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Career Goals

Continue to teach and conduct research in agricultural economics/agribusiness; continue to seek grants to support research and student education, work with scientists and extension professionals and paraprofessionals from other universities and colleges through partnerships on projects as the opportunities arise. **Immediate goal:** to secure tenure in the SACS and other pursue leadership opportunities.

Educational Background

Certificates Earned:

Certificate of participation in the CARP Employment Management Series II and successful completion of the workshops on "Accessibility, Accountability, Responsibility and Time Management, Professional Ethics, and Working Effectively as a Team Member." July 22 - 25, 2002. Pigeon Forge, TN.

United States Department of Agriculture Certificate of Training, "Introduction to Risk Analysis." May 29 - June 1, 2001. Tennessee State University, Main Campus, Nashville, Tennessee.

Certificate of participation in the Cooperative Agricultural Research Program, CARP, [CARP is now the Institute of Agricultural & Environmental Research] Employment Management Series and successful completion of the workshops, "The Team Building Approach, Managing Change in the Research Environment." May 12 - 14, 1999. Gatlinburg, TN.

Academic Degrees Earned:

Ph.D. degree, December, 1992.

Agricultural and Applied Economics, The University of Minnesota-The Twin Cities.

Master of Science degree, June, 1987.

Environmental Studies (Environmental Planning & Design), College of Arts and Sciences, Environmental Studies Program, Ohio University.

M.A. degree, November, 1986.

Economics, Ohio University.

M.A. degree, August, 1983.

International Affairs (International Administrative Studies), Ohio University.

Bachelor of Science degree, June, 1981.

Industrial and Systems Engineering, Ohio University.

Academic Awards and Honors:

Undergraduate Academic Scholarship, 1976-1981.

Graduate School Scholarship, Ohio University, 1982-1983.

Graduate School Scholarship, Ohio University 1983-1985.

Graduate Research Associate, Economics Department, Ohio University, 1985.

Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, The University of Minnesota, 1989-1992.

Recognitions by Professional Associations/Honors

President, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 2007

American Agricultural Economics Association Members Making a Difference Recognition. The Exchange. The Newsletter of the AAEA. July/August, Volume 29, Number 4, p.8

American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA), Quality of Communication (QoC)

Committee Member, 2004 – present.

Editorial Council Review of Agricultural Economics (RAE), 2002-2004. The RAE is published by the American Agricultural Economics Association.

Editorial Board, Southern Rural Sociology. February 2006 - present.

Board, Food Distribution Research Society. Starting October 2006

Reviewer, Journal of Food Distribution Research. 2006 – 2009.

Reviewer, Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program (Rural and Community Development) Cooperative State Research and Extension, US Department of Agriculture.

Reviewer (Ad Hoc) and Panelist, Small Business Innovation Research Grant Program (Food Science and Nutrition) Cooperative State Research and Extension, US Department of Agriculture.

Panelist, Food and Agricultural Sciences National Needs Fellowship Program, Cooperative State Research and Extension, US Department of Agriculture.

President, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 2007.

President-Elect, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 2006.

Program Chair, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 2005

Program Chair-Elect, Southern Rural Sociological Association, 2004.

Poster Chair, Southern Agricultural Economics Association, 2002 - 2005.

Topic Leader, Agribusiness Economics and Management, American Agricultural Economics Association Selected Poster Committee, 2005.

Team Leader, Economics & Policy Research Team; Food Safety, Nutrition and Family Well-Being, Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research, Tennessee State University

Honorary Member, Golden Key International Honour Society, Tennessee State University, February 2002 – present

Women in Agriculture **Supporter Award**. Presented by the Women in Agriculture Program, Cooperative Extension, North Carolina A&T State University. March 28, 2002.

