

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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### POSITIONS HELD

- 2020 – pres. **Emeritus Fellow**, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Brighton.
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- 2020 – 2020 **Co-Director**, Action on Children's Harmful Work in African Agriculture (ACHA)
- 2014 - 2017 **Leader**, Rural Futures Research Cluster
- 2012 - 2016 **Director**, Strengthening Evidence-Based Policy, a cross-institute accountable grant
- 2005 - 09 **Programme Director**, The New Economics Foundation (**nef**), London.
- 1996 - 05 **Senior Lecturer in Natural Resource Management**, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich.
- 2003 **Director of Research (Acting)**, WARDA – The Africa Rice Centre, Bamako, Mali.
- 1997 - 01 **Chief Executive**, Overseas Development Group Ltd., University of East Anglia, Norwich.
- 1992 - 96 **Lecturer in Natural Resource Management**, School of Development Studies, University of East Anglia, Norwich. Member of the Overseas Development Group.
- 1989 - 92 **Regional Technical Advisor in Agriculture and Natural Resources**, CARE International (Niamey and London).
- 1987 - 89 **Associate Scientist/Livestock Advisor**, University of Wisconsin/Gambian Agricultural Research and Diversification Project, The Gambia.
- 1982 - 84 **Senior Agronomist**, Humid Zone Programme, International Livestock Centre for Africa (ILCA), Ibadan, Nigeria.
- 1979 - 80 **Postdoctoral Fellow in Forage Legume Breeding**, Tropical Pastures Program, CIAT, Cali, Colombia.
- 1978 - 79 **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Dept. of Plant Breeding and Biometry, Cornell University.

1974 - 78      **Research Assistant**, Dept. of Plant Breeding and Biometry, Cornell University.

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## PUBLICATIONS

### Books

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