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Education

Ph.D. Agricultural Economics	University of Georgia Athens, GA. USA
M.S. Agricultural Economics	University of Georgia Athens, GA. USA
B.A. Economics	The Pennsylvania State University University Park, PA. USA

Languages: English – native speaker
French – working knowledge

Professional Experience

Employment

August 2007 to present – Associate Professor of Economics School of Business Administration, **Georgia Southwestern State University**, Americus, GA.

August 2006 to June 2007 – Visiting Associate Professor, Department of Economics, **American University in Bulgaria**, Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria. Teaching responsibilities included Principles of Macroeconomics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, Environmental Economics, Development Economics.

August 2001 to May 2006 - Associate Professor of Economics (**tenure and promotion awarded May 2005**) Dept of History & Political Science, **Georgia Southwestern State University**, Americus, GA. Teaching responsibilities include Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, Money and Banking, International Economics, Introduction to International Business, International Business Practices, Development Economics, and Health Economics.

August 2000 to January 2001 - Instructor, Department of Economics, **Bloomsburg University**, Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Teaching responsibilities included Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, and Labor Economics.

October 1996 to August 2000 - Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics, School of Social and Economic Development, Cross-Appointment with the School of Marine Studies, **University of the South Pacific**, Suva, Fiji Islands. Teaching experience included senior level Agricultural Development, Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory, and Principles of Macroeconomics.

October 1992 to October 1996 - Agricultural Economist, **U.S. Department of Agriculture**, Economic Research Service, Natural Resources and Environment Division, Production and Management Technologies branch and Resources and Technology Division, Environmental and Health Risk branch, Washington, D.C. Research involved analyzing economic and technical efficiencies in input use; analysis and evaluation of alternative management practices including Integrated Pest Management, Integrated Farm Management, and sustainable agricultural practices; the impact of regulatory changes on

input availability; the environmental impact of agricultural production practices in the European Union and the developing world.

June 1990 to September 1992 - U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer, Morocco. Agricultural Economist in the Ministry of Agriculture, Direction of Planning and Economic Affairs, (DPAE) Rabat, Morocco. Worked with Moroccan colleagues in developing econometric models of cereals supply during the first stage of service. During the second stage worked in liaison with USAID project contracted to DAI Inc. providing guidance to the government of Morocco in establishing a free market for cereals in accordance with World Bank and IMF dictates. Co-authored reports including a plan of action for establishing a market information system as well as price and market analyses to aid the Moroccan cereals sector in its transition to a free market.

April 1986 - June 1990 - Agricultural Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Economic Research Service, Resources and Technology Division, Inputs, Technology, and Productivity branch, Pesticide Assessment section. Responsibilities included determining the economic impacts on American agriculture of suspension or cancellation of widely used pesticide products; assessment of region-wide pest eradication programs; analysis of farmer's perceived risk on production planning decisions; evaluating the impact to agriculture of proposed legislative changes in pesticide and food safety regulations; assessing the impact of federal farm programs on input use; issues involving the adoption of sustainable agricultural practices.

January through May, 1989 - Adjunct Associate Professor, University of the District of Columbia, College of Business, Economics, and Finance, Washington, D.C. Instruction of senior level managerial economics course.

1981 - 1986 - Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant, Dept of Agricultural Economics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Ph.D. research dealt with determining risk efficient production strategies in row crop production. Methodologies included developing an analytical optimal control model, employing biophysical simulation to model the crop - pest biosphere, and using risk efficiency criteria to recommend optimal producer strategies. Other research focused on technical relationships in commodity futures price movements; congestion and willingness to pay in recreational pursuits.

1979 - 1981 - Graduate Research Assistant, Dept of Agr. Economics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Master's degree research focused on determining the economic feasibility for recreational boating access at the Georgia coast. Methodology included a mail survey of 700 recreational boat owners and coastal marina proprietors.

Consultancies

January – August 2001 – University Extension, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji. Worked on developing the course study guide and resource book to be used in the senior level agricultural economics course taught in the distance learning mode.

August, 1999 - Fiji Sugar Corporation. "Estimating the financial benefits to the sugar industry of the gradual adoption of cultivar LF82-2122 in the years 2000-2005".