Teaching Experience
Recent Teaching Responsibilities 1995 - Present

(Department of Agricultural Sciences, Tennessee State University, Nashville, Tennessee)

AST 200/AGSC Computer and Statistical Applications in Agriculture (undergraduate)

AST 311/AGSC 312 Introduction to Applied Statistics (undergraduate)

AGSC 531 International Agricultural Trade and Marketing (graduate)

AGSC 422 Undergraduate Seminar

AST 312/AGSC 313 Survey Sampling Theory and Techniques (undergraduate)

AGSC 408/AGSC 4080 Experimental Design (undergraduate)

Employment History:**Research Professor.**

Department of Agricultural Sciences, School of Agriculture and Consumer Sciences, Tennessee State University, October 2009-present.

Research Associate Professor.

Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research and the Department of Agricultural Sciences, October 2002- 2009.

Research Assistant Professor.

Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research and the Department of Agricultural Sciences, July 2002.

Associate Investigator/Agricultural Economist.

Institute of Agricultural and Environmental Research and the Department of Agricultural Sciences, Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN December, 1993 - 2002.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Economics.

Minneapolis Community College, Minneapolis, Minnesota. October - December, 1993.

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Economics and Environmental Science.

Brown Institute, Minneapolis, Minnesota. April - October, 1993

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Economics.

Dunwoody Institute of Technology, Minneapolis, Minnesota, March - June, 1993.

Research Assistant.

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, The University of Minnesota, September 1989 - September, 1992.

Teaching Assistant.

Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, The University of Minnesota, January - March 1989. Taught Principles of Macroeconomics, 110 students; 6 lecture hours per week.

Economics Instructor.

Department of Economics, Southwest Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri, August 1987 - August 1988. Taught Principles of Macroeconomics (2 classes, 90 students) and Principles of Microeconomics (2 classes, 100 students).

Graduate Research Associate. Department of Economics, Ohio University, March - June 1985.

Selected Funded Projects. 1994 - Present

“Meat Goat Marketing: Economic Evaluation of Marketing Channels, Strategies to Promote Goat Meat Industry and as a Tool of Diversification on Small Farms”, USDA-NIFA (Evans-Allen Project (\$308,177), October 2010 – September 2013. Principal Investigator.

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Building Capacity in Graduate Agricultural and Extension Education: Curriculum and Instructional Delivery”. USDA/NIFA September October 2010-September 2013 (\$149,301). Co-Investigator.

“Greenhouse and Nursery Businesses in Tennessee: Assessing Energy Use and Cost, Type of Skills Needed and Purchase Decisions by Consumers”. USDA/NIFA September October 2010-September 2012. Co-Investigator.

“Identification, Assessment, and Delivery of Food Safety Education and Training for Food Service Institutions in the Mississippi Delta”. USDA/CREES (\$100,000) October 2008 – September 2011, Principal Investigator.

“Building Capacity of Youth–Active and Media Savvy (YAMS)”. USDA/NIFA (\$563,992) September 2010 – September 2013. Co-Investigator.

“Developing Pigeonpea (*Cajanus Cajan L. Millsp*) as a Viable Cash Crop on Small Farms Through Research and Outreach”. USDA/CSREES (\$500,000) 9/08 - 9/11, Co-Investigator.

“Internationalizing Agricultural Programs at TSU and Promoting Trade in Value-added Products: Collaborating with an Indian Institution.” September 15, 2007 – September 14, 2010, USDA/CSREES, \$295,927, Co-Investigator.

“Internet Marketing of Nursery/Greenhouse Crops and Products”. USDA/ERS. (\$20,000), PI (May 2008-October 2009)

“Developing and Testing A Best Practice Model for Global Agricultural Studies Programs (GASP) in HBCUs.” September 2006 – September 2009, USDA/CSREES, \$112,637, Co-I.

