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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

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EDUCATION:

Ph.D. University of Massachusetts, Amherst; Economics, August 1988.

Bachelor of Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison; Political Science, 1981.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

1986      Instructor, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

1986-87    Instructor, Sarah Lawrence College, Bronxville, NY

1988-89    Assistant Professor, Smith College, Northampton, MA

1989-1996 Assistant Professor, American University, Washington, DC

1996-2004 Associate Professor, American University, Washington, DC

1997-2004 Ph.D. Program Director, American University

2004-2009 Professor and Ph.D. Program Director, American University

2010- Professor, American University.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

The Evolution of Agrarian Institutions: A Comparative Study of Post-Socialist Hungary and Bulgaria (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2001). Winner 2002 AAASS Hewett Prize.

Many Shades of Red: State Policy and Collective Agriculture (Boulder: Rowman and Littlefield, 1999).

Journal Articles:

"The Decline in Intergenerational Mobility in Post-Socialism: Evidence from the Bulgarian Case", *World Development* 2009, with Thomas Hertz and Sibel Selcuk.

Meurs, M. E., Hertz, T., Miluka, J. *Declining Secondary Enrollment in Albania: What Drives Household Decisions?* vol. 2003, 2009. Pittsburgh, PA: *The Carl Beck Papers in Russian and East European Studies*.

Forward to the Past? Agricultural Restructuring in Bulgaria," *Méditerranée* (special issue on European Accession of Bulgaria and Romania), with Angel Bogushev, 2009, n° 110.

Decentralisation and Development in Post-Socialism: Local Characteristics and Outcomes in Post-Socialist Bulgaria," *Post-Communist Economies*, 2007.

"Market Reform and Infrastructure Development in Transition Economies," *Review of Development Economics*, OnlineEarly, August 2007, with Robert M. Feinberg.

"Changing Preschool Enrollments in Post-Socialist Central Asia: Causes and Implications," *Comparative Economic Studies*, with Lisa Giddings and Tilahun Temesgen, 49 (1) 2007, 81-100..

"Declining Child Care Enrollments in Post Socialism: Causes and Implications in the Bulgarian Case," *European Journal of Social Policy*, with Lisa Giddings, 16 (2) 2006.

"Market Reform, Infrastructure and Exchange Rate Passthrough In Central and Eastern Europe," *Post-Communist Economies*, 17(1), 2005, with Robert Feinberg.

"Exchange Rate Effects on Domestic Prices in Bulgaria and Poland: Progress in Making Markets," *International Journal of Economics and Business*, 2004, with Robert Feinberg.

"De-development in Post-Socialism: Conceptual and Measurement Issues," *Politics and Society*. 31 (1), 2003, with Rasika Ranasinghe.

"Transition to Market Economies: Employment and Informal Activity in Rural Areas," *Forum for Social Economics*, 2003.

"Agricultural Ecology and Changing Economic Systems: Lessons from the Bulgarian Case," *Review of Radical Political Economics* 29 (2), Spring 1997, with Monique Morrissey.

"From Hoes to Hoes: State Policy, Agricultural Mechanization, and Women's Work Under Central Planning," *Review of Radical Political Economics* 26 (4), December 1994.

"Romanian Land Reform: 1991-1993," *Comparative Economic Studies* 36 (2), Summer 1994, with Karen Brooks.

"Toward a Periodization of the Cuban Collectivization Process: Changing Incentives and Peasant Response," *Cuban Studies* (22) 1992, with Carmen Diana Deere and Niurka Perez (pp. 115-150).

"Markets, Markets Everywhere, Understanding the Cuban Anomaly," *World Development*, 20(6) 1992, with Carmen Diana Deere.

"Popular Participation and Central Planning in Cuban Socialism: The Experience of Agriculture in the 1980s," *World Development*, 20(2) 1992.

#### Book Chapters:

"Economic Strategies of Surviving Post-Socialism: Changing Household Economies and Gender Divisions of Labour in the Bulgarian Transition," A. Rannie, Adrian Smith, and A. Swain, eds., *Work Employment and Transition* (London: Routledge, 2002).

"Rural Change in Bulgarian Transitions," in *Europe's Green Ring*, Leo Granberg, et. al. eds, (Ashgate, 2001), pp. 107-127. With Robert Begg.

"History-Eastern Europe," in Meg Lewis and Janice Peterson, eds., *Handbook of Feminist Economics* (London: Edward Elgar, 1999).

"Peasant Production and Agricultural Transformation in the 1990s: How Distinct are the Hungarian and Bulgarian Cases?," in Imre Kovach and Leo Granberg, eds., *Actors in the European Countryside* (Helsinki: Finnish Academy of Sciences Press, 1998).

