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M.S. in Extension Education, University of the Philippines Los Baños

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**Key Qualifications**

Prof. Suvedi teaches research methods and program evaluation at Michigan State University. He has evaluated several agricultural development, food security, and rural development projects. He served as Fulbright Senior Specialist to Nepal and Cambodia where he offered training on research methods and evaluation of agriculture and natural resources programs. He has conducted evaluation workshops to agriculture development professionals in Cambodia, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, India, and Nepal. He evaluated the impact of USAID's Feed the Future project in Cambodia and facilitated the development of Cambodia’s agriculture extension policy and its implementation plan. He has an on‐going action research on off‐season vegetable production for food and nutrition security in Nepal. He provided leadership in strengthening linkages between agriculture research and agriculture extension in Malawi thru USAID/Feed the Future funding. In 2019 he received the Fulbright Regional Research Scholar grant for South and Central Asia Region (India, Nepal and Sri Lanka) where he assessed core competencies for agricultural extension professionals. Currently, he leads a research project, Strengthening Agricultural Extension Training in Africa—Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa and Uganda, with funding from Partnership for Innovative Research in Africa.

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY/WORK EXPERIENCE**

2013 ‐ present: Visiting Professor, Tokyo University of Agriculture, Japan

2005 ‐ present: Professor, Department of Community Sustainability, Michigan State University

2007 – 2017 (Feb): Professor and Senior Associate to the Dean, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources

2001 ‐ 2004: Assistant Dean, International Studies and Programs, Michigan State University

1994 ‐ 2004: Assoc. Professor, Michigan State University

1992 ‐ 1994: Assistant Professor, Agricultural and Extension Education, Michigan State University

1990 ‐ 1992: Extension Specialist, Agricultural and Extension Education, Michigan State University

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

* Program Evaluation in Agriculture and Natural Resources (graduate level) 2008 to present
* Program Planning and Evaluation (undergraduate level) 2004 to 2017
* Advanced Educational Research in Agriculture & Natural Resources (graduate level) 1999‐2003
* Research methods in agricultural and extension education (graduate level) 1993‐2001
* Survey research methods (undergraduate level) 1999
* Directed MSU's Multidisciplinary Study Abroad in Nepal 1997‐2001, Thailand 2003‐2010

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