“Survival Strategies for Small and Minority Farms through Education and Outreach.” USDA/CSREES. October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2009. \$200,000. Co-Investigator

“Development of Internet-Based Education for Bio-Based Product Information: Preparing Students for Careers in Agriculture.” September 2002 . USDA/CSREES, \$199,999, Co-investigator

“Hard-to-Reach Consumer Food Safety Research and Outreach in the Southeast.” October 2001, USDA/CSREES, Subcontract with North Carolina A&T State University, \$52,485. Co-I

“Southern Ag biotechnology Consortium for Underserved Communities.” September 2000 - 04, USDA/CSREES, \$224,872, Co-Investigator

“The Identification and Assessment of Emerging Opportunities and Threats for Small Farms in Arkansas and Tennessee.” June 2005, USDA/CSREES/ERS (subcontract with UAPB), \$40,000, Co-Investigator

“Promoting Non-Traditional Alternative Enterprises for Small Farms, June 2005, USDA/CSREES/ERS, \$100,000, Co-Investigator

"Food Safety Practices and Risk-Reduction Education for Rural Residents of Selected States." Funding requested: \$299,815. 09/03 - 08/06. Effective 9/1/03. Fully funded by USDA/CSREES, 1890 Capacity Building Grants Research Program.

"Assessing Risk and Communicating Food Irradiation Benefits to High-Risk Consumers." Funding Requested: \$517,367. 10/03 - 09/05. Funded for \$89,000 for one year effective September 2003 to September 2004. USDA/CSREES/National Integrated Food Safety Program.

"Collaborating Across Disciplines in Communicating Social Aspects of Biotechnology." Farm Foundation, \$25,000. Project Director, Participating Institutions: North Carolina A&T State University, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. March 2003 - March 2004

"Contributions of Agriculture and Manufacturing to Rural Development in Southern States." USDA, CSREES, \$268,744 for three years, 1999-2004. Project Director.

"The Green Industry in Tennessee: Structure, Marketing, Economic Impacts and Prospects." USDA/CSREES. Evans-Allen Project Funds. Co-Project Director. 10/99 - 10/05

"An Analysis of the Effectiveness of Trade Shows and other Advertising Tools Used by Tennessee Nursery Growers." Funded for 1996 -1999. Project Associate.

"Economic and non-economic Benefits of Trade Show Attendance for U.S. Nursery Products Companies." Funded by the Horticultural Research for \$6,000. Project Director.

"Estimating the Demand for Current and Former Welfare Recipients' Labor in Kentucky and Tennessee," Funded by the Tennessee Valley Authority Rural Studies Program, \$10,000. PI.

"Sustainable Agriculture: A Study of Adoption and Impacts on Rural Communities" with Dr. Surendra P. Singh serving as Principal Investigator. USDA funded project. Total funding \$252,000.00 for three years. Project Associate.

"Food Safety Education for the Hard-to-Reach and Underserved Communities" Funded by the USDA. 10/1/02 - 9/30/05, \$56,800. USD A/Integrated Food Safety Program.

"Social Acceptability of Agricultural Biotechnology: The Case of Genetically Modified Crops." Special Bridge Grant. USDA/Initiative for Future Agriculture and Food Systems Grant. Funded \$100,000. 9/01 -9/03.

"Development of Internet-Based Education for Bio-Based Product Information: Preparing Students for Careers in Agriculture." Co-Principal Investigator. USDA/CSREES. Funding: \$199,990. 9/02 - 8/05.

"Entrepreneurship and the Development of Micro- and Small-Scale Enterprises in Java, Indonesia." USAID. Project Associate.

"A Qualitative and Quantitative Enhancement of Undergraduate Education in Agribusiness." SDA/CSREES/CARP. Joined Project Team as Associate in 1994.

"Small-Scale Enterprises and Off-farm Employment Opportunities in Rural Java, Indonesia." USAID. Joined Project Team as an Associate in 1994.

Selected Refereed Publications

Ekanem, Enefiok, Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, Fisseha Tegegne and Surendra Singh. 2010. Internet Marketing Opportunities and Problems for TN Nursery Product Growers. A paper presented at the SNA Research Conference Vol. 55, pgs 155-158.

Ekanem, E., M. Mafuyai-Ekanem, F. Tegegne, and S. Singh. 2009. Differences in Willingness to Pay for Safer Meat and Vegetables. Journal of Food Distribution Research, Vol. 40, No. 1

Tegegne, F., E. Ekanem, S. P. Singh and L. Speller-Henderson. 2009. What Factors Influence Consumption of Food Away From Home by African-Americans? *Journal of Food Distribution Research*, Volume 40, Number 1.

