

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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POSITION: Professor Emeritus of Rural Development
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EDUCATION

B.S. Degree in Agric. Education, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC), 1961
M.S. Degree in International Agric. Development, University of California at Davis, 1968
Ph.D. Degree in Development Studies, University of Wisconsin at Madison, 1974; Thesis: *Training Agricultural Research and Extension Workers from Developing Countries: A Comparative Analysis of the CIMMYT and IRRI Training Programs*

EMPLOYMENT

1961–1962 Agriculture Teacher, Annawan, Illinois
1962–1964 Peace Corps Volunteer, Agricultural Extension Agent (Water Mgt.), Cyprus
1964–1966 Agricultural Officer, Peace Corps, Washington, D.C.
1968–1970 Training Coord. Intl. Maize & Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT), Mexico
1970–1974 Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin
1974–1975 Post-Doctoral Fellow; University of Wisconsin
1975–1980 Assistant Professor, International Agricultural Education, UIUC
1980–1985 Associate Professor, International Agricultural Education, UIUC
1982–1989 Research Director, Int'l Program for Agric. Knowledge Systems (INTERPAKS)
1985–1995 Professor of International Agricultural Education, UIUC
1989–1996 Professor & Director of INTERPAKS, Office of International Agriculture, UIUC
1993 Senior Fellow (sabbatical), Int'l. Service for Nat. Agr. Research, The Hague.
1996–2003 Professor, Rural Development, Agric. & Consumer Economics Dept., UIUC
2003–present Professor Emeritus of Rural Development, UIUC
2003–2007 Director, USAID funded AERI Institutional Linkage Project in Egypt, UIUC
2007–present Consultant to the World Bank; IFPRI (Worldwide Agricultural Extension Study); and UIUC Component 3 leader, Modernizing Extension and Advisory Service (MEAS).

AWARDS

- International Leadership Award, Association for International Agricultural and Extension Education, 1991.
- Outstanding/Innovative Program Team Award, University of Illinois Extension, 2000. C-FAR Achievement Award, Illinois Council for Food and Agricultural Research (C-FAR), 2001 (top agricultural research project in the State of Illinois).
- Senior Faculty Award for Excellence in Extension, College of ACES, UIUC, 2001.
- Faculty Award for Excellence in Public Engagement, University of Illinois, 2002.
- Paul A. Funk Recognition Award, College of ACES, UIUC, 2003.
- Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement, UIUC, 2003.
- Champaign-Urbana International Humanitarian Award—Agriculture, 2007.
- Lifetime Achievement Award, International Society of Extension Education, 2008.

MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Director, Agricultural Technology Development and Transfer Systems; a 5-year research project funded by the U.S. Agency for Int'l Development (USAID), 1984-89.
- Director, Institutional Development for Agricultural Training (IDAT), a \$2.3 million USAID funded project to strengthen Egerton University in Njoro, Kenya, 1986-1989.
- Extension Specialist, Agricultural Support Services Project (ASSP); a \$200 million World Bank financed project for the People's Republic of China (1990-2001).
- Extension Specialist, Uttar Pradesh Diversified Agricultural Support Services Project (UP-DASP); a \$145 million World Bank funded project in India, 1994-98.

- Extension Specialist, *Agricultural Reform Implementation Support (ARIS)*, a World Bank financed project for the Ministry of Agriculture, Russian Federation, 1995-1996.
- Extension Specialist, *National Agricultural Technology Project (NATP)* a World Bank financed project in India, 1996-2000.
- Director, Institutional Linkage Component of the *Agricultural Export for Rural Income (AERI)* project for USAID in Egypt, 2003-2007.

Other SIGNIFICANT INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Lead Analyst, Agricultural Research Organizations, *World Food and Nutrition Study*, National Academy of Sciences, 1976-1977.
- Extension Specialist for a *Worldwide Evaluation of World Bank Investments in Agricultural Research and Extension*, World Bank, 1981-1982.
- Founding President, Assoc. for International Agricultural and Extension Education (AIAEE), 1984-1985.
- Director, *Human Resource Study of 43 Agricultural Research Systems in Africa*, carried out for the World Bank, 1985-86.
- North American Editor, *Journal of Agricultural Administration & Extension*, 1987-88.
- Director, *Comparative Study of Agricultural Research and Extension Projects*, carried out for the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) in 1988.
- Director of a *Worldwide Study of National Agricultural Extension Systems* carried out for the FAO during 1988-89.
- General Rapporteur, *Global Consultation on Agricultural Extension*, FAO, 1989.
- Agricultural Education Specialist for the *Agricultural Sector Study of the Occupied Territories* carried out for the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction under the auspices of the World Bank, 1994-1995.
- Team Leader for an assessment of the *Ethiopian Agricultural Extension System* for IFPRI with funding provided by the BMGF (four missions from May–December 2009).
- Coordinator, *Worldwide Study of Agricultural Extension System* presently being carried out for IFPRI, with funding provided by USAID (November, 2009 through December 2012).
- Component 3 Leader, *Modernizing Extension and Advisory Services (MEAS)* project funded by USAID, starting in September, 2011.

SELECTED BOOKS and a few RECENT PAPERS

- Swanson, B. E. (Ed.). 1984. *Agricultural Extension: A Reference Manual* (Second Edition). Rome: Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), 262 p. This book was also published in *Arabic, Chinese, French, Persian, Portuguese, Spanish and Turkish*.
- Swanson, B. E. (Ed.). 1990. *Report of the Global Consultation on Agricultural Extension*. Rome: FAO, 217 p.
- Swanson, B.E., B.J. Farner and R. Bahal (Ed.). 1990. *International Directory of Agricultural Extension Organizations*. Rome: FAO, 496 p.
- Swanson, B. E., A.J. Sofranko and R.P. Bentz (Eds.). 1997. *Improving Agricultural Extension*. Rome: FAO. <http://www.fao.org/docrep/W5830E/w5830e00.htm> (also in many languages)
- Swanson, B.E. 2008. *Global Review of Good Agricultural Extension and Advisory Service Practices*. Rome: FAO. <ftp://ftp.fao.org/docrep/fao/011/i0261e/i0261e00.pdf> (also in many languages)
- Swanson, B.E. and R. Rajalahti. 2010. *Strengthening Agricultural Extension and Advisory Systems*. Washington, D.C.: The World Bank. http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTARD/Resources/Stren_combined_web.pdf
- Swanson, B.E. 2006. "The Changing Role of Agricultural Extension in a Global Economy." *Seminal Paper in Journal of International Agricultural and Extension Education*. 13-3.
- Swanson, B.E. 2006. "Extension Strategies for Poverty Alleviation: Lessons from China and India." *Journal of Agricultural Education and Extension*. (Wageningen).
- Swanson, B.E. 2008. "Redefining Agricultural Extension's Role in Achieving Sustainable Rural Development." *International Journal of Extension Education*.
- Swanson, B.E. 2011. "Developing Innovative, Pluralistic Extension Systems in a Changing Global Economy." Paper presented at the International Conference on *Innovations in Extension and Advisory Services* in Nairobi, Kenya (<http://extensionconference2011.cta.int/>).