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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. 1973 Agricultural Economics (Marketing), University of Illinois, 1973
M.S. 1969 Agricultural Economics (Farm Management), University of Illinois
B.S. 1967, Agricultural Economics, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES:

September 1, 2009-Present - Professor of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture, Nutrition and Human Ecology, Prairie View A&M University, Texas
January 1, 1994 - August 31, 2009 - Associate Dean and Research Director, Cooperative Agricultural Research Center, 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.

FUNDED RESEARCH AND EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:

"Research Apprentice Program for High School Students," USDA/ARS, \$30,000/yr, 1998-1999; \$40,000/yr 2000-2001; \$40,000/yr 2002; \$60,000/yr 2003; \$60,000/yr 2004; \$75,000 yr 2005; \$100,000/yr projected through 2007.
"Project Jumpstart". \$141,000; USDA/Capacity Building Grant (2 years) 2010-2013, Project Director.
"Project Link: Phase II". \$200,000, USDA/Capacity Building Grant (3 years) 2003-2006, Co-Project Director.
"Project Link: Phase I". \$200,000, USDA/Capacity Building Grant (3 years) 2000-2003, Co-Project Director.
"Commercialization of a Patented Invention to Treat Hydrocarbons". \$2.5 million (requested), (3 years), Texas Enterprise Fund, Office of the Governor, Texas Economic Development Bank, Collaborative Investigator/Co-Project Director.
"Advanced Networks: Advancing Agricultural Science via the Superhighway II," \$180,000, USDA/Capacity Building Grant (2 years), 1999-2001.
"Marketing and Infrastructure Development for a Dairy Goat Products Cooperative," USDA/Rural Development, \$97,000 (1998-2000), Co-project Director.
"Fund Support for Annual Goat Field Day," USDA/Outreach Program, \$20,000/year, 1997-2001.
"Advanced Networks: Advancing Agricultural Science via the Superhighway," \$199,259.00, USDA/Capacity Building Grant (2 years), 1997-1999.
"Goat Production Strategies for Small Scale Producers," \$58,880 (1 yr) 1997-1998, Project Director, USDA/CSREES Special Goat Project.
"The Enhancement of Agribusiness Education II," \$180,000, USDA/Capacity Building Grant (2 years), 1995-1997, Co-Project Director.
"Center of Excellence in World Food Distribution Training," A Planning Grant, \$498,500.00, USDA/AMS, et al., 1993-1997, Interim Director, January 1993- July 1994.
"Teen Network," \$202,500.00, USDA/Capacity Building Grant (3 years), 1992-1995, Co-Project Director.
"The Enhancement of Agribusiness Education and Opportunity," \$157,491.00, USDA/Capacity Building Grant, (4 years), 1991-1995, Project Director.
"Minority Access to Professional Status," \$157,500.00, USDA/Capacity Building Grant, (3 years), 1991-1994, Co-Project Director.
"Enhancing Student Opportunities in Sustainable Agriculture," \$60,000.00/year, Clayton Fund (5 years), 1990-1995, Project Director.
"Specialty Fruits and Vegetables: Marketing/Training and Farm Demonstration Project," \$12,000, Texas Department of Agriculture (1 year) 1990-1991, Project Director.
"Strengthening Educational Capacities," \$102,496.00/year, USDA/CSREES, (5 years 1989-1994), Co-Project Director.
"An Assessment of the Market Potential of Goat Milk Production in Texas". \$233,000.00, USDA/CSRS (3 years) 1986-1989, Project Director.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, MANUSCRIPTS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- Blakemore, K. A.L. Parks and O.A. Ojumu. "Assessing Total Economic Impacts of Wildfires", 16th ARD Symposium, Jacksonville, FL.
- Phillips, P., A.L. Parks and O.A. Ojumu. "Economic Impact of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill on Domestic Gulf Coast Seafood", 16th ARD Biennial Symposium, Jacksonville, FL.
- Taylor, R., A.L. Parks and O.A. Ojumu. "The Economics of Federal Sustained Yield Unit on Community Well-Being", 16th ARD Biennial Symposium, Jacksonville, FL.
- Watson, A., A.L. Parks, and O.A. Ojumu 2011. "Organic Products Availability". Proceedings, 15th ARD Biennial Symposium, Atlanta, Ga.
- Parks, A.L., 2010. "Why COSBAE in the First Place". COSBAE special session, AAEA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- Parks, A.L., 2010. "Understanding the Business of Agriculture". CEP Summer Conference, Houston, TX.
- Parks, A.L., 2009. "Risk Management: The Limited Resource Farmer Perspective". PAWC, Tuskegee University, ALA.
- 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.

RELATED RELEVANT PARTICIPATION

- 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, 2003-2009, Consultant, Feasibility Studies on Renewable Energy Sources
- Texas Landowners Association, Inc., 1980 - Present, Advisory
- Texas Department of Agriculture, 1982 - Present, Organic Standards and Certification Advisory Board
- 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.

References:

