

Dr. Andrew J. Baker's Vita

Educational Data:

PhD: University of Missouri-Columbia, MO Major Emphasis: Agricultural Education
Inside Support Area: Educational Leadership & Policy Analysis Outside Support Area: Management

MEd: University of Missouri-Columbia, MO Major Emphasis: Agricultural Education

B.S.: University of Missouri-Columbia, MO Major: Agricultural Education

A.S.: Missouri Western State College-St. Joseph, MO Major: Agricultural Technology

Employment History:

Position/Rank: Director Institution: Western Illinois University
Area: School of Agriculture Dates: July 1, 2014 to present

Position/Rank: Interim Director Institution: Western Illinois University
Area: School of Agriculture Dates: July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014

Position/Rank: Assistant, Associate, & Full Professor Institution: Western Illinois University
Area: Agricultural Education – Teacher Educator Dates: August 23, 1999 to present

Position: Interim Chairperson Institution: Western Illinois University
Area: Agriculture Department Dates: July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2005

Position/Rank: Assistant Professor Institution: Murray State University
Area: Agricultural Education – Teacher Educator Dates: August 1, 1997 to May 1999

Position: Research Technician Institution: USDA-University of Missouri-Columbia
Area: Maize Research/Corn Root Worm Project Dates: June 1, 1991 – August 15, 1993

Instructional/Service/Scholarly Activities:

Research interests reside in learning preferences and in-service needs of various teacher populations. Awarded over \$480,000+ worth of external and internal grants. Have conducted over 30 invited presentations for various professional organizations. Acquired 18 refereed and non-refereed publications to his credit. Held numerous leadership roles in several national, regional, state, and local organizations. Have taught over 20 different collegiate courses. Advised several student-related organizations.

Professional Organization/Governing Board Leadership Roles:

National PAS Board of Directors (rep for AAAE) 2010 to 2013
Illinois Committee for Agricultural Education (member & Vice-Chair) 2005 to present
National FFA Delegate Coordinator (adult coordinator) 2002-2004
Illinois FFA Board of Directors/Illinois Foundation Board (member) 2000, 2004, & 2008
North-Central Region of American Association for Agricultural Education AAAE (Secretary) 2006 to 2012

Awards, Achievements, & Honors:

“Distinguished Teaching” award at the national AAAE conference (2012)
WIU’s College of Business and Technology “Teaching with Technology Award” (2011).
WIU’s College of Business and Technology “Outstanding Service Award” (2003 & 2010).
“Distinguished Teaching” award at North Central Region of the AAAE (2010)
WIU’s HOPE (Honoring Our Professors of Excellence) award for Teaching Excellence award (2010 & 2012).
Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education’s “Education Award” (2004)
Most Influential Teacher, selected by a Missouri Bright Flight Scholarship Recipient (1992).