Ekanem, E., M. Mafuyai-Ekanem, F. Tegegne and S. Singh. 2008. Trust in Food Safety Information Sources: Examining Differences in Respondents' Opinions from a Three-State Survey. *Journal of Food Distribution Research*. Volume 39, Number 1.

Ekanem, Enefiok. Impact of Biofuels Production and Commercialization on Small/Medium-Sized Farms. 2008. Available on-line at:
<http://www.aaea.org/sections/extension/AnnualMeetingDocs/2008/1003Ekanem.pdf>

Singh, Surendra P., Fisseha Tegegne, Enefiok Ekanem and Emeka Eyisi. 2008. Results of Landscape Businesses' Survey in Nashville, Tennessee. *Proceedings of the Southern Nursery Association Research Conference*. Vol. 53:

Tegegne, Fisseha, Enefiok Ekanem and Surendra P. Singh. 2008. The Role of Regulations and Transaction Costs in Nursery Marketing. *Proceedings of the Southern Nursery Association Research Conference*, Vol. 53:

Tegegne, Fisseha, Enefiok Ekanem, Safdar Muhammad, and Surendra Singh. 2007. A System for Monitoring Forest Management: A Case Study from Michigan. *Journal of Environmental Monitoring and Restoration* 3: 140-149.

T., Fisseha, S. Muhammad, E. Ekanem, S. Singh and E. Eyisi. 2007. What Are the Factors Affecting Export of Nursery Products from the United States. *Southern Nursery Association Research Conference*, Vol. 52: 52 – 57.

Singh, Surendra P., Enefiok Ekanem, Fisseha Tegegne, and Safdar Muhammad. 2007. The Rice Industry in Cambodia: Production, Marketing Systems, and Impediments to Improvements. *Journal of Food Distribution Research* Vol XXXVIII, No. 1 (March), 141 – 147.

Ekanem, E., Mary Mafuyai-Ekanem, F. Tegegne, S. Muhammad, and S. Singh. 2007. "Consumer Food Safety Knowledge and Opinions from a Three-State Survey." In, R. Zabawa, N. Baharanyi, W. Hill, and N.O. Tackie (eds.). 2007. *Strategies to Influence the 2007 Farm Bill and Rural Policies: Impact on Diverse Cultures, Rural Communities and Underserved Farmers*. Tuskegee, AL: Tuskegee University.

Ekanem, E., F. Tegegne, S. Singh and S. Muhammad. 2007. Assessing Consumer Demand for Green Industry Products and Services: Some Considerations for Research. *Southern Nursery Association Research Conference*, Vol. 52: 31 – 33.

Ekanem E., F. Tegegne, S. Singh and S. Muhammad. 2007 Food Safety Information Sources for Rural and Urban Primary Food Preparers. Available on-line at:
http://www.ifama.org/conferences/2007Conference/SymposiumPapers_files/1084_Paper.pdf

Ekanem, Enefiok, Surendra Singh, Fisseha Tegegne and Safdar Muhammad. "Internet Advertising and Marketing of Green Industry Products and Services: A Logistic Regression Approach" *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* 31(2): 408

Ali, Jabir, Surendra Singh and Enefiok Ekanem. 2008. Efficiency and Productivity Changes in Indian Food Processing Industry determinants and Policy Implications. *International food and Agribusiness Management Review* Volume 12, Issue 1.

Ekanem, Enefiok, M. Mafuyai-Ekanem, Fisseha Tegegne, Safdar Muhammad, and Surendra Singh. "Consumer Trust in Extension as a Source of Biotech Food Information." February 2006 *Journal of Extension*, Volume 44, Number 1. [Available on-line at: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2006february/rb2.shtml>] 10pp.

Muhamad, Safdar, Fisseha Tegegne, Enefiok Ekanem, and Chris Catanzaro. 2006. Growth in the U.S. Greenhouse and Nursery Industry: Implications for Southern Growers. *SNA Research Conference*, Volume 50: 335 - 339.

