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EXPERIENCE

Municipal Appointments and Elected Positions regarding Community and Housing Issues

Medway Housing Authority

Member of Board of Directors. Elected in May 2004 and May 2009. Served two five-year terms (concluded May 2014).

Community Preservation Committee, Medway, MA

Committee Member. Appointed by Town Board of Selectmen. Representative from Affordable Housing Committee. February 2007 to present.

Affordable Housing Committee, Medway, MA

Committee Member. Appointed by Town Board of Selectman. February 2007 to present. Chair 2010-2011. Co-Chair 2012. Helped facilitate the creation of the Medway Affordable Housing Trust, established to create affordable housing units in Medway.

Medway Master Plan Update Committee

Committee Member. Appointed by Town Board of Selectmen. 2009. Co-Author of the 2009 Medway Master Plan; lead author for the Housing Section.

International Economics, Education, and Community Planning

UNICEF (Child Development and Nutrition Section), New Delhi, India (2014)

Technical Writer/Editor (Consultant). Edited and wrote sections of documents focused on research and programs designed to address the health and nutrition issues facing children and young women in India.

Westat, Rockville, MD (1999 to 2000)

Research Associate. Involved in two principal projects. 1) *The Youth Risk Behavior Survey* project in collaboration with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. 2) *The Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act (SDFSCA) Model Program* in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Education. Contributed to a report on the characteristics of the SDFSCA programs and a summary of the 1998-99 data collections. Worked with survey sites on questionnaire administration, and wrote and edited software manuals.

International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, DC (1989 to 1999)

Research Analyst. Wrote and edited articles, reports, briefs, and other publications on economic policies related to the health, nutrition, and economic status of disadvantaged people in developing countries. Conducted research and implemented projects on health, nutrition, and poverty. Research focused primarily on women and children and consisted of collecting data, maintaining databases, performing statistical and econometric analyses, and designing surveys. Spent six months in Niger and Burkina Faso, West Africa to collect data on the production, marketing, and consumption of agricultural commodities.

Associates for International Resources and Development, Boston, MA (1988 to 1989)

Research Assistant. Collected and analyzed data and prepared reports on economic development in Africa.

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, New York, NY (1985 to 1986)

Community Planning and Development Representative. Served as a liaison between the agency and communities receiving Community Development Block Grant funds. Conducted monitoring visits of participating communities and prepared reports describing and evaluating the implementation of projects according to government specifications.

U.S. Peace Corps, Mauritania, West Africa (1982 to 1984)

Agricultural Extension Agent. Served as a liaison between the Mauritanian Ministry of Agriculture and the village of Sani, providing technical assistance to local villagers. Trained villagers in basic skills in vegetable gardening, reforestation, and construction of wood-conserving stoves. Designed, wrote proposals for, and implemented community agricultural development projects; organized classes in nutrition and basic health care; and trained incoming volunteers for agricultural extension work.

EDUCATION

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University (Medford, MA)

- Master's and Ph.D. level work in Economic Development, 1986-1989. Master's Thesis published in its entirety in *Human Rights Quarterly*, November 1988. Completed all course work and preliminary exams toward Ph.D.

Honors and Awards

- Received the *Gullion Prize* for highest academic achievement 1988.
- Received the *Nichols Scholarship* for academic achievement 1987/88 and 1988/89.

University of Wisconsin—Madison

- B.A. in psychology, 1982. Graduated with honors.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Professional Figure and Ice Hockey Skating Instructor (1979 to present)

Founder and owner of *sk8well.com*. Teach private and group lessons to children and adults at Metro West Boston area ice rinks; recreational skaters, competitive figure skaters, youth and high school hockey players, and travel and college hockey teams.

History Department, Tufts University, Medford, MA (1987 to 1988)

Teaching Assistant. Taught the undergraduate sections of International Relations classes. Traveled to the Soviet Union with undergraduates to study the academic setting and observe classes at the University of Moscow.