January - April, 1997 - United Nations Development Program funded project. "Absenteeism and Turnover in the Fiji Garment Industry" co-authored with Anand Chand and Roman Grynberg.

July - September, 1996 - Winrock International Environmental Alliance, Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Training Project. "Environmental Implications of Agricultural Trade and Policy Reform Programs in Africa: Phase III. Development of a concept report and assisting the organization of a project synthesis workshop entitled "Encouraging IPM Implementation in Africa: Influencing Policies, Practices, and Research".

May 1995, December 1995 - Winrock International Environmental Alliance, Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Training Project. "Environmental Implications of Agricultural Trade and Policy Reform Programs in Africa: Phase II. "Evaluating USAID's Regulatory Guidelines for Pest and Pesticide Management: Needs and Opportunities", for USAID Africa Bureau, Office of Sustainable Development, Productive

Sector Growth and Environment Unit. Report describing the implications of intensification of agricultural production practices in sub-Saharan Africa and the ways in which USAID regulatory policy may enhance or inhibit productivity growth in agricultural development projects.

August - September 1994 - Winrock International Environmental Alliance, Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Training Project. Preliminary stakeholder assessment of USAID's "Initiative for Southern Africa" with special attention to agricultural and natural resource management issues. Focus on agricultural development and environmental non-governmental organizations in Zimbabwe and the Republic of South Africa.

September - October 1993 - Winrock International Environmental Alliance, Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Training Project. "Environmental Implications of Agricultural Trade and Policy Reform Programs in Africa: Pest and Pesticide Management: Overview of Agribusiness", for USAID Africa Bureau, Office of Sustainable Development, Environmental Protection Unit. Report on the extent of pesticide use in Sub-Saharan Africa and the existing regulatory environment and donor agency policies.

Special Teaching Venues

Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, University System of Georgia Study Abroad Maymester in Bulgaria 2009 **May-June 2009.** American University in Bulgaria, Principles of Macroeconomics

Blagoevgrad, Bulgaria, August 2006 – May 2007. American University in Bulgaria Principles of Macroeconomics; Intermediate Microeconomics, Environmental Economics, Development Economics

Mendoza, Argentina, Maymester 2006. University System of Georgia Study Abroad Program, Principles of Macroeconomics

Paris, France, 2003. University System of Georgia Summer Study Abroad Program Principles of Macroeconomics; Principles of Microeconomics, Environmental and Resource Economics

University of the South Pacific Regional Centres:

Tarawa, Republic of Kiribati. November 1999 through January 2000, Introductory Macroeconomic Theory.

Honiara, Solomon Islands; December 1998 through January 1999, Intermediate Microeconomic Theory.

Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga; August through October 1997, Agricultural Economics.

Courses Taught:

Principles of Macroeconomics
Principles of Microeconomics
Intermediate Microeconomics
Intermediate Macroeconomics
Managerial Economics
Environmental and Resource Economics
Development Economics
International Economics
Money and Banking
Labor Economics
Agricultural Economics
Health Economics
International Business Management
International Business Experience

Publications

Szmedra, P.I. "The Conscientious Objector Experience during the Vietnam War Era", chapter in *The Vietnam War: Societies in Conflict*, edited by A. Wiest, M.K. Barber, G. Robins, and K. Guinta. Routledge. Expected publication Spring, 2010.

Szmedra, P.I., Sharma, K.L., and C.L. Rozmus. Living with chronic disease in the

- modernizing Pacific: Diabetes in Fiji, Nauru, and Kiribati. *Pacific Health Dialog* (in review September, 2009).
- Szmedra, P.I., Sharma, K.L., and C.L. Rozmus.** Differences in Health Promotion Behavior among the Chronically Ill in Three South Pacific Island Countries. *Development in Practice* 17(2), March, 2007, pgs. 291-300).
- Szmedra, P.I., and K.L. Sharma.** Monetizing the Impact of Lifestyle Diseases in the Developing World: The Case of Three Pacific Island Nations. *Journal of Third World Studies* (Vol XXIV, No.2, Fall, 2007, pgs. 45-61).
- Szmedra, P.I.** Preferential trade or strong institutions: promoting sustainable development in small island states. *Journal of Pacific Studies*, Volume 27, Number 2, November, 2004.
- John G. Kooti and **Philip Szmedra.** The cost of cancer in southwest Georgia. *Southern Business Review*, Volume 29, Number 1, Fall 2003, p. 15-24.
- Szmedra, P.I.** What price agricultural productivity? Pesticides and the health of suger farmers in Fiji. *Development in Practice*, Volume 11, Number 1, February 2001, p.91-96.
- Szmedra, P.I.** Pesticides and sugarcane farming in Fiji: Some evidence of health risks. *Journal of the Pacific Society* No.88-89, Vol. 23, No.3-4, October 2000, p 11-25.
- Szmedra, P.I.** The health impacts of pesticide use on sugarcane farmers in Fiji. *The Asia-Pacific Journal of Public Health* 1999; 11(2): 82-88.
- Szmedra, P.I.** Bittersweet harvest: The social costs of pesticide use in Fiji sugarcane production. *Journal of South Pacific Agriculture*, Volume 6, Number 2, July-December, 1999. pgs. 34-48.
- Szmedra, P.I.** Banning 2,4-D and the phenoxy herbicides: potential economic impact. *Weed Science* 45/4, November-December 1997, pgs. 592-598.
- Szmedra, P.I., R.W. McClendon, M.E. Wetzstein.** Economic risk efficiency of Boll Weevil eradication. *Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics* Vol 23 no 1, July, 1991: 237-245.
- Szmedra, P.I., M.E. Wetzstein.** Partial adoption of divisible technologies in agriculture. *Journal of Agricultural Economics Research* Vol 42 no.3, 1990:20-26.
- Szmedra, P.I., M.E. Wetzstein, R.W. McClendon.** The economic threshold under risk: a case study of soybean production. *Journal of Economic Entomology*, Vol 83, no.3, June, 1990: 641-646.
- Szmedra, P.I., R.W. McClendon, M.E. Wetzstein.** Risk efficiency of pest management strategies: a simulation case study. *Trans. Am. Soc. Agric. Eng.*, 31, 1642,1988.
- Wetzstein, M.E., **P.I. Szmedra**, D.A. Edwards, R.W. McClendon. Efficiency criteria and risk aversion: an empirical evaluation. *Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Vol. 20, no.1, 1988: 171-178.
- Wetzstein, M.E., **P.I. Szmedra**, W.N. Musser, C.J. Chou. Optimal agricultural pest management with multiple species, *Northeastern Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, Vol.14, no.1, 1985: 71-77.
- Szmedra, P.I.** "Bittersweet Harvest: Herbicides and Farmers' Health in Fiji". *Journal of the Pesticide Action Network, UK*, Vol.55, pp.12 –14. March 2002.
- Szmedra, P.I.** "Pesticides, Productivity, and Farmer Health: A Case Study of Fiji Sugarcane" in Reddy, M (ed). *Agricultural Development in Fiji*. Institute for Pacific Studies. Suva, Fiji.

2001.

Szmedra, P.I. Pesticide Use and Farmer Health: A Case Study of Sugarcane Farmers in Fiji. University of the South Pacific, Department of Economics Working Papers series. May 2000.

Szmedra, P.I. and W. Knausenberger. "The Impact of Structural Adjustment Programs on Pesticide Use and Integrated Pest Management Adoption in Sub-Saharan Africa". University of the South Pacific, Department of Economics Working Paper Series. June 1998.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Impact of Banning 2,4-D and the Phenoxy Herbicides". University of the South Pacific, Department of Economics Working Paper Series. June 1997.

Szmedra, P.I. "Estimating the financial benefits to the sugar industry of the gradual adoption of cultivar LF82-2122 in the years 2000-2005". Report to the Fiji Sugar Corporation, August, 1999.

Chand, A., **Szmedra, P.I.**, and R. Grynberg. "Absenteeism and Turnover in the Fiji Garment Industry". Report to the UNDP, Suva Fiji. April, 1997.

Szmedra, P.I., and A. Chiri. "Encouraging IPM Implementation in Africa: Influencing Policies, Practices, and Research : Concept paper". Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Training Project (EPAT), Winrock International Environmental Alliance, prepared for Division of Sustainable Development, Office of Productive Sector Growth and Environment, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development, September, 1996.

Szmedra, P.I. "Evaluating USAID's Regulatory Guidelines for Pest and Pesticide Management: Needs and Opportunities." Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Training Project (EPAT), Winrock International Environmental Alliance, prepared for Division of Sustainable Development, Office of Productive Sector Growth and Environment, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development, October, 1996.

Meltzer, M., and **P.I. Szmedra**. Pesticides and Productivity: Opportunities and Dilemmas in an Era of Agricultural Policy Reform . Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Training Project (EPAT), Winrock International Environmental Alliance, prepared for Division of Sustainable Development, Office of Productive Sector Growth and Environment, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development, October, 1996.

Szmedra, P.I. "Pesticides and the Agrichemical Industry in Sub-Saharan Africa." Environmental and Natural Resources Policy and Training Project (EPAT), Winrock International Environmental Alliance, prepared for Division of Food, Agriculture, and Resource Analysis, Office of Analysis, Research, and Technical Support, Bureau for Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development, July, 1994.

Szmedra, P.I., with R.B. Schulte, A. Falouss, R. El Mezroui, and Y. Berri. "Systeme d'Information sur le Marche des Cereales: Plan D'Action Propose". (An Information System for the Cereals market: Proposed Action Plan), Program to Restructure the Cereals Markets (PRCC) Phase II, Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture (MARA)/ Division of Planning and Economic Affairs (DPAE)/ Office of Cereals Marketing (ONICL), May, 1992.

Szmedra, P.I., and Y. Berri. "L'Analyse De La Serie De Prix Souk De L'ONICL" (Analyses of rural cereals prices of the Moroccan National Office of Cereals). Project De Reform De La Commercialisation Des Cereales (PRCC), Moroccan Ministry of Agriculture and Agrarain Reform (MARA)/ Department of Planning and Economic Affairs (DPAE), February, 1992.

Szmedra, P.I., A. Ouhelli, and Y. Berri. "L'Analyse Saisonniere Des Prix Des Cereales" (Seasonal cereals price analysis). PRCC, MARA/DPAE, January, 1992.

Szmedra, P.I., and Berri Y. "Description Des Series De Prix Des Cereales Principales Parvenant A L'ONICL" (Description of cereals price data managed by the National Office of Cereals). Project De Reform De La Commercialisation Des Cereales, MARA/DPAE, November, 1991.

Szmedra, P.I. "Agricultural Pesticide Use" chapter in Handbook of Pest Management in Agriculture Vol III, edited by David Pimentel, CRC Press, Boca Raton, FL, 1991.

Invited Presentations

Szmedra, P.I., "The Nature and Impact of Third World Illness". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, January, 2010.

Szmedra, P.I., "The Ongoing Debate over the Grinding Recession". School of Business Administration seminar. February, 2010.

Szmedra, P.I., "The Great Recession". School of Business Administration seminar. April 20, 2009.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Global Financial Crisis and its Impact on the third World", Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, February 4, 2009.

Szmedra, P.I., "The Current Financial Crisis". Student Government seminar series. October 20, 2008.

Szmedra, P.I. "The World Food Crisis". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, September 10, 2008.

Szmedra, P.I. "Bulgaria Today: Economic Perspective". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, January 30, 2008.

Szmedra, P.I. "Is Iraq in a Better Situation Now than Under Saddam Hussein? Economic Perspective". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, September 12, 2007.

Szmedra, P.I. "Economic Development Issues in the South Pacific". American University in Bulgaria Economics Club Lecture Series. November 8, 2006.

Szmedra, P.I. "The 21st Century is China's Century". Response. Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, February 27, 2006.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Problem of Lifestyle Diseases in the Emerging Economies of the Third World with Special Emphasis on the South Pacific". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, October 6, 2005.

Szmedra, P.I., "Rethinking Foreign Policy: Russia and the Third World in the Post-Soviet Era". Respondent. Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, September 1, 2005.

Szmedra, P.I., "The Economic Impact of Lifestyle Illness in the Pacific Region". School of Social and Economic Development seminar series, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji, July 26, 2005.

Szmedra, P.I., "Tsunami: The Economic Consequences" Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, February 2, 2005.

Szmedra, P.I., "The Economic Aspects of the War in Iraq". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, October 28, 2004.

- Szmedra, P.I.**, "Economic Policies of the Presidential Candidates". Election Forum. Georgia Southwestern State University, October 27, 2004.
- Szmedra, P.I.**, "Racial Politics and Democracy in Fiji". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, September 13, 2004.
- Szmedra, P.I.**, "Fair Trade and Farmers: Dialogue with Coffee Producers from Latin America and Africa". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, April 28, 2004.
- Szmedra, P.I.**, "The European Union and the Third World". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, February 24, 2004.
- Szmedra, P.I.**, "Social and Economic Issues Confronting Small Island States in the Pacific Region". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, October 22, 2003.
- Szmedra, P.I.** " September 11th: Two Years On; the Economic Impacts". Third World in Perspective seminar series. Georgia Southwestern State University, September 11, 2003.
- Szmedra, P.I.** "Eastern and Central Europe: Economic Problems and Prospects". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, October 22, 2002.
- Szmedra, P.I.** "Democracy and the Free Market in Contemporary Latin America". Third World in Perspective seminar series, Georgia Southwestern State University, September 26, 2002.
- Szmedra, P.I.** " September 11th: One Year Later; the Economic Impacts". Third World in Perspective seminar series. Georgia Southwestern State University, September 11, 2002.
- Szmedra, P.I.** "Economic Prospects for the Southeast Asian Economies" presented at "Major Contemporary Problems and Issues in East Asia", Third World in Perspective Symposium. Sponsored by the Association of Third World Studies, Georgia Southwestern State University, 13 November, 2001
- Szmedra, P.I.** "The American Economy in Turmoil" presented at "Historical and Contemporary Aspects of International Terrorism", Third World in Perspective Symposium. Sponsored by the Association of Third World Studies. Georgia Southwestern State University, 30 October, 2001
- Szmedra, P.I.** "Economic Impacts of the Terrorist Attacks on the U.S. Economy" presented at "The Political, Economic, Cultural, and Biologic Status of the Current Terrorism Threats and Attacks on Our Nation"; Sponsored by the Human Relations Council and the Office of Multi -Cultural and Minority Affairs, Georgia Southwestern State University, 24 October, 2001.
- Szmedra, P.I.** "Pesticide Use and Human Health Impacts". Seminar presented at the School of Social and Economic Development Seminar Series, University of the South Pacific, Suva, Fiji, March, 2000.
- Szmedra, P. I.** "Environmental Impacts of Structural Adjustment Programs". Marine Science Institute, University of the South Pacific. Suva, Fiji, November, 1999.
- Szmedra, P.I.** "Land Tenure, Racial Politics, and Economic Development in Fiji". Seminar presented at the USP Center, Honiara, Solomon Islands, January, 1999.
- Szmedra, P. I.** "Structural Adjustment Programs and the Marine Ecosystem". Marine

Science Institute, University of the South Pacific. Suva, Fiji, October, 1998.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Relationship Between Agricultural Development and the Environment". International Oceanographic Institute, Suva, Fiji. November, 1997.

Szmedra, P.I. "Structural Adjustment, Input Markets, and IPM Adoption in Sub-Saharan Africa ". Presented at a USAID workshop entitled Encouraging IPM Implementation in Africa: Influencing Policies, Practices, and Research. U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C., September 30, 1996.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Economic Impact of Regulatory Action Against 2,4-D and the Phenoxy Herbicides in Agricultural and Non-Agricultural Uses". Presented at the USEPA, Washington, D.C., September 25, 1996.

Szmedra, P.I. "Pesticides, Productivity, and Integrated Pest Management in Africa: Opportunities and Dilemmas in an Era of Agricultural Policy and Institutional Change." Seminar presented at the Department of State/USAID/Bureau for Africa, Washington, D.C. May 2, 1996.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Economic Impacts of Boll Weevil Eradication in the Southeastern United States". Presented at the International Crop Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT), Hyderabad, India, August 25, 1995.

Szmedra, P.I. "IPM and the Inter-CRSP Workplan". Presented at the "Inter-CRSP Workshop" sponsored by USAID/Bureau for Africa. Roslyn, Virginia, August 10 -11, 1995.

