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Biographical Narrative

I lead the Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) program for Ohio State University Extension in Coshocton County. Coshocton County is in east central Ohio, the western edge of Appalachia, and is primarily rural with one city and a total population of 36,571 (2022 Census data). The population is 96.2% white, with the remaining 3.8% of the population primarily two or more races, Hispanic or Latino, or black. During 2017-2021 median household income was \$49,297, which 20% lower than the Ohio median. According to the 2022 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation County Health Rankings, Coshocton County ranks 76 of 88 counties for Health Factors, things that can be modified to improve the length and quality of life for residents. There are three public school districts and one technical college.

As the FCS Educator for Coshocton County, I am responsible for developing and teaching educational programming that meets the needs of county clientele. I meet regularly with an FCS Advisory Team of community stakeholders to identify and prioritize needs. I also partner with educators in other counties to develop programs that can reach audiences beyond Coshocton County. I am a member of the OSU Extension Food Preservation Team, Food Safety Team, Enology Extension Educator Team, Healthy Finances Team, and East Ohio Women in Agriculture Team. My primary work as an Extension educator falls under three themes: Food Safety and Business, Financial Management, and Healthy Communities.

My specialization theme is **Food Safety and Business** (50%). Because I came to Extension after working for nine years in the food industry, food safety and food entrepreneur topics have been a natural focus for my programming efforts. I am part of the team that created a new training curriculum to meet Ohio Department of Health requirements for Person in Charge food safety certification. Through a grant from USDA NIFA, I am leading a team of Extension professionals to create an online course for food entrepreneurs seeking to launch a successful farm-raised or home-based food business in Ohio. In early 2023 our team presented a series of three "Starting a Food Business" webinars that reached 329 participants. As a member of the North Central Food Safety Education Network Food Entrepreneur subgroup, I have collaborated on regional educational efforts with university food safety specialists. Locally, I teach food safety certification training for food service managers and food handlers, home food preservation classes, and serve as a resource for Farmers Market producers.

Another theme is **Financial Management** (30%) for adults and youth. As an FCS educator, I have worked closely with my FCS Advisory Team to establish financial stability programming with business employees and expand the *Real Money. Real World.* program to include all school districts in the county. I obtained certification as a HUD Housing Counselor as well as Certified Personal and Family Finance Educator through American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences to expand my opportunities with adult financial education. I am a member of the Manage Your Money curriculum development team.

I also focus on programming that addresses **Healthy Communities** (20%). Communities are healthy when individuals and families are physically, mentally, and emotionally well. The latest Community Health Needs Assessment for Coshocton County lists diabetes as a focus for health education. I have offered the Dining with Diabetes program multiple years by forming a close partnership with Coshocton Regional Medical Center and Coshocton Public Health District. I work closely with Coshocton Behavioral Health Choices to co-teach a parent and teen communication class for the Juvenile Court Diversion Program. I have developed and taught programs that help families and individuals increase their capacity for teamwork, improve communication skills, and build professional relationships.

Current Appointments

- January 2023 - Present. Assistant Professor, Untenured Faculty, Percent Time Commitment 100%, Family and Consumer Sciences, The Ohio State University, Ohio State University Extension, Coshocton, Ohio

Academic Appointments

- September 2021 - Present. OSU Extension Educator 4, Administrative and Professional, Percent Time Commitment 100%, Family and Consumer Sciences, The Ohio State University, Ohio State University Extension, Coshocton, Ohio
- July 2018 – September 2021. OSU Extension Educator 3, Administrative and Professional, Percent Time Commitment 100%, Family and Consumer Sciences, The Ohio State University, Ohio State University Extension, Coshocton, Ohio

Degrees

- Master of Science, Food Science and Nutrition, The Ohio State University, December 2003
- Bachelor of Science, Cum Laude, Food Science, The Ohio State University, June 2002

Certifications

- American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, Certified Personal and Family Finance Educator, November 2021 - present
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, HUD Certified Housing Counselor, June 2021 - present
- National Restaurant Association, Certified ServSafe® Instructor and Registered ServSafe® Examination Proctor, December 2018 - present

Brief description of approach to and goals in teaching and student mentoring, major accomplishments, plans for the future in teaching and student mentoring

Approach to and Goals in Teaching

As a primarily adult educator, I am a firm believer in peer learning and peer teaching. I will often share with class or workshop participants that their combined knowledge about a topic will likely exceed mine. They will learn more when they share their experiences and listen to the experiences of their peers. The challenge in my role is to make certain that I share current best practices or research-based information in a non-threatening manner should it conflict with anything shared by participants. I base my teaching approach on the size and response of the classes that I teach. I am often a conversational-style teacher asking reflective questions and encouraging small group discussion. This style is similar to the educational approach that Gordon Wells and colleagues at University of Toronto identified as dialogic inquiry (2001). This framework focuses on creating conditions that promote sustained student engagement and a willingness to engage in discourse that aims at increasing understanding.

My area of expertise is the intersection of food safety with food regulations including Cottage Food Law and food labeling. Small food businesses, especially those that are home-based or farm-based, are ways to increase income for individuals and families. It can be challenging to navigate the many nuances of rules and laws and various entities that regulate these. I developed and distributed a resources sheet for ANR and FCS educators statewide to guide them on questions they may receive locally about food licensing and processing and have provided regular updates during professional development in-services.

