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SUMMARY

- Principal consultant at DEC Education Services specializing in eLearning development, curriculum and instructional design, and educational resources for online and print media.
- 20+ years experience coordinating education and information projects at the UC Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program.
- Successfully organize teams and coordinate with subject matter experts to develop high quality educational programs and information products.
- Excellent writer and editor, with ability to communicate technical information clearly.
- Exceptionally skilled and effective project manager.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE

eLearning and Instructional Design

- Effectively design and develop online courses using relevant instructional design strategies.
 Work closely with subject matter experts to identify learning objectives, write and edit course
 content, and develop other course assets to promote highly engaging learning experiences for
 diverse audiences. Clients include Oregon State University and USDA Sustainable Agriculture
 Research and Education.
- Developed curriculum framework for national-level online educational programs in sustainable
 agriculture for Extension professionals. Coordinated with fellow professionals to identify core
 competencies and learning objectives. Lead developer and coordinator for a three-course
 series in Sustainable Agriculture, influencing and advancing the expertise of Extension
 professionals nationwide.

Writing, Editing and Publication Development

- Developmental editor and writer for Whole Farm Management: From Start-Up to Sustainability. Coordinated curriculum design process, and worked with OSU faculty team to write and develop content that increases the knowledge and skills required to start and manage a successful farm business.
- Author and/or editor on numerous publications, articles and reference materials tailored for specific audiences. Greatly expanded the range of resources on sustainable agriculture for farmers, researchers and educators through the development of high quality information products. Formats included both print and web-based media, enhancing its accessibility.
- Content designer for sustainable agriculture website. Conducted needs assessments and solicited input for website improvements; assisted professional faculty and staff in organizing and developing new content and information products. Liaised with IT staff to develop a long-term content management strategy for the program website.

Education and Outreach Program Management

- Work effectively with diverse groups to organize and conduct workshops and conferences using a variety of instructional techniques to promote collaborative learning.
- Communicated with Extension professionals in 52 California counties as to educational and professional development opportunities in the program, furthering their ability to respond to the needs of farmers and landowners across the state.
- Principal investigator for 19 grants totaling \$570,000. Successfully managed those grant projects fulfilling all aspects of project administration, implementation and reporting.
- State representative and liaison for national USDA professional development program in sustainable agriculture. Developed that program for California from the ground up through a statewide planning process based on client needs and interests. Successfully secured funding for the program over 12 year period.
- Served 6 years on a national steering committee for Sustainable Agriculture Network, the information and outreach arm of the national USDA SARE program. Co-chaired that committee for 3 years.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Educational Consultant. DEC Education Services, Corvallis, OR. 2008 – present.

Education Coordinator. University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. 1995 – 2008.

State Professional Development Program Coordinator. USDA Western Region SARE program. 1995 – 2008.

Information Specialist. University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. 1987 – 1995.

Program Assistant. USDA, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. Yolo County, California. 4/87 - 10/87.

High School Science Instructor. Nakuru District, Kenya, 1/86 – 12/86.

Agricultural/Community Development Associate. Nakuru District, Kenya. 1981-82.

EDUCATION and PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Master of Education / Curriculum and Instruction. Portland State University. June 2014. How to Teach Online. American River College, Sacramento, California. June 2007. Student Advising Certificate. Staff Development and Professional Services, UC Davis. May 2006. Master of Science, Agronomy-International Agricultural Development. University of California, Davis. June 1985.

Bachelor of Science, Plant Science. University of California, Davis. June 1980

Detailed project portfolio available at: https://www.dec-ed.com/projects/