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EDUCATION:

Doctor of Philosophy: Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, 1989.
Master of Science: Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University, 1986.
Master of Arts: Analytical & Applied Economics, Utkal University, India, 1981.
Bachelor of Arts: Economics, Utkal University, India, 1979.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2018 to April 2022: Vice Provost for International Affairs, Office of International Affairs, Texas Tech University.

June 2018 to July 2019: Acting Dean, Texas Tech University – Costa Rica Instructional Site.

2014 to 2017: Associate Vice Provost for International Programs, Office of International Affairs, Texas Tech University.

2012 to 2014: Director of the International Cotton Research Center, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Texas Tech University.

2008 to 2012: Co-Director of the International Cotton Research Center, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Texas Tech University.

2003 to Present: Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University. Graduate Faculty Status. Member of the Texas Tech University Teaching Academy.

2002 to 2014: Associate Dean for Research, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources, Texas Tech University.

1999 to 2005: Associate Director of the Cotton Economics Research Institute, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University.

1998 to 2003: Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University. Graduate Faculty Status. Member of the Texas Tech University Teaching Academy.

1998 to 2000: Graduate Program Coordinator, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University.

1993 to 1998: Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Texas Tech University. Graduate Faculty status.

1989 to 1992: Post-Doctoral Research Associate, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Georgia Station, University of Georgia. Faculty Status.

1991 to 1992: Adjunct Assistant Professor, Mercer University College, Forsyth, Georgia. Taught computer hardware/software courses in the College of Business.

1985 to 1988: Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Mississippi State University. Conducted research under the guidance of Dr. Stan Spurlock.

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE:

A. Vice Provost and Associate Vice Provost, Office of International Affairs (2014 to 2022)

Responsible for the oversight of all functions of the Office of International Affairs, including International Enrollment Development (international recruitment, international undergraduate admissions, sponsored students), Study Abroad, International Student and Scholar Services, International Student Life, International Research and Development (research collaborations, grants administration, international partnerships, and export control administration), International Relations (international alumni, international art and culture, fundraising), K-12 Global Education Outreach, and OIA Operations (finances, facilities, and Passport office), as well as the academic center in Seville, Spain. Was also responsible for the supervision of the Center for Arid and Semi-Arid Land Studies and the Center for Global Communication.

The following selected list of international initiatives highlight accomplishments realized during my tenure in the Office of International Affairs.

- Texas Tech University was featured for the first time in 2018 in the QS World University rankings at 701-750; and maintained the same ranking in 2019.
- Development and implementation of the 2015-2020 International Strategic Plan and annual assessment protocol.
- Creation of the International Research and Development (IRD) division in OIA to assist faculty with external funding for international research and development. Since 2014, IRD has successfully helped faculty develop over \$87M in international research & development grant proposals as of May 1, 2021.
- Establishment of Study Abroad Program Development Seed Grants Program, International Research/Development Seed Grants Program, and International Travel Fund for faculty.
- Development of several successful international collaborations, including: Brazil Scientific Mobility Program; FAPESP x TTU Joint Research Initiative; BHEARD Fellowship Program; and BORLAUG Fellowship Program.

- Continuing strong enrollment of international students – After experiencing a 55.2% increase in undergraduate international students and 30.7% increase in overall international students between Fall 2013 and Fall 2018, we saw a small decrease in international student enrollment due to factors beyond our control. However, our decline in international student enrollment was smaller than the national average.
- Record study abroad opportunities for Texas Tech students – In the 2018-2019 academic year, OIA's Study Abroad unit helped organize over 150 international education programs for over 1,384 students (a 65% increase in the last 5 years). All study abroad programs for Summer 2020, Fall 2020, and Spring 2021 have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Recipient of the Senator Paul Simon Spotlight Award for K-12 Global Education Outreach programming in 2016.
- Recipient of the Senator Paul Simon Comprehensive Internationalization Award in 2018.
- Overall coordination of a university-wide effort to open our first international degree-awarding campus in Costa Rica. The first cohort of students began classes in five degree programs in Fall 2018.

B. Coordinator and Acting Dean, Texas Tech University – Costa Rica (2014 to 2019)

Responsible for coordinating a university-wide effort for the opening of an international branch campus in Costa Rica.

- The instructional site was conceptualized with Promerica Bank in July 2014.
- Promerica Bank voted to enter into an exclusive agreement with TTU for establishment of an instructional site in Costa Rica in July 2015.
- TTU signed a Framework Agreement with Edulink in August 2016.
- Groundbreaking ceremony at site of TTU-CR in October 2016.
- The Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) approved the TTU-CR instructional site to be included in the scope of TTU's current accreditation.
- Started offering undergraduate degree programs in Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, Computer Science, Mathematics, and Restaurant, Hotel, and Institutional Management in Fall 2018.

