



BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

MURARI SUVEDI



Professor and Senior Associate to the Dean

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Education: Ph.D. in Agricultural & Extension Education, Michigan State University, 1991
M.S. in Extension Education, University of the Philippines Los Baños, 1982
Diploma in Agricultural Education, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 1976

Languages: English (Excellent), Nepali (Native speaker), and Hindi (good)

Key Qualifications:

Prior to his doctoral studies, Murari Suvedi worked as lecturer of agricultural extension at the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Nepal for 11 years. He also coordinated the Pilot Extension Program for the Institute to serve the farmers of Nepal. He joined Michigan State University in 1990 as an Extension Specialist, focusing on staff development, program planning and evaluation. His current responsibilities include teaching courses on program development and evaluation, conducting evaluative research, and engaging in Extension and international agricultural development programs and activities. He serves as the coordinating liaison for the Michigan State University and Tokyo University of Agriculture partnership program. His research projects have focused on evaluation of food, agriculture and natural resources programs. He has served as evaluation consultant for projects funded by the World Bank, USAID, and UNDP/FAO. He has conducted evaluations of agricultural extension, rural development, rural poverty, environmental education, food marketing, and international education initiatives. He provides leadership in building evaluation capacity in food, agriculture, environment and natural resource management, and has offered program evaluation training/workshops for food and agriculture development professionals in Cambodia, Ecuador, India, Guatemala, Mexico, and Nepal. He offers semester-long multidisciplinary study abroad programs for Michigan State University students in Thailand. He served as Fulbright Senior Specialist to Nepal (2002) and Cambodia (2005), and as Fulbright Senior Scholar to Nepal (2006).

Professional Experience:

Senior Associate to the Dean, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, Michigan State University, USA (2007 – present). Serves as point-person to promote partnership between MSU's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan.

Professor, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resources Studies, Michigan State University, USA (2005 – present): Teaches program development and evaluation, conducting applied research and evaluation of extension programs in agriculture and natural resources.

Assistant Dean, International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University, USA (2001–2004). Managing international programs and initiatives of Michigan State University.

Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural and Natural Resources Education and Communication Systems, Michigan State University, USA (1994 – 2004). Teaching courses on research methods, extension program development, and program evaluation; serving as evaluation specialist for MSU Extension.

Assistant Professor, Dept of Agricultural and Extension Education, Michigan State University, USA (1992 – 1994), Teaching and serving as extension specialist in Agricultural and Extension Education, Michigan State University.

Extension Specialist, Dept of Agricultural and Extension Education, Michigan State University, USA (1990 – 1992). Support professional development of Extension field staff and assist in program planning and evaluation.

Graduate Assistant, Department of Agricultural and Extension Education, Michigan State University, USA (1987 – 1990). Graduate assistant in Dept of Agricultural and Extension Education.

Assistant Lecturer and Lecturer, Institute of Agricultural Extension Tribhuvan University, Nepal (1976 – 1987). Teaching agricultural extension, rural sociology, and rural development.

Selected International Extension Activities:

Agricultural extension program development: Nepal, Cambodia, Mexico, East Timor

Research methods and data analysis training: India, Nepal, Cambodia, Mexico, Ecuador, Guatemala

Implementation of international education and training programs: USA, Japan

Extension training needs assessment and curriculum development: Nepal and Philippines

Developing a monitoring and evaluation system for extension program: Mexico and India

Additional International Engagement:

Collaborated with Indian Agriculture Research Institute on Evaluation Capacity Building in Rural Resource Management, 2006-07.

Offered Extension Management Training to national program leaders from India and East Timor, 2000.

Evaluation Consultant to Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Ministry of Agriculture, Mexico to evaluate Alliance for the Countryside (Alianza para el Campo), Mexico 1999.

Assisted in developing a monitoring and evaluation plan for a Sodic Soil Improvement Project in India, 1998.

Collaborated with Universidad Autonoma de Chapingo to offer a diploma course in "Rural Program Evaluation" to agricultural and rural development professionals in Mexico (1998-2000).

Developed "Student and Faculty Benchmark Study: Project Impact Monitoring Plan" for Nepal's IAAS/USAID/World Bank Project-II (1986-87).

Designed a study on the sustainability of Training and Visit System of Extension in Nepal while serving as a Research Consultant to Agricultural Projects Services Center, Nepal, 1986.

Served as Trainer, UNICEF/Nepal. Conducted training for Women Group Organizers in 1983.

Evaluator, Integrated Development Systems, Nepal. Evaluated the Panchayat Training Systems in Nepal, 1983.

Research and Evaluation Publications:

Author/co-author of 3 books, 2 evaluation manuals, and over 50 extension program evaluations