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Present Positions

Co-Director of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship (www.energizingentrepreneurs.org) and leader of the Entrepreneurial Communities solution area.

Education

M.A. in Economics. University of Nebraska at Lincoln. 1985.
B.S. in Environmental Studies. University of Nebraska at Lincoln. 1978.
High School Graduate. Ogallala High School, Ogallala Nebraska. 1974.

Recent Professional History

1999 to Present. Co-Director of Center for Rural Entrepreneurship.
2009 to Present. Partner, HomeTown Competitiveness®.
2002 to 2010. Partner and Managing Director, HomeTown Competitiveness®.
1998 to 2010. Executive Director, Community Assistance Initiative.
1998 to 2000. Faculty Member, Nebraska Wesleyan University.
1991 to 1999. Executive Director, Nebraska Rural Development Commission.
1991 to 1998. Cabinet Member, Governor E. Benjamin Nelson, State of Nebraska.
1993 to 1999. Founder and Executive Vice President, Nebraska Community Foundation.
1984 to 1991. Founder, Partner and Senior Associate, Economic Research Associates, Nebraska and Oregon.
1990 to 1993. Instructor of Economics, College of Saint Mary, Nebraska.

1983 & 1984. Research Coordinator, Office of Policy Studies, Center for Great Plains Research, University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

1981 to 1983. Research Analyst, Research Division, Nebraska Legislature.

1979 to 1981. Research Analyst, Office of Senator Don Wesely, Nebraska Legislature.

1978 & 1979. Executive Secretary, Midwest Energy Alternatives, Nebraska.

1977 & 1978. Executive Director, Nebraska University Public Interest Research Group, University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Certificates, Directorships & Professional Associations

2012 to 2014. Advisory Board. Southeast Community College Incubator.

Board of Directors of Northern Great Plains Inc. 2006 to 2010.

Senior Advisor to the Nebraska Community Foundation. 1999 to 2009.

Advisory Board of the Appleseed Corporation. 2006 to 2010.

Board of Directors of the Nelson Institute. 1998 to 2010.

Member of the International Community Development Society. 1985 to present.

Fellow with the Center for Great Plains Studies, University of Nebraska at Lincoln. 2000 to present.

Fellow with the Center for Applied Rural Research at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. 2000 to present.

Member of the Founders Society with the Nebraska Community Foundation. 1993 to present.

Former Entrepreneur in Residence with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.

Former Visiting Scholar with the Rural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri at Columbia.

Founding Board Member and Board Member with Partners for Rural America.

Former Board Member with the National Trails Museum.

Former Board Member and Management Team Member with the Northern Great Plains Rural Development Institute.

Former Board Member with the Partnership for Rural Nebraska.

Former Board Member for the Lied Nebraska Main Street Program.

Former Member of the Nebraska Business Forecast Council with the Bureau of Business Research at the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Former Member of the Fund Review Committee with the Nebraska Enhancement Program with the State of Nebraska.

Former Member and Managing Partner with the Nebraska Development Network.

Former Commissioner with the City of Lincoln's Energy Commission.

Former Board Member with Nebraska Solar Research Panel with the Mid-America Solar Energy Complex.

Former Board Member with the Nebraska Business and Economics Association.

Former Board Member with Midwest Energy Alternatives in Nebraska.

Publications & Reports

Don Macke, Deborah Markley & John Fulwider. Energizing Entrepreneurial Communities, A Pathway to Prosperity. Lincoln, NE: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. ISBN: 978-0-615-93748-9. 2014.

Don Macke. 10 Keys to Economic Success, Growing Entrepreneurial Communities. Lincoln, NE: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. 2014.

Don Macke, Deborah Markley & Ahmet Binerer. Transfer of Wealth in Rural America, Understanding the Potential, Realizing the Opportunity, and Creating Wealth for the Future. Lincoln: NE: Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. ISBN: 978-0-615-55830-1. 2011.

Deborah Markley, Don Macke & Vicki Luther. Energizing Entrepreneurs - Charting a Course for Rural Communities. Lincoln, NE: Heartland Center for Leadership Development & the RUPRI Center for Rural Entrepreneurship. ISBN #0-9747027-2-2. 2005.

Since the late 1990s Don has traveled extensively throughout North America studying and documenting rural entrepreneurship strategies and approaches. Don, in partnership with Deborah Markley, has numerous topical papers focusing on various aspects of rural entrepreneurship.

Don is the author or co-author of more than 400 technical reports, topical studies and articles related to communities and regions throughout North America including the Caribbean Region