Tegegne, Fisseha, Safdar Muhammad, Enefiok Ekanem, and Surendra Singh. 2006. Exports of Nursery Products from the U.S.: Challenges and Opportunities Southern Nursery Association Research Conference, Vol. 51:292 – 296.

Tegegne, Fisseha, Enefiok Ekanem, and Safdar Muhammad. "Challenges and Opportunities for Small Farmers in an Era of Growing Competition." May 2005, *Southern Business and Economic Journal*. Volume 27, Issues 1&2: 57-67.

Muhammad, Safdar, Fisseha Tegegne, and Enefiok Ekanem. "Factors Contributing to Success of Small Farm Operations in Tennessee." August 2004. *Journal of Extension*, Volume 42, Number 4 [On-Line]

Ekanem, Enefiok, Surendra P. Singh, Safdar Muhammad, Fisseha Tegegne and Anonya Akuley-Amenyenu. 2001. "Differences in District Extension Leaders' Perceptions of the Problems and Needs of Tennessee Small Farmers" *Journal of Extension* Volume 39, Number 4 (August). Available on the Internet at: <http://www.joe.org/joe/2001august/rb4.html>.

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Singh, Surendra P., Suresh Londhe, Enefiok Ekanem, Safdar Muhammad and Fisseha Tegegne. "Restructuring Agribusiness Curricula: An Examination of Two Approaches". Presented at the 2000 World Food and Agribusiness Congress of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association (IAMA), Chicago, Illinois, June 24-28. Available at the IAMA website at: http://agecon.tamu.edu/iama/2000Congress/2000_forum_papers.htm.

Singh, Surendra P., Enefiok Ekanem, Troy Wakefield, Jr., and Sammy Comer. 2003. "Emerging Importance of Bio-Based Products and Bio-Energy in the U.S. Economy: Information Dissemination and Training of Students." *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* 5 (3) @ <http://www.ifama.org/members/IFAMR/v5i3.htm>.

Catanzaro, C. And Enefiok Ekanem. 2004. "Home Gardeners Value Stress Reduction and Interaction with Nature." *Acta Hort*. 639: 269-275.

Singh, Surendra P., Enefiok Ekanem, Troy Wakefield, Jr., and Sammy Comer. 2003. "Emerging Importance of Bio-Based Products and Bio-Energy in the U.S. Economy: Information Dissemination and Training of Students." *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*, 5 (3). Available Online at <http://www.ifama.org/conferences/2003Conference/papers/singh.pdf>

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Tegegne, Fisseha, Enefiok Ekanem, Safdar Muhammad and Sam Comer. "Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer in Tennessee" A paper presented at a symposium, Assessing the Use of Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) for Delivering Food Assistance Benefits, organized by S.P. Singh at the 1999 AAEA meeting in Nashville, TN, August 8-11, 1999. *Proceedings 1999, American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 81(5): 1278.

Comer, Sammy, Enefiok Ekanem, Safdar Muhammad, Surendra P. Singh and Fisseha Tegegne. 1999. "Sustainable and Conventional Farmers: A Comparison of Socio-Economic Characteristics, Attitudes and Beliefs" *Journal of Sustainable Agriculture*. 15(1): 29-45.
Singh, S.P. and E. Ekanem. 1998. Changes in Employment Structure in Rural Areas of the United States. *Agro Ekonomi* V(1): 7-20 (December).

Mafuyai, Mary, Richard Robbins, Blake A. Brown and Enefiok Ekanem (1997). Impact of Tobacco Policy Legislations on the United States and World Economy. In Rose, Roger, Carolyn Tanner and Margot Bellamy, Editors. *Issues in Agricultural Competitiveness: Markets and Policies*. IAAE Occasional paper No. 7. International Association of Agricultural Economists. p. 458.

Tegegne, F., S.P. Singh, E. Ekanem, and Sam O. Dennis. 1995. Factors Affecting Acquisition and Use of Information by Farmers. *Proceedings of the North American Symposium on Farming Systems Research*. Iowa State University. August.

