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Employment

08/2014-on-going Dean, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES), University of Alberta

ALES draws on science, social sciences, and business to tackle some of the world's most critical issues. The Faculty has an annual budget of \$85m, with approximately \$45m of that composed of external research support. The Faculty is made up of 400+ faculty and staff, 1600 undergraduates and 550 graduate students. ALES is focused on teaching, research and community service in its departments and schools: Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Sciences, Renewable Resources, Human Ecology, Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology as well as the Devonian Botanic Garden and the Alberta School of Forest Science and Management. The Faculty has a large research infrastructure which includes 25,000 acres of farm and ranchland in key ecologies across Alberta. Dr. Blade is a full professor in the Faculty's Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutritional Science. Dr. Blade is a board member of Livestock Gentec (livestock genomics), Phytola (oilseed genomics), the Alberta Biodiversity Monitoring Institute, Genome Alberta, the Biological Greenhouse Gas Management Program and the Alberta Rural Development Network.

Reporting to the Provost and Vice-President (Academic), the Dean of the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences is responsible for the leadership and administration of all aspects of the Faculty. In addition to the role of senior officer of the Faculty, and a member of Deans' Council, the Dean is a senior administrator of the University. The Dean fosters an environment in which world-leading research, excellent teaching, and engaged scholarship flourish. As the face of the Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, the Dean is champion of interdisciplinary scholarship, global outreach, and the recruitment of high quality faculty and student talent. Leading a Faculty known for its collegial, collaborative, and positive culture, the Dean continues to encourage and sustain an environment in which students, faculty, and staff thrive. Research is focused in four key areas: helping feed the world; ensuring a healthy

environment; nurturing bio-resource innovation; and strengthening individual and community well-being.

Dr. Blade's expertise has been recognized through his invitations to participate in research reviews conducted by the European Union, Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research, Food and Agriculture Organization, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council and the Canadian Foundation for Innovation. Dr. Blade is often engaged by the private sector to provide advice and insight on strategic opportunities based on his extensive global network and broad understanding of industry issues. Dr. Blade is an associate editor of the globally recognized international science publication "Agronomy Journal".

Dr. Blade has previously served on the Boards of the Telus World of Science, the Edmonton Public Library and CHF – Partners in Rural Development (an international NGO). Dr. Blade successfully completed the Institute of Corporate Directors course in board governance (2010). Dr. Blade is a 2012 graduate of the Wharton Business School's Executive Development Program (University of Pennsylvania). He currently serves as Vice-Chair on the Board of Trustees of the African Agricultural Technology Foundation (<http://www.aatf-africa.org/>), a Nairobi-based agency supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation with an annual budget of \$25m.

**07/2009-07/2014 CEO, Alberta Bio Solutions Research and Innovation Corporation
Edmonton, Alberta Canada**

Alberta Innovates - Bio Solutions is embracing and supporting new technologies and the creation of new ideas for the growing global bioeconomy. We're delivering on the potential of agriculture and forestry in areas such as sustainable production, biorefining, composite materials, **value-added food and health products**, and nano-enabled materials. And we're strengthening our ability to develop new sustainability practices, new natural products for world markets and economic opportunities attracting international investment. Alberta aims to be a global gateway and resource for bio-based research, talent, investment and solutions. Alberta Innovates - Bio Solutions builds on the strengths and successes of the Alberta Prion Research Institute, Alberta Agricultural Research Institute, Alberta Forestry Research Institute and Alberta Life Sciences Institute. AI Bio has a portfolio of project investments valued at \$95+ million with a total project value of \$235+m.

Additional responsibilities: Board member, Genome Alberta; Member, Industrial Bioproducts Value Chain Committee; European Union Expert Evaluator (7th Framework); Advisor, Food and Agriculture Organization; Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Alberta.

**06/2006-07/2009 Executive Director, Alberta Agricultural Research Institute
Ministry of Advanced Education and Technology,
Government of Alberta
Edmonton, Canada**

AARI was the Alberta leader responsible for ensuring that agricultural research, development and deployment deliver innovative solutions to the marketplace. AARI works with all stakeholders in the research-development continuum to provide strategic leadership and direction to create a prosperous agricultural sector. AARI has invested approximately \$180m million in research to enhance Alberta's profitability and innovation since 1992.

Additional responsibilities; Member, Nine Point Bioenergy Program Grant Advisory Team (\$239 million); Management Advisory Board Member, Ingenuity Centre for Livestock Genomics; Management Advisory Board Chair, Ingenuity Centre for Performance Oilseeds and Bioactive Oils; Member, Canadian Triticale Biorefining Initiative Steering Committee; Member, Alberta Lipid Utilization Program Advisory Committee; European Union Expert Evaluator (7th Framework); Member, Canadian Foundation for Innovation infrastructure review team; Honorary Research Fellow (n), Bioversity International; Advisor, Food and Agriculture Organization; Adjunct Professor, Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences, University of Alberta.