Szmedra, P.I. "Pesticides and Productivity: Opportunities and Tradeoffs". Presented at "Income, Employment, and Food Security for 21st Century Africa: Agriculture and Natural Resource Development Officer/ Private Sector Officer Joint Conference" sponsored by USAID/Bureau for Africa, Office of Sustainable Development, Productive Sector Growth and Environment Division. Annapolis, Maryland, July 9-14, 1995.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Enduring Value and Importance of 2,4-D". Presented at 'The Registration of 2,4-D: Where in the World-and the Environment are We?' One Day Status Report and Briefing by The Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data. U. S. Department of Agriculture. May 3, 1995, Washington, D.C.

Szmedra, P.I. "Pesticides and Structural Adjustment: Unique Environmental and Economic Implications" Seminar presented at the U.S. Department of State on behalf of USAID/Bureau for Africa, January 11, 1995.

Presented Papers

Szmedra, P.I. "Diabetes and Depression in the Commonwealth: Evidence from Samoa". Selected paper for the British Commonwealth and Postcolonial Studies Conference, Coastal Georgia Center, Savannah, Georgia, February 26-27, 2010.

Szmedra, P.I. "Teaching the Disinterested: Communicating Economics to Non-Majors". Selected paper for the Southern Economics Association meetings, San Antonio, Texas, November 21-23, 2009.

Szmedra, P.I., Sharma, K.L., and C.L. Rozmus. "Lifestyle Illness in the Modernizing Pacific: The Economic Impact of Diabetes in Samoa". Selected paper for the Association of Third World Studies annual meetings, Millersville State University, Millersville, PA. October 26-28, 2008.

Szmedra, P.I., Sharma, K.L. "Using Community Theater to Promote Public Health in the South Pacific Region". Selected paper for the Association of Third World Studies annual meetings, Lima, Peru. November 18-20, 2007

Szmedra, P.I., Sharma, K.L., and C.L. Rozmus. "Attitudes Toward Health Maintenance in the South Pacific". Current Research Conference. American University in Bulgaria, March, 2007.

Szmedra, P.I., K.L. Sharma, and C.L. Rozmus. "Health Status, Health Perceptions, And Health Risk Among Non-Communicable Disease Outpatients in Three Developing Pacific Island Nations" Selected paper for the Association of Third World Studies annual meetings, November 20-22, 2005, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

Szmedra, P.I., K.L. Sharma, and C.L. Rozmus. "Managing Lifestyle Illnesses in Pacific Island States: Case studies of Fiji, Kiribati, and Nauru". Selected paper for The International Conference on Environmental, Cultural, Economic, and Social Sustainability, The East-West Center, University of Hawaii, Honolulu, HI, February 25-27, 2005.

Szmedra, P.I., K.L. Sharma, and C.L. Rozmus. "A Cross Cultural Comparison of Health Promoting Behaviors Among Chronically Ill Groups in Fiji, Nauru, and Kiribati". Selected paper for the Association of Third World Studies annual meetings, October 7-9, 2004, Macon, GA.

John Kooti and **Philip Szmedra**. "Workforce Capacity and Employer Satisfaction in Southwest Georgia; A Case Study in Rural Economic Development Needs". Selected paper for the Southern Regional Science Association annual meeting, March 11-13, 2004, New Orleans, LA.

Szmedra, P.I., "Preferential Trade Access or Institutional Strengthening: A Small Island State View of Economic Development". Selected paper for the Southern Economic Association annual meetings, November 21-23, 2003, San Antonio, TX.

Szmedra, P.I., and K.L. Sharma. "Lifestyle Illnesses and Economic Development: The Case of Three Pacific Island Nations". Selected paper for the Association of Third World Studies annual meetings, November 6-8, 2003, Shreveport, LA.

Szmedra, P.I., "Comparing Economic Development in Mauritius and Fiji: A Case Study of Growth versus Stagnation". Selected paper for the Association of Third World Studies annual meetings, December 26 - 30, 2002, Taipei, Taiwan.

Szmedra, P.I., "Trouble in Paradise: Racial Politics, Military Coups, and the Impact of Globalization in Fiji". Selected paper for the Association of Third World Studies annual meetings, October 11 - 13, 2001, Savannah, Georgia.

Szmedra, P.I. "Bittersweet Harvest: The Social Costs of Pesticide Use in Fiji Sugarcane Production". Selected paper for the Pacific Science Congress, July 4 - 9, 1999, Sydney, Australia.

