

# Agriculture and Nutrition Global Learning and Evidence Exchange (AgN-GLEE)

## Strengthened and Sustainable Linkages among Agriculture, Economic Growth, and Nutrition in Asia

### *Speaker Biographies*

*(Listed alphabetically by last name)*

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#### **Gerard Barry, Global Product Coordinator International Rice Research Institute**

Dr. Gerard Barry joined the International Rice Research Institute ([www.irri.org](http://www.irri.org)) in November 2003 as the Coordinator of the Golden Rice Network ([www.irri.org/goldenrice](http://www.irri.org/goldenrice)), and is also the HarvestPlus Rice Crop Team Leader ([www.harvestplus.org](http://www.harvestplus.org)). In addition, Gerard serves as the Global Product Coordinator for the Global Rice Science Partnership (GRiSP) "Healthier Rice Varieties" products ([www.grisp.net/main/summary](http://www.grisp.net/main/summary)). Prior to joining IRRI, Dr. Barry spent more than 20 years with Monsanto Company in St. Louis, USA, where he had various responsibilities, including co-head of the Rice Business Team, head of the Rice Genome and Rice Genomics projects, and Director of Research for developing country research cooperation. He received B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees from University College, Cork, Ireland, and his Ph.D. from Columbia University in New York, and he was formerly Charge de Recherche at the Institut Pasteur in Paris. Dr. Barry is co-inventor on 20 patents and co-author of more than 50 research articles.

#### **Luke Colavito, Nepal Country Director International Development Enterprises (iDE)**

Luke Colavito is the Nepal Country Director for International Development Enterprises (iDE). He has more than 25 years of experience working on development in South Asia. In Nepal, he has led implementation of many USAID-funded projects including the \$9 million Smallholder Irrigation Market Initiative (2003-2009). Dr. Colavito is currently the Team Leader for the USAID Initiative for Climate Change Adaptation project (ICCA, 2012-17) under USAID's DGP program. Through this program, he is building the capacity of national NGOs for climate change adaptive technologies including approaches for agricultural development and community forestry related income opportunities. He is also managing the Nepal sites for the USAID IPM CRSP and Hort CRSP projects under Feed the Future. Dr. Colavito has experience managing nutrition and health training programs linked to agricultural development, including for the SIMI project which had a nutrition and health training program for over 15,000 households. Dr. Colavito has a doctorate in agriculture and applied economics from Virginia Tech.

#### **Jay Daniliuk, Private Sector Advisor US Agency for International Development - Bureau for Food Security**

Jay Daniliuk is a Private Sector Advisor in the Office of Markets, Partnerships & Innovations (MPI) in the Bureau for Food Security at the U.S. Agency for International Development. His work focuses on leveraging the private sector in agricultural development, with a specific interest in linking agriculture and nutrition. Before joining USAID, Jay worked for the International Monetary Fund advising on operational risk management. Jay's private sector experience includes two years at a global risk consulting firm and five years in the New York advertising industry where he consulted with several

Fortune 500 corporations on marketing and brand strategy, product development, and global market analysis. He also served in the Peace Corps in Togo, West Africa, as a Small Business Development Volunteer from 2004 to 2006. Jay received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the University of Iowa and a Master of Science from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service. He currently resides in Washington, D.C.

**Heather Danton, AgN-GLEE Coordinator**

**Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)**

Heather Danton has over 20 years of experience in the area of food security and livelihoods and is a specialist in the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of programs which integrate economic and agricultural development with nutrition. She has been working with a great team of professionals to coordinate all aspects of the AgN-GLEE for the SPRING Project since September 2012. Prior to that, Heather worked as a Technical Advisor and, then, Senior Director of Food Security and Livelihoods for Save the Children Federation Inc. in Washington, DC where she oversaw and ensured quality implementation of Save the Children's entire food security portfolio, including its USAID/Food for Peace-funded Title II programs in 10 countries. In addition to working internationally, Heather served as Vice President for SEED Corporation, a non-profit Certified Development Company in Massachusetts, doing small business lending and entrepreneurial training in association with the U.S. Small Business Administration. Heather holds a Master of Science degree in Agriculture from Cornell University and a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Stanford University.

**Lidan Du, Landscape Analysis Research Lead**

**Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)**

Lidan Du leads the Landscape Analysis effort for AgN-GLEE. Lidan has over ten years of experience in nutrition and public health research and programs. She was the Nutrition Specialist on the USAID funded A2Z project and a Research Associate at Rutgers University where she taught graduate courses and designed, delivered and evaluated community nutrition education curricula and projects targeting low-income immigrant population. Prior to that, she worked as a consultant for UNICEF and the World Bank. Earlier in her career, she also worked in malaria research and ventured the private sector. Lidan holds a PhD in International Nutrition from Cornell University, a Master of Science degree in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition from Tufts University and a Bachelor of Science in Preventive Medicine from her native country, China.

**Rebecca Egan**

**US Agency for International Development - Bureau for Global Health**

Rebecca Egan is a nutrition technical advisor for USAID in the Bureau for Global Health. She provides broad expertise in food security and nutrition programming as well as monitoring and evaluation of USAID programs to support the achievement of objectives put forth under the US Government's Feed the Future and the Global Health Initiatives. Rebecca also leads the technical assistance for 2 of USAID's nutrition projects: the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) and the Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project (FANTA). Prior to coming to USAID, Rebecca worked for the William J Clinton Health Access Initiative as a Nutrition Program Manager supporting nutrition programs in over 15 countries. Rebecca holds an MS from the Tufts Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

**Luis Guzman, Feed the Future Team Leader**  
**US Agency for International Development - Nepal**

Luis practiced law for eight years with both the USG and the private sector. Luis has worked with USAID for the past four years on projects involving food security, disaster preparedness, and sustainable tourism among others. He previously served in Nicaragua, currently serves as the Nepal Mission's Feed the Future Team Leader, and will be transferring to the Kosovo Mission this summer.

**Jody Harris, Research Analyst**  
**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**

Jody Harris is a public health nutritionist specializing in nutrition and food security for development, and particularly the links between agriculture, nutrition and health in programs and policy. Jody has worked in various countries in Africa and Asia in her career with different NGOs and research organizations, and is currently a research analyst at the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington DC, and a member of the Leverhulme Centre for Integrative Research on Agriculture and Health in London.

**Melissa Ho, Senior Policy Advisor**  
**US Agency for International Development - Bureau for Food Security**

Melissa D. Ho is a Senior Policy Advisor with USAID working with the Feed the Future initiative. While at USAID, she has worked extensively on developing the G8 New Alliance initiative during the U.S. Presidency of the G8 in 2012, as well as the transition and expansion of the New Alliance to the UK under their G8 Presidency in 2013. Melissa is also working with a host of others to better integrate cross-cutting themes of nutrition, gender, natural resource management and resilience into the Feed the Future strategy. Previously, she worked for the Congressional Research Service (CRS) as the primary policy analyst covering issues related to international agricultural development, global food security, agricultural trade, climate adaptation, and agricultural research, education and extension for the U.S. Congress. Before that, Melissa was a Program Officer in Agricultural Development at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation where she developed and managed the agricultural water management portfolio of grants, in addition to projects related to agricultural data, statistics, and capacity building. Previously, she served as the Agricultural Policy Advisor for Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton. Melissa has a Ph.D. in Plant Physiology from Penn State University, an M.Sc. in Soil Science from the University of California, Davis, and a B.Sc. in Environmental Systems from Cornell University.

**Lakshmi Iyer, Lead**  
**Digital Green**

After working for the USDA with the Cochran Fellowship Program, Lakshmi moved to India to design development focused programs with an organization called Indicorps. While at Indicorps, Lakshmi established the Grassroots Development Laboratory, aiming to design scalable, low-cost solutions in an incubator-type, village space in rural Rajasthan. After realizing that agricultural development was where she would be most productive and effective, Lakshmi moved back to the USA and obtained an MPS from Cornell University in International Agriculture and Rural Development. By collaborating with Catholic Relief Services in Kenya, Lakshmi and a few of her peers at Cornell designed and implemented farmer training materials, focusing on group management, financial management, marketing, and innovative practices. She most recently worked for CNFA in Washington, DC focusing on large-scale, value-chain focused agriculture projects in the countries Georgia and Kosovo. Currently, Lakshmi resides in Delhi, India and works for Digital Green. She is Digital Green's lead on their strategy and innovations work.

**Joan M. Jennings, Senior Specialist Nutrition**

**Technical and Operational Performance Support (TOPS) Project - Save the Children**

An expert in maternal and child health and nutrition, Joan leads the nutrition and food technology activities within the TOPS Program. She has 15 years of experience providing consulting services for many USAID-funded food security and child survival programs and has extensive experience working with state-of-the-art nutrition protection and behavior change strategies for improved infant and young child feeding practices. Her skill set also includes quantitative and qualitative evaluation, formative investigation, proposal development and strategic planning. She has worked in 15 countries throughout all development program regions. In between periods of consulting, she was the team leader for children's health with CARE USA. She initiated her work in development as a Health and Nutrition Manager for Save the Children in Nicaragua. She holds a Master of Public Health degree from Tulane University and received an internship with the United Nations ACC/Sub-Committee on Nutrition, editing a review of the elements of success among large-scale nutrition programs in 10 countries.

**Andrew Jones, Research Associate**

**Division of Nutritional Sciences - Cornell University**

Andy is a researcher, educator and filmmaker with ten years' experience working in the fields of global nutrition and rural development in Central and South Asia, sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America. He currently conducts research in India and Zimbabwe centered on understanding how physical environments, especially agricultural and water systems, influence the capacity of households to improve behaviors critical to supporting the proper growth of young children—namely, child feeding practices and hygiene behaviors. Andy has also worked as a consultant for the World Bank, UNICEF, the International Food Policy Research Institute, the McKnight Foundation, and various non-governmental organizations. He holds a PhD from Cornell University in International Nutrition and BA degrees from The Pennsylvania State University in Film and Geography.

**Nazmul Kalam, Manager-Commodity & MIS**

**Nobo Jibon Program**

Nazmul Kalam is a Bangladeshi national and graduated in Statistics from the University of Dhaka. He has over 13 years of working experience in national and multi-national organizations both in Bangladesh and abroad. He joined Save the Children in the year 2005 as Deputy Manager Management Information Services (MIS) for its first Title II food security program funded by USAID. He is currently working as Manager Commodities & MIS for Save the Children, which is in its second phase of the food security program. His tenure in SC demonstrated a successful contribution in the field of information management for large and complex development programming. Before joining SC, Nazmul was employed in an US origin telecommunication company in Afghanistan (AWCC) for over 3 years as its Performance Analyst. His professional track record covers data mining, automation, software coding, system designing, implementation and managing of large teams.

**Hari Koirala, Senior Nutrition Specialist**

**US Agency for International Development - Nepal**

Hari has worked in USAID/Nepal's Health Office for ten years and manages nutrition programs including Suaahara (Integrated Nutrition Program). He provides technical, programmatic, and administrative support and inputs and serves as the Health Office Point of Contact for Feed the Future program in Nepal. Hari's responsibilities also include monitoring and evaluation of nutrition projects and coordinating with the government of Nepal, donors and stakeholders in the area of nutrition.

**Hazel Malapit, Research Coordinator**  
**International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)**

Hazel Malapit is the Research Coordinator for the Women's Empowerment in Agriculture Index at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). She provides technical assistance on the implementation of the index through the WEAI Resource Center, and conducts research on women's empowerment and gender equality. Before joining IFPRI, she was a researcher at the World Bank's Gender and Development unit, working on gender and labor market issues. She received her MA in Economics from the University of the Philippines, and her PhD in Economics from American University. She also held the Herman Postdoctoral Fellowship in Gender and Economics at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor in 2009-2010.

**Mike Manske, Nutrition and Food Security Advisor**  
**US Agency for International Development - Office of Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition**

Mike Manske is a Nutrition and Food Security Advisor in the Nutrition Division of the Office of Health, Infectious Disease and Nutrition. In that role, Michael provides broad expertise in food security, nutrition programming, nutrition in emergencies, food/nutrition interactions with HIV and other infectious diseases, and monitoring and evaluation of these programs toward achieving the overall operational objectives of USAID. Prior to this he was Deputy Country Director, Programs for Save the Children in Bamako, Mali and performed various nutrition, food security and child health technical roles for Action Against Hunger, Save the Children and Counterpart International in Africa and Washington, DC. He has a Master's of Public Health Degree from Tulane University.

**Regina Moench-Pfanner, Senior Director**  
**Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN)**

Dr. Regina Moench-Pfanner has more than 25 years of experience in the field of international nutrition. She is a Fulbright Scholar and holds a Masters' of Science from Michigan State University, USA and a Doctorate from the University of Bonn, Germany. Throughout her career, she has focused on nutrition and health programming and evaluation with specific attention to adequate nutrition and micronutrients in the context of poverty and economic crises. She spent the first half of her career in the emergency field and has led, as Country Director, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent's major relief operations in Africa and Eastern Europe. She has also provided technical nutrition expertise to organizations working with refugees, internally displaced people, and vulnerable populations (among others WHO, WFP, UNHCR, Swiss Development Corporation). Dr. Moench-Pfanner then moved on to the development field where she managed and implemented a number of multi-million dollar programs as Regional Coordinator for Asia Pacific (Helen Keller International), before joining the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) in 2005. As Senior Director, she has led GAIN's Nutrition programs for several years before she was recently appointed to serve as the Director for GAIN's newly established office in Singapore. Her working and living experiences span from Africa, Middle East, South America, Europe and Asia.

**Anu Narayan, Deputy Director**  
**Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)**

Anu Narayan has over 14 years of experience working with NGOs and academia on nutrition and food security in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Her areas of expertise include: management, strategic planning, program design, capacity building and partnership development. One of her strengths is utilizing strategic partnerships and local capacity building to address gaps in regional nutrition environments. Prior to joining SPRING, Ms. Narayan was Helen Keller International's Deputy Regional Director for Africa, where she oversaw a broad program portfolio in nutrition, neglected tropical

diseases, and eye health strategies. She has solid technical knowledge of infant and young child feeding, micronutrients, women's nutrition, and HIV, as well as experience working on gender-sensitive agricultural and food security programs.

**John Nicholson, Knowledge Management/Communities Manager  
Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)**

John Nicholson has served as a communications and knowledge management specialist with John Snow, Inc. (JSI) for over six years. For the past three years, John has been an integral member of USAID's flagship HIV knowledge management project, AIDSTAR-One, overseeing the initial development of the project's knowledge management strategy and online platform. Prior to joining AIDSTAR-One, he supported 11 field offices working to improve injection safety and health care waste management practices in Africa and the Caribbean. He holds a MA in Health Communication from Johns Hopkins University, with a focus on behavior change communication theory and evaluation. John also served as an agriculture extension volunteer in Bolivia, working with small scale farmers and a women's group to improve household food production and nutrition in a rural indigenous community.

**James Oehmke, Senior Food Security and Nutrition Advisor  
US Agency for International Development - Bureau for Food Security**

James F. Oehmke is Senior Food Security and Nutrition Advisor for USAID, working with the BFS policy team. His responsibilities include helping develop and implement the BFS Policy Plan, and coordinating impact assessments of USAID investments in African agriculture as a joint BFS-AFR activity, among others. Previously, James served 25 years at Michigan State University, where he remains Professor Emeritus of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics. From May 2009 to June 2010 he was a Visiting Professor at the Yale University School of Medicine. He was Chief Executive Officer from July 2007 to September 2008 of the George Morris Centre, Canada's leading agricultural think tank. James has over 100 scholarly publications that have been cited over 800 times, including over 300 citations in the past five years. His areas of interest include food and nutrition policy analysis, economic impacts of food, agriculture, nutrition and health programs; evidence based programming; and program evaluation. James has a B.A. in Mathematics and Economics from Yale University and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Chicago.

**David Paprocki, Technical Advisor - Capacity Building  
Deliver Project, JSI**

David has been with the DELIVER Project in Washington DC since 2008, advising and developing/delivering training courses to Ministry of Health and medical staff in the US, South and East Asia as well as multiple countries across Africa. His trainings have covered topics such as supply chain management, organizational strengthening, team building, facilitation skills, supportive supervision, and water and sanitation for HIV/AIDS (WASH), among others. He also co-manages a community-of-practice for public health logisticians with 1,700 members across about 100 countries. Before coming to DC, he spent several years working on an organic farm in rural Illinois, where he also hosted a weekly radio program and taught college classes on developing world issues. Previous to that, he worked for United Nations Development Program (UNDP) in Rwanda, helping to re-establish the country's educational institutions that were destroyed in the genocide. Throughout his career, he has focused on building educational programs and institutions across the developing world.

**Sandra Remancus, Project Director**

**The Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project III (FANTA III), FHI 360**

Sandra Remancus has more than 20 years of experience related to maternal and child health and nutrition; food security; HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and support; and reproductive health. She has worked on the FANTA Project for the last 11 years, first as a Maternal and Child Health and Nutrition Specialist and now as the Project Director. Sandra previously worked in West Africa with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau for Population, Refugees and Migration and USAID's Family Health and AIDS Project. She also worked as a Food Program Specialist with the USDA's Food and Nutrition Service and was a Peace Corps Fisheries Volunteer in the Democratic Republic of Congo. She has a master's degree from the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy.

**Anne Swindale, Senior Program Advisor - M&E**

**US Agency for International Development - Bureau for Food Security**

Anne Swindale, Senior Program Advisor – Monitoring and Evaluation in USAID's Bureau for Food Security, is an economist with 25 years of experience in project management, research, and technical assistance in agriculture, food security, and nutrition strategy and program assessment, design, monitoring, and evaluation. For 13 years, she was Deputy then Director of the USAID-funded Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project (FANTA). She worked for the Consultative Group for International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) International Potato Center in Peru and the Dominican Republic. She has a PhD from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University with a specialization in development economics and food, nutrition, and agricultural policies. She is fluent in Spanish.

**Shakuntala Thilsted, Senior Nutrition Advisor**

**WorldFish**

Shakuntala Haraksingh Thilsted is presently senior nutrition adviser at WorldFish, one of the 15 international research centres in the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) ([www.cgiar.org](http://www.cgiar.org)). Her broad area of research and expertise is food-based strategies for improved food and nutrition security in low-income countries. She has carried out work in Bangladesh, Cambodia, West Bengal and Nepal, together with government institutions, universities and NGOs, focusing on the potential of nutrient-rich small fish in combating and preventing vitamin and mineral deficiencies, in particular, vitamin A, iron, zinc and calcium, especially in women and children. At WorldFish, she is developing partnerships and conducting research activities and interventions in Aquaculture/Agriculture - Nutrition Linkages, in relation to the CGIAR Research Programs, in particular, "Aquatic Agricultural Systems"; "Livestock & Fish"; and "Agriculture for Improved Nutrition and Health". She is a member of the Technical Advisory Committee, Nutrition Collaborative Research Support Programme (CRSP), funded by Feed the Future, USAID; the HarvestPlus China Advisory Committee; and the Board of Directors of Aquaculture without Frontiers.

**Patrick Webb, Program Director**

**US Agency for International Development - Nutrition Collaborative Support Research Program**

Patrick Webb is Dean for Academic Affairs at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University in Boston. He is currently Program Director for USAID's Nutrition Collaborative Support Research Program – Asia, as well as Principal Investigator for the Food Aid Quality Review supported by the Office of Food for Peace. Until 2005, he worked for the United Nations World Food Programme in Rome as Chief of Nutrition. During that time he was part of the MDG Hunger Task Force reporting to Secretary General Kofi Annan. Earlier, Dr. Webb spent 9 years with the International Food Policy Research Institute, living in Ethiopia, Niger, and The Gambia, working on food and agriculture policies

and nutrition interventions. He currently researches the design of food security interventions, national policies supportive of agriculture, and food aid formulation and policy issues.

**Elizabeth Isimhen Williams, Country Manager**

**Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)**

Elizabeth Isimhen Williams works with Helen Keller International as Country Manager for the SPRING project in Bangladesh. She started her career working in adolescent reproductive health in 1994. In addition to Bangladesh, she has worked with national and international non-governmental organizations and U.S. government agencies in Nigeria, Guyana and Mozambique where she worked as Country Coordinator for PEPFAR. She has published research papers in international journals on social determinants of health and the impact of health factors on economic efficiency. She serves as a peer reviewer for a number of international journals and conferences including for the food and nutrition theme of the American Public Health Association annual meetings.

