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CROSSROADS RESOURCE CENTER **Minneapolis, MN**
Since 1995 **President** (*Principal executive officer*)

- Managed successful entrepreneurial nonprofit with international impact.

Key accomplishments

- Recognized as the most experienced food-system analyst in the U.S., integrating market analysis, systems thinking, quantitative time-series data, and first-hand interviews.
- First proponent of local foods as an economic development strategy, since 1974.
- This analysis and consulting fostered 82 strong farm and food networks in 30 states across the U.S., and one Canadian province; serves as critical tool for local food system planning & investment. Published by Food First, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, University of Minnesota. Cited in *New York Times*, *Mother Jones*.
- Founder and co-chair of Community Economic Development Committee for Community Food Security Coalition.
- National panel review manager, and advisor to USDA Community Food Projects.
- Made 290 presentations since January, 2007, including keynote covering U.S. farm economy at international conference on Agriculture in an Urbanizing Society at University of Wageningen, the Netherlands (2012); presentation on regional investment at Slow Food's Terra Madre in Torino, Italy (2006), sessions on sustainability planning and local foods at American Planning Association annual meeting (2011), and regular appearances at major national food conferences in U.S. (See www.crcworks.org).
- Wrote three statewide studies of food industries that deepened local implementation activities: Minnesota, Ohio, & Indiana.
- Strategic consultant to food hubs and food business clusters in 30 states. Member of National Good Food Network.
- Served as consultant to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Environmental Protection Agency, American Planning Association, Indiana State Department of Health, Provincial Health Services of British Columbia, Blue Cross Blue Shield Minnesota Center for Prevention, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, Stanford University, Ecotrust, Bioneers, J.W. McConnell Foundation, W.K. Kellogg Foundation, Northwest Area Foundation, and others.
- Serves as founding board member, Hiawatha Fund (regional investment fund).
- Coordinated creation of success measures for City of Minneapolis Sustainability Plan.
- Serves as global leader in planning and evaluation for systems initiatives. Published by American Evaluation Association, and Berghahn Press (UK).
- Facilitated innovative business development in inner-city neighborhoods, including Latino Mercado with 35 startup businesses.
- Created groundbreaking “Neighborhood Income Statement and Balance Sheet” studies, shifting core approaches to community economic development.
- Holds international experience in 13 nations of Europe, Asia, Central and Southern America, and Canada.
- Highly trusted in work with low-income, rural, ethnic and international communities.
- Serves as contributing editor to *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems and Community Development*. Writes regular column, “Metrics in the Field.”
- Reviews book manuscripts for two publishers globally.
- Writes occasionally for *Successful Farmer, Yes!*, & *Cooperative Grocer*.
- Associate of Human Systems Dynamics Institute (global; based Minnesota)

Experience

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

St. Paul, MN

2003 - 2004 Visiting Faculty in Applied Economics

- Taught Economic History of U.S. Agriculture to undergraduate students.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Cambridge, MA

2002 Economics Instructor

- Taught Principles of Microeconomics to mid-career professionals in the graduate program in Public Administration, Kennedy School of Government.

INDEPENDENT JOURNALIST

Minneapolis, MN

2001-present Reporter covering urban poverty, regional and international agribusiness, corporate financial news
1979-1995

- Investigative journalism, editing, photography, creative writing, book reviews, business management, fundraising, consulting, project administration and related work.
- Published by Reuters, Pacific News Service, St. Paul *Pioneer Press*, Minneapolis *Star Tribune*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Des Moines Register*, *Anchorage Daily News*, *Madison Capital Times*, *Ag-Week*, *Successful Farming*, *Catholic Rural Life*, *The Farmer*, *Corporate Report*, *Neighborhood Works*, *American Land Forum*, many others.
- Filed first-hand reports from Cuba, Japan, Philippines, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Germany, France, Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Portugal, Nicaragua.
- Taught European politics & society, local community studies at Metro State University.
- Taught reporting at University of Minnesota, 1991-1992.

Awards

- Public Service Fellow, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University (1999-2000).
- Finalist, Bush Foundation Leadership Fellowship (1999) — four-state competition.
- National Short-list Artist, “Artists & Communities: America Creates for the Millennium,” Mid-Atlantic Arts Foundation (1999).
- Twin Cities Neighborhood and Community Press Association awards (1992, 1990) for “Best Feature,” “Best Series,” and “Best Investigative Report” for coverage of poverty.

Boards & Other Leadership

- Vice Chair, Slow Food Minnesota — Twin Cities (since 2011).
- Member, American Evaluation Association and AEA Systems Technical Interest Group (since 2005).
- City of Richfield (Minnesota) Planning Commission, (1998-1999).
- President, Twin Cities Research Group (1997-1999).

Education

- MPA Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, public administration.
- MA Boston University, history.
- BA Swarthmore College, chemistry.

Other Skills & Activities

- Fluent German; moderate French; basic Spanish & Portuguese.
- Creative writer (poetry, non-fiction, MN State Arts Board artist-in-schools).
- Six of my poems were set to music by Minneapolis composer R.F. Palmer.
- Choral singer including chamber choir, Oratorio Society of Minnesota. Wrote concert program notes, translated German poetry.