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Thomas Jayne is University Foundation Professor of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics at Michