AIARD is an association of professionals who have devoted their careers to the alleviation of world hunger through global agricultural development. Its goals include:

- **Increasing** awareness of the instrumental role of agriculture in global development
- **Informing** policymakers, donors and institutions about effective strategies to advance agriculture and rural development in the global economy
- **Improving** relationships between agriculture and other development efforts to promote a sustainable global economy (e.g. natural resources, health and nutrition, child survival, gender, HIV/AIDS and democratization)
- **Promoting** interaction and cooperation among organizations engaged in international development

51st Annual Conference and Future Leader’s Forum
May 31 - June 2, 2015
Washington DC
The AIARD Award for Distinguished Service was established in 1982 to honor individuals who have contributed, in a major way, to the goals and objectives of the Association. The criteria used in judging a candidate include:

- Demonstrated public service that has advanced AIARD’s purposes;
- Innovative contributions to AIARD programs; and
- Length of service in the international arena and in AIARD.

This award is the Association’s opportunity to recognize excellence in its own members. As the list of previous recipients will confirm, the commitment and achievements of AIARD members has furthered the aims of the Association and resulted in significant success in international agriculture and rural development.

### Previous AIARD Young Professional Award Recipients

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>Edna L. McBreen</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1992</td>
<td>David G. Acker</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Eric Hyman</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1995</td>
<td>Daniel G. Maxwell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1999</td>
<td>Stephen T. Sywulka</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2001</td>
<td>Catherine Ives</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2002</td>
<td>Josette Lewis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Patricia A. Fulton</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Fabrice A. J. deClerck</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Lloyd D. LePage</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>Ryan Moore</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2009</td>
<td>Stephanie Curs</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Anne-Claire Hervy</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>Amanda Crump</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Thomas B. Gill</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Thomas J. Pesek</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>Kateryna (Goychuk) Schroeder</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
### Previous AIARD Special Service Award Recipients

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>1990</td>
<td>Hon. Douglas Bereuter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1991</td>
<td>Jean Ruley Kearns</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1992</td>
<td>Robert H. Maxwell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1995</td>
<td>Hon. Paul Findley</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Wendell G. Rayburn, Sr.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Hazell Reed</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Phyllis Sandwell</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1996</td>
<td>Francis C. Byrnes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>William Frederick Johnson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Jiryis S. Oweis</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Leo M. Walsh</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1999</td>
<td>M. Peter McPherson</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2001</td>
<td>Harvey Hortik</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2002</td>
<td>Jane Coulter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2003</td>
<td>Bobby D. Moser</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2004</td>
<td>Carl Pray</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2005</td>
<td>Amb. Clayton Yeutter</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2006</td>
<td>Ruben G. Echeverria</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2007</td>
<td>Andrew S. Natsios</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Mortimer Neufville</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2008</td>
<td>Norman E. Borlaug</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2010</td>
<td>Richard G. Lugar</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2011</td>
<td>Sammy L. Comer</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2012</td>
<td>Howard G. Buffett</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2013</td>
<td>Neville P. Clarke</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>J.H. “Tim” Williams</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2014</td>
<td>Tony P. Hall</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>I. Miley Gonzalez</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>James E. Simon</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**AMANDA CRUMP**

The 2015 AIARD Distinguished Service Award is presented to Ms. Amanda Crump. Amanda earned an M.S. in Plant Pathology and Weed Science from Colorado State University and a B.S. in Agricultural Education with emphasis in Adult Education from University of Idaho. She will be completing her Ph.D. in Education at the University of California, Davis next year.

Amanda currently serves as Associate Director of the Horticulture Innovation Lab and as an Instructor in the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis, while also working to complete her Ph.D. requirements. She is a woman of many talents: as an agricultural and social scientist she conducts applied agricultural and social science research to evaluate project impacts; as a Farm Advisor and Educator she has given presentations on a broad range of topics in agriculture and the environment, taught clientele to prepare them for the Certified Arborist exam, and conducted applied research on invasive species; and as a public speaker and educator, Amanda is skilled at oral and written communications and has broad experience in extension and outreach strategies in agriculture and rural development.

Amanda’s recognition for the 2015 AIARD Distinguished Service Award stems from her indefatigable commitment to AIARD over many years. Her nominator writes:

“Since her time as a Future Leader, Amanda has been a dedicated member of AIARD. She is now one of our most important members and it is indeed difficult to imagine how the organization might function without her as she steps down from her Secretary/Treasurer position. For the past several years, Amanda has been the “go to” person for so many things – especially related to member services and to organization of the Annual Conference, as well as helping to organize the Future Leader's Forum and assisting in the improvement of our communications including our on-line Forum and new website.”

Deanna Behring, President AIARD

The above quote is corroborated by Amanda’s supporters who wrote the following about her:

“As a member of one of the first classes of the Future Leader Forum, Amanda has been an extremely positive role model for other FLF alumni. Since her FLF year, she has been consistently active in the Association, was recognized with the AIARD Young Professional Award, has served admirably on the Association’s Board and as an officer, has continued to help recruit and orient new FLF Fellows and has mentored a former FLF Fellow at her workplace at UC-Davis. She personifies all that is envisioned in a Future Leader by dedicating her professional life to public service that advances international agriculture and rural development through assuming increasing responsibilities and providing leadership in the Horticulture CRSP (now Innovation Lab).”

