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Professional Experience

DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Jan. 2012-Present

Ecology Center

Ann Arbor, MI

[A Michigan-based non-profit, environmental organization that works at the local, state and national levels for clean production, healthy communities, environmental justice and a sustainable future.]

Plan and direct fundraising campaigns and activities (grants, events, membership); partner with Director to identify and cultivate major donors; produce solicitation materials; manage development team personnel; lead grant fundraising activities; guide and support fundraising activities of program staff.

GRANTS DIRECTOR

April 2008-Dec. 2011

Ecology Center

Plan and direct grant fundraising activities; partner with program staff to identify potential funders; lead grant fundraising activities.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Mar. 2006-Dec. 2007

Southern Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (SSAWG)

[Regional non-profit serving 13 southern states with education, training, technical assistance and policy advocacy in sustainable agriculture and food systems.]

Overall strategic and operational responsibility for programs and execution of mission; develop and manage budget and led fundraising activities; support Board of Directors; lead, coach and develop program staff; build partnerships in new arenas; represent the organization in national organization and regional engagements.

INTERIM COORDINATOR

Dec. 2005-Feb. 2006

FUNDING DEVELOPMENT COORDINATOR

Mar. 2003-Dec. 2006

POLICY COORDINATOR

June 1999-Jan. 2003

CO-OPERATOR

May 2000-Feb. 2002

Ladybug Organics

Monticello, FL

[Fifty-acre, certified organic operation- fresh fruits, vegetables, eggs and worm castings for local wholesale and on-farm market]

Co-manage all facts of operation; secure grants to study worm castings and castings tea benefits in grape production; develop and supervise installation of 10-acre vineyard expansion with state-of-the-art irrigation system.

FOUNDER & PRINCIPAL

Sept. 1998-May 2000

Green Springs Compost

Louisa, VA

Farm-based commercial composting operation utilizing local organic wastes to generate soil amendments for horticultural use.

ASSISTANT FARM MANAGER

Feb. 1998-Feb. 1999

Bracketts Farm

Louisa, VA

[485 acre diversified farm- Cow/calf operation (120 head), ecological horticultural crops, eco-tourism.]

Establish computerized accounting system; research and facilitate new enterprises; conduct community outreach; assist in daily farming operations.

EXTENSION RESEARCH ASSOCIATE *May 1995-Jan. 1998*
Dept. of Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences, VA Tech Blacksburg, VA
Field Coordinator for a USDA Southern SARE project linking farmers with City of Charlottesville to receive and compost municipal leaves with on-farm and other locally-sourced organic wastes; provide statewide composting technical assistance to farmers and training for agents; coordinate on-farm demonstrations and field days; design and conduct composting and compost utilization trials; develop Extension publications.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *June 1993-Dec. 1995*
VA Association for Biological Farming (VABF)
[Statewide non-profit promoting sustainable farming and food systems]
Coordination of activities to serve membership needs; fundraising and other resource development; network development among farmers and with other organizations; public policy research and education; community outreach.

OTHER
Assistant Plant Engineer- Locher Brick Works, Madison Heights, VA
Engineering Designer- Owen & Mayes Inc and Owen Engineering, Lynchburg, VA
Energy conservation, energy management system control
Primary Assistant- River Grange Farm, Franklin, TN
300 head cow/calf operation

Education

Virginia Polytechnic Institute & State University (Virginia Tech) Blacksburg, VA
M.S. in *Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences* *Aug. 1995*
Research: Composting systems and technology.
Thesis: Municipal Yardwaste Composting: Process parameters, windrow gases, and leachate quality

Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
Graduate studies - Environmental & Water Resources Engineering *Jan. 1977-May 1978*

Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN
B.S. in *Sociology*; Minor in *Environmental Science* Dec. 1976

**Affiliations/
Appointments** Board of Directors, National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture *Jan. 2003-Mar. 2008*
Co-Chair: *Jan. 2004-April 2006*
Governing Council, Michigan Food & Farming Systems (MIFFS) *Feb. 2003-Jan. 2007*
Leadership Committee, USDA Southern Region Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program, Professional Development Program. NGO representative *Jan.1997-Jan. 2001*
Organics Recycling and Composting Coalition, VA Recycling Assoc. *1995-1999*
Founding member.
Board of Directors, Rural Virginia, Inc. *1994-1999*
Steering Committee, Southern SAWG *1992-1994*
Organic Certification Committee, VA Assoc for Biological Farming *1991-1999*

Professional Development	Shared Leadership Workshop, Institute for Conservation Leadership <i>Continuing Leadership for a Changing Agriculture Program</i> Four-day workshop for organizational teams. Bozeman, MT	<i>June 2005</i>
	Principles and Techniques of Fundraising, The Fund Raising School Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University One-week workshop. Off campus offering- Detroit, MI	<i>Sept. 2004</i>
	TAPROOT [Funded by W. K. Kellogg Foundation] Five-day leadership and message development training. Pt. Reyes, CA	<i>July 2001</i>