



James Bingen

Dr. James Bingen is a Professor of Community, Food and Agriculture. With a degree in Political Science (UCLA) he works on range of food, farming and rural development issues from Michigan to Western Europe and French-speaking Africa. He is involved with several applied research studies of farmers markets and farmers market vendors in Michigan, the transition to organic farming by Michigan fruit and vegetable growers, farmer access to organic markets, and the contribution of origin-based and quality food to development in Michigan. His most recent projects involve efforts to strengthen value-added agriculture and agri-tourism in Michigan in partnership with French colleagues and agri-entrepreneurs, as well as collaboration on an effort to create an inventory of US origin-based (geographic indication) products. Dr. Bingen's graduate students study a range topics including, first generation farmers, access of Hispanic growers in Michigan to retail fruit and vegetable markets, value-added agriculture, value chains, and urban agroecology in Senegal. Dr. Bingen holds the *Chevalier d'Ordre du Mérite Agricole*, (Order of Agricultural Merit) awarded by the Government of France in 2008.

Education

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire	B.A., Political Science	1966
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee	M.A., Political Science	1967
University of California-Los Angeles	PhD., Political Science	1983

Appointment

Professor, Community, Food and Agriculture, Department of Community, Agriculture, Recreation and Resource Studies, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Grants Pending

Co-Principal Investigator, "Networking, Entrepreneurship and Small and Medium-Sized Farm Prosperity in Northwest Michigan." Submitted to USDA/AFRI. With Brent Ross (AFRE) and Tom Emling (CARRS).

Current Grants

Co-Principal Investigator, "A Michigan-French Partnership to Strengthen the Global Competence of Students, Researchers, and Extension Educators in Agriculture and Tourism." USDA/CSREES/ISE. With Philip Howard, Sarah Nicholls, and Wynne Wright (CARRS). 2009-2011.

Principal Investigator, "Farmers' Markets: A Real Opportunity for Michigan Fruit and Vegetable Growers." North Central SARE Research & Education. 2006-2010.
Co-Principal Investigator, "Expanding Fresh Vegetable Production for the Great Lakes Market: A Planning Grant." USDA/CSREES. With Vicki Morrone (C.S. Mott Group) and Matt Grieshop (Entomology). 2008-2010.

Recent Grants/Contracts

Co-Principal Investigator, "The Transition to Organic in Michigan – Production and Marketing Constraints and Opportunities." A USDA-CSREES Sustainable Agriculture Special Grant (2005-2006). With Carol Osborne, Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance (MOFFA)
Co-Principal Investigator, "Partnering to Cultivate Organic Agriculture in Michigan and the Midwest." USDA/CSREES/Organic Transitions grant.. With S. Snapp (CSS), M. Brewer (Entomology), J. Biernbaum and M. Ngouajia (Horticulture), and D. Mutch (Kellogg Biological Station). 2006-2009

Collaborative Projects, Programs or Partnerships

Academic Cooperation Agreement between Michigan State University, College of Agriculture & Natural Resources and the Centre International d'Etudes Supérieures en Sciences Agronomiques (SupAgro-M), Montpellier, France.
NE 1036, Multi-State Research Project, "Research and Education Support for the Renewal of an Agriculture of the Middle."
CELAVAR / INRA, "Circuits courts et cohésion sociale : capitalisation et analyse d'expériences conduites sur les territoires ruraux et périurbains" Réseau rural français

Awards

Fulbright Distinguished Chair, University of Natural Resources and Applied Life Sciences (BOKU), Vienna Austria. October 2009-January 2010.
Chevalier d'Ordre du Mérite Agricole, (Order of Agricultural Merit). Awarded by the Government of France, 2008.

Public Service

Michigan Organic Food and Farm Alliance (MOFFA), Board Member (Past Chair)
Farmers Market Coalition, Board Member
Michigan Farmers Market Association, Ex-officio Board Member

Publications

Books

Jim Bingen and Lawrence Busch. 2007. *Agricultural Standards: The Shape of the Global Food And Fiber System*. Dordrecht: Springer.
R. James Bingen, David Robinson, and John Staatz. (eds.). 2000. *Democracy and Development in Mali*. East Lansing: MSU Press.
R. James Bingen. *Food Production and Rural Development in the Sahel: Lessons from Opération Riz-Ségou, Mali*. 1985. Boulder: Westview Press.

Selected Refereed Publications

- Lourdes Martinez, Jim Bingen, David Conner. (Forthcoming Fall 2009). "Handlers Perspectives on Sourcing Organic Produce from Michigan and the Great Lakes Region." *Choices*.
- Lourdes Martinez, David Conner, Jim Bingen. 2009. "Great Lakes Organic Produce in Wholesale and Retail Grocery Markets: Opportunities and Challenges from Michigan." *Journal of Food Distribution Research*. 15,1: 118-122.
- Jim Bingen, Kathryn Colasanti, Margaret Fitzpatrick, and Katherine Nault. 2009. "Urban Agriculture." In Laurel Phoenix, ed., *Critical Food Issues: Problems and State-of-the-Art Solutions Worldwide*. New York: Praeger. Pp. 109-122.
- Jim Bingen. 2008. "Genetically Engineered Cotton. Politics, Science, and Power in West Africa." In Bill Moseley and Leslie Gray. Eds. *Hanging by a Thread*. Pp. 227-250.
- Laura B. DeLind and Jim Bingen. (2008). "Place and Civic Culture: Re-thinking the Context for Local Agriculture." *Journal of Agricultural and Environmental Ethics*. 21,2: 127-151.
- Jim Bingen, Carol Osborne, Emily Reardon. 2007. *Organic Agriculture in Michigan. 2006 Survey Report*. East Lansing: MSU and MOFFA.
- Jim Bingen. 2006. "Cotton in West Africa: A Question of Quality." In J. Bingen and L Busch, eds., *Agricultural Standards: The Shape Of The Global Food And Fiber System*. Dordrecht: Springer. Pp. 219-242.
- Jim Bingen and Lawrence Busch. 2006. "Shaping a Policy and Research Agenda." In J. Bingen and L Busch, eds., *Agricultural Standards: The Shape Of The Global Food And Fiber System*. Dordrecht: Springer, Pp. 245-251.
- Lawrence Busch and Jim Bingen. 2006. "Introduction: A New World of Standards." In J. Bingen and L Busch, eds., *Agricultural Standards: The Shape Of The Global Food And Fiber System*. Dordrecht: Springer. Pp. 3-28.
- Jim Bingen. 2005. "The Organic Choice. More Than a Label." *PediatricBasics*. 110 (Spring): 16-24.
- Laura B. Delind, Jim Bingen. 2005. "Be Careful What You Wish For: Democratic Challenges and Political Opportunities for the Michigan Organic Community." *Culture & Agriculture*. 27, 2: 131-143.
- Laura B. Delind, Jim Bingen. 2005. "Guest Editors' Introduction." *Culture & Agriculture*. 27, 2: 88-91.
- Jim Bingen, Alex Serrano, and Julie Howard. (2003). "Linking Farmers to Markets: Different Approaches to Human Capital Development." *Food Policy* 28: 405-419.
- Jim Bingen. 2003. "Pesticides, Politics and Pest Management: Toward a Political Economy of Cotton in Sub-Saharan Africa" in B.I. Logan and William G. Moseley (eds.), *African Environment and Development: Rhetoric, Programs, Realities*. Ashgate Publishing: 111-126.
- Jim Bingen, Guest Editor. (2002) "Shaping our Agro-Food System: Whose Standards Count? Guest Editor Observations." Special Issue. *Agriculture and Human Values*. 19, 4 (Winter): 279-281. 2002.
- Jim Bingen and Andile Siyengo. (2002) "Standards and Corporate Reconstruction in the Michigan Dry Bean Industry." *Agriculture and Human Values*. 19, 4 (Winter): 311-323.