

# Christopher B. Barrett

Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management and International Professor of Agriculture, Dept. of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, 2008 to present.

Director, Stimulating Agricultural and Rural Transformation initiative, Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture and Development, 2009 to present.

Associate Director for Economic Development, Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future, 2008 to present.

Faculty Fellow, Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future, 2009 to present.

Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities, SUNY, 2009.

Distinguished Policy Contribution Award, AAEA, 2008.

Outstanding Journal Article Award, *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, WAEA, 2007.

Co-Director, African Food Security and Natural Resources Management Program, Cornell University, 2000 to 2009.

Associate and Full Professor, Dept. of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University, 1998–2007.

Quality of Communication Award, AAEA, 2006.

Outstanding Educator in Influencing Merrill Presidential Scholar, Cornell University, 2001 and 2005.

Co-Editor, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 2003 to 2008.

Research Fellow, Rural Development Research Consortium, University of California, Berkeley, 2003 to present.

Assistant and Associate Professor, Dept. of Economics, Utah State University, 1994–1998.

Outstanding PhD Dissertation Award, AAEA, 1995.



Dual Ph.D., Agricultural Economics and Economics with certificate in African Studies, University of Wisconsin, Madison. 1994.

Adjunct Professor, Cardinal Stritch College, 1992–1994.

Economist, The Institute of International Finance (Washington, DC), 1987–1990.

Research Analyst, Strategic Planning Associates (Washington, DC), 1986–1987.

M.Sc., Development Economics (Fulbright Scholarship), University of Oxford, England, 1985.

B.A., History (magna cum laude), Princeton University, 1984.

Christopher Barrett is a prolific scholar and a leader in the field of agricultural and development economics. His fundamental research

objective is to help reduce unnecessary human suffering, albeit indirectly, by generating useful new knowledge on which people and

organizations can act to reduce poverty and food insecurity and to improve the human condition. Barrett has successfully followed his objective through his teaching, research and outreach.

Barrett earned a dual Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics and Economics with a certificate in African Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. His Ph.D. dissertation research on market-oriented economic reforms in Madagascar won the AAEA Outstanding Dissertation Award. His dissertation prompted several publications on related topics such as the effect of exchange rate devaluation on stochastic food price distributions, policy-induced changes in domestic food value chains, agricultural productivity and farmer supply incentives, farmer behavioral response to price and yield risk, and the political economy of food price policy.

Barrett's research has had a major impact on the understanding of food insecurity, how markets actually function in low-income countries, how market liberalization changed the structure and behavior of the food marketing sector, how traders and farmers respond to changing price signals, spatial and intertemporal price transmission, how market performance might be improved for the benefit of the rural poor, the economics of poverty traps, global food aid policy, and the conservation of natural resources in regions of endemic poverty. His research projects are solidly grounded in field work and primary data collected through surveys in many countries including Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, India, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Mozambique, Nicaragua and Zimbabwe.

Barrett has published more than 215 journal articles, books and book chapters since he earned his Ph.D. His research discoveries are published in the leading journals in his fields of specialization, several of the premier economics journals and in many leading

journals in related fields. He and his coauthors have won multiple outstanding research awards from various journals and professional associations.

Barrett is a dedicated model professor. He consistently receives outstanding evaluations by students and was twice recognized as an Outstanding Educator in Influencing a Merrill Presidential Scholar, one of Cornell's most prized undergraduate teaching and student mentoring awards. As member or chair of their graduate committees, he has educated about 60 graduate students and post-doctoral fellows. Several of them have won major national and regional awards related to their research, including AAEA dissertation and thesis awards. All of the 16 Ph.D. students for whom he has been major advisor are now associate professors, assistant professors, post-doctoral fellows or senior economists at universities and research institutions in the United States and overseas.

In addition to his leadership in research, teaching and mentoring, Barrett has shown incredible leadership within the profession. He has been the President, Vice President and board member of the Association of Christian Economists, Chair of the CGIAR's Social Science Stripe Review Panel, member of advisory boards of several international organizations and an editorial board member or guest editor for 14 different journals. He has served on various AAEA projects and committees including Chair of the International Committee. Barrett served on the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* editorial board and served as co-editor of *AJAE* from 2003–2008.

Barrett is currently the Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management and International Professor of Agriculture, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, and Associate Director of the Cornell Center for a Sustainable Future at Cornell University.