

THOMAS L. NORDBLOM Mini-RESUMÉ-05 Sept 2025

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QUALIFICATIONS

PhD (1982) following **MSc** (1972) in Agricultural & Resource Economics, Oregon State University, Corvallis, Oregon 97331, USA. **BSc** (1969) 'Honors' in Agricultural Management, California State Polytechnic University (Cal Poly), San Luis Obispo 93407, California, USA.

CAREER OVERVIEW (most recent first)

- + **Adjunct Associate Professor**, Gulbali Institute, formerly Graham Centre, (Charles Sturt Uni, Wagga Wagga, NSW) 2014-Present. Teaching roles: marking and guest lectures. Publishing collaborative economic research on innovations in plant science: viticulture, cotton, rainfed rotations of cereals, legumes, canola and pastures, integrated with livestock management.
- + **Principal Economist (2011 – March 2016)**, Economic Analysis; Strategy & Policy Branch, NSW Department of Primary Industries (DPI). Concurrently (from 2003), Senior Research Scientist.
- + **Research Economist (2007 – 2011)**, Program Economist, NSW DPI. Adjunct Senior Lecturer, Graham Centre. Principal Investigator on the A\$440K project "Developing Environmental Service Policy for Salinity and Water" supported by RIRDC, Future Farm Industries CRC.
- + **Research Economist (April 2002 – 2007)**, (temporary contracts). NSW Agriculture, Senior Research Scientist classification by NSW Public Service Commission since 2003.
- + **Senior Research Fellow, (Oct 1998 - April 2002)** CRC for Australian Weed Management, School of Agriculture, Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga. Economics of reduced herbicide use on wild oats in wheat and of increased releases of bio-control agents against Paterson's curse.

- + **As a new PhD in 1981** I was fortunate to gain a post with the **International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA), at Aleppo, Syria (1981-1998)**, when that beautiful country was at peace. I took the challenge of an international job offered in the Farming Systems Program at ICARDA's Head Office in Aleppo. ICARDA focussed on dryland cropping and pastures dealing with wheat, barley, chickpea, lentil and faba bean in their West Asia/North Africa centers of origin; managing plant, insect and pathogen pests of these; and the collection and preservation of their diverse wild and cultivated germplasm for plant breeding internationally. **At ICARDA** over 17 years, I served variously as Ag & Resource Economist and Research Project Manager, under a succession of banners in the 'Farming Systems', 'Pasture, Forage and Livestock' and 'Natural Resource Management' research Programs. Our focus countries were in four regions: the Nile Valley, West Asia, North Africa, and later Central Asia. We coordinated this coverage with our regional offices in Cairo, Amman, Rabat and Tashkent. **At ICARDA** I gained experience in collaboration on agricultural problems identified with the various national research institutes in each region, as locals teamed up with subject-area technical experts. **At ICARDA**, I supervised the field research of 10 PhD, 10 MSc students and five Post-Doctoral Fellows from ten countries. I led the organisation of 12 international workshops, authored 108 publications, and was a partner in writing approximately A\$13M in external research grants. I was awarded sabbatical leave from ICARDA (1989-90) to the University of New England, Armidale, NSW. This was a wonderful introduction to Australia for me and my family. We returned to ICARDA for eight more years before getting back to Australia to work and live in 1998.

- + **Between my MSc (1972) and PhD (1982) degrees**, I served in the US Peace Corps in 1972 & 1973, attached to the Provincial Department of Agriculture at Buea, West Cameroon (West Africa), followed by local overland transport in 1974 from Nigeria to Ivory Coast, West Africa, the Sahel (Mali and Niger) the Sahara and North Africa (Tunisia, Algeria and Morocco). This was followed by research work in 1974-75 for the University of Nevada, Reno, on the economics of rural physician practices and rural hospitals; followed by PhD studies in Agricultural and Resource Economics at Oregon State University (1975-1981). Fun things: Fishing, Flying: FAA Private Pilot (1968), Commercial Pilot (1971), Single Engine-Land, (550 hours).

Find documentation on all the above at: Thomas L NORDBLOM full record 05 Sept 2025