

Alfred L. Parks, Ph.D.
Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D., Agricultural Economics (Marketing), University of Illinois, February 1973

M.S., Agricultural Economics (Farm Management), University of Illinois, February 1969

B.S., Agricultural Economics, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, May 1967

Teaching Experience:

September 1, 2009-Present - Professor of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Human Ecology, Prairie View A&M University, Texas

Professional, Technical, and Work-related Experience and Skills:

January 1, 1994 - August 31, 2009 - Associate Dean and Research Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research Center, Prairie View A&M University, Texas

September 1, 1996-Present - Professor of Agricultural Economics, Prairie View A&M University, Texas.

September 1, 1989 - December 31, 1993 - Associate Professor/Interim Head/Head, Department of Agriculture and Co-Associate Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research Center, Prairie View A&M University, Texas.

July 1, 1977 - August 31, 1989 - Associate Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Prairie View A&M University, Texas.

September 1, 1981 - December 20, 1981, Texas A&M University System, Exchange Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University.

September 1, 1972 - June 30, 1977*, Assistant Professor/Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, Southern University, Louisiana. (**was on assignment in Cameroon, West Africa from September 1, 1974-June 30, 1976*).

June 1967 - February 1970, Soil Conservationist, USDA/(SCS), NRCS.

Memberships:

- The Sun Grant Initiative, South Central Region, 2002-Present, Member of Administrative Task Force
- OMO Science, Energy and Technology, Inc., 2003-Present, Consultant, Diverse Energy Sources
- Texas BioDiesel, Houston, TX, 2003-present, Consultant, Feasibility Studies on Renewable Energy Sources
- Texas Landowners Association, Inc., 1980 - Present, Advisory
- Texas Department of Agriculture, 1982 - Present, Organic Standards and Certification
- USAID, various missions: Cameroon; Mali, West Africa ;Jamaica, Mexico, 1974 - Present.
- American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA); Served on many Committees throughout the years
- Association of Research Directors, Inc., ARD 1994 – Present; Served as Chair, 2004-2006
- Exchange Associate Professor in the Texas A&M University System - 1981
- Chair, Experimental Station Committee of Policy (ESCOP), 2005-2006.

Professional Achievements and Publications:

- Parks, A.L., 2009. "Mainstreaming Blacks into the Agricultural Economics Profession". COSOAE Speaker series & Luncheon, AAEA & ACCI Joint Meeting, Milwaukee, WI.
- Foster, IV, W.A. and A.L. Parks, 2009. "The Untapped Potential of Food Waste Recycling". Proceedings, 15th ARD Biennial Research Symposium, Atlanta, GA.
- Parks, A.L., 2007. The Traditional Role of Extension Economists at the 1890 Land-Grant System, AAEA Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Parks, A.L., 2007. Enhancing Workplace Productivity, CARC Annual Staff Training Workshop, Houston, TX.

- Parks, A.L., 2006. Partnerships in Progress, USDA/1890 Scholars Orientation, Washington, D.C.
- Parks, A.L., 2005. State Matching Fund Requirements at 1890 Institutions and Tuskegee University SAAS/SRSA, Little Rock, AR, February 2005.
- Parks, A.L. 2005. “Issues and Hurdles Associated with Motivating Students to move on to Graduate Schools at 1862 and Other Private Institutions”. SAEA, Little Rock, AR, Feb. 7, 2005.
- Parks, A.L. and R.W. Griffin, 2004. “Economic Feasibility of Producing Biodiesel in Wharton County, TX”. Proprietary work completed for the Texas Biodiesel Corporation, Houston, TX.
- Parks, A.L. 2004. Experiences of a Director in Action, Proceedings - ESS/ESCOP, New Directors Workshop, Washington, D.C., Dec. 8, 2004.
- Parks, A.L., 2005. Biotechnology in Agriculture: The Promise Amidst Challenges, Vol. 16, Agribusiness Review for Mexico and Latin America, January 2005.
- Parks, A.L., 2004. “An Assessment of Community and Entrepreneurial Development Work at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University – A Discussion”. Proceedings (Dec. 2004) American Journal of Agricultural Economics.
- Parks, A.L., 2004. “A Preliminary Assessment of the 1890/USDA Entrepreneurial Outreach Program at 1890 Land Grant Institutions and Tuskegee University – A Discussion”. Proceedings (Dec. 2004) American Journal of Agricultural Economics.
- Parks, A.L., 2003. “Integration of Cultural Minorities into Mainstream Agricultural Economics through Studies in Agricultural Science”. Proceedings, International Conference on Agricultural Science and Technology, Houston, TX, October 2003.
- McWhinney, D.R., L. Johnson, A.L. Parks, R.W. Griffin, and B.J. Mixon, 2003. Marketing Strategies for Slaughter Goats. Proceedings, 13th ARD Biennial Symposium, Atlanta, GA, March 29-April 2, 2003.
- Parks, A.L., 2003. Agricultural Biotechnology: Economic, Social, and Ethical Implications: A Discussion, Proceedings, ASBS Conference, Macon, GA, March 28, 2003.
- Parks, A.L. and G. Payne, 2002. Enterprise Budget Development for Meat Goats, Proceedings, Scientific Conference on Goats, Prairie View A&M University, TX, October 28, 2002.
- Parks, A.L., 2002. “COSBAE: Perspective of a Founding Member,” presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Long Beach, CA, July 29, 2002.
- Parks, A.L., 2002. “Challenges, Opportunities and Needs of 1890 Land-Grant Institutions in the 21st Century,” presented at the Southern Association of Agricultural Scientists Meeting, Orlando, FL, February 3-5, 2002.