Richard Rortvedt, AIARD President-elect

“It was truly AIARD’s lucky day when Amanda first came to us as a Future Leader! While many Future Leaders have not stayed on as members of our association, Amanda has become one of our most important core members. Amanda's long, dedicated, and capable service as Secretary/Treasurer and AIARD Board member has brought much innovation to our organization. Amanda recently initiated and dedicated much time to transforming AIARD's home page into an updated representation of the association, for which AIARD is extremely grateful.”

Susan Schram, Past AIARD President; Distinguished Service and Presidential Service Awardee

AIARD's Distinguished Service Award recognizes extraordinary service that advances our mission globally, and we are pleased to bestow this prestigious honor on Ms. Amanda Crump for 2015.
AIARD AWARD FOR SPECIAL SERVICE

Given the history of success of international agriculture and rural development and the challenges currently facing this sector, we are especially appreciative of special efforts by persons who are not members of AIARD but whose efforts and accomplishments support agriculture and rural development causes. The Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development gives its Special Service Award in recognition of significant contributions involving a variety of activities, each crucial to the success of AIARD’s efforts. The criteria used in judging a candidate include:

- A career-long commitment to the goals of AIARD through active support for international agriculture and rural development initiatives over a professional career of at least 25 years;

- Significant contributions to international agriculture and rural development through research, teaching, practice, service or leadership;

- A previous recipient of at least one other career recognition award from a public sector, professional, or civil society organization or a university;

- At least 45 years of age during the calendar year in which the nomination is made; and

- A non-member of AIARD.

Previous AIARD Distinguished Service Award Recipients

1982
John Blackmore

1983
Bruce H. Anderson
Hon. Paul Findley
John A. Hannah
Robert Alexander
Jackson A. Rigney
D. Woods Thomas
J. T. Scott
Irving R. Wyeth

1984
Donald C. Kimmel
Earl R. Lang
William E. Reed
Marvin G. Smith
Gerald W. Thomas

1985
H. Dean Brunch
John T. Murdock
William Thompson

1986
Frederick Hutchinson
Bennie D. Mayberry
Lewis Gulick

1987
Evan J. Long
E. Paul Creech
Margaret P. Fahs

1988
J. Wendell McKinsey

1989
Verso Larson
Eugene W. Adams
E. T. York

1990
Earl D. Kellog
Kenneth L. Turk

1991
Donald R. Isleib
Harold R. Matteson

1992
Robert W. Kleis
Morris D. Whitaker

1994
James B. Henson
Tom W. Westing

1995
Larry W. Zuiderma
Thomas A. McCowen

1996
David D. Bathrick
Winfrey S. Clarke

1999
Susan G. Schram

2001
Pat Barnes-McConnell
Ed Shuh

2002
Michael Deegan

2003
Reed Hertford

2004
Oval Myers, Jr.

2005
Edwin Price

2006
John B. Swanson

2007
Hiram Larew
David J. Sammons

2008
David O. Hansen

2009
Joy Odom

2010
Michael J. McGirr

2011
Kerry D. Bolognese

2012
Ikbal Chowdhury

2013
John M. Yohe
Kenneth H. Shapiro

2014
Michael G. McWhorter
Thomas W. Crawford Jr.
2014/2015 AIARD OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

President: Deanna Behring
President-Elect: Dick Rortvedt
Vice President: Bill Guyton
Secretary/Treasurer: Amanda Crump
FLF Representative: Patrick Freeze
Directors: Mike McGirr (2014-15)
          Corinne Valdivia (2014-18)
          Tom Gill (2011-15)
          Willi Meyers (2012-16)
          Margaret Zeigler (2013-17)
Washington DC Secretariat: Susan G. Schram

2014/2015 AIARD AWARDS COMMITTEE

Chair: Albert Ayeni
Members: David Acker
         Eloise Carter
         Hillary Egna
         Mike McGirr
         Chris Pannkuk
         John Swanson

ROBERT (ROB) BERTRAM

The 2015 AIARD Special Service Award is presented to Dr. Robert (Rob) Bertram. Rob is currently Chief Scientist in USAID's Bureau for Food Security, where he serves as a key advisor on a range of technical and program issues to advance global food security and nutrition. He previously served as Director of the Office of Agricultural Research and Policy in the Bureau for Food Security, and prior to that, he guided USAID investments in agriculture and natural resources research for many years.

Rob’s academic background in plant breeding and genetics includes degrees from University of California, Davis, the University of Minnesota and the University of Maryland. He also studied international affairs at Georgetown University and was a visiting scientist at Washington University in St. Louis. He has been especially active in plant genetic resources policy as it relates to research for development, including applications of biotechnology in food security-related research.