Published Abstracts

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E. Ekanem, M. Mafuyai-Ekanem, F. Tegegne and S. Singh. 2009. Pathogens in our Foods: Why Imports Matter. A Poster [resented at the 31st Annual University-Wide Research Symposium, Tennessee State University. March 31 – April 3. Abstract available at <http://www.tnstate.edu/research/media/2009RspSymProg.pdf>

E. Ekanem, Tegegne, F., and S. Singh., Tennessee State University, M. Mafuyai-Ekanem, North Carolina A&T State University and U. Adamu University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, Effects of Urbanization of Small Farms in Arkansas and Tennessee, Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Vol 40, No. 2, August 2008

Tegegne, F., E. Ekanem and E. Eyisi. 2008 Food Stamp Receipt and Food Security Status of Low Income Households. A poster presented at the 30th Annual University-Wide Research Symposium, Tennessee State University. March 31-April 3. Abstract available at <http://www.tnstate.edu/research/symposium2008/abstracts.htm>

Collins-Biggs, D., S. Godwin, F. Chen, F. Tegegne, E. Ekanem and S.C. Siple. 2008. Increasing the Fruit and Vegetable Consumption of Limited Resource Individuals through A Food Gleaning and Distribution Project. A paper presented at the 30th Annual University-Wide Research Symposium, Tennessee State University, March 31-April 3, 2008. Abstract at: <http://www.tnstate.edu/research/symposium2008/abstracts.htm>

Delancy, T., E. Ekanem and Sammy Comer. 2008. Difference In Opinion And Attitudes Of Undergraduate Agriculture Majors Toward Agroterrorism. A paper presented at the 30th Annual University-Wide Research Symposium, Tennessee State University. March 31-April 3. Abstract at: <http://www.tnstate.edu/research/symposium2008/abstracts.htm>

Ekanem, E. and Usman Adamu. 2007. “Social, Economic and Environmental Effects of Urbanization on the Sustainability of Small Farms in Tennessee and Arkansas: An Application of the Delphi Process.”Abstract. 2007 Southern Rural Sociological Association Meeting Program, p. 22.

Ekanem, E., I. Sibanda, T. Williams, and C. Bradley. 2007. Regional Differences in Food Safety Knowledge of Family Food Preparers in Tennessee. Available on-line at the following address: <http://www.tnstate.edu/research/researchsvmp2007/e14.pdf>

Tegegne, Fisseha, Safdar Muhammad, Enefiok Ekanem, and Surendra Singh. 2007. Tennessee Consumers' Knowledge and Attitudes Towards Biotechnology. Southern Rural Sociological Association (SRSA). Information available on-line at the following address: http://www.ag.auburn.edu/auxiliary/srsa/pages/about/SRSA/_conference_2007.pdf p.32

Ekanem, E., F. Tegegne, S. Singh and S. Muhammad. 2007. Factors Impacting the Willingness of Small farmers to Take Risks: Results from Tennessee Expert Opinion Survey. Available at: <http://www.tnstate.edu/research/researchsvmp2007/e13.pdf>

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http://www.tnstate.edu/research/27th_Research_Symposium_Abstracts.htm

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Tennessee State University-wide Team and Committee Memberships

Institute of Agricultural & Environmental Research Committees Economics and Policy Research Team
Food Safety, Nutrition and Family Well-Being Research Team Member Space Utilization Committee

University-Wide Committees

Biological Science Ph.D. Implementation (Library). Duties on the Library Committee included compiling list and obtaining relevant journals and books required to train students matriculating in the graduate program.

Graduate Admissions, Promotion and Tenure Committees

External -National

National E-Commerce Committee sponsored by the Southern Rural Development Center. Committee represents Institute of Agricultural & Environmental Research (IAgER) as an 1890 representative on the e-commerce committee. 2003.

Advisor. Agribusiness Club, Tennessee State University, 1998

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Engineering Graduate Student Presentations, Tennessee State University 20th Annual University-Wide research Day, 1997; 1998; 1999; 2000; 2001; 2002.

Memberships in Professional Organizations
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