"Imagined and Imaging Equality: Gender and Ethnicity in the Bulgarian Transition," in John Pickles and Adrian Smith, eds., *Theorizing Transition* (London: Routledge, 1998).

"Writing a New Song: Path Dependence and State Policy in Reforming Bulgarian Agriculture," in Ivan Szelenyi, ed., *Privatizing the Land: Rural Political Economy in Post-Communist Countries* (London: Routledge, 1998), with Robert Begg.

"The Alchemy of Reform: Bulgarian Agriculture in the 1980s," in Ivan Szelenyi, ed., *Privatizing the Land: Rural Political Economy in Post-Communist Countries* (London: Routledge, 1998), with Simeon Djankov.

"The Evolution of Agrarian Institutions in Bulgaria: Markets, Cooperatives, and Private Farming 1991-1994," in Derek Jones and Jeffrey Miller, eds., *The Bulgarian Economy: Lessons from Reform During Early Transition* (Aldershot, UK: Ashgate, 1997).

"Downwardly Mobile: Women Agricultural Workers and the Decollectivization of East European Agriculture," in Lynn Duggan, Lauri Nisonoff, Nalini Visvanathan and Nancy Weigersma, eds. *The Women, Gender and Development Reader* (London: Zed Press, 1997).

"The Persistence of Collectivism: Household Responses to Land Restitution in Romania, 1991-1993," in Darrick Danta and Derek Hall, eds, *Reconstructing the Balkans: A Geography of the New South-East Europe* (London:John Wiley Press, 1996).

"Agricultural Production Cooperatives and Cuban Socialism: New Approaches to Agricultural Development," in Sandor Halebsky and John Kirk, *Transformation and Struggle: Cuba Faces the 1990s* (New York: Praeger, 1990).

#### MONOGRAPHS:

Meurs, M. E., Floro, M. S. (2009). *Global Trends in Women's Access to "Decent Work"* (vol. 43, pp. 45 pp). Geneva: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung.

#### SPONSORED RESEARCH:

1990 International Research Exchanges Board (IREX), Individual Research Exchange-Bulgaria. Analysis of survey data: changing role of women in agriculture.

1991-95 MacArthur Foundation, collaborative project on decollectivization of agriculture. Data collection for life history studies, surveys of 600 rural households.

1994-95 National Council for Soviet and East European Research, Survey data collection: development of rural land, labor and credit markets in Hungary and Bulgaria.

1996-0 National Science Foundation, four year study of regional development in the rural, ethnically mixed Rhodope region of Bulgaria.

2001 World Bank funded survey of quality of local government in 150 Bulgarian municipalities.

2003-5 National Science Foundation, International Collaboration Grant, "Making Competitive Markets," co-PI with Robert Feinberg.

2003 COBASE, awarded Sept. 2003, travel grant to do preliminary work on municipal government in Kyrgyzstan.

2004 COBASE, awarded Sept. 2003, travel grant to do preliminary work on municipal government survey in Poland.

2009 Title VIII Grant, awarded Dec. 2008, to study behavior of Bulgarian farmers.

2010 Fulbright Award, teaching and research, Uruguay, behavior of health care non-profits.

#### RECENT CONSULTING ACTIVITIES (selected):

- 2003 Speaker and Consultant, USAID-funded regional conference “Gender Issues in Higher Education: The State of Research and Teaching,” Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- 2004-4 Georgetown Center for East European Studies and University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse Active Labor Market Policies training for government employees in Bulgaria.
- 2003-4 Consultant, “Economic Development in the South Caucasus,” American University, Center for Global Peace.
- 2005 Gender Issues in Central Asia, Digital Videoconference organized by Department of State, with Fulbright returnees from the region, in Almaty, Kazakhstan.
- 2006 Guest Faculty on Institutional Economics: Soros Foundation program for junior economic faculty from Central Asia and the Caucasus, Tblisi, Georgia, March 13-18.
- 2008-9 Selection Committee Member, Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Grants, IREX.
- 2008-9 Reviewer for proposals for “Gender Action Plan for Research and Impact Evaluation,” The World Bank.

#### AWARDS:

American University Teacher Scholar of the Year, 2009.

#### MEMBERSHIPS AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

Editorial Board, *Politics and Society*

Editorial Board, *Problems of Post-Communism*

Member, Executive Board and Finance Committee, National Council for East European and Eurasian Research.

2004-6 Member, then Chair, Prize Committee, Hewett Book Prize, American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies.

Regular Reviewer: *Feminist Economics, Comparative Economic Studies*

