

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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POSITION TITLE: Associate Professor of Sociology
and Micronesian Studies

EDUCATION/TRAINING (*Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable. Add/delete rows as necessary.*)

| INSTITUTION AND LOCATION | DEGREE (if applicable) | Completion Date MM/YYYY | FIELD OF STUDY |
|---|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Portland State University, Portland, OR | B.S. | 05/86 | Sociology |
| Portland State University, Portland, OR | M.S. | 08/92 | Sociology |
| Simon Fraser University, B. C. | PhD | 02/99 | Sociology and Anthropology |

A. Personal Statement

With the emphasis on training students from the region, through education and research, ideally to fill the significant gap in health disparities, this project would be well served with my extensive background and experience which includes having worked as an educator and administrator of undergraduate and graduate programs over the last 14 years, and as an academic and field researcher in Micronesia for the last seven years. I have also conducted a series of socio-economic impact assessments in rural communities throughout Southeast Asia and the Micronesian Region. Part of this work entailed conducting assessments for a United Nations poverty alleviation project aimed at helping small-scale farmers through poverty reduction measures. During the time, I have also conducted stakeholder workshops in which I conducted training sessions in designing, implementing and conducting socio-economic analysis of small-scale business development and related outcomes. I have also engaged in a socio-economic analysis of small-scale agricultural development and its effect on community development, in particular income growth, entrepreneurship, small-scale business development and poverty alleviation on the islands of Yap, and in Chuuk state, in the Federated States of Micronesia. I am currently the mentor for the U-54 Training and Education for Cancer and Health Disparities in Micronesia Program at the University of Guam. This program provides training for local indigenous students as health-focused researchers. I am also the coordinator for the UAF-UOG Interdisciplinary PhD Cohort Program. I have also been the Chair of the Micronesian Studies Graduate Program for the last six years and am also currently Associate Professor of Sociology and Micronesian Studies at the University of Guam.

B. Positions and Honors**Positions and Employment**

2008-present Chair, The Master of Arts in Micronesian Studies Program, University of Guam, USA.

2010-present Associate Professor of Sociology and Micronesian Studies, University of Guam, USA.

2009-2010 Project Director, University of Guam/USDA-CSREES Research Project in Yap, FSM

2005-2010 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Micronesian Studies, University of Guam, USA.

2005 Project Designer and Advisor, UNIFEM Returning Migrant Workers Program Singapore/Philippines

2002-2003 Impact Assessment Expert for Poverty Alleviation, United Nations Office for Project Services DEPTAN, Jakarta, Indonesia

2000-2005 Assistant Professor of Sociology, National University of Singapore, Singapore
1986-1989 Research Assistant, U.S. Department of State,

Honors

2015-Present Research Council Member, University of Guam
2012-Present Graduate Council Member, University of Guam
2009 Recipient of CLASS Service Award in College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Guam
2006-2008 Senator, Faculty Senate, University of Guam
2006-2007 Co-Chair, Organizing Committee College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Annual Conference at the University of Guam
2002 Chair of Session on Agricultural Development at the International Symposium on the Emergence of Nationhood in Indonesia, National University of Singapore
1993 Recipient of President's Research Fellowship at Simon Fraser University
1990 Recipient of the James Weiss Award for Outstanding Graduate Research
1990 Department of Defense Middle East Studies Fellowship

C. Contributions to Science

Poverty Alleviation

Poverty alleviation is an historical and contemporary issue. My work with the United Nations indicated that micro-loans could aid significantly in raising household socio-economic levels, by providing expansion of small-scale business activities. My findings and research in this area were used to assess the effectiveness of this program. For this work I was the P.I.

Publications For This Work:

Ames, Todd, Angeline Ames, "The Effect of Micro-Credit on the Orang Asli of Malaysia" in the book *Southeast Asia's Credit Revolution From Moneylenders to Microfinance*, Routledge, 2009, Editors Aditya Goenka and David Henley.
Ames Todd, Angeline Ames, *The Role of Micro-Finance and Community Development in Indonesia*, Micronesia Educator, University of Guam, Fall Volume, 2007
Ames Todd, Angeline Ames, "Evaluating Development Indicators For Rural Women's Socio-Economic Development", in *Handbook of Development Studies*, M. Shamsul Haque (ed.), Marcel Dekker Inc., New York, 2004
Ames, Todd, "Changes in Wage Labour and Small and Medium Businesses in Tana Toraja: A Rural Community's Responses to Economic and Social Change", in *Journal of Anthropology Indonesia*, University of Indonesia, Jakarta, Vol.6, 2002. *Report on P4K-III/RIGP Field Mission to Bogor*, Department of Pertanian/United Nations Office of Project Services, Jakarta, 2002.

Community Development:

Community development is an historical and contemporary issue. My work on community development, has spanned Pakistan, Southeast Asia and the Western Pacific. My research has primarily looked at how small-scale economic activities has improved family economies. My work has illustrated how small inputs can have create family substantial improvements in family economies. My findings have been used by the USDA and local governments in designing programs and policies. For this work, I was the Project Director and P.I.

Publications For This Work:

Ames, Todd, Angeline Ames & Harley Manner (2009). The Application of Innovative Marketing to Traditional Subsistence Agriculture, Paper in the Project Director Meeting Handbook for the Agribusiness Markets and Trade and Agricultural Prosperity for Small and Medium Sized Farms Programs, by the Cooperative State, Research, Education, and Extension Services (CSREES) of the U.S.D.A., Washington, D.C.
Ames, Todd, (2011). "Socio-Economic Development in Micronesia: A Case Study of the Hope and Heartbreak of Chuuk, FSM." In *Pacific Asia Inquiry: Multidisciplinary Perspectives Occasional Papers in the Liberal Arts and Social Sciences*, Volume 2, Number 1, Fall, 195-203.

