

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

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Transaction Publishers *New Books Catalogue*, Fall/Winter 1991, No. 37 provides the following description of:

A CENTURY OF SERVICE

LAND-GRANT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, 1890-1990 (Proceedings from the 1890 AAEA Pre-Conference)

Ralph D. Christy and Lionel Williamson, editors

In 1890 congressional legislation opened a new chapter in the history of higher education by allocating public support for black Land-Grant colleges and universities. These institutions were established to provide training to blacks in the fields of agriculture, home economics, the mechanical arts, and other useful professions. For a century, these schools have assumed, and continue to maintain, a unique and important role in affording educational opportunities for thousands of students to whom no other doors would have been opened. *A Century of Service* is both a history and appreciation of these Land-Grant schools. The work also provides a presentation of views on how their original mission can best be adapted to the challenges of the future.

The 1890 Land-Grant institutions are a legacy of what can be accomplished with little more than a determined, tenacious commitment to survive and excel. In spite of unequal financial support, they have succeeded in establishing and building quality resident academic and extension programs on a par with those of other colleges and universities not suffering the same economic limitations. As demonstrated throughout this volume, the 1890 institutions have amassed an impressive record of achievement in the areas of agricultural research, cooperative extension, development of rural communities support systems, human resources development, resident instruction, international development, and technology and information transfer.

In assessing the current state of the schools and looking to the future, the authors seek ways of building upon their strengths and traditions and explore alternative

institutional designs to enhance the status and opportunities for African American agricultural scientists and professionals under quite new circumstances. *A Century of Service* will be of interest to social historians, black studies specialists, agricultural scientists, and educators.

FOR YOUR PROFESSIONAL CALENDAR

American Agricultural Economics Association Meetings. August 1 - 5, 1991, Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas.

COSBAE's Activities:

- Committee Meeting - Sunday, August 4, 1991, 3 - 5 p.m., 206 Student Union Building.
- Reception - Monday, August 5, 1991, 5 - 7 p.m., Holiday Inn (Holidome), Pool-side.
- Invited Paper Session - "Economics of Limited Resource Farming," August 6, 1991, 3:30 - 5:15 p.m., L. Theatre, Student Union Building.

Southern Agricultural Economics Association Meetings. February 5, 1992, Lexington, Kentucky. Call for papers (organized symposium and selected, September 3, 1991).

Professional Agricultural Workers Conference. December 1 - 3, 1991, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Alabama. Contact: N. Baharanyi (205) 727-8454.

Allied Social Sciences Meetings. January 3 - 5, 1992, New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTABLES

Joyce E. Allen, formerly with Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies is now Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois, (217) 244-2809.

Alexander Amuah recently completed a Ph.D. from the University of Illinois and has accepted a position with IFPRI in Washington, DC. (202) 862-5692.

Ralph D. Christy has accepted a position with the Department of Agricultural Economics at Cornell University effective Fall 1991, (607) 255-5464.

David Tudif-Douglas recently completed his Ph.D. from Cornell University and has accepted a position with Development Alternatives. His address is: c/o USAID/ASPAP, B. P. 28, Kigali, Rwanda, Central Africa.

Tracey Dunbar completed a M.S. degree at Penn State and is now with USDA/ERS-Resources and Technology Division, Washington, DC.

Tesfa Gebremedhin is on leave this Summer from West Virginia to serve in the visiting scholar program at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana.

Abdulhakeem Y. Salaam is in the Ph.D. program within the Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Salaam was formerly a Research Associate, Department of Agricultural Economics, Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Lionel Williamson received the 1991 Outstanding Extension Program Award from the Association of Kentucky Extension Specialists.

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