C. Associate Dean for Research, College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources (2002 to 2014)

Coordinated, facilitated, and managed various activities of the CASNR research and international programs, spanning over the tenure of four Deans.

- Led efforts to strengthen CASNR's rapidly growing research enterprise and international collaborations. Accomplished record level research funding and expenditures.

- Led multi-institutional research collaborations with federally appropriated funds, including the International Cotton Research Center, Ogallala Aquifer Program, International FoodSafety Initiative, and Great Plains Sorghum Improvement and Utilization Center.
- Provided leadership to the management of the Texas State Legislative Appropriation for the initiative, “Research to Enhance Agriculture Production and Add Value to Agriculture Products in Texas.
- Provided leadership in the development of the CASNR’s 2005-2010 and 2010-2015 Strategic Plans and preparation of Strategic Plan Assessment Reports.
- Was responsible for various other administrative activities (budgets, faculty start-up, HEAF, research incentive awards, distance education programs, communication and marketing activities, CASNR website development and maintenance, etc.).

D. Co-Director and Director, International Cotton Research Center (2008-2014)

Coordinated all efforts of the Center jointly with Co-Director Dr. Norman Hopper (until 2012) and then as Director and Associate Director Dr. Eric Hequet. Administered funding of approximately \$5 Million, created ICRC an officially recognized center of the Texas Tech University, developed a strategic plan, formulated an Advisory Board, and developed a Web page for the Center.

E. Associate Director, Cotton Economics Research Institute (1999 to 2005)

Coordinated, facilitated, and disseminated economic research on all aspects of cotton (e.g., production, marketing, trade, processing, value added). During my tenure as the Associate Director:

- The Institute gained national and international recognition for research, education and outreach programs on all aspects of cotton.
- A CERI Advisory Committee was formulated and annual meetings were organized.
- Annual reporting of cotton economics research was initiated.
- Two issues of the Cotton Economics Update per year were published.
- An “Annual Research/Extension Symposium” on cotton economics issues was initiated.

F. Graduate Coordinator, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (1998 to 2000)

Together with faculty of the department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, coordinated efforts to strengthen course offerings, increase recruitment, streamline admission and advising processes, enhance visibility. During my tenure as the Graduate Coordinator: an extensive review of the graduate program was undertaken and numerous changes to both the Masters and Ph.D. programs were introduced; the Graduate Catalog of the department was updated every Semester; and the Graduate program Web page was improved and was regularly updated.

RESEARCH, TEACHING, AND SERVICE EXPERIENCE:

A. Research:

The overall emphasis of my research program is to take a systems approach to problem-solving research and development that benefits all segments of the agriculture industry and the higher education sector. Projects related to the agricultural industry include demand and price analysis, market structure, risk analysis, and food safety. Higher education research and development activities include capacity development, strategic planning, and outreach and engagement.

Grants Coordinated as a Research Manager: Amount: **\$9,107,056**

Grants Obtained as a PI/Co-PI: Amount: **\$3,049,345**

Current Grant:

Analysis of Farm and Food Policy. Funded by USDA – Office of the Chief Economist (Sponsor: Texas AgriLife Research). 204-2027: \$250,000 (40% credit). Darren Hudson PI.

Educational Leadership, Management and Governance (LMG) for the Ethiopian Higher Education System. Funded by U. S. Department of State. 2020-2025: \$542,957. In collaboration with Oklahoma State University and Ohio State University.

Developing a Searchable Database of Internship Providers. Funded by the Davis College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. 2024-2025: \$17,541.67.

Publications:

Total Professional Publications and Conference Presentations: Journal Publications: 42; Book Chapters: 4; Proceedings: 41; Journal Abstracts: 29; Popular Articles: 8; Other Technical Publications: 22; All Presentations at Professional Meetings: 62.

Recent Professional Publications and Conference Presentations:

Nixon S. Chekenya and Sukant Misra. Responsible Conduct of Research for Graduate Students: What Should They Know? *Applied Economics Teaching Resources*. *Applied Economics Teaching Resources* 6(3):66-77.

University Partnership Forum: Successful Higher Education Partnership Models. Invited Panel Session. U. S. Department of State. February 19, 2020.

Global Partnerships-Opportunities and Challenges in Resources Limited Settings. Selected Panel Session. 2020 AIEA Annual Conference. Sukant Misra (Panel Chair; Texas Tech University); William Brustein (West Virginia University); Mylo Schaaf (University of California – San Francisco); and Wondwossen Gebreyes (Ohio State University). February 17, 2020.