**Antonia Wolff, Knowledge Management Advisor**

**Strengthening Partnerships, Results and Innovations in Nutrition Globally (SPRING)**

Antonia Wolff has over 15 years of experience developing knowledge management and communication strategies for USAID-funded projects and development partners. Antonia's areas of expertise include designing KM/ communication strategies and providing technical guidance for a variety of communication and advocacy interventions around nutrition, maternal and child health, HIV/AIDs, water and sanitation, food security and gender-based violence. Antonia's strengths include editing, designing and producing communication and research materials, such as technical and policy briefs, case studies, best practices, etc. Antonia has worked throughout Africa, including Zambia, Zimbabwe, Kenya, Burkina Faso, Tanzania, and has Peace Corps experience in Senegal.

**David Yanggen, Deputy Director**

**US Agency for International Development - Office of Economic Growth**

David Yanggen has a Doctorate in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University and as well as a Master's Degree in International Development Studies from the Institute Universitaire d'Etudes du Développement at the University of Geneva. He is currently the Deputy Director of the Office of Economic Growth in charge of the Feed the Future agricultural portfolio at USAID/Bangladesh. Before coming to USAID, he worked for eight years as a researcher on agriculture, environment and human health issues at two (CGIAR) International Agricultural Research Centers: The International Center for Research on Agroforestry (ICRAF) and the International Potato Center (CIP). During this time he worked for three years as a researcher on the Gates Foundation funded Harvest Plus biofortification program and conducted health and economic impact assessment as well as analysis of adoption trends of high Vitamin A orange flesh sweet potato. He also worked for three and a half years on the USAID funded Food Security Project as a policy researcher at Michigan State University. He started his career in international development as an agricultural Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali, West Africa.

**Michael Yates, Mission Director**

**US Agency for International Development - Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA)**

Dr. Michael Yates became the new mission director for USAID's Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) in Bangkok in May 2011. In this capacity, he oversees regional programs in health, environment, economic growth and governance in South and Southeast Asia, as well as USAID's other development assistance programs in China, Burma, Laos, Papua New Guinea and Thailand. Mike joined USAID in 1987 and is a Career Minister in the U.S. Government Foreign Service. Prior to assuming his position at USAID/RDMA he was the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Economic



Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT). He has previously served as Mission Director in Afghanistan (2008-09), Bolivia (2005-08) and the Philippines (2002-05). Prior to joining USAID he spent six years in Haiti and carried out field research in rural Paraguay. He holds a Ph.D. in anthropology from Columbia University, New York.

**Jim Yazman, Livestock Sciences Specialist**

**US Agency for International Development - Bureau of Food Security**

Dr. Jim Yazman joined the US Agency for International Development in 2004 after 25 years at Winrock International, an Arkansas-based private voluntary organization. While at Winrock he served as livestock specialist providing support to livestock and dairy research and development projects in some 45 countries. From 1985 through 1989, as a member of the team implementing the USAID-funded Nepal Agricultural Research and Production Project he assisted the development of the Dairy and Livestock Research Center at the Nepal Agricultural Research Center, training staff and assisting Center scientists and counterparts from the Ministry of Livestock Services with on-farm research and extension demonstration program design in Nepal's Midhill and Terai regions. From 1992 through 1995 he led the Bolivia Highlands Research Program, a component of the USAID Small Ruminant Collaborative Research Support Program (SR-CRSP), heading a team of US and Bolivian researchers working at two Altiplano research sites. At USAID he serves as livestock sciences specialist in the Bureau of Food Security, Office of Country Support and Implementation. His duties include design of new livestock and dairy development investments in Feed the Future countries and technical backstopping on USAID Bureau- and Mission-level implementation teams.

**Shannon Young, Nutrition Lead Advisor**

**US Agency for International Development - Bangladesh**

Shannon Young joined USAID in May 2011 as a population, health, and nutrition officer. At USAID/Bangladesh she serves as the nutrition lead for both the Global Health Initiative and Feed the Future, in addition to managing a project on increasing access to long acting and permanent family planning methods through the private sector. Her specialties include monitoring and evaluation and mixed methods research, and she has a background in social marketing, water and sanitation, and health systems strengthening. Prior to her work with USAID, Shannon worked for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) where she managed program performance and evaluation for three of the agency's centers, as well as conducted research on the sustainability of CDC's global health system strengthening interventions. Shannon has also led formative evaluations and effectiveness studies on community health worker programs targeting non-communicable disease, authored papers on social marketing and brand equity, authored congressional briefs on priority global public health policy issues, and implemented surveys investigating the effectiveness of domestic and international social marketing interventions.