**04/04-06/06 Deputy Director General- Research
International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA)
Ibadan, Nigeria**

Responsible for the strategic direction of the Institute (www.iita.org), including 150+ international research scientists and 1200 national staff located at seven research stations and 16 countries in Africa. IITA is the largest research group within the global Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (www.cgiar.org). The Director must ensure that the scientific productivity of the Institute is relevant to the Institute's mission (enhance food security, income and well-being of Africans) and delivering substantive and measurable impact. Liaison with: partner governments (including national research and extension services) and regional stakeholders within Africa, international investors (governments, foundations, development agencies), advanced research labs and non-governmental agencies (within and outside Africa). The total budget for IITA is approximately US\$52 million per year, and we are involved in developing crop technologies that influence producers, processors and consumers in sub-Saharan Africa through enhanced nutrient content, increased yields, reduction of pest problems and development of sustainable cropping strategies. Represent the Director General at international and national meetings, as well as serve as Acting DG when the Director General is on official travel. **Additional responsibilities (selected):** Management Committee, Sub-Saharan Challenge Program; Program Steering Committee, Generation Challenge Program; Center Deputy-Directors Committee (CGIAR); Board Member, Global System-Wide Livestock Program; Steering Committee, Sustainable Tree Crops Program; International Editorial Advisory Board Member, Agricultural Ecosystems and Environment; Member, Scientific and Technical Committee, *Le Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Developpement Agricoles*; Special Advisor, University of Ibadan.

**12/01-03/04 Director, Crop Diversification Division, AAFRD
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**

Responsible for leadership and strategic direction of 140+ researchers, technicians and technology transfer specialists across Alberta. Ensure that \$10.3 million Division budget is effectively used to increase and expand the crop sector in the province. Collaborate with \$4 billion crop industry to create a strategic plan for the growth of the sector. Seek out opportunities for cooperation and coordination with industry and public sector partners. Participate in leading research planning and technology transfer initiatives. Maintain a leading-edge research program focused on genetic improvement of pulses for expanded crop diversification in western Canada. **Additional responsibilities:** **Member**, Industry Development Sector Leadership Team, (\$42 million budget, AAFRD); **Board Member and Recognized Plant Breeder**, Canadian Seed Growers Association; **Member**, Alberta Grain Commission; **Chair**, Alberta Pulse Research Network; **Special Crops Committee Member**, Prairie Registration Recommending Committee for Grains; **Guest lecturer**, universities and colleges; **International Editorial Advisory Board Member**, Agricultural Ecosystems and Environment; **Leader**, AAFRD/ARC/U of A Agri-Food Research Institute development process (successful development of \$35 million proposal for the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, Alberta).

04/98-12/01 **Director, Crop Diversification Centre, AAFRD**
Leader, New Crop Development Unit, AAFRD
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Responsible for leadership of approximately 12 scientists and 30 technicians in several research programs: new crops, greenhouse production, vegetable agronomy, seed potatoes, food science, plant pathology, nursery and ornamental crops, post-harvest physiology, weed science, soil and water agronomy and apiculture. Involved in working with scientists to ensure the relevance and quality of research. Development of a vision for the Centre and Unit. Active networking with industry and commodity organizations to bring in new research funding. Daily management of a large research facility including laboratories, green houses, growth chambers and 200 ha of research land. Responsibility for an annual budget of \$2.3 million and approximately \$250,000 in external funding for research projects.

Additional responsibilities: **Chair**, Provincial Applied Research Strategy Group; **Chair**, AAFRD Special Crops Product Team; **Leader** -Provincial Pulse and Special Crops Team; **Associate Member and Recognized Plant Breeder**, Canadian Seed Growers Association; **Chair**, Alberta Pulse Research Network; **Special Crops Sub-Committee Member**, Prairie Registration Recommending Committee for Grains, **Executive Secretary**, Alberta Agricultural Research Institute (Special Crop, Forage and Horticulture Research Fund Sub-Committee); **Advisor**, Alberta New Crops Network; **Pulse Canada Research**, technical committee member, **Guest lecturer**, universities and colleges.

07/95-04/98 **Plant breeder/agronomist**
New Crop Development Unit
Alberta Agriculture, Food and Rural Development
Crop Diversification Centre North
Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

Research scientist working as Special Crops Program Leader in the development of new crops for the Province of Alberta. Conduct basic and applied field and greenhouse research on a wide range of pulses, herbs, spices, medicinal and fibre crops. Participate in extension and technology transfer by presenting research results at conferences and producer meetings, publishing articles for the scientific and popular press and partnering with federal and provincial partners, universities, agricultural research associations, private industry and producer commissions. Awarded Breeder status from the Canadian Seed Growers Association to produce and maintain breeder seed.

01/95-06/95 **Research Coordinator**
Alberta Barley Commission
Calgary, AB

Provide input for the selection and coordination of the barley research funded by the Commission. The Commission wanted to ensure that the \$675,000 budget was being used efficiently to aid producers in Alberta.

03/92-12/94 **Post-doctoral Scientist**
Breeder/Cropping Systems Agronomist
International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
Kano, Nigeria

Evaluate improved (insect-resistant, high yielding) cowpea lines for grain and fodder production in traditional intercropping systems in the Sudan savanna (Nigeria, Niger, Ghana, Cameroon). Conduct agronomic trials in northern Nigeria. Participate in on-farm evaluation of improved cowpea lines. Describe local farming systems by on-site evaluation of farming practices and yields. Manage station personnel and research facilities. Act as a resource person for national research programs.

08/90-05/91 **Africa 2000 Program Officer**
United Nations Association of Canada
Vancouver, B.C. Canada

Coordinate presentation of programs dealing with Africa and development issues to two hundred British Columbia high schools. Provide interviews with the print and electronic media to discuss Canada's role in international development.

01/88-12/89 **C.I.D.A. Research Fellow**
Grain Legume Improvement Program
International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
Ibadan, Nigeria

Coordinate doctoral research program in the forest and savanna zones in Nigeria. Supervise 15-20 people during planting and harvesting. Data analysis, thesis preparation and publication of findings.

01/89-05/89 **Teaching assistant**
01/88-05/88 Department of Plant Science
 Macdonald College/McGill University
 Montreal, Canada

Conduct laboratories and mark assignments for undergraduate courses in advanced agronomy. Present lectures in areas of expertise. Similar duties were carried out at the University of Saskatchewan during the 1984-1986 period.

Education

04/12 **Executive Development Program**
 Wharton Business School
 University of Pennsylvania
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

10/10 **Governance Essentials Program**
 Institute of Corporate Directors/Rotman School of Business
 University of Toronto
 Hosted by: University of Alberta School of Business

01/10 **Agribusiness Seminar (Discussion Leader)**
 Harvard School of Business
 Harvard University
 Cambridge, MA

12/09 **Building Strategic Relationships** (Corporate Executive Development)
 University of Alberta School of Business
 University of Alberta
 Edmonton, Alberta

01/08 **Agribusiness Seminar (Discussion Leader)**
 Harvard School of Business
 Harvard University
 Cambridge, MA

06/05 **Scenario thinking: how leaders can prepare for the future**
 Templeton College, Oxford University
 Oxford, England

01/03 **Agribusiness Seminar**
 Harvard School of Business
 Harvard University
 Cambridge, MA

05/97 **Leaders in Agriculture**
 Leadership and Management Program
 Banff Centre for Management
 Banff, Alberta, Canada

01/88-02/92 **Doctor of Philosophy degree**
 Department of Plant Science-Macdonald College
 (International Institute of Tropical Agriculture, Nigeria)
 McGill University - Montreal, Quebec Canada

Thesis title: Cowpea intercropping in Nigeria
(Varietal screening of cowpeas intercropped with maize, cassava, sorghum or millet in the forest and savanna region of Nigeria. Emphasis: breeding strategies for intercrop legumes, sustainability of cropping systems, genotype stability over a range of agroecologies, physiological aspects of cereal-legume competition)

- 01/87-01/88 **Commonwealth Scholar (Nigeria)**
Department of Agronomy-University of Ibadan/
International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
Topic: Maize-cowpea intercropping
Ibadan, Oyo State Nigeria
- 09/84-12/86 **Master of Science degree**
Department of Crop Science-University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan Canada
Thesis title: Source-sink alteration in eight spring
wheat (Triticum aestivum) genotypes.
- 01/84-04/84 Department of Plant Science
Faculty of Agriculture
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta Canada
- 09/78-04/81 **Bachelor of Science degree (Biology)**
Faculty of Science
University of Alberta
Edmonton, Alberta Canada

Awards

- 2008 University of Alberta. 2008 Collaboration Award. Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences.
- 2000 Nominee, “Canada’s Top 40 Under 40”TM Awards Program (Caldwell Partners, Globe and Mail, Air Canada, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation).
- 2000 American Society of Agronomy Educational Materials Award-“Pulse Crops in Alberta”
- 2000 American Society of Agronomy Educational Materials Award-“Diseases and Pests of Ginseng in Alberta”
- 2000 American Society of Agronomy Educational Materials Award- “Herb and Spice Production and Marketing CD-ROM”
- 2000 Premier’s Award of Excellence-Special Crops Product Team (Dr. S.F. Blade-Team Chair)
- 2000 Minister’s Group Achievement Award-”Herb and Spice: Production and Marketing CD-ROM”
- 1996 Member, Special Crops Product Team

- Minister's Award of Excellence
- 1994 Kano State Government
Agricultural development citation-IITA/Kano
- 1988 Canadian International Development Agency Doctoral
Scholarship/International Institute of Tropical Agriculture
- 1987 Commonwealth Scholarship (Government of Nigeria)
- 1984-6 University Scholarship (Province of Saskatchewan)

Plant breeding accomplishments-new cultivars

- Cutlass (originally tested as SB-2000-2) is a new yellow-cotyledon field pea cultivar was recommended for by the Prairie Registration Recommending Committee for Grain. The new cultivar exhibits increased yield, improved disease resistance and good quality characteristics. CUTLASS was the top performer in the 2001 Field Pea Cooperative Registration Test- a third-party trial located at several sites across western Canada to test all of the potential new pea cultivars being developed by North American and European breeding programs. CUTLASS yielded 10% higher than the other check cultivars in two years of testing-this is a significant improvement in yield potential when compared to existing commercial pea cultivars. In addition to excellent yield, CUTLASS has shown complete resistance to powdery mildew, a disease which can cause substantial yield reductions. The candidate cultivar has also been identified as being resistant to Fusarium wilt (Race 1). Cooking quality tests indicated superior viscosity and granulation-characteristics that are important in some of our major export markets.
- Dr. Blade sought Plant Breeders Rights on two narrow-leaf lupin cultivars (*Lupinus angustifolius* L.) for specific high-protein industrial and feed applications.
 - Fenugreek lines L3314 (now commercially released as Tristar) and AAFRD-F18- A set of high-yielding forage fenugreek lines have been developed in collaboration with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (Dr. S. Acharya).
 - Dr. Blade played a significant role in the multi-country release of several cowpea lines as well as assisted collaborating programs (U of S, AAFC, private companies) in the release of several field pea, lentil and faba bean cultivars.

Articles

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- Blade, S.F. 2013. Opportunities for bioindustrial collaboration. Forestry and Energy Workshop, FIBRE Network, Edmonton, Alberta.
- Blade, S.F. 2012. Developing new biopolymer polymers through science. Biopolymers 2012. San Antonio, Texas.
- Blade, S.F. 2012. Building the bioeconomy: using biomass in innovative ways. International Crop Science Congress. Bento Goncalves, Brazil.
- Blade, S.F. 2012. Beyond promises: the next ten years of Canadian biorefining. NSERC Bioconversion Network Pre-Treatment Workshop (UBC). Vancouver, Canada.
- Blade, S.F. 2011. The potential for biological sequestration in carbon capture. Canadian Institute lecture. Calgary, Canada.
- Blade, S.F. 2011. Food for health: what are the new innovations? Canadian Consulate seminar invited talk. San Francisco, U.S.A.
- Blade, S.F. 2011. Harvesting nanotechnology opportunities in agriculture and forestry. Alberta Nanotechnology Showcase. Calgary, Canada.
- Blade, S.F. 2011. Pitching your research idea to a company. Advanced Food and Materials Network HQP Workshop. Toronto, Canada.
- Blade, S.F. 2010. Alberta Innovates- investing in innovation to build the Alberta fibre sector. TAPPI Research Management Committee. Madison, WI.
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- Blade, S.F. 2009. Industrial Cereal Crop Development. The World Congress on Industrial Biotechnology and Bioprocessing (moderator). Montreal, Canada.
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- Blade, S.F. 2008. Pulse genetics and genomics: past, present and future. Invited Keynote Lecture. National Pulse Research Workshop. Calgary, Canada.
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- Blade, S.F. 2008. Alberta's investment in agricultural biotechnology. Missouri Investor Forum. St. Louis, U.S.A.
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- Blade, S.F. 2008. Creating new opportunities for high value crops in the developing world. Invited Lecture-World Vegetable Centre. Shansua, Taiwan.
- Blade, S.F. 2007. Alberta and the bioeconomy. Invited lecture. Institute for Industrial Crop Research. Bologna, Italy.
- Blade, S.F. 2007 Alberta: Oil and More, a vision for the bioeconomy. Keynote symposium. World Congress on Industrial Biorefining and Bioprocessing. Orlando, FL.
- Blade, S.F. 2007. Opportunity for innovation- increasing agricultural production through water use efficiency. Invited lecture. International Centre for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA). Aleppo, Syria.
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- Blade, S.F. 2006 New technologies to address old problems. Address to the Nigerian National Space Research and Development Agency (signing of IITA-NASRDA MOU on the use of remote sensing to predict crop area and productivity). Abuja, Nigeria
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- Blade, S.F. 2005. A new vision for the CGIAR's science priorities. Centre Deputy Directors Committee Bi-annual Meeting. Hyderabad, India.
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Board member, Edmonton Space and Science Foundation, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada (2000-2004)