

## Biography

David Acker

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David Acker is the associate dean for global engagement in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Iowa State University. He has served as an associate dean since 2005. He joined the college in 1995, first as director of the college's international programs and then as assistant dean for national and global programs.

Acker also is a professor of agricultural education and studies and holds the Raymond and Mary Baker Chair for Global Agriculture. He has more than 40 years of experience in international agriculture and education, including directing agricultural and natural resource programs in Tanzania, Malawi and Senegal, and serving as a Fulbright Fellow in Greece. Dr. Acker has lectured in Austria, China, Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Greece, Guinea, India, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Uganda, and Ukraine. Acker serves as chair of the board of directors for two international NGOs.

In 2009, Acker co-authored *Education for Rural People* that was published by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization. He was part of a team that published *Tapping Philanthropy for Development* in 2015, based on the agricultural development experiences in rural Uganda of the Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods in the college. Acker earned a doctorate in vocational education from Oregon State University in 1989; two master's degrees, in agricultural education and international agricultural development, from the University of California, Davis; a bachelor's degree in agriculture and sociology from Wilmington College; and an associate degree in sociology from Alice Lloyd College.

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