

MARY A. MARCHANT ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

Career highlights include the following: sole authored one book and one conference proceedings, co-edited two additional conference proceedings and one special issue of a journal focusing on agrobiotechnology in China; sole authored or co-authored a total of over 45 journal articles and refereed publications, including four articles in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* the premier journal in our discipline. Presented over 75 invited and selected scientific presentations at international, national and regional agricultural economics meetings including presentations at the *International Association of Agricultural Economists'* triennial meetings.

Received over \$1 million in grants and external funding, including five National Research Initiative competitive grants. NRI grants are nationally competitive, with a funding rate of less than 25%.

Awarded the 1998 **Fulbright Distinguished Chair in Agricultural Economics**, Università' degli Studi della Tuscia, Viterbo, Italy. This nationally competitive Fulbright Distinguished Chairs program is the most prestigious of Fulbright appointments—22 Fulbright Distinguished Chairs were awarded in 1998—only one in agricultural economics.

Appointed 1999-2000 **Panel Manager**, National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program—"Markets and Trade" Peer Review Panel by NRI Chief Scientist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Received teaching awards at the national, university and college levels:

- 2003 University of Kentucky (UK) Ken Freedman Outstanding Advisor Award
- 1999 American Agricultural Economics Association's (AAEA) Distinguished Teaching Award
- 1998 University of Kentucky Alumni Association's Great Teacher Award
- 1994 College of Agriculture's Gamma Sigma Delta Master Teacher Award

Co-organizer of national and university conferences:

- *Developing a Learning Environment Where All Students Seek to Excel* pre-conference to the AAEA annual meeting, Chicago, August, 2001. [Conference sponsored and funded by the AAEA.]
- *Successful Strategies for Recruitment and Retention: Building an Inclusive University*, University of Kentucky, May 2, 1996.

Elected to key leadership positions in the agricultural economics profession:

- International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE)—Elected U.S. board member, 2006-2009.
- AAEA Foundation Board, elected Vice President for Programs, 2001-02 & board member, 1999-2002.
- 1999 Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) President. Other SAEA elected offices held include 2000 Past-President, 1998 President-Elect, 1997 1st Vice President, and 1996 2nd Vice President.

Appointed to key leadership positions at the university and college levels:

- Virginia Tech Academic Support Committee, representing the Council of College Deans, 2006-present.
- VT College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALs)--coordinate and chair monthly Coordinating Counselors' meetings, 2006-present.
- UK Athletics Board, member, 2005-2006; NCAA Self-Study Steering Committee, member, 2003-2004.
- UK Commencement Committee, 2003-2006; Academic Protocol, Co-Chair, 2003-2006.
- Leadership Fellow; 2005. Summer Institute for Women in Higher Education Administration, Bryn Mawr College.
- Diversity Task Force, 2001-2003; results included an 83 page report, entitled *Diversity Issues in the College of Agriculture*, <http://dobson.ca.uky.edu/admin/Diversityrpt.pdf>
- ESCOP/ACOP Leadership Fellow; Class 11, 2001-2002.

Facilitated creation of, and advisor to the Agribusiness Club's undergraduate academic team, winners of the 1997 and 1996 AAEA-Student Section academic competition. Facilitated development of graduate student research projects. Results include 40 student publications, including 19 refereed journal articles and book chapters and over 30 presentations by students at professional meetings.