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EDUCATION

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Economics

Concentrations: Agricultural Economics and International Trade

Raleigh, NC
Expected May 2010

NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY

Master of Economics

Raleigh, NC
July 2008

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

M.Sc. Agricultural and Applied Economics

Lubbock, TX
May 2004

THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY

B.A. Economics and Finance

Managua, Nicaragua
December 2000

EXPERIENCE

CONSULTANT

World Bank

Spring, Fall 2008
Raleigh, NC

- Provided technical assistance on multiple research projects related to agricultural insurance in countries like India, Nepal, Senegal, Mexico and areas of Central America.
- Performed policy analysis related to different scenarios of government intervention in agricultural insurance.
- Developed database and descriptive analysis for a future World Bank publication about recent agricultural insurance experience and guidelines to develop agricultural insurance programs.

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

North Carolina State University

Fall 2005 - Present
Raleigh, NC

- Currently working on a three-essay dissertation focused on agricultural insurance and the effects of biotechnology and weather on agricultural yields and crop insurance experience.
- Assisted in research related to the U.S. disaster assistance program and other U.S. risk management programs.
- Collaborated with gathering data and information, SAS coding and Arc Gis map making.

RESEARCH ASSOCIATE

Texas Tech University

June 2004 - June 2005
Lubbock, TX

- Collaborated with Dr. Thomas Knight in policy analysis focused on the crop insurance premium rate making procedures for projects funded by the Risk Management Agency (RMA-USDA).
- Conducted research focused on developing a methodology to apply a discount premium for producers with superior relative loss history.
- Conducted research on the update of the reference yields used in crop insurance premium rate making

RESEARCH ASSISTANT
Texas Tech University

June 2002 - May 2004
Lubbock, TX

- Conducted research and completed a Master's thesis titled "Cotton Supply Response in Brazil: Traditional vs. Expansion Region."

FINANCIAL AUDITOR
PriceWaterhouse Coopers

January 2001 - November 2001
Managua, Nicaragua

- Performed external financial audits in Nicaraguan national and multinational companies such as Kraft Suchard of Nicaragua, S.A., Phillip Morris of Nicaragua, S.A., Nabisco of Nicaragua, S.A., among others.

AWARDS RECEIVED

- Outstanding Journal Article Award, Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, 2008 (Barry K. Goodwin and Ligia A. Vado).
- Received scholarship to participate in the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development (AIARD) Annual Meeting and Future Leader Forum, May 31st -June 3th, 2009 Washington, DC, USA.
- Selected to represent Latin American students in the U.S. in the "Vanguardia Latina Forum." May 1th-May 4th, 2007. Washington, DC, USA.
- M.Sc. Thesis selected as Texas Tech University Agricultural and Applied Economics Departmental Submission to the 2004 AAEE Annual Outstanding M.S. Thesis competition.
- Received a Certificate of Membership in recognition of high scholarship, outstanding achievement or service from Gamma Sigma Delta, The Honor Society of Agriculture.
- Received Sujit K. Roy Scholarship Fall 2002-Fall 2003.
- President's Honor List: Spring 1997 and Fall 2000 and Dean's Honor List: 1997 to 2000.

COMPUTER SKILLS

SAS, Shazam, Matlab, ArcGIS, GAMS, SPSS, Gauss, Visio, Lotus Notes, Operations Research, Risk, TeamAsset Smart Statements, Microsoft Office.

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Spanish.

PUBLICATION

B.K. Goodwin, and L. Vado. 2007. "Public Responses to Agricultural Disaster: Rethinking the Role of Government." Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics 55:399-417.

REPORTS/PRESENTED PAPERS

Vado, Ligia and Brett Gelso, "Effects of Institutional Measures on Capital Market Imperfections in Latin American Countries," Poster presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meetings, July 29th-July 31st, 2008. Orlando, FLA, USA.

Vado, L. and B.K. Goodwin. "Probabilistic Modeling of Catastrophic Weather Risks: Implications for Indemnification Plans for Animal Waste Spills." Presented at the American Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meetings, July 30th- August 1st, 2007. Portland, OR, USA.

Goodwin, B.K., and L. Vado. "Public Responses to Agricultural Disaster: Rethinking the Role of Government," Paper presented at CAES-FLP-CATPRN Join Workshop 2006 "Crisis in Agriculture and Resource Sectors: Analysis of Policy Responses," October 16, 2006. Calgary, Canada.

Knight, T.O., B.K. Goodwin, K.H. Coble, R.M. Rejesus, L. Vado, and S.Seo. "Preferred Producer Discount Research, Data Gathering, and Design Report." First Deliverable of the Preferred Producer Discount Pilot Risk Management Program Development Project prepared for the RMA. September 2004.

Knight, T. O., B.K. Goodwin, R.M. Rejesus, S. Seo and L. Vado. "Current Reference Yield Analysis Report." Follow-up Analysis of the Current Reference Yield Update Methodology Project Prepared for the RMA. November 2004.

Vado, L.A., D. Willis, S. Mohanty, "Cotton Supply Response in Brazil: Traditional vs. Expansion Regions," presented at the 36th Annual Meeting of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, February 14-18, 2004. Tulsa, OK, USA.

Vado, L.A., D. Willis, S. Mohanty, "Future Potential of Brazilian Cotton Exports." Presented at the 2004 Beltwide Cotton Conferences, January 5-9, 2004, San Antonio, TX, USA.