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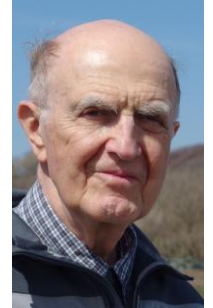
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### ***About David Wm. (Dave) Brown . . .***

I'm an agri-resource economist who has been a professor, outreach educator, program leader and analyst, and international adviser. Rather than staying put, I found myself taking on fresh challenges. About half of my career was with Tennessee, Iowa State and Texas A&M universities, and half with foundation, USAID and UN programs abroad. My focus has been on agriculture, low-income rural people, food security, socio-economic development, land and water stewardship, agrarian reforms and resettlements, university strengthening, and other needs. My writings, besides lots of program reports, have been mostly teaching and in-service training pieces, outreach materials, and diagnostic frames that non-specialists can understand and use.



I have worked at grassroots, operational program, and national/international policy levels in about 25 developing countries. Emphasis has been on blending economics with other fields; and "bottom up" analysis of key decisions. I've especially enjoyed helping students and leaders to tackle problems in solid ways, and encouraging well intended young persons to make the most of their latent potentials.

Born 1931 in Meriden CT, I grew up on dairy farms and apple orchards managed by my dad, mostly in Wallingford CT. Besides working to save for college, I was active in 4-H, school and church-youth projects, and was interested in soil conservation. Graduated 1949 from Lyman Hall High School in Wallingford. I earned a B.S. degree at UConn (1953, agronomy, dist & hons), an M.S. at Cornell (1954, agricultural economics), and a Ph.D. at Iowa State (1956, ag production & land economics, advanced econ theory, and statistics). While an undergrad, I helped with plant science experiments and teaching labs. One summer I was a forest fire lookout in Idaho. As a grad student, I taught general economics and ag price analysis, designed and conducted surveys of farmers, and helped prepare extension economic-outlook materials.



My spunky wife, Jean (1932-2011), was an Oberlin sociology graduate who earned Master's degrees in criminology (juvenile justice) and library science. We met in 1956 as grad students at Iowa State. Prior to Newport RI, we lived in Knoxville TN, Singapore, College Station TX, Peru, Ames IA, Rome, Indonesia, and Pakistan. Both of us sought to learn about the histories, cultures, and human realities of these settings. We enjoyed folk music. In Newport and elsewhere, Jeannie focused on youth problems, substance-abuse prevention, penal reforms, art education, historic preservation, and special reference collections.

Our daughter, Cheryl, is a community and political relations specialist in California. Our son, Kevin, is a fraud-prevention attorney in South Florida. Kevin and his wife have two daughters.

### ***My doings in recent years...***

After semi-retiring in Newport (my dad's home town) in 1993, I did some technical aid work in Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Hungary and Moldova. Taught economics at Salve Regina U, 1999-2000, and have reinforced advanced studies and Pell Center work. Continuing contacts with former students and colleagues.

Since 1995 have been on the Naval Station Newport Restoration Advisory Board, which helps guide toxic-waste cleanups of old Navy shoreline sites on/near Aquidneck Island. In March 2016 became the RAB's Citizen Co-chair.

Between 1993 and 2016 have had leadership roles in educational programs of the Newport Council for International Visitors.

Was on the Newport Planning Board and Aquidneck Island Planning Commission, 1996-2000. On the initial A.I. West Side Master Plan committee, 1998-2000. Newport Scenic Roadways committee, 2005-08. Newport Tree Commission, 2002- 09 (chaired 2003-07). Am providing the RI Tree Council with local info related to tree growth.

Volunteer economist with RI Center for Commercial Agriculture, 1995-2003. USDA/NRCS taskforce on better management of RI grasslands, late 1990s. Eastern RI Conservation District assoc/full board member, 2000-08. Aquidneck Land Trust stewardship committee, 2012-14.

Aquidneck Island Affordable Housing Planning Group, 2003-05. Newport Housing Hotline board, 2012-14.

Since 2013 have rekindled my interest in informative radio via the Newport County Radio Club (have FCC amateur technician call sign KC1AAA) with special focus on emergency and storm communications, and radio-related STEM learning by students and Scouts.

