

Barry G. Shelley

Professional Experience

2017-Present. Senior Lecturer. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University, Boston, MA.

2012-2016. Global Agriculture and Climate Change Advisor. Regional Programs Department (RPD), Oxfam America, Boston, MA. *Supported agriculture and rural livelihoods programs in Asia, Africa, and Latin America by contributing to program theories of change and strategies; incorporating a policy advocacy focus in on-the-ground programs; contributing to fund-raising, especially strategic concept notes; and commissioning and facilitating research and knowledge sharing. Convened and facilitated meetings of relevant global staff, including cross-divisional and inter-regional configurations. Contributed to the development and implementation of the Oxfam strategic plan, particularly with regards to food and agriculture policy and practice. Promoted community-led development approaches. Managed RPD staff.*

2010-2012. Visiting Lecturer (full-time). Sustainable International Development Program, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. *Taught graduate courses on economics for development practitioners, economics of climate change, smallholder agriculture and rural development, land policy, rewards for ecosystem service stewardship, the political economy of development-environment dynamics, and monitoring and evaluation.*

2011. Consultant. Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA. Case study on the scalability of the World Bank funded project “Value Chain Development for Textile Products: Linking Herders to Markets,” in Mongolia. *During July field visits with stakeholders in the Mongolian cashmere and wool value chain, assessed the scalability potential of this project. Prepared a report as part of a Heller School study on “Mapping the Roads from Development Marketplace Agriculture and Rural Development Projects to Sustainable Practice,” conducted for the Agriculture and Rural Development Department of the World Bank.*

1995-Present. Freelance economic literacy educator. *Facilitate programs for activists and community development organizations to promote increased understanding of relevant economic issues and the development of effective analytical tools for non-economists.*

2007, 2005, 2004, 2002. Visiting Instructor. Department of Economics, Wheaton College, Norton, MA. *Taught undergraduate courses on economic development and on ecological economics, and co-taught (with my spouse) a course on women in the U.S. economy.*

2005-2006. Senior Research and Program Associate. Programa Salvadoreño de Investigación sobre Desarrollo y Medio Ambiente

(PRISMA) [Salvadoran Program for Research on Development and the Environment], San Salvador, El Salvador. (Included work in both El Salvador and the U.S. Full-time in San Salvador, July – December, 2006.) *Accompanied a local community-led, long-term development planning process serving as a resource person, analyst, and animator. Led team research initiative on pro-poor compensation for ecosystem services. Co-facilitated workshops for low-income rural groups.*

2004-2005. Consultant. Mesoamerica Program, Natural Assets Project, Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), University of Massachusetts. Included work in both Mexico and the U.S. *Initiated exploratory contacts and laid groundwork for collaborative efforts between sustainable development practitioners and researchers.*

2001-2003. Affiliation with the Salvadoran Program for Research on Development and the Environment (PRISMA) during dissertation field research, San Salvador, El Salvador. *Shared on-going research in staff seminars while benefitting from PRISMA contacts and infrastructure.*

1999-2001. Project Associate. Natural Assets Project, Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), University of Massachusetts. *Worked with James Boyce to develop a framework for natural asset-building strategies for poverty alleviation, environmental sustainability, and environmental justice. Played key role in research, writing, editing, conference organizing and facilitation, and program administration.*

1998-1999. Researcher. “Paraguayan Manufacturing Structure and Performance” study commissioned by the United Nations Development Program, Asunción, Paraguay. Principal Investigator: Professor Diane Flaherty, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts. Included work in both Paraguay and the U.S. *Contributed to survey design, initial testing, data collection and analysis for study of the Paraguayan manufacturing sector’s preparedness for entry into the MERCOSUR trade zone; communication with Paraguayan contacts; historical research; and report writing.*

1994. Regional Economic Educator. Mesoamerica Region, Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), San Salvador, El Salvador. *Initiated and led short-term program of economic literacy for MCC workers and their partners in Mexico and Central America. With national experts, designed and facilitated three-day workshops in five countries. Compiled resources for further learning.*

1991-1994. Country Representative. Mennonite Central Committee, San Salvador, El Salvador. *Provided overall leadership of the MCC program of accompaniment, human rights, and social and economic development in El Salvador. Facilitated relationships with national partners and coordinated with them and the MCC team to plan, carry out, and evaluate our program in response to ever-changing conditions at that time. Provided support to 12-14 long-term North American workers dispersed across the country and to Salvadoran staff. Managed the budget. Carried out personnel evaluations. Educated North American audiences through writing stories and articles of political and social analysis, and through organizing and leading study tours.*

1989-1991. Co-Coordinator. Center for Youth Protection, San Salvador,

El Salvador. Accompanied Salvadoran colleagues in the development and coordination of efforts to resist the common practice of illegal forced military conscription of poor, often under-aged, men into the Salvadoran armed forces. Advocated for the release of draftees at military offices and bases. Co-led educational programs. Developed an international solidarity network. Wrote a published article on the topic. Served as a resource for international children's rights groups.