PUBLICATIONS, TECHNICAL REPORTS, AND PRESENTATIONS

Publications

- Haddad, L., Webb, P., and Slack, A. (1997). Trouble down on the farm: What role for agriculture in meeting “food needs” in the next 20 years? *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 79(5), 1476- 1479.
- Engle, P., Menon, P., Garrett, J., and Slack, A. (1997). Urbanization and caregiving: A framework for analysis and examples from southern and eastern Africa. *Environment and Urbanization*, 9(2), 253-270.
- Puetz, D., and Slack, A. (1993). Focusing small-scale surveys on specific food policy issues: IFPRI’s experiences. In J. Von Braun and D. Puetz (Eds.), *Data needs for food policy in developing countries. New directions for household surveys* (pp. 95-116). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Slack, A. (1988). Female circumcision: A critical appraisal. *Human Rights Quarterly*, 10(4), 437-486.

Technical Reports and Documents

- Medway Master Plan Committee (2009). *2009 Medway Master Plan*. Prepared for the Town of Medway, MA. Adopted at Town Meeting, 2009. Member of Committee and lead author for the Housing Section.
- Slack, A., Carletto, G., and Hoddinot, J. (1999). *Replication of procedures and results from IFPRI/IFAD. Technical guide #7: Choosing outcome indicators of household food security* (Research Paper #6, Prepared for the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the International Food Policy Research Institute). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Slack, A. (1999). *Food and nutrition security data on the World Wide Web. Technical Guide #2* (Prepared for the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the International Food Policy Research Institute). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Slack, A., and Morris, S. (1999). *Using EpiMap graphic data presentation software for regional targeting. Technical guide #3* (Prepared for the International Fund for Agricultural Development and the International Food Policy Research Institute). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Ruel, M.T., Garrett, J., Morris, S., Maxwell, D., Oshaug, A., Engle, P., Menon, P., Slack, A., and Haddad, L. (1998). *Urban challenges to food and nutrition security: A review of food security, health, and caregiving in the cities* (Discussion Paper No. 51, Prepared for the Food Consumption and Nutrition Division). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Engle, P., Menon, P., Garrett, J., and Slack, A. (1997). *Developing a research and action agenda for examining urbanization and caregiving: Examples from southern and eastern Africa* (Discussion Paper No. 28, Prepared for the Food Consumption and Nutrition Division). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Haddad, L., Pena, C., Nishida, C., Quisumbing, A., and Slack, A. (1996). *Food security and nutrition implications of intrahousehold bias: A review of the literature* (FCND Discussion Paper No. 19, Prepared for the Food Consumption and Nutrition Division). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Haddad, L., Bhattarai, S., Immink, M., Kumar, S., and Slack, A. (1995). *More than food is needed to achieve good nutrition by 2020* (Discussion Paper No. 25, Prepared for the International Food Policy Research Institute). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Haddad, L., Pena, C., and Slack, A. (1994). *Poverty and nutrition within household: Review and new evidence* (Prepared in collaboration with the Nutrition Unit of the World Health Organization). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Kennedy, E., and Slack, A. (1993). *The Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) in India: Lessons learned and implications for future policies* (Prepared for the World Food Programme). Washington, DC: International Food Policy Research Institute.
- Stryker, J., West, R., Metzler, J., Salinger, B., Haymond, P., Slack, A., and Aylward, B. (1989). *Linkages between policy reform and natural resource management in Sub-Saharan Africa* (Prepared for the U.S. Agency for International Development and Tufts University). Cambridge, MA Associates for International Resources and Development.

Presentations

- Slack, A. (2011, December). *Fostering Local Support: Experience in Establishing the Medway Affordable Housing Trust*. Presented at the Workshop Sponsored by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership: “Strategies for Building Support for Affordable Housing.” Sturbridge, MA.
- Haddad, L., Webb, P., and Slack, A. (1997, June). *Trouble down on the farm: What role for agriculture in meeting “food needs” in the next 20 years?* Presented to the American Agricultural Economics Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- Savadogo, K., Slack, A., and Delgado, C. (1992, December). *Long-distance food transfer costs in Burkina Faso*. Presented at the Seminar on Regional Integration of Agricultural Markets in West Africa: Issues for the Sahelian Countries, Saly Portudal, Senegal.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES AND DISTINCTIONS

U.S. Figure Skating Association Double Gold Medalist, 1979. Certified Member, Professional Skaters Association.