Approaches and Challenges to Internationalizing Scholarship: A Case Study from Texas Tech University. Gad Perry, Sukant Misra, Reagan Ribordy. International Educators. Jul-Aug 2019.

A Systems Approach to Leading Institutional Internationalization Using Data Analysis and Trends. Selected Panel Session. 2019 AIEA Annual Conference. Sukant Misra (Panel Chair; Texas Tech University); Grant Chapman (Kansas State University); Randy Kluver (Oklahoma State University); and Jane Meza (University of Nebraska Medical Center).

Strategies for Securing Funding for Global Programs at Minority Serving Institutions. Invited Panel Session. 2019 Diversity Abroad MSI Summit. Nicole Brown (Georgia Institute of Technology), Jewell Winn (Tennessee State University), Eveadean Myers (Prairie View A&M University), Sukant Misra (Texas Tech University), and Daisy Rodriguez Patel (Pimma Community College). March 3, 2019.

Atlantic World Forum: The Role of Higher Education and International Student Mobility. Invited Panel Session. 2019 NAFSA Annual Conference and Expo. May 29, 2019.

Comprehensive Internationalization: Pillars of Success. Selected Panel Session. 2016 NAFSA Annual Conference. Panel Chair Sukant Misra (Texas Tech University); Steven Hanson (Michigan State University); Harvey Kesselman (Stockton University); Allen Levine (Univ. of Minnesota).

B. Instruction:

Courses Taught:

Undergraduate Organized Courses

Fundamentals of Agricultural Economics
Research Methodology in Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources
Agricultural Price Theory
Statistical Methods in Agricultural Research
Agricultural Economics Methodology for Research and Management
Freshman Seminar

Graduate Organized Courses

Research Methodology in Economics
Agribusiness Analysis
Advanced Agricultural Marketing
Demand and Price Analysis

Direction of Graduate Students:

Major Advisor to: 26 students (20 Masters, 6 Ph. D.).
Committee Member to: 13 students (6 Masters, 7 Ph.D.).

C. Selected Service:

Professional Associations:

Leadership

Council Member of Texas International Education Consortium, 2015-2022.

President, Mid America Universities International, 2018-2020.

Selection Committee of APLU's Malone International Award, 2017, 2018, 2019.

Selection Committee Chair of NAFSA's Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, 2020.

Selection Committee of NAFSA's Paul Simon Award for Campus Internationalization, 2019.

2019 Conference Planning Committee of Association of International Education Administration (AIEA), 2018-2019.

Vice President, Mid America Universities International, 2017-2018.

Chair Elect, StudyTexas, 2017-2018.

Poster Selection and Poster Award Committee, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, 1998-2000.

Senior Advisor, Student Section of the American Agricultural Economics Association, 1999/2000.

Junior Advisor, Student Section of the American Agricultural Economics Association, 1998/99.

Sophomore Advisor, Student Section of the American Agricultural Economics Association, 1997/98.

Freshman Advisor, Student Section of the American Agricultural Economics Association, 1996/97.

Chair, Students Affairs Committee, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, 1996/97.

The planning committee of the 1995 "Agricultural Awareness Day" organized by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

The program committee for 1995 Texas Agricultural and Natural resources Summit II.

The Council of Western Agricultural Economics Association, 1993-96.

Student Committee, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, 1995/96.

Visiting Evaluator of the Landscape Architectural Accreditation Board:

Academic Administrator: MLA Program at Florida International University, 2025.

Academic Administrator: MLA Program at University of Florida, 2024.

Academic Administrator: MLA Program at Kent State University, 2024.

Academic Administrator: BLA Program at University of Las Vegas, 2023.

Academic Administrator: BLA and MLA programs at Louisiana State University, 2023.

Academic Administrator, MLA Program at University of Georgia, 2015.

Academic Administrator, BLA Program at Iowa State University, 2014.

Academic Administrator, MLA Program at Pennsylvania State University, 2013.

Regular Participant of:

American Agricultural Economics Association

Southern Agricultural Economics Association

Association of Public and Land-grant Universities (before 2023)

NAFSA: Association of International Educators Association of International Education

(before 2023)
Administrators Mid America Universities International (before 2023)

Editorial Board:

Member, International Journal of Applied Agricultural Research, 2008-2009.
Member, Journal of Agricultural Science and Technology, 2008-2009.

Manuscript Reviewer of:

Agricultural and Resource Economics Review
Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics
The International Food and Agribusiness Management Review
Journal of Agribusiness
Agribusiness: An International Journal.

