johnston in June and will serve for a full year. Some of the appointees are relatively new while the others have served for several years. Committee members are:

Ralph D. Christy (1987), Louisiana State University
Magid A. Dagher (1989), University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff
Samuel Donald (1989), Alcorn State University
Richard Douglass (1987), Sun Diamond Growers

Eugene Jones (1988), Ohio State University
Hezekiah S. Jones (1988), Alabama A & M University
Patricia McLean-Meynesse (1988), Southern University
Donald R. McDowell (1987), North Carolina A & T University
Addulhakeem Salaam (1989), Southern University
Winston Smart (1989), Smart Agricultural Research Service
Lionel Williamson (1989), University of Kentucky
Handy Williamson, Jr. (1989), University of Tennessee

While this group has committed itself to work in a central way to carry out the charge to our committee, our overall success will depend on the work, good will, and continued support of all black agricultural economists and the AAEA. To that end, I have named many persons to work on various subcommittee projects.

Our agenda for the coming months continues to take on form and substance as I interact with the Committee and others. So far, it has been envisioned that we will address the following during the 1990-91 year: develop a proposal and secure funding for an "Economic Summit"; conduct organized symposia at AAEA and SAEA; submit invited paper sessions for AAEA; support and participate in activities of MANRAAS; establish closer ties with CWAE; produce a video from the 1890 preconference footage; follow through on Ivery Clifton's proposal and refine the structure and mission of COSBAE. With your help and interest, we can accomplish these tasks. With your enthusiasm we can do even more.

Service as Chairperson of COSBAE is a task which I do not approach lightly. Rather, it is an honorable job which I undertake with enthusiasm and commitment. Doing so, I ask you to reflect not only on what we might be able to accomplish, but also on the why? With our collective will and objective input we can insure that the status of black agricultural economists in our professional association is grounded in parity, security, and unencumbered opportunity.

See you in TEXAS!

Handy Williamson, Jr.

FOR YOUR PROFESSIONAL CALENDAR

The 48th Professional Agricultural Workers Conference (PAWC), December 2 - 4, 1990.

Theme: Public and Private Partnership for Rural Development. Contact: Ntam Baharanyi, Farm Mechanization Building - 100, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL (205) 727-8454.

EC 1992 Implications for World Food and Agricultural Trade Conference, Washington, DC, November 19 - 20, 1990, USDA/ERS and The World Bank. Contact: David Kelch, USDA/ERS, ATAD, Room 637, 1301 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC (202) 219-0610.

Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meeting, February 3 - 6, 1991, Fort Worth, Texas.

Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics Next Meeting, February 3, 1991, 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. in the Red Oak Room, Worthington Hotel, 200 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas.

EMPLOYMENT

Michigan State University:

AGRIBUSINESS ECONOMIST, Teaching 60% and Research 40%. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Marketing, or related field with strong emphasis on agricultural business management or agricultural marketing. Experience in teaching of agribusiness, agribusiness curricular development or experience in agribusiness is highly desirable. Demonstrated ability to communicate with agribusiness firms and executives.

Responsible for taking lead role in conceptualizing, coordinating, and delivering agribusiness expertise and experience to the Department's teaching and research program.

AGRICULTURAL TRADE AND POLICY ECONOMIST, 40% Extension, 35% Teaching, and 25% Research. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or related field with strong emphasis on agricultural trade and agricultural policy. Excellent communication and research skills are essential.

Conduct an outstanding extension and applied research program in agricultural trade and domestic agricultural policies. Support the delivery of educational programs and to conduct applied research in the area of trade and agricultural policies.

ENVIRONMENTAL ECONOMIST, Research 65% and Teaching 35%. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or related field with strong emphasis on economic theory, quantitative methods, and environmental policy analysis. Strong research orientation with interest in working with graduate students and teaching.

Teach and conduct research on such environmental issues as surface water quality, food safety, groundwater pollution, food chain contamination, agricultural chemicals and erosion, waste management, land use, and risk perceptions. Research should contribute to professional understanding and to the evolution of improved policy analysis at the state, national, and/or international levels.

INTERNATIONAL AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ECONOMIST, 50% Research and 50% Teaching. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field with strong emphasis on economic theory and quantitative methods. Research oriented with an interest in teaching and working with graduate students.

Conduct a distinguished research program in one or more of the fields of agricultural trade, agricultural policy, or international agricultural development. Strong theoretical, quantitative, and research skills are essential.

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EMPLOYMENT (Continued).

Activities include teaching in the graduate and undergraduate programs as well as advising graduate students. Opportunities exist for temporary overseas assignment.

PRODUCTION ECONOMIST, 70% Research and 30% Teaching. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field with the ability to conceptualize economic problems. Excellent quantitative, research, and communication skills are essential.

Conduct research in production economics with applications to such areas as economic viability of farms, the competitive position of agriculture, technological change, risk management, sustainable agricultural systems, and farm and rural environmental issues.

Send applications to:

Dr. L. V. Manderscheid, Chair
Department of Agricultural Economics
Michigan State University
East Lansing, MI 48824-1039

Purdue University:

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Agricultural Economics. Research, teaching, and extension in business management and agricultural marketing. Develop a program of firm oriented, applied research, in cooperation with other faculty in Schools of Agriculture and Management, that will identify opportunities for and improve the performance of agricultural marketing and food processing firms, teach marketing and business management at the advanced undergraduate level, participate in and support programs of the Department's Center for Agricultural Business. Work with scientists in other departments of the School of Agriculture in research and education with the objective of increasing the efficiency of Indiana agricultural processing and food distribution firms.

Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Business, or a related field. Should be competent in microeconomics,

quantitative techniques and computer applications. Preference will be given to persons with business training or experience. Knowledge of agricultural products processing is desirable.

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, Agricultural Economics. Research and extension in agricultural marketing and demand analysis. Develop a program of applied research oriented to producer and processing firm marketing decisions including the analysis of demand and evaluation of alternative marketing systems, establish an extension program to enhance marketing effectiveness. Adapt more basic econometric models and decision models for use by food and agriculture firms and to work with scientists in other disciplines in the evaluation of alternative production/processing/marketing systems. Initial emphasis will be on livestock and meat processing and marketing.

Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, with specialization and interest in food and agriculture marketing problems. Should be well trained in microeconomics, econometrics and computer applications. Ability to work with other people in the execution of effective extension and research programs are essential.

Application may be initiated by writing to:

Dr. Wallace E. Tyner, Head
Department of Agricultural Economics
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West Lafayette, IN 47907

A complete application should include a resume', transcripts of all University degrees and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of three persons who could evaluate the applicant's qualifications for the position.

NOTABLES

T. T. Williams has been selected to receive a Distinguished Alumni Award from the Ohio State University. Graduates of the University's College of Agriculture will be honored for their achievements at the school's 21st Annual Alumni Awards Banquet, November 2, 1990.