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COSBAE at AAEA

Summer Meetings,
Denver, CO, August
1-4, 2004:

Business meeting-

Sun., Aug. 1,

Reception- Tues.,

evening, Aug. 2,

Free Sessions (I & II)

Mon., Aug. 2-

Part I-1:30 -3:00 pm

Part II-3:30-5:00pm

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Newsletter of the Committee on the Opportunities & Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Greetings! It gives me great honor to serve as your Chair for 2004-2005. As the new Chair, please allow me the opportunity to briefly introduce myself. Christopher G. Davis is my name. I am an Agricultural Economist for USDA=s Economic Research Service in Washington D.C. I am a native of Albany, Georgia, and I obtained my college academic training from Florida A&M University and Louisiana State University.

A strong leader is one who serves the people well! Seven new COSBAE Executive Board members will assist the Chair in meeting the needs of COSBAE members and the rural community at large.

Our Vice Chair for 2004 – 2005 is Doris Newton of USDA-ERS, Washington D.C., and the Professional Activities Program Chair is Keithly Jones also of USDA-ERS, Washington D.C. Stephan Tubene, University of Maryland Eastern Shore will serve as Secretary-Treasurer. Members at large are: Daniel Rainey, University of Arkansas, Eta Takele, University of California,

and Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, North Carolina A&T University.

Ntam Baharanyi, past Chair, will serve as our resource person. COSBAE welcomes nominations or volunteers for other important roles in the organization.

COSBAE is now in its 24th year and as we reflect on past accomplishments and challenges, I express, on behalf of the present officers, our deepest appreciation to COSBAE's Past Chair, Ntam Baharanyi, for such a marvelous display of leadership. In addition, we extend special thanks to all previous officers and participates who have labored hard to make COSBAE the organization it is today.

Building on the accomplishments and innovated ideals of previous administrations, this year=s conference in Denver will feature two free paper sessions entitled, *An Assessment of Community and Entrepreneurial Development Work at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University@* and *AA*

Preliminary Assessment of the 1890/USDA Entrepreneurial Outreach Program at 1890 Land Grant Institution and Tuskegee University@. Other conference activities include a business meeting on Sunday and reception on Tuesday night. All are invited.

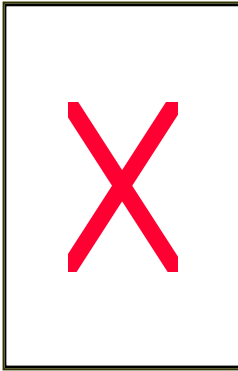
In addition to these conference activities, COSBAE has a terrific newsletter edited by Doris Newton and is now working on updating its website. This year=s Newsletter is chalk-full of good information. The Conference Program Chair has planned a list of activities that extends beyond our annual meeting which are sure to take COSBAE to another level. Our website gives a historical overview of significant accomplishments achieved by COSBAE's past and present members plus an update roster and more.

We are excited about this year=s annual conference in Denver, Colorado and have worked hard to make this meeting the best yet. The officers and I look forward to greeting and serving you in Denver. If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Chris Davis

COSBAE Free Session at the Denver Meetings

by Keithly Jones, Professional Activities Chairman



COSBAE free sessions planned for the AAEA summer meetings in Denver, Colorado.

COSBAE has two *free sessions* at the Denver meetings focused on the following topic.

“An Assessment of Community and Entrepreneurial Development Work at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University”

Rural Development programs at 1890 Land Grant Institutions have evolved in recent years from a focus on small and limited resource farmers to the need to be comprehensive in addressing community challenges and persistent poverty in the rural south. Research and technical assistance/outreach initiatives have included specific programs such as the Section 2501 Program, the 1890/USDA Entrepreneurial Outreach Programs, the Southern Black Belt Initiative, etc. The viability and success of these initiatives calls for special efforts to be comprehensive,

emphasize small business/entrepreneurial development, network with community-based organizations and others for input in legislative efforts, and nurture agricultural economics skills and special leadership at 1890 Institutions for community development work in the rural south.

This panel presentation will describe and assess the current status of community and entrepreneurial development work at and through 1890 Land Grant Institutions.

Free Session Paper, # 122640, “An Assessment of Community and Entrepreneurial Development Work at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University”, has been tentatively scheduled for Plaza Building, Concourse Level - Plaza Court 7, **Monday, Aug 2 2004 1:30PM - 3:00pm**

Free Session Paper, # 122656, “A Preliminary Assessment of the 1890/USDA Entrepreneurial Outreach Program at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University”, has been tentatively scheduled for Plaza Building Concourse Level - Plaza Court 7, **Monday, Aug 2 2004 3:30PM - 5:00pm**

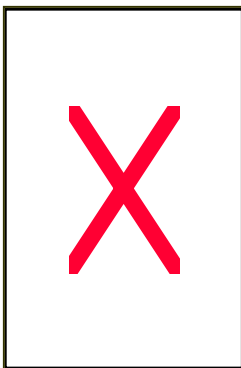
The topics and panel members are as follows:

“Serving Socially Disadvantaged Farmers and Ranchers: An Assessment of the 2501 Program at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University”

- Stephan Tubene, Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore
- Dan Lyons, NCA&T State University
- Abebayehu Tegene, USDA/ERS

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COSBAE Legacy Celebrated at Organized Symposium



At the 2002 AAEA summer meetings in Long Beach, CA, COSBAE members celebrated the organization’s more than 20 year history via an organized symposium.

The symposium, **COSBAE Celebrates A Legacy of Achievement**”, **highlighted COSBAE’s origin, mission, and**

accomplishments; stimulated discussion of future directions for COSBAE and brought awareness of COSBAE to newer members of the AAEA and ag economics profession. Doris Newton and Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem were symposium organizers and Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem moderated the

session. Presenters provided AAEA executive board and organization founding member perspectives on the reasons COSBAE was organized; highlighted significant contributions of COSBAE to the AAEA *(next page)*

Organized Symposium Celebrates COSBAE Legacy (cont'd.)

and to the agricultural economics profession; and, addressed current issues/challenges for Black ag economists in 21st century.

Presenters included Alfred Parks, Leo Polopolus, Donald McDowell and Joyce Allen-Smith, and Ntam Baharanyi.

Discussant: Ralph Christy

Presenters gave their reflections on the following topics:

First Presentation:

"COSBAE, The Early Years: A Founding Member Perspective"
Alfred Parks, Prairie View

A&M University

Second Presentation:

"COSBAE, The Early Years: Perspective of Past AAEA President
Leo Polopolus, University of Florida (Professor, Emeritus)

Third Presentation:

"Contributions of COSBAE to AAEA and Agricultural Economics Profession"
Donald R. McDowell, North Carolina A&T and Joyce Allen-Smith, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

Fourth Presentation:

"Current Issues Affecting COSBAE and Black Agricultural Economists,"
Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University

The discussant provided his reflections on the presentations and on COSBAE's future.

View full text of speaker presentations:

Donald McDowell [COSBAE history and achievements.doc](#)

Alfred Parks

Leo Polopolus

View full text of Polopolus, Parks, McDowell "COSBAE Legacy..." celebration presentations. Great historical highlights!

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

RESEARCH TRIANGLE INSTITUTE, Research Triangle Park, NC L1 Market Structure, Firm Strategy, and Market Performance L5 Regulation and Industrial Policy Q18 Agricultural Policy; Food Policy

RTI seeks an economist with a Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, or a related field and with interests in conducting analyses of government regulations and policies affecting the food industry. We are interested in a candidate with a minimum of 3 years of relevant experience beyond the Ph.D. in academia, government, or consulting. We prefer an individual with an empirical focus, experience with applying methods from the New Empirical Industrial Organization (NEIO) approach, strong econometrics skills, strong writing and organizational skills, and ability to communicate clearly in presentations and meetings with clients and staff.

The successful candidate will conduct studies of the potential costs and benefits of governmental regulations and policies designed to improve the safety and nutritional characteristics of food products and studies of marketing practices in the livestock and meat industries. Project work will include development of analytical models for estimating the economic effects of government regulations, conducting analyses of the costs of compliance with regulations, conducting analyses of the health benefits associated with regulations, evaluation of the economic effects of existing regulations and policies, and conducting consumer and producer surveys. The successful candidate will lead ongoing and new projects with government agencies, contribute to marketing activities at government agencies, contribute to writing grant and contract proposals, develop

papers for peer reviewed publications, and present research at professional meetings.

Interested individuals are encouraged to send a letter of interest, curriculum vita, photocopy of recent transcripts, and writing sample to Ms. Paula Groulx; Health, Social, and Economics Research; RTI International; 3040 Cornwallis Road; Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-2194. Please refer to RTI # SB11343.

RTI International is an independent, non-profit institute with over 2,300 employees affiliated with North Carolina State University, Duke University, and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. We offer a competitive compensation package. We are an EEO/AA employer M/F/D/V.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

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“To catch the reader’s attention, place an interesting sentence or quote from the story here.”

Assistant Professor Opportunity The Ohio State University Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics

Description: Applications for an anticipated tenure-track assistant professor faculty position in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University are now being accepted. Persons with an interest in business economics; quantitative analysis of business (e.g., decision science, marketing and logistics); agribusiness; individual firm strategy; supply chain coordination and efficiency; managerial economics; industrial organization; and/or organizational economics are encouraged to apply. Faculty duties include some combination of teaching, research, and outreach in agribusiness economics and management. Specific duties will depend on the individual’s professional strengths and interests and departmental, college and university needs.

The person filling this position will join a department of 27 faculty members who maintain nationally and internationally recognized research, undergraduate and graduate teaching, and outreach programs in agricultural, environmental and development economics. The Ohio State University is one of the largest and most comprehensive research universities in the world. It is located in Columbus, a major metropolitan area of more than one million people that offers many cultural, educational, employment and

recreational opportunities.

Qualifications: Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, management, business administration or related field.

Application: While applications will be accepted until an appointment is made, applications should be sent by October 1, 2004 for fullest consideration

For additional information please contact Elena Irwin at irwin.78@osu.edu or 614-292-6449.

The Ohio State University is an Equal Opportunity, Affirmative Action Employer. To build a diverse workforce The Ohio State University encourages applications from individuals with disabilities, minorities, veterans, and women.

Assistant/Associate Professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University

Applicants are sought for a tenure track, calendar year position in agricultural and agribusiness marketing. This position is a teaching and extension appointment, available January 2005. Salary will be commensurate with qualifications.

QUALIFICATIONS: Doctorate in agricultural/applied economics, marketing, economics, or related field. Preference will be given to applicants with teaching experience.

RESPONSIBILITIES: This is a

teaching/extension position with an applied research component focusing on agricultural and agribusiness marketing. Primary responsibilities include teaching undergraduate agricultural/agribusiness marketing courses and developing a nationally recognized agricultural marketing extension/outreach program, supported by an applied research program. Applied research and extension programs may emphasize areas such as: vertical/horizontal integration and coordination (including marketing contracts and strategic alliances), valuation/identity preservation of product characteristics (including assessment of consumer demand and food safety/security issues), or market risk management (including futures and options). Responsibilities include undergraduate and graduate student advising. Expectations also include obtaining extramural funds to support the applied research program.

Questions can be directed to either Dr. Dixie Watts Reaves, Search Committee Chair (Phone: 540-231-6153, FAX: 540-231-7417, E-mail dixie@vt.edu) or Dr. Herb Stoevener, Department Head (Phone: 540-231-6301, Fax: 540-231-7417, E-mail stoevenr@vt.edu).

Review of applications will begin September 15, 2004, and continue until a suitable candidate is found. Virginia Tech has a strong commitment to the principle of diversity and, in that spirit, seeks a broad spectrum of candidates including women, minorities, and people with disabilities. Individuals with disabilities desiring accommodations in the application process should notify Dr. Dixie Watts Reaves.

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...topics/panel members (cont'd. from page 2)

“From Small Farms to Rural Development Programs at 1890s Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University”

Robert Zabawa, Tuskegee University

Daniel Kuennen, Univ. of Maryland Eastern Shore

“The Determinants of Entrepreneurial Development in Low Income and Minority Communities in the South”

Kenneth Robinson and Ralph Christy, Cornell University

“A Preliminary Assessment of the 1890/USDA Entrepreneurial Outreach Program at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University”

-Ntam Baharanyi, Tuskegee University

-Kenneth Robinson, Cornell University

“The Black Belt Rural Development Initiative: Meeting the Challenge of Diversity, Collaboration, Complexity, and the Threat of Type Three Error in Problem Formulation”

Terrence Thomas, NC A&T State University

“An Update and Assessment of the Southern Black Belt Legislative Efforts of the Last Two Years”

Alton Thompson, North Carolina A&T State University

Respondents:

Alfred Parks, Prairie View A&M University

Christopher Davis, USDA/ERS

Dovi Alipoe, Alcorn State University

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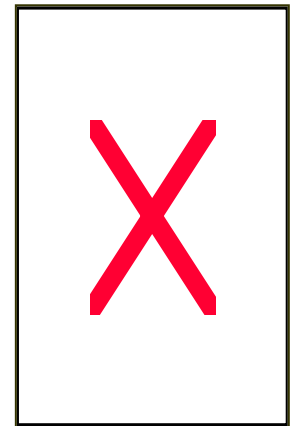
Dear Colleagues:

As most of you are aware, I have been a member of the Association of Social and Behavior Scientists, Inc. for more than 12 years. As President Elect, my responsibility for 2005 will be to Chair the Conference. The 2005 conference will be held in Nashville, TN. The exact time and location will be forthcoming.

Since most of us are so busy and our travel plans and schedule are made sometimes a year in advance, I thought I would began early soliciting your support of ASBS by not only becoming a member but also planning to attend the 2005 conference and participating in the program. I am encouraging you to begin thinking about papers, posters, panels, and sessions for presentation at the meeting in Nashville.

I would also like to invite you to visit ASBS website at <http://www.asbsofjcs.org> for information about the association and all the breaking news.
Be Blessed
Donald

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Williamson Named Assistant Dean for Diversity

Lionel Williamson, extension professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics, has been named Assistant Dean for Diversity for the College [of Agriculture, University of Kentucky] and, in that role, is heading up the College's new office for diversity.

His newly-created position grew out of recommendations made, in the spring of 2003, by a diversity task force for the College that was formed by Dean Scott Smith to explore how the College could best continue its efforts to be "a dynamic, diverse, and welcoming institution."

One of the task force's recommendations included establishing an office to assist in diversity/inclusivity efforts. Initial activities of Williamson and his staff have focused on recruitment and retention of minority students, recruitment of student interns for the summer, and diversity training for extension personnel.

Williamson, who will continue his extension duties, has been a member of the College's extension faculty since 1985. Much of his work has focused on cooperatives, including the American Private Enterprise System program in Kentucky, which encourages young people to learn more about cooperatives, government, and business. Williamson also provides programming and resources about cooperatives to farmers, farm groups, and agricultural professionals and policy makers. He has assisted in establishing a wide range of agricultural cooperatives in the state. He was a leader in the creation of the Kentucky Center for Cooperative Development and currently serves on its board of directors.

Williamson was a member of the University's Top 20 task force, which was set up to help move UK toward recognition as one of the nation's 20 premier public research universities.

In late 2003, Williamson was appointed by President Lee T. Todd Jr. to the steering committee for a year-long, campus-wide self-study of the University's athletic program. This self-study is part of the certification program for Division 1 of the National Collegiate Athletics Association. Williamson is chairing the Equity, Welfare, and Sporting Conduct Subcommittee.

Williamson earned his undergraduate degree from Alcorn State University in Mississippi and his master's and doctoral degrees from the University of Missouri.

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We're updating the
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MEMBER NEWS

Ntam Baharanyi- is 2004 President of SRSA and serves (with Robert Zabawa) as co-editor of Southern Rural Sociology.

Ntam also received the annual faculty award for 2003-2004 at Tuskegee University. This is the highest recognition of faculty performance given to one faculty member every year.

Tegegne Fisseha, Tennessee State University received the SRSA Research award in February 2004

Enefiok Ekanem, Tennessee State University was elected SRSA Program Chair-Elect.

Ralph Christy, Cornell University, has taken entrepreneurial wings with his company, "Market Matters".

Daniel Rainey was appointed to a three-year term on the Editorial Board (2004-2007) of the Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics. His expertise is in Community Economic Development.

Donald McDowell-Elected Vice President, Association of Social and Behavior Scientist, Inc., 2004-2005.

Alton Thompson, Elected, Vice President, Rural Sociological Association, 2003-2004; Chairperson, 1890 Council of Deans; 2004-2007; Editorial Board, Journal of Agromedicine.

Anthony Yeboah, Recipient of Award of Honor for Long Term Contribution to the 1890 Land Grant Mission of Teaching, Research and Service, Professional Agriculture Worker Conference, Tuskegee University, Dec. 2003.

About Our Organization...

COSBAE 's mission is to encourage and promote the interests of black agricultural economics professionals within the AAEEA structure and the broader agricultural community. Recognizing the importance of

shared knowledge among all ag colleagues, COSBAE membership is open to all who share this common goal. Membership is \$10 per year. To join, please contact the AAEEA office at www.aaea.org. Also join on

Announcements

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Cornell Emerging Markets Program Summer Think Tank Series: June 17-20 at Cornell University, Ithaca, NY. Contact: Ken Robinson (607/255-8846)

9th BTW Economic Summit October 6-8, 2004 at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL. *Theme: Entrepreneurship and Business Development: Making a Difference in Minority Communities*". Contact: Ntam Baharanyi (334/724-4840) and Vanessa Singleton (334/724-4441)

62nd PAWC: December 5-7, 2004 at Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, AL. *Theme: Energy, Diversity, and Agri-security: Challenges and Opportunities for Community Connections*". Contacts: Ntam Baharanyi (334/727-8454) and Robert Zabawa (334/727-8114).

registration form yearly when registering for AAEEA summer meeting.

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