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## **Educational Background**

Master of Science (MS), University of Florida, Gainesville Florida, May 1997  
Major: Horticultural Science.  
Bachelor of Science (BS), Florida Agriculture & Mechanical University,  
Tallahassee, Florida 1981, Major: Agriculture Science.

## **Work Experience**

### **June 2020: Owner: Flora Horticultural Services LLC.**

**Duties:** Provide consulting services and training in the areas of farming, gardening, tree and landscape plant identification, selection, and management. Landscape maintenance services are also provided along other plant related services.

### **September 2019 to June 2021: Part-Time Physical Education and Health Instructor, St. Thomas St. John Seventh-Day Adventist School**

### **January 2015 to January 8, 2019: Commissioner, Virgin Islands Department of Agriculture**

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### **October 2012 to January 2015 District Supervisor**

**Duties:** Under the supervision of the State Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, I provided leadership in the development, coordination and evaluation of the comprehensive cooperative extension educational programs in the district of St. Thomas/St. John. The program areas included sustainable agriculture, urban gardening and forestry and backyard composting, natural resources, family and consumer science.

### **February 2008 to September 2013: Acting District Supervisor**

**Duties:** Under the supervision of the State Director of the Cooperative Extension Service, I provided leadership in the development, coordination and evaluation of the comprehensive cooperative extension educational programs in the district of St. Thomas/St. John. The program areas included sustainable agriculture, urban gardening and forestry and backyard composting, natural resources, family and consumer science.

### **March 2008 to Present: State Coordinator for Sustainable Agriculture**

Duties: In conjunction with advisory team planned, coordinated, and disseminated all educational information and activities related sustainable agriculture principles, and practices for Extension staff, farmers and other agriculture professionals throughout the Virgin Islands.

**January 1999 to February 2008 Extension Specialist III:**

Duties: Served as a lead worker. Assisted the assistant director for Agriculture and Natural Resources in planning and training new employees in policies, procedures, programs, and projects; coordinate the Urban Gardening, and Urban Forestry programs for the Territory and assist in coordination of the sustainable agriculture and backyard composting program in the St. Thomas/St. John district; conduct applied research in sustainable agriculture and develop educational programs and materials in conjunction with SARE state coordinator directed at farmers and other agriculture professionals; research and write fact sheets, articles, and other publications on environmental sound practices for farmers and gardeners.

**May 1995 - January 1999: Acting District Supervisor:**

Duties: Under the supervision of the State Director, provided leadership in the development, coordination and evaluation of the comprehensive cooperative extension educational programs in the district of St. Thomas/St. John. The program areas included urban gardening and forestry and backyard composting.

**September 1996- January 1999: State Coordinator for Sustainable Agriculture**

Duties: In conjunction with advisory team planned, coordinated, and disseminated all educational information and activities related sustainable agriculture principles, and practices for Extension staff, farmers and other agriculture professionals throughout the Virgin Islands.

**October 1988 - May 1995: Promoted to Agriculture Extension Agent III**

Duties: Served as a lead worker in Environmental Horticulture program. Horticulture. Assisted program leader in planning, coordinating, and evaluating projects and programs in sustainable agriculture, urban gardening, backyard composting, and urban forestry. Provided educational opportunities through workshop, short courses, training programs and special events. Assisted in sustainable agriculture research for tropical conditions. Locate and maintain resource materials periodicals, photos, catalogues, refereed journals and other materials used for reference purposes

**October 1985 - September 1988: Promoted to Agriculture Extension Agent II**

Duties: Managed public outreach programs, organized and conducted programs to instruct, inform, and advise farmers, home gardeners, and other interested individuals in solving agriculture related problems and applying new technology and environmentally sound practices. Prepared activity planning and other reports, as well as maintain records, assisted the Extension Specialists in planning, developing, organizing and evaluating community agricultural projects.

**November 1981 - September 1985: Agriculture Agent I Cooperative Extension Service, University of the Islands St. Thomas Virgin Islands.**

Duties: Worked with farmers and home gardeners in solving agriculture related problems i.e. soil samples pest I.D. and control, advising on cultural practices.

Assisted Extension Specialists in collecting research data as well as organizing and conducting public workshops related to environmental horticulture.

**Honors/Awards (relating to profession)**

June 2004 - Outstanding Professional Award. Caribbean Urban Community Conference  
October 2018 – Hawaii Global Breadfruit Collaboration Award

**Professional Organizations, Memberships & Certifications:**

International Society of Arboriculture

American Society of Consulting Arborist

Caribbean Food Crop Society

2014 – Present: Caribbean Food Crop Society Advisory Board

2015 – 2019 National Association of State Foresters  
Sub Committee: Urban and Community Forestry  
Southern Group of State Foresters  
Sub Committee: Urban and Community Forestry

2015 – December 2018: National Association of State Department of Agriculture

2015 – December 2018: South Association of State Department of Agriculture

October 2015 – December 2018: Governor Kenneth E. Mapp’s Climate Change Council

December 2016 – December 2018: Governor Kenneth E. Mapp’s Task Force on Recycling

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January 2015 – January 2019: President of the Board of Directors Agriculture and Food Fair of the Virgin Islands. Inc.

January of 2000 – Present: Vice-President of the St. Thomas/ St. John Agriculture and Food Fair Inc.

2015 – 2018: Board of Directors Future Farmers of America, Virgin Islands Chapter

2010 - Hosted a 16-part series about home gardening entitled *Home Grown* on WTJX Channel 12

## Certifications

2003 University of Maine Composting School Certificate of technical ability.

International Society of Arboriculture: Certified Arborist

American Society of Consulting Arborist

Certified Pesticide Applicator:

## Publications

1. Robles, C.A. 1997. Performance of Direct Seeded and Transplanted Lettuce Grown on the Sandy Soils of Florida. Masters Thesis, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida.
2. Poster: Robles, C. M.C. Palada, and S.M.A. Crossman, 1998. On Farm Evaluation of Mulch Types for Sustainable Basil Production in the Virgin Islands. Joint Annual Conference Caribbean Food Crops Society (34<sup>th</sup> annual) and the Jamaican Society for Agricultural Sciences (9<sup>th</sup> annual).
3. "Growing Thyme In The Home Garden." Agrifest 2004, 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Agriculture and Food Fair Of the U.S. Virgin Islands; pg. 24- 26, 2004.
4. "Mulching Your Garden Landscape." Agrifest 2003, 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S. Virgin Islands Bulletin; pg. 42, 2003.
5. "Growing Basil in the Virgin Islands." Agrifest 2002, 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Agriculture and Food Fair of the U.S. Virgin Islands Bulletin; pg. 30-31, 2002.
6. "Developing Sustainable Crop Management Systems for Herb Production in the Virgin Islands; The Proceedings 4<sup>th</sup> Non-Point Source Pollution Conference. 1996 pg. 28-31.
7. "Planning Your Vegetable Garden", St. Croix Avis, Sunday/Monday October 2&3, 1994.
8. "Organic Farming and Gardening: A Viable Alternative." Terracing in 84: Building Soils, Feeding Families. Fourth Annual St. Thomas/St. John Agriculture and Food Fair Bulletin; pg. 35-37, 1984.
9. "Guide to Safer Trees in the Landscape" 2014.