1986-1988. Program Director. Holden Village Retreat and Education Center, Chelan, WA. *With staff team, developed and coordinated programming and special projects for a large, progressive ecumenical retreat and educational center in the North Cascade Mountains. Taught workshops. Developed affirmative action programs.*

1986 (Spring and Summer). Curriculum developer, staff trainer and Director of Wilderness Programs. Presbyterian Outdoor Ministries (POM), Presbytery of Seattle, Seattle, Washington. *Co-authored a peace-making curriculum for all POM summer programs. Co-led training for all camp staff. Directed POM Wilderness Programs and prepared a report that evaluated these programs and made recommendations for the future.*

1985-1986. Taxi cab driver, Town Taxi, Boston, MA. *Drove a taxi part-time for sufficient financial support while dedicating significant unpaid time to organizing around urban housing and Central American issues, and to developing outdoor education resources that included a spiritual and social justice focus.*

1982-1985. Associate for Youth and Outdoor Ministries, Massachusetts Conference of the United Church of Christ, Framingham, MA. *Developed and supported a new state-wide network for youth ministry. Directed an annual Camps and Conferences program involving over 200 volunteer staff and over 650 participants. Served as staff liaison to campus ministry programs. Provided on-going resources and training for church programs, church leaders, youth and young adults.*

1980-1982. Community organizer. St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Boston, MA. *Served as a community organizer and youth worker for a bilingual, multi-racial congregation in a neighborhood being impacted by gentrification. Worked primarily on affordable housing efforts and on educational, recreational and jobs programs for neighborhood youth. Co-founded a city-wide network for counseling low-income youth who were considering joining the military.*

1976-1979. Teacher, counselor, and coach. Leysin American School, Leysin, Switzerland. *Taught secondary school courses in social sciences and philosophy. Served as school guidance counselor. Initiated and directed a new program of weekly student discussion groups and special presentations on religion (inter-faith), human sexuality, and social and political issues. Coached boys' and girls' basketball teams. Taught beginner and intermediate ski classes.*

Education

Ph.D. Expected February 2017. Economics. University of Massachusetts at Amherst. (Dissertation defended, conditionally approved, under revision.)

M.A. Economics. University of Massachusetts at Amherst. 2010.

M.Div. Theology and Social Ethics. Harvard Divinity School. 1985.

B.A., Public Policy. Duke University. 1975.

Dissertation

“Towards Sustainable Mountain Communities in El Salvador: A Reassessment of Peasant Livelihood Strategies and Implications for Rural Development and Environmental Policy.”

Committee: James K. Boyce, chair, and Michael Ash, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts; Carmen Diana Deere, Professor Emerita of Economics and Former Director of the Center for Latin American Studies, University of Florida; Elisabeth J. Wood, Department of Political Science, Yale University.

Academic Teaching

Graduate courses, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, Waltham, MA.

- Economics for Development Practitioners.* 2011, 2012.
- Developing Sustainable Rural Communities.* 2010, 2011.
- Threats to Development: Climate Change. Co-teacher with Eric J. Olson. 2012.
- Economic Tools for Environmental Stewardship.* 2010, 2011.
- The Political Economy of Development-Environment Dynamics. 2011.*
- Land Inequality, Struggles, and Reform.* 2010, 2011.
- Monitoring and Evaluation. Coordinator of five-person faculty team. 2011.
- Independent advance study course on smallholder agriculture and sustainable rural development. 2011.

(* indicates a seven-week, half-semester module course)

Undergraduate courses, Wheaton College, Norton, MA.

- Economic Development. 2007, 2005.
- Environmental Economics. 2004 (2x), 2002.

- Women in the U.S. Economy. Co-taught with Brenda Wyss. 2005.

Peer Reviewed Publications

2011. "What Should We Call Instruments Commonly Known As Payments for Environmental Services? A Critical Review of the Literature and a Proposal," in *Ecological Economics Review*, Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences, in collaboration with the U.S. Society for Ecological Economics.

2008. "Seguridad Alimentaria Campesina, Gestión del Riesgo y Desarrollo Rural: Lecciones de El Salvador" ["Peasant Food Security, Risk Management and Rural Development: Lessons from El Salvador"], in *La Nueva Ruralidad en América Latina: Avances Teóricos y Evidencias Empíricas [The New 'Rurality' in Latin America: Theoretical Advances and Empirical Evidence]*, edited by Edelmira Pérez, María Farah, and Hubert de Grammont. Bogotá: Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales (CLACSO) y Editorial Universidad Javeriana. pp. 205-230.

2003. *Natural Assets: Democratizing Environmental Ownership*, co-edited with James K. Boyce. Washington, DC: Island Press.

Other Publications

2012, "Scaling Up: The Scalability Potential of the Development Marketplace 2008 Project 'Value Chain Development for Textile Projects' in Mongolia." In *Mapping the Roads from Development Marketplace Agriculture and Rural Development Projects to Sustainable Practice*, edited by Susan Holcome et al. Washington, DC: World Bank. Available at <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/INTARD/Resources/335807-1338987609349/MongoliaCaseStudy.pdf>.

2010. "Reclaiming the Sabbath as a Vision of Solidarity Economics," in *Solidarity Economy I: Building Alternatives for People and Planet—Papers and Reports from the 2009 U.S. Forum on the Solidarity Economy*, edited by Emily Kawano, Thomas Masterson, and Jonathan Teller-Elsberg. Chicago: Change Maker Publications.

2007. "Awakening to Deep Joy: Commitment and Perseverance in Meaning-Filled Vocations," in *Theology-Vocation-Social Justice*, edited by W. E. Rogers. Greenville, SC: Center for Theological Exploration of Vocation, Furman University, pp. 1-42.

2001. Review of *No Trespassing: Squatting, Rent Strikes and Land Struggles Worldwide*, by Anders Corr, in *Development and Change*, 32:2 (March), pp. 382-383.

1989-1994. Various articles and stories from El Salvador on such topics as

human rights, economic justice, military conscription and conscientious objection, and elections. In non-governmental organization publications.

**Selected
academic
conference
and seminar
presentations**

2005. "The Limits of Payments for Environmental Services as Tools for Rural Development." Economic History and Development Seminar, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts. May 11.

2004. "Food Security, the Campesino Economy, and Rural Development: Lessons from El Salvador." Congress of the Latin American Studies Association (LASA), Las Vegas, Nevada. October 7-9.

2004, 2003, 2002. "Reflections on Vocation and Commitment." Faculty seminar, Lilly Foundation program for the Theological Exploration of Vocation, Furman University, Greenville, SC. Invited 3 consecutive years.

2003. "Seguridad Alimentaria, la Economía Campesina y el Desarrollo Rural: Lecciones desde El Salvador." International Seminar, "El Mundo Rural: Transformaciones y Perspectivas a la Luz de la Nueva Ruralidad," Pontificia Universidad Javeriana, Bogotá, Colombia. October 15-17.

2003. "Building Natural Assets to Reduce Poverty and Protect the Environment in El Salvador: Are There Lessons for Jamaica?" Quarterly faculty seminar, Northern Caribbean University, Mandeville, Jamaica. May 20.

**Other selected
teaching and
speaking
engagements**

2005. "Sabbath Economics: Reclaiming Some Things Old To Make All Things New." Keynote address. Economic Justice Track, Ecumenical Advocacy Days, Arlington, VA. March 11-14.

2004. "Analyzing Economic Globalization." Plenary address. Ecumenical conference on global justice, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico. January 26-29.

2003. "Global Economy – Local Impacts." Forum presentation to executive directors of community-based organizations and workshop for community organizers seeking to incorporate global economic education into local strategizing. Neighborhood Progress, Inc., and Cleveland Neighborhood Development Coalition, Cleveland, OH. August 13-14.

2003. "Economics for Environmental Justice (EJ) Activists." A special course co-taught with Rachel Bouvier for a nation-wide selection of EJ activists assembled with the financial support of the Ford Foundation. Summer Institute, Center for Popular Economics, Northampton, MA. August 3-9.

2003. "Towards Economic Justice at Home and Beyond: Tools for Critical and Creative Economic Thinking." Course taught. Word and World

People's School, Philadelphia, PA. June 7-14.

1994. Study tour to explore economic and environmental issues in the Texas-Mexico border region, Mexico City, the Mexican highlands, and Honduras. Co-leader. Sponsored by the Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, PA. July 9-24.

Since 1986. Numerous economic literacy workshops for social change advocates, sponsored by a variety of faith-based and secular non-profit organizations.

Organization of and facilitation in special working conferences

2003. "International Conference on Natural Assets," Tagaytay City, The Philippines. Sponsored by the Centre for Science and the Environment, New Delhi, India; the Natural Assets Project of the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), University of Massachusetts; and the Ford Foundation. January 7-11.

2002. "Exploring New Tools for Strong, Healthy and Sustainable Communities," Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A conference for environmental justice activists and research allies. Sponsored by the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, Riverside, CA; the Natural Assets Project of the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), University of Massachusetts; and the Ford Foundation. March 2-4.

2001. "National Conference on Natural Assets," Santa Fe, New Mexico. Sponsored by the Natural Assets Project of the Political Economy Research Institute (PERI), University of Massachusetts at Amherst; and the Ford Foundation. January 21-23.

Volunteer experience of note

1999-Present. Staff economist. Center for Popular Economics (CPE), Amherst, MA. *A collective of professional economists providing programs and publications that put useful economics information and tools in the hands of people working for social and economic justice. (Currently inactive.)*

2004-2012. Founding member. Sabbath Economics Collaborative. *A nationwide collective that provides faith-based resources and training for economic justice organizing.*

1982-1986. Elected member. Board of Directors. Tent City Corporation, Boston, MA. *A community development corporation responsible for the construction of a \$35 million mixed-income housing complex.*

Languages

English: Native speaker.

Spanish: Fluent.

References

Available upon request