



Throughout my college and professional careers, I learned how to be strong, courageous, determined and patient in order to position myself for success. I had to overcome doubts that surfaced from within and externally, and through each process I learned that there is a blessing in every struggle and a silver lining behind every storm cloud. After every milestone, I learned to give thanks to God and then set new goals for myself.”

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Christopher G. Davis, Ph.D., a two-time graduate from the College of Agriculture and Food Sciences (CAFS) formerly known as the College of Engineering Sciences Technology and Agriculture, has been employed at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Economic Research Service (ERS) since 2002. Davis serves as an agricultural economist, in the Animal Products and Cost of Production Branch of the Market and Trade Economics Division. His areas of research focuses on domestic demand as well as international import and export demands for meat, poultry, fish and dairy products.

More recently, Dr. Davis has been chosen to work on a six-month detail assignment with the Office of the Under Secretary of Research, Education and Economics mission area as the deputy manager for USDA 2017 Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) in the National Capital Area. The mission of CFC is to promote and support philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost-efficient and effective in providing Federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all. The CFC 2017 financial goal is \$1.5 million. His responsibilities are to manage coordinators and keyworkers from 17 USDA agencies and design strategies to help USDA exceed its CFC financial goal.

Davis also serves as ERS Distance Learning Coordinator, a program that shares policy relevant information with minority-serving institutions nationally and internationally. The project started as a pilot at Florida A&M University's College of Agriculture and Food Sciences and was funded in the amount of \$25,000 by the USDA-ERS to purchase equipment and facilitate seamless

communication between participating institutions. In March 2017, in support of USDA Strategic Goal 5 and Objective 5.1, he developed, planned and moderated a distance learning conference under the theme "Reaching Students through Research and Outlook Analysis." The conference was designed to facilitate a stronger relationship between ERS and minority-serving Institutions, with the primary purpose being to expose students and faculty members to the ERS work environment and provide them with deeper understanding of the work conducted by the Economic RS outlook analysts and research economists. More than 60 students and faculty from institutions such as Florida A&M University, New Mexico State University, California State University – Fresno, North Carolina A&T State University, Fort Valley State University, Tuskegee University, Prairie View A&M University, Virginia State University, University of the District of Columbia and the University of Maryland – Eastern Shore, attended the conference.

In 2008, Davis served as an Agricultural Fellow, in the office of the Honorable Congressman Sanford Bishop, Jr., representative of Georgia's Second Congressional District. Davis was involved in addressing issues related to farmers and citizens in Georgia's Second Congressional District as Congressman Bishop served on the House Committee on Agriculture.

Davis, elected chairperson of the Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics, a section within the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association and served from 2004 - 2007; and from 1997 - 1998, he served as the president of the Minorities in Agriculture,

Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) Chapter at Louisiana State University. Davis was also a member of the student body that created FAMU's MANRRS chapter in the early 1990s.

He also served as guest editor of the International Food and Agribusiness Management Review for four years. As an analyst, he has published 25 academic peer reviewed articles, eight ERS peer reviewed reports, and one book chapter on dairy nutrition.

Davis served as an adjunct professor at American University from 2008 - 2011; Howard University from 2005 - 2008; Bowie State University from 2004 - 2008 and at Southeastern Louisiana University in 2000. He also served as a full-time economics instructor at the Baton Rouge Community College from 2001 - 2002.

For his commitment to USDA's outreach program in 2012, he was presented the Secretary's Honor Award for sustained excellence and foresight in developing a more diverse community with agricultural economists and policy analysts.

In 2016, he was nominated for the Best Paper Award at the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association-Wageningen International Conference on Chain and Network Management Conference. He received first place awards in poster research competitions in 2001 and 2008 at the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association conference and in 1994 at the 10th Association of Research Directors Biennial Research Symposium. He was presented with the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 2015 from

Louisiana State University (LSU) and in 2004 was presented with the Distinguished Alumnus Award from FAMU.

As a leader, Davis displayed a very strong commitment to addressing economic issues, which have become hot topics and prevalent issues within our society. Davis has spearheaded three Special Issues on Food Demand, Diet and Health: the Role Played by Managers of Agribusinesses, Factors Affecting Global Poultry Trade, and Assessing the Status of the Global Dairy Trade. Articles from these special issues contribute broadly to the knowledge base for private-sector decision-makers and public sector policy-makers for commodities that are growing in consumption, but face challenges such as global disease outbreaks (poultry) and significant and evolving trade barriers (both poultry and dairy).

Davis earned a bachelor's and master's degree from Florida A&M University in 1992 and 1995 respectively, and a doctorate in Agricultural Economics from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in 2002. He also graduated from the USDA graduate school, Executive Potential Program (EPP), in 2001. The EPP is designed to help employees gain the necessary leadership skills through training and developmental experiences to move into executive leadership positions. ■

A native of Albany, Georgia, Davis is married to Gailda Davis. Together they have two children a son, Christian who excels in chess and a daughter, Cierra who plays tennis and enjoys swimming.