Rob has greatly impacted the world of international agriculture and rural development through his role at USAID where he has overseen programs of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR) system and its 15 centers around the world. He is greatly respected for his work in identifying funding opportunities to advance the programs of the CGIAR system and for his tireless dedication to the advancement of the reorganized CGIAR.

Rob has contributed directly to advancing the AIARD mission by conscientiously supporting the Future Leaders Forum, by coordinating informative panels at AIARD conferences and by involving his staff as resource persons in various capacities in our programs and annual meetings. Rob is a true friend of AIARD!

Some quotes from Rob’s supporters for the Special Service Award:

“Rob Bertram effectively focuses the research agenda of USAID and supports the core elements of the mission of BIFAD, linking university researchers to the work of USAID in Feed the Future countries. He has provided extraordinary leadership to the success of the Feed the Future program. His deep commitment to quality research and his effective working relationships with scientists around the world make him an invaluable asset to our foreign assistance mission.” Brady Deaton, Chair of BIFAD and Chancellor Emeritus, University of Missouri.

“In his support to the CGIAR, Dr. Bertram showed vision in supporting the CGIAR Centers’ collaboration with national programs of developing countries as well as with US Universities through the CGIAR/US University Linkage Fund. Through this support many technologies developed through cutting edge science contributed to food security, poverty reduction and protecting natural resources in developing countries. He has contributed to many global initiatives that have impacted food security such as the Borlaug Global Rust Initiative (BGRI) and the Global Crop Diversity Trust (GCDT) which is providing sustainable resources to conserve the global heritages of genetic resources in the CGIAR and national programs.” Mahmoud Solh, Director General, ICARDA

“The strong role that the US has played in shaping and driving international agricultural research forward would not have happened without Rob’s leadership, vision, and mastery of USAID’s budget allocation and administration processes. Rob Bertram is an excellent scientist, deeply committed program manager, and a tremendous asset to the international agricultural community both here in the U.S. and abroad.” Emmy Simmons, Co-chair of AGree, former Assistant Administrator, USAID.

We recognize Rob Bertram’s outstanding contributions to global food security, his qualities as an exemplary professional, and his commitment to AIARD’s mission. We are pleased to honor him with our Special Service Award for 2015.
The AIARD Young Professional Award was established in 1990. This award recognizes early career contributions to the goals and objectives of the Association. The criteria used in judging a candidate include:

- Demonstrated public service that has advanced AIARD's purposes;
- Innovative contributions to AIARD programs;
- Commitment to international agriculture and rural development and to AIARD; and
- Recipient must have been under 40 years of age during the calendar year in which the nomination is made.

The 2015 Young Professional Award is presented to Ms. Samantha Alvis. Samantha earned her BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Education at the University of Arizona. She holds a certificate in Non-Profit Management and is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in International Agricultural Development and Agricultural Communications from Texas A&M University.

Samantha is a member of the 2013-2015 class of the Congressional Hunger Center’s Leland International Hunger Fellows Program. As part of this program, she currently works as an International Development and Programs Specialist at the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). Through her work with the Knowledge Center for Advancing Development through Higher Education, she works closely with the International Programs staff to increase awareness of the need for investment in higher education and to expand opportunities for US universities to work with higher education partners in developing countries. For the field placement portion of the Leland Fellows program Samantha worked with the Innovative Agricultural Research Initiative (iAGRI) in Morogoro, Tanzania.

Samantha was an AIARD Future Leader Fellow in 2012 and has been actively involved with AIARD since that time. She currently serves as the AIARD Communications Committee Chair and in this position she has strengthened AIARD by revamping our newsletter to make it a more effective electronic source of communications. She also spearheaded the effort to adopt a new logo for AIARD, keeps the home page updated, developed a brochure about the Future Leaders Forum, and helps with all aspects of the annual conference, including organizing panels and many of the details and logistics. Samantha stands out as a problem solver at AIARD executive meetings, answering questions and rapidly taking appropriate actions. She is an asset indeed!

Samantha’s supporters for the Young Professional Award have the following to say about her:

“Samantha’s nomination has my very highest recommendation. Her drive to continue to make contributions to international agricultural development is so evident; I expect Samantha will have a long and successful career as a leader in this field.” Anne-Claire Hervy, Associate Vice-President for International Development and Programs, APLU

“She (Samantha) has added real value to AIARD with her creativity and drive for excellence. Everything that she creates is top-notch and done with an effort to drive our organization forward.” Amanda Crump, Associate Director, Horticulture Innovation Lab; Secretary/Treasurer, AIARD

“She (Samantha)’s dedication to the continued progress of international agriculture in higher education is clearly demonstrated by her many accomplishments and by the contribution she has already made toward such a critical part of international development.” Grace Jones, Co-Director, Leland International Hunger Fellows Program

We acknowledge Samantha Alvis’ commitment to AIARD’s mission. The positive energy she has brought to our organization is an inspiration for the next generation of AIARD members. We are pleased to recognize her with our 2015 Young Professional Award.