

Kathlee Freeman

Professional Experience

Consultant

- World University Service of Canada July 2016 – present
 - Provide project management for Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation for a Sustainable Africa (ICCASA) project, including contracting research consultants, organizing project workplan, and managing work flow September 2019 – present
- Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security September 2019
University of Missouri – Columbia Columbia, MO
 - Coauthor 2019 Missouri Hunger Atlas
- Research Consultant August 2019 – present
University of Florida Livestock Systems Innovations Lab Gainesville, FL
 - Research theory of change, impact pathway methods and utilization, and enabling policies for livestock systems as part of a Feed the Future project
- Communications Consultant – Gender and Social Inclusion (GSI) July 2016 – present
CGIAR Research Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security Wageningen, Netherlands
 - Copyedit and format all GSI reports
 - Create communication materials, including videos, maps, blogs, and reports
 - Manage webinars and serve as a webinar support/trainer for CCAFS communications team
- Research and Data Visualization Consultant August 2018 – September 2019
Operation Food Search St. Louis, MO
 - Coauthor author and lead data analyst for 2019 Missouri School Breakfast Report
 - Monitor legislation and make recommendations for policy engagement strategies
 - Analyze and visualize data related to food security in Missouri, including data provided by the American Community Survey, Census Bureau, Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture
 - Develop policy reports and fact sheets

Grants Program Start-Up and Communications Specialist Volunteer

November 2018 – July 2019

ACDI/VOCA

Dhaka, Bangladesh

- Provide expertise to USAID funded grant start-up program to strengthen and support innovations in the livestock value chain through the Feed the Future Livestock Production for Improved Nutrition project
 - Work with grant team and 10 potential grantees to develop technically sound proposals and implementation timeline, including all required USAID documentation
- Research and produce case studies on gender related to livestock production and fodder value chain
- Capture and create stories, pictures, and videos to showcase issues and success stories in the livestock sector

Mary Ellen Gibson Anti-Hunger Policy Fellow

October 2017 – August 2018

Operation Food Search

St. Louis, MO

- Meet with Missouri legislators to advance anti-hunger policy
- Analyze data for Missouri summer meals and as needed for upcoming legislation

Advancement Manager

September 2013 – March 2018

Junior Achievement of Greater St. Louis

St. Louis, MO

- Responsible for securing \$250,000 in foundation awards per fiscal year
- Created Young Professionals Board through a competitive application process which resulted in 60 new volunteers and \$15,000+ in additional donations
- Oversaw communications including press releases, social media, and front-end website management

Research Assistant

August 2015 – January 2018

University of Missouri – Columbia

Columbia, MO

- Community Economic and Entrepreneurial Development Program (ExCEED)
 - Co-investigator for Preliminary Feasibility Study for An Arts Incubator in Gladstone, Missouri
 - Collected and mapped economic and community development data
- Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security
 - Co-authored the 2016 Missouri Hunger Atlas

Contributing Writer

September 2013 – January 2016

Food Tank: The Food Think Tank

Chicago, IL

- Conducted interviews, fact check, edit, provide research, and write for assigned stories

Research Assistant

Summer 2015

Center for a Livable Future – Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD

- Created four white papers on the environmental impacts of the food system on public health

Education

- M.S. Rural Sociology, University of Missouri – Columbia
 - Thesis: The role of information and interaction processes in the adoption of agriculture inputs in Uganda
- Graduate Certification, Geographic Information Science, University of Missouri – Columbia
 - Capstone Project: Feeding America's heartland: An analysis of rural food pantries
- B.A. Sociology, DePaul University

Special Projects:

- Social and Behavioral Change Communications Expert for Zoonotic Diseases - Bamako, Mali (2019)
- Grant Business Proposal Development Project - Arusha, Tanzania (2016)
- Integration of Information and Communication Technologies in Agriculture Education Project - Amugo, Uganda (2015)
- International Comparative Rural Policy Studies Consortium - Dublin and Galway, Ireland (2015)

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Under Review – Journal of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development – Freeman, K. and H. Qin. “The role of information and interaction processes in the adoption of agriculture inputs in Uganda.”

Freeman, K. and F. Mubichi. 2017. “ICT use by smallholder farmers in rural Mozambique.” *Journal of Rural Social Science* 32(2): 1-19.

Qin, H., Y. Fan, A., Tappmeyer, K. Freeman, E. Prentice, and X. Gao. 2016. “Capturing community context through qualitative comparative analysis of case studies” *Human Ecology* 45(1): 103-109.

Qin, H., E. Prentice, and K. Freeman. 2016. “Analyzing partially correlated longitudinal data in community survey research.” *Society & Natural Resources* 31(1): 142-149.

Other Publications:

Cafer, A., D. Chapman, K. Freeman, and S. Rikoon. 2016. 2016 Missouri Hunger Atlas. *Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security*. <http://foodsecurity.missouri.edu/projects/missouri-hunger-atlas/>

Freeman, K. 2015. A Portrait of American Farmers. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Security and Community Development* 5(4): 195-197. <http://dx.doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2015.054.003>.

Research Funding Awards:

- \$2,500 - CAFNER International Programs Incentive Fund (2017)
- \$3,850 – Brown Graduate Research Fellowship Program (2016)
- \$5,100 – International Comparative Rural Policy Research Grant (2016)

Honors/Awards

- The Pacific Food Studies OpEd Fellowship: A Place at the Table: Empowering Underrepresented Voices in OpEd Food Journalism (2017)
- USAID Borlaug Summer Institute Participant, Purdue University (2017)
- Deaton Scholar, Deaton Institute for University Leadership in International Development (2016-2017)
- Brown Fellow, University of Missouri (2016)
- Next Generation Social Media Ambassador, Chicago Council Global Food Security Symposium (2016)
- Emerging Leader, FOCUS St. Louis (2015)

Board Experience:

- Reviewer – Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development (2013 – present)
- Board Member – Immigrant and Refugee Women's Program (2013 – 2015)