Selected Committees:

Department Committees:

Chair, AAEC Strategic Planning Committee. Current.
Asst. Professor, Rural Sustainability and Economic Development Search Committee (chair), 2024.
Asst. Professor, Econometrics and Marketing Search Committee (member), 2024.
Internship (Coordinator), 2022-Current
Study Abroad (Coordinator), 2022-Current
Website (Manager), 2022-Curent

College Committees:

Ad-hoc Committee to develop a proposal for a cross-departmental degree in agriculture and natural resources.
Promotion and Tenure (member), 2023-Current.
Dean's Advisory Committee (member), 2023-current.
Plant and Soil Science Chair Search (Chair), 2013.
Natural Resources Management Chair Search (Chair), 2007.
Strategic Planning and Visioning (member), 2006-2014.
Marketing Taskforce (Dean's Office Representative), 2004-2006.
Masters @ Distance Task Force (Dean's Office Representative), 2004-2007.
Distance Learning (Dean's Office Representative), 2003-2007.
Research and Graduate Studies (Dean's Office Representative), 2002-2014.
Strategic Planning and Visioning (chair), 2001-2006. Honors/Undergraduate Research, 2000/01.
International Activities, 2000; 2006-2014.
Placement, 1999-2000.
Scholarship and Awards, 1994-1998. Recruitment,
Retention, & Placement, 1993-1994. Faculty
Screening, 1993-1994.

University Committees:

Steering Committee, Center for Coupled Urban & Rural Environmental Sustainability (CURES)
Provost's Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2018-2022.
Strategic Planning Committee, 2016-2022.
Provost Staff Council, 2014-2022.
University Academic Council, 2014-2022.
International Affairs Council, 1999-2003, 2007-2022.
Student Success and Retention Task Force, 2014-2022.
Research Council, 2002-2022.
Dean of the College of Arts & Sciences Search Committee, 2021.
Dean of TTU-CR Search Committee, 2018--2019 (Chair)
Strategic Enrollment Plan Task Force, 2014.
Responsibility Centered Management Council, 2009-2011.
Enhancing Research Revenue Subcommittee, 2009-2010.
Revenue Enhancement and Allocation Taskforce, 2008-2009.
Enhancing Research Revenue Subcommittee, 2008-2009 (Co-Chair).
Strategic Planning Alignment Subcommittee, 2008-2009 (Chair).
Undergraduate Research Advisory Committee, 2008-2014.
Graduate Program Review of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work, 2008.
Vice President for Research Search Committee, 2008.
Brook's Endowed Professorship in Mathematics and Statistics Search Committee, 2006.
Vice President for Research Search Committee, 2005.
Dean of the Graduate School Search Committee, 2002.
Graduate Program Review of Economics in Geography, 2002 (Chair).
Faculty Incentive Grant Review Panel, 2000-2001, 2002 (chair).
Faculty Senate, 1999.
Faculty Grievance Panel, 1998-2000.

State/Regional Committees:

Texas State Support Committee, 2006-2014.
Great Plains Sorghum Improvement and Utilization Center Management Team, 2006-2012.
Ogallala Aquifer Management Team, 2004-2014.
Llano Estacado Regional Water Planning Group, 2004-2006.
Texas Agricultural and Natural Resources Summit Initiative, Planning Committee, 2004-2006.
Water Conservation Council, Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, 2004-2006.
Texas Imported Fire Ant Research Advisory Committee, 2002-2004. Texas
Sorghum Advisory Council, 2002.

Community Engagement:

President, India Association of West Texas, 1997, 2017.
President-Elect, India Association of West Texas, 2016.
Ex-Officio Board Member, Center for Global Understanding, 2014-Current.
Member, Board of Directors, Breedlove Foods, Inc., 2013-2018.
Executive Body Member, Asian Association of West Texas, 1996.

SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS:

Global Visionary Award, Office of International Affairs, Texas Tech University, 2019.

President's Excellence in Teaching Award, Texas Tech University, 2007.

Participated in the ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Development Program, 25% appointment at the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources Dean's office (through 8/2001).

Inducted to Teaching Academy, Texas Tech University, 1998.

New Faculty Award, Ex-students Association, Texas Tech University, 1997.

Outstanding Professor of the Year, Undergraduate Students Association, Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, Texas Tech University, 1997.

First Place in the Outstanding Research Poster Paper Competition held by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at the 1997 annual meetings.

Member of Gamma Sigma Delta.

Outstanding Professor of the Year, Graduate Students Association, Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics, Texas Tech University, 1996.

Advisor to the AAEC Undergraduate Students Association receiving the "Outstanding Chapter Award" from the American Agricultural Economics Association in 1996.

Third Place in the Outstanding Research Poster Paper Competition held by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at the 1996 annual meetings.

Professor of the Semester, Undergraduate Students Association, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas Tech University, Spring 1994.