Also, in mid 1990s-mid 2000s had involvements with: RI DOT (Dept of Transportation) Watch; start-up of RI People's Power & Light (now Green Energy Consumers Alliance); pre-study of co-composting for eastern RI; Interactivity Foundation (WV-based group that has encouraged balanced policy deliberations); some Brown U international programs.

Socio-economic history and traditional regional cultures are among my readings. I stay abreast of plant, soil, and climate-change sciences by going on-line ... often to webinars of USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service and related groups. I still belong to, and read current materials of, several professional groups: Agricultural & Applied Economics Association. Association for Social Economics. World Economics Association. Agricultural History Society.



Since 1993 have written various mission and board reports, idea briefs, newspaper pieces. Wrote six info bulletins for the Newport Tree Commission. These days I'm gleaning ideas, lessons learned, and materials from my own times and places that might be useful to emerging leaders and younger generations ... am relating these to current needs, and placing on my website <https://RestlessAgEconomist.info>.

### ***More about my professional roles, 1956-93...***

**Assistant/associate professor of agricultural economics, University of Tennessee, 1956-58.** Taught, guided field research. Designed/conducted short courses for agency field staff. Helped design extension, soil conservation, small watershed, farm credit and TVA local-action programs.

**Visiting professor of economics, University of Malaya in Singapore,** via the Council on Economics and Cultural Affairs, a Rockefeller-related foundation, 1958-60. Helped shape ag/applied econ curricula, and rural-area field research, in Singapore and Malaysia. Then gave lectures and reviewed ag econ programs in The Philippines, Taiwan, Thailand and India. Also observed programs in Indonesia, South Vietnam, Iran, Israel, and Europe.

**At Texas A&M University, 1961-63,** led formation of a 12-man, statewide extension farm economics specialist team, then was assistant to the dean of agriculture. Helped shape research, educational and international programs. Briefed state leaders, Congressmen, and the press. Reinforced assists to Black farmers and Hispanic worker families.

**Agrarian reform and rural development advisor in Puno, Peru** -- pilot work in the Andean mountains, 1963-65, Iowa

Universities/USAID Peru program. Then was **chief of the Iowa/USAID team in Lima**, 1965-66 (12 economists & lawyers). Guided rural benchmark studies, regional and national planning, and policy design. Selected up-and-coming Peruvians for U.S. graduate studies.

**Visiting professor of economics, Iowa State University**, 1967-68. Taught land and int'l development economics. Helped shape Iowa State's international programming. Was on a research-extension team that helped leaders throughout Iowa to address socio-economic "fallout" problems and remedial options.

**International professor of agricultural economics, University of Tennessee**, 1968-82. Designed/taught program and policy planning courses. Guided thesis research related to developing countries and Tenn. agri-rural transitions. Designed and backstopped development aid and training programs in India, East Asia, the South Pacific, Latin America and Africa, and in Honolulu and Washington DC, for USAID, USDA, the Agricultural Development Council, the East-West Center, and other groups. Prepared training materials on program planning and implementation, evaluation, project benefit-cost analysis, middle-level management, area development, and technical aid. Was a Peace Corps Career Counselor for returning volunteers.

**Chief, Situation and Outlook Service, UN Food and Agriculture Organization, at FAO world headquarters, Rome, Italy**, 1982-87. Headed preparation of global/regional/sector overviews and policy reviews, for national leaders and int'l agencies. Represented FAO at international meetings. Helped trouble-shoot food security and agri-development policies/programs in Swaziland, Tanzania, The Sudan, and Ethiopia. Guided studies of ag pricing in Central/Eastern Europe and elsewhere.

**Senior economist with the USAID secondary food-crops development project in Indonesia** (via the Academy for Educational Development), 1988-90. Helped design baseline studies, pilot food-diversification programs, and integrated communications campaigns in six contrasting regions. Provided econ analysis training for potential leaders..

**Social sciences advisor, with the USAID agricultural university strengthening project in North West Pakistan** (and University of Illinois Adjunct Professor), 1990-93. Helped counterpart staff to analyze state-level policies, and to shape rapid assessments and pilot programs in farming areas and mountain villages. Special attention to women's roles. Interfaces with NGO programs and with assists to Afghan refugees who would be returning to their homelands. Followups there in 1994.

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