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Dean and Director of Landgrant Programs
College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES)
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Research Interests:

Sustainable economic development, community based approaches to economic development, ecological and agricultural economics, urban agriculture, stakeholder based assessment, discourse based valuation, economic development and its social/cultural and environmental context.

As the founding Dean of the College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES) of the University of the District of Columbia (UDC), Dr. O'Hara is and is leading the University's efforts to build a cutting edge model for urban agriculture and urban sustainability that improves the quality of life and economic opportunity for urban populations.

She is a respected author, researcher, and higher education executive, and well known for her expertise in sustainable economic development, community based economic assessment, global education, and executive leadership. She has experience in virtually every aspect of university administration including curriculum development, strategic planning, program accreditation, participatory research, and international partnerships.

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Education

Doctorate in Environmental Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany. (1984)

Master's (Diplom) in Agricultural Economics, University of Göttingen, Germany. (1979)

BS (Vordiplom) in Agricultural and Life Science, University of Göttingen, Germany. (1976)

Professional Experience

Since March 2012 Dean of the newly founded College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES), University of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC

Since June 2010 Principal and Owner, Global Ecology LLC, Washington, DC

2007-2010 Executive Director, Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) and Vice President, IIE, responsible for administering the Fulbright scholar program, Washington, DC.

2004-2007 President of Roanoke College, Salem, VA.

2002-2004 Chief Academic Officer and Dean of Concordia College, responsible for Academic and Faculty Affairs, Athletics, and Programs of the Concordia Language Villages, Moorhead, MN.

1999-2002 Provost and Professor of Economics, responsible for Academic Affairs, Academic Support Services, Student Affairs, Admissions, Financial Aid, Marketing and Athletics, Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT.

1999-2001 Adjunct Associate Professor 1999-2001, Department of Economics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Troy, NY.

1993-1999 Faculty member and Director of Graduate Studies in Economics, Department of Economics, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute; Troy, NY.

1989-1993 Director of Public Policy, New York State Council of Churches, Albany, NY.

1992-1993 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Economics and Department of Religious Studies, Siena College, Loudonville, NY.

1985-1986 Adjunct Professor, Community College of Vermont; St. Albans, VT.
1979-1984 Teaching and Research Assistant and Research Coordinator, Department of Agricultural Economics; University of Göttingen, Germany.

Courses taught:

Undergraduate courses:

Economy, Ecology and Ethics
Environmental Economics
Economics of Government Regulation
Intermediate Microeconomics
Intermediate Macroeconomics
Introduction to Economics
Sustainable Urban Agriculture

Graduate courses:

Advanced Ecological Economics
Advanced Macroeconomics
History of Economic Thought
Topics in Input Output Analysis
Regional Economics
Sustainable Development
Urban Development

Chaired three Ph.D. committees; served on six Ph.D. committees; supervised six Master's theses and eleven Undergraduate Research projects; theses titles and research project titles available upon request.

Publications (partial List)

Books:

O'Hara, S. , T. Kakovitch. 2014. Physics and the New Economy. HRD Press. Amherst, MA.

O'Hara, S. (editor). 2010. Higher Education in Africa: Access, Equity, Opportunity. Institute of International Education. New York, N.Y.

O'Hara, S., J.Gowdy. 1995. Economic Theory for Environmentalists, St. Lucie Press, Florida.

O'Hara, S. 1984. External Effects of Nitrate Fertilization - Assessment Problems and Valuation of Reduction Measures under Economic and Ecological Considerations (in German), Wissenschaftsverlag Vauk. Kiel. Germany.

Refereed articles and book chapters:

O'Hara, S. 2015. Food Security: The Urban Food Hubs Solution. Solutions. January-February . pg. 42-53.

www.thesolutionsjournal.org

O'Hara, S. 2015. From Sources to Sinks: Changing the Rules of Production Theory. Special Issue: Claire Nelson (editor) World Future Review. Envisioning Development Futures 2030. sagepub.com pg. 1-7

O'Hara, S. 2014. "Everything Needs Care: Toward a Relevant Contextual View of the Economy" in: M. Bjørnholt and A. McKay (editors) Counting on Marilyn Waring: New Advances in Feminist Economics. Demeter Press. UK and Canada.

O'Hara, S. 2013. "Production in Context: The Concept of Sustaining Production". in: J. Farley (ed.) Festschrift for Herman Daly. Vermont University Press, Burlington, VT.

O'Hara, S. 2010. "Feminist Ecological Economics in Theory and Practice" in: A. Salleh (ed.) Eco-Sufficiency & Global Justice – Women Write Political Ecology. Pluto Press, London, England & New York, NY/Spinifex, Melbourne, Australia.

O'Hara, S. 2009. "Feminist Ecological Economics in Theory and Practice" in: A. Salleh (ed.) Eco-Sufficiency & Global Justice – Women Write Political Ecology. Pluto Press, London, England & New York, NY /Spinifex, Melbourne, Australia.

O'Hara, S. 2009. "Internationalizing the Academy: The Impact of Scholar Mobility" in: R. Bhandari, S. Laughlin (eds.) Higher Education on the Move: New Developments in Global Mobility. Institute of International Education, New York, NY.

O'Hara, S. 2007. "Vocation - reclaiming an applied concept of liberal learning" in: *Liberal Learning between Vocation and Vocationalism*. Collected papers delivered at the fourth annual conference: Conversations on the Liberal Arts. Westmont College, CA.

O'Hara, S. 2005. "International Dimension of Student Freedom" in: L. Vaccaro, R. Ackerman, W. Werner Student Freedom Revisited: Contemporary Issues and Perspectives, NASPA, Washington, DC.

- O'Hara, S. 2004. "Of Place, Creation, and Relations" in: W. Gibson (ed.) *Eco-Justice – The Unfinished Journey*. State University of New York Press, New York, NY
- O'Hara, S. 2004. "Economics in Context" in: M. Jochimsen, S. Kesting, U. Knobloch (Hg.) *Lebensweltökonomie*. Kleiner Verlag, Bielefeld, Germany. p. 103-128.
- O'Hara, S. and Biesecker, 2003. "Globalization: Homogenization or Newfound Diversity?" *Review of Social Economy*. Vol. LXI, No 3: 281-294.
- O'Hara, S. and Stagl, S. 2002. "Endogenous Preferences and Sustainable Development." *Journal of Socio-Economics*. 31(2002):511-527.
- O'Hara, S. 2001. "Economic Development from the Ground up: A Socio-Economic Approach to Urban Development." in: J. Gowdy, J. Koehn (eds.) *Sustainable Development -- from Theory to Policy*. Edward Elgar, Hants, England. p. 243-260.
- O'Hara, S. 2001. "The Challenges of Valuation: Ecological Economics between Matter and Meaning." in: C. Cleveland, R. Costanza, and D. Stern (eds.) *The Nature of Economics and the Economics of Nature*. Edward Elgar, Northampton, MA. p. 89-108.
- O'Hara, S. 2001. "Urban Development Revisited: The Role of Neighborhood Needs and Local Participation in Urban Revitalization." *Review of Social Economy*. Vol. LIX, No 1: 23-43.
- Stagl, S. and O'Hara, S. 2001. "Global Food Production and some Local Alternatives - A Socio-Ecological Economic Perspective." *Population & Environment*. Vol. 22, No. 6: 533-554.
- Stagl, S. and O'Hara, S. 2001. "Preferences, needs and sustainability." *International Journal of Sustainable Development*. Vol. 4, No. 1: 4-21.
- O'Hara, S. 2000. "Vorsorgendes Wirtschaften in einer sorglosen Welt." in: A. Biesecker, M. Mathes, S. Schön, B. Scurrill (eds.) *Vorsorgendes Wirtschaften. Auf dem Weg zu einer Ökonomie des Guten Lebens*, Kleine Verlag, Bielefeld: 225-237.
- O'Hara, S. Shandas, V., Vazquez, J. 2000. "Communicating Sustainable Development Options – Who Evaluates the Trade-Offs?" in: I. Ring, B. Klauer, F. Waetzold, B. Mansson (eds) *Regional Sustainability and Applied Ecological Economics: Bridging the Gap between Natural and Social Sciences*. Physica Verlag. Heidelberg: 65-87
- Erickson, J., O'Hara, S. 2000. "From Top-down to Participatory Planning: Conservation Lessons from the Adirondack Park, N.Y. U.S.A." in: L. Tacconi (ed) *Biodiversity and Ecological Economics – Participation, Values and Resource Management*. Earthscan Publications, London and Sterling VA. P. 146-161.
- O'Hara, S. Shandas, V., Wright, E. 2000. "The Cost of Technology Intensive Education: A Preliminary Analysis of Studio Physics." *Journal of Computers in Mathematics and Science Teaching*. Vol.19, No.4:379-96.
- O'Hara, S. 1999. "Community Based Urban Development: A Strategy for Improving Social Sustainability." *International Journal of Social Economics*. Vol. 26, No.10/11: 1327-1343.
- O'Hara, S. 1999. "Economics, Ecology and Quality of Life: Who Evaluates?" *Feminist Economics*. Vol.5(2):83-89.
- O'Hara, S. 1998. "Gross Domestic Product and Net Social Welfare" in: P. O'Hara, (ed). *Encyclopedia of Political Economy*. Routledge, New York, London. pg. 420-423.
- O'Hara, S. 1998. "Ecology" in: P. O'Hara, (editor) *Encyclopedia of Political Economy*. Routledge, New York, London. pg. 232-235.
- O'Hara, S., Diwan, R. 1998. "Quality of Life" in: P. O'Hara, (ed) *Encyclopedia of Political Economy*. Routledge, London, New York. pg 937-939.
- O'Hara, S., Mesner, S. 1998. "The Limits of Economic Rationality: Social and Environmental Impacts of Recreational Land Use." *Indian Journal of Applied Economics*. Vol.7 No.2:181-202.
- O'Hara, S. 1998. "Internalizing Economics: Sustainability Between Matter and Meaning." *Essays in Honor of Clement Allen Tisdell, Part IV, John C. O'Brien (editor)*, *International Journal of Social Economics*. Vol. 25 No 2/3/4: 175-195.
- O'Hara, S. 1998. "Sustaining Production: Material and Institutional Considerations." *International Journal of Environment and Pollution*. Special issue: *Environmental Sustainability: the Challenges Ahead*. Vol.9, no.2/3: 287-304.

- O'Hara, S. 1998. "Economics, Ethics and Sustainability: Redefining Connections." *International Journal of Social Economics*. Vol.24, No.6: 143-162.
- O'Hara, S., Schwendner, R. 1997. "Ecological Economics: A Framework for Developing Social and Ecological Intelligence." *Rostocker Beiträge zur Regional- und Strukturforschung*. Heft #10: 103-123.
- O'Hara, S. 1997. "Überlegungen zu einer nachhaltigen Produktionstheorie." *Ökologisches Wirtschaften*, Ausgabe 3/4: 4-6.
- O'Hara, S. 1997. "Toward a Sustaining Production Theory." *Ecological Economics*. Vol. 20, No.2 :141-154
- Gowdy, J., O'Hara, S. 1997. "Weak Sustainability and Viable Technologies- Special Issue: Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen." *Ecological Economics*, Vol.22, No.3: 239-247.
- O'Hara, S. 1996. "Discursive Ethics in Ecosystems Valuation and Environmental Policy." *Ecological Economics*. Vol. 16, No. 2: 95-107.
- O'Hara, S. 1995. "Sustainability: Social and Ecological Dimensions." *Review of Social Economy*. Vol. LIII, No.4: 529-551.
- O'Hara, S. 1995. "Valuing Socio-Diversity." *International Journal of Social Economics*. Vol.22 No5:31-49.
- O'Hara, S. 1995. "From Production to Sustainability: Considering the Whole Household." *Journal of Consumer Policy*. Vol.18, No. 4:111-134.
- O'Hara, S. 1994. "Economic Reality, Gandhian Ideas, and Lessons from Socio-Diversity." *Gandhi Marg*, Vol.16, No.2:22-49.
- O'Hara, S. 1992. "Economy, Ecology and Ethics." *The Quarterly Review*. Vol.12, No 4:15-27.

Research Grants (partial list)

- 2015 Anacostia Economic Development Corporation (\$609,000). New Models for Urban Agriculture: the Hydroponics Food Hubs.
- 2014 USDA Research Grant (\$50,000). The Five Pillars of Economic Development: A Storytelling Approach to Sustainable Economic Empowerment and Development for Underserved DC neighborhoods
- 2001 State of Vermont Downtown Revitalization Grant. Co-Principal investigator (\$32,000). Planning Grant for downtown-revitalization for the town of Poultney.
- 2000 Ecological Economy Challenge Grant (\$2,000). Start-up grant for an experimental stage Living Machine for Green Mountain College.
- 1997 Froehlich Foundation. Co-principal investigator (\$325,000) "Assessment of the Past, Present, and Future of Lake George: A Holistic Study Using Advanced Technology & Community Involvement."
- 1997 Hewlett Foundation. Co-principal investigator (\$150,000) "Applying a Studio Course Model to General Education in the Humanities and Social Sciences."
- 1996 Keck Foundation Grant. Co-principal investigator (\$640,000) "Equipment grant to develop the Keck Water Quality Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Water Quality Research."
- 1996 Sloan Foundation. Co-principal investigator (\$30,000) "Strategies for Regional Economic Development in the City of Troy."
- 1996 Anonymous Private Foundation. Co-principal investigator (\$382,000) "Studio Courses versus Traditional Course Formats in Science Education: A Comparative Analysis of Educational Goals and Economic Costs and Benefits."
- 1995 Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Strategic Initiative Grant. Principal investigator (\$42,000) Interactive Learning and Ecological Economics."
- 1995 Schenectady Economic Initiative assistance to urban neighborhood associations. Principal investigator (\$1,600) "Urban Neighborhood Based Economic Development".

Patents and Copyrights:

- O'Hara, Sabine U. Expected 2013. "Context Based Education"
- O'Hara, Sabine U. Expected 2013. "The Five Pillars of Economic Development"

Other Professional Activities

- 2011 Rostered expert with the United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF) of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), New York, NY.
- 2011 Curriculum Development “The UNISA Signature Curriculum: Relevance for the African Context”, Pretoria, South Africa and Washington, DC.
- 2010 Strategic Plan Implementation Strategy “Gaining Academic Distinction through International Exchange and Collaboration”, Princess Nora University, Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.
- 2008 Research Project Coordinator “Increasing Access and Equity in African Higher Education – Collaborations and Comparisons between Egypt, Kenya, Nigeria, and South Africa”; Ford Foundation Office, Cairo, Egypt.
- 2007 Research Chair and Business Council Steering Committee member “Economic Development to Strengthen Regional Assets”, Roanoke Valley Business Council.
- 1998 Curriculum Development “Developing Curriculum Resources in Ecological Economics that Strengthen Regional Engagement and Development”. The American Forum for Global Education, New York, NY.
- 1997 Research Collaborator “Discourse Based Valuation: Designing a Community Based Valuation Process of Development Scenarios in the Hamilton Harbor Watershed.” Sustainable Futures, Toronto and Hamilton Ontario.
- 1996 Guest Professor “Economics and Ethics: Toward Strategic Intelligence in Economic Development”. International School of Management, Bad Waldsee, Germany.
- 1994 Guest Editor “Eco-Justice Quarterly”, Eco-Justice Project and Network, Cornell, Ithaca, NY.
- 1992 NGO Delegate to the UN Conference on Environment and Development and to the UN Negotiating Committee for a Convention on Climate Change, Rio De Janeiro, Brazil.

Honors & Awards

- 2014 Elected President Elect of the International Society for Ecological Economics.
- 2009 Elected to the Board and as Secretary of the Board of the Council of Scientific Society Presidents.
- 2006 Elected President of the U.S. Society for Ecological Economics.
- 2005 Distinguished Leader Award, Office of Multicultural Affairs, Roanoke College.
- 2003 Inductee into Omicron Delta Kappa Honors Society, Concordia College, Moorhead, MN.
- 2000 Recipient of the “Outstanding Paper Award for Excellence”, International Journal for Social Economics. MCB University Press, UK.
- 1998 Citation of Excellence for a paper cited with the Highest Quality Rating. ANBAR Electronic Citation Index for Publications in Management and Managerial Economics, Bradford, England; Spring ‘98.
- 1998 Citation of Excellence for a paper cited with the Highest Quality Rating. ANBAR Electronic Citation Index for Publications in Management and Managerial Economics, Bradford, England; Fall ‘98.
- 1997 Recipient of the Outstanding Service Award of the New York State Council of Churches.
- 1996 Recipient of the “Outstanding Paper Award for Excellence”, International Journal for Social Economics. MCB University Press, England.

Service to Professional and Civic Organizations

- 2014-18 President of the International Society for Ecological Economics
- 2014 Board member of the Rural Economic Development Center, Pennsylvania State University.
- 2010-present International Advisory Board Member, King Abdul-Aziz University, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
- 2010-present Board of Trustees, Western Studies Institute of Saudi Arabia, Riyadh and Washington, DC.
- 2009-2011 President’s International Center Task Force, American Chemical Society (ACS)
- 2008-present Editorial Board Member, Kenyan Journal of Education Management
- 2008-2011 Board of Trustees (2009-10 Board Secretary), Council of Scientific Society Presidents (CSSP)
- 2007-2010 President, United States Society for Ecological Economics (USSEE)
- 2007-2009 Board of Directors, Virginia State Chamber of Commerce

2002-2008	Board of Trustees, Association for Social Economics (ASE)
1999-2008	Editorial Board Member, Review of Social Economy
2004-2007	Board of Directors, Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce
2004-2007	Executive Committee, Roanoke Valley Economic Development Partnership
2004-2007	Leadership Committee, Roanoke Valley Business Council
2002-2004	Chair of the Budget Committee, Concordia College, Morehead, MN
2000-2002	Steering Committee, Downtown Revitalization Initiative, Poultney, VT
1999-2004	Reviewer EPA STAR Fellowship Program. Washington, DC
1999-2002	Board of Directors, International Society for Ecological Economics (ISEE).
1999-2001	Co-chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, Green Mountain College, Poultney, VT
1998-2004	Reviewer NSF/EPA Partnership for Environmental Research. Washington, DC
1997-2000	Board of Directors, Employee Ownership Project, Albany, NY
1996-1997	Section Editor for Environmental Entries, Encyclopedia of Political Economy, Routledge, UK
1996-2000	Reviewer, Structural Change and Economic Dynamics
1995-present	Reviewer, Ecological Economics
1994-1997	Vice Chair, Schenectady Economic Development Initiative, Schenectady, NY
1992-1996	President's Advisory Committee on the Adirondacks, Audubon Society