Szmedra, P.I. "Assessing the Economic Benefits of Phenoxy Herbicide Use in Turf in the U.S." Invited paper for the Western Economic Association annual meetings, San Francisco, CA., June 28-July 2, 1996.

Szmedra, P.I., M. Meltzer, and W. Knausenberger. "The Impacts of Policy and Institutional Reform on the Agricultural Sector in Sub-Saharan Africa: The Effects of Market Pressures on Integrated Pest Management Adoption". Selected paper for the International Association of Agricultural Economics Symposium on "Economics of Agrochemicals" April 25 -28, 1996, Wageningen University, Wageningen, The Netherlands.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Economic Impact of Banning Phenoxy Herbicides: The Case of Field

Crops in the United States." Selected paper for the Southern Regional Science Association meetings, April 11 -14, 1996, Baltimore, MD.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Adoption of IPM in Cotton: Some Issues Concerning Measurement and Evaluation". Selected paper for the USDA IPM Workshop/Symposium February 27 -March 1, 1996. Washington, D.C.

Szmedra, P.I., M. Meltzer, P. Matteson, and W. Knausenberger. "Policy and Institutional Reform in Sub-Saharan Africa: Market Forces and Integrated Pest Management Adoption". Selected poster for the USDA IPM Workshop/Symposium, February 27 -March 1, 1996. Washington, D.C.

Szmedra, P.I. "Pesticides, Farm Programs, and EPA's Special Review Process: Distinguishing Regional Impacts of a Pesticide Cancellation". Presented at the Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association annual meetings, Burlington, VT, June, 1995.

Szmedra, P.I. "A Comparison of Regional Economic Impacts of a Pesticide Regulatory Action: The Case of Phenoxy Herbicides in Agriculture". Presented at the Southern Regional Science Association annual meetings, San Antonio, TX, April 1995.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Economic Impact of Regulatory Action Against 2,4-D and the Phenoxy Herbicides in Food Production". Presented at the Weed Science Society of America annual meetings, February 1995, Seattle, WA.

Szmedra, P.I. "Pesticide Use in Agriculture in Sub-Saharan Africa", presented at the International Association of Agricultural Economics meetings, Harare, Zimbabwe, August, 1994.

Ferguson, W.L. and **P.I. Szmedra**. "The Regional Impact of Commercial Cotton Scouts on Pesticide Use and Control Expenditures", presented at the Regional Science Association International meetings, New Orleans, LA, November, 1991.

Szmedra, P.I. "The Effect of Farm Programs on Input Use Intensity: The Case of Pesticides", presented at the Eastern Economic Association annual meetings, Cincinnati, Ohio, April, 1990.

Szmedra, P.I. "Government Farm Programs and Pesticide Use in the Southeast". Presented at the Southern Regional Science Association annual meetings, Washington, D.C., March, 1990.

Szmedra, P.I., and C. Osteen. "The Demand for Pesticide Use: The Effect of Farm Programs". Presented at the Western Agricultural Economics Association annual meetings, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, July, 1989.

Szmedra, P.I. "Sustainable Agriculture in an Institutional Setting: Is it Reasonable to Expect Change?" Selected paper for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association annual meetings, Nashville, TN, February, 1989.

Szmedra, P.I., R.W. McClendon. "Altering Production Strategies in Mississippi Cotton: The Effects of Boll Weevil Eradication". Presented at the National Cotton Council annual meetings, Nashville, TN, January, 1989.

Szmedra, P.I., M.E. Wetzstein, R.W. McClendon. "Production Decision Making in an Adaptive Mode", presented at the AAEA meetings, Knoxville, TN, July 31-August 3, 1988.

Szmedra, P.I., M.E. Wetzstein, R.W. McClendon. "Managing Insect Pests in Dryland Soybean Production: Determining Risk Efficiency Among Alternative Strategies Through

Simulation", presented at the International Conference on Dryland Farming, Amarillo, TX, August 15-17, 1988.

Szmedra, P.I., M.E. Wetzstein, R.W. McClendon. "Toward an Understanding of Pest Control Decisions In Agriculture: An Adaptive Economic Approach" presented at the Society for the Advancement of Behavioral Economics Meetings, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA, June 16 -18, 1988.

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