Presentations

National

1. Marrison, D., Marrison, E., Hoffman, A. (2023). Scholarly presentation. *Building Ag Awareness & Community Traditions Through a Fall Foliage and Farm Tour*. Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference, National Association of County Agricultural Agents. Lecture will be conducted in Des Moines, IA in August 2023.
2. Shumaker, K., Barlage, L., Gallup, S., Halladay, L., Heer, C., Hill, M., Kendle, C., Marrison, E., Meehan, A., Rupp, M., Williams, T. (2023). Scholarly presentation. *Anchoring New Programs Using Your Existing Resources*. National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Annual Session. Lecture will be conducted in Providence, RI in September 2023.

List of creative works pertinent to your professional focus

Radio and Television

1. (2023). *OSU Extension Healthy Living Weekly Update* [Radio broadcast/ recording]. (25 recordings aired) Distributed By: WTNS Radio 99.3 FM. Medium: Radio
2. (2023). *WTNS Communication Lines: Financial Literacy in Coshocton County* [Radio broadcast/ recording]. Distributed By: WTNS Radio 99.3 FM. Medium: Radio
3. (2023). *WTNS Communication Lines: Food Preservation and Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate?* [Radio broadcast/ recording]. Distributed By: WTNS Radio 99.3 FM. Medium: Radio

Other Creative Works

1. Marrison, E.G. (2023). *Personal Column in Coshocton Tribune Newspaper* [Weekly 600-word personal column]. Coshocton, OH, Coshocton Tribune Newspaper. Start date: 2023-1-1, End date: 2023-7-23, Ed.: 29 columns published in 2023, Medium: Daily Newspaper
2. Marrison, E.G. (2023). *Healthy Relationships Column in Coshocton Beacon Newspaper* [600-word column published bimonthly]. Coshocton County Beacon. Start date: 2023-1-19, End date: 2023-7-20, Ed.: 3 healthy relationships columns published in 2023, Medium: Weekly Newspaper
3. Marrison, E.; Strickler, J.; Hoffman, A. (2023). *2023 Coshocton County Extension Monthly Highlights* [Informational Sheet]. Coshocton, OH, United States: Coshocton County Extension. Start date: 2023-2-5, End date: 2023-7-10, Sponsors: OSU Extension

3) Brief Description of the Focus of the Candidate's Research or Creative Work, Major Accomplishments, and Plans for the Future, including Works in Progress

Focus of the Candidate's Research, Scholarly, or Creative Work

Though my primary focus as an Extension Educator is to serve the healthy living educational needs of Coshocton County citizens, I also strive to contribute to the professional development and outreach education efforts of others in this profession. That includes creating resources that can be used by clientele beyond Coshocton County.

Plans for the Future

My plans for the future are to expand resources for Food Entrepreneurs, especially those seeking information about safely and legally selling Cottage Foods in Ohio. I have been working closely with Peggy Hall, Director, OSU Agricultural & Resource Law Program and now with Nicole Arnold, Food Safety Field Specialist, to develop resources. I will continue to be an active member of the North Central Region Food Safety Extension Network Food Entrepreneur Team with food safety and entrepreneur specialists from land-grant universities throughout the midwestern US.

Research Funding

In the area of Food Safety and Business, I have collaborated closely with educators and faculty within OSU Extension to further understand the needs of food entrepreneurs in Ohio. A recently awarded grant from North Central Extension Risk Management Education (USDA NIFA funds) is allowing our team to create an online course for food entrepreneurs wanting to start food businesses in Ohio.

Funded Research, including Contracts and Clinical Trials, on Which the Candidate is or has been the Co-Investigator

1. 4/2023 – 9/2024. Launching a Successful Farm-Raised or Home-Based Food Business in Ohio. North Central Extension Risk Management. (USD 37,665 Total Award)
PI: Marrison, Emily
Co-I: Hall, Peggy; Arnold, Nicole; Ruff, Garth

Percent Authorship: 35%, Description of Effort: I lead the project to coordinate the development of 10 modules for an asynchronous online course.

List of Prizes and Awards for Research or Creative Activity

- 2023. Communicator Award, First Place Education Piece – Team, Ohio Chapter National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals, The Ohio State University.

Service and Engagement

At the national level, I am serving as the chair-elect for the Awards and Recognition Ceremony Committee, which plans and conducts the recognition banquet at the annual session.

On the state level, I was selected by my peers to serve on the CFAES Faculty Advisory Council. I am serving as the Ohio affiliate NEAFCS President this year and will be a voting delegate representing Ohio at the Annual Session. As a JCEP member, I am part of the Scholarship, Awards and Recognition Committee and am serving as a planning member for this year's recognition banquet.

Locally I have been an active and contributing member of Kno-Ho-Co-Ashland Community Action Board of Control (Treasurer), Ohio Means Jobs Advisory Committee, and Family and Children First Council. One of my stewardship responsibilities is government relations. Coshocton County is funded locally through a tax levy rather than through the County Commissioner budget. My responsibilities include securing a specific volunteer committee to run the campaign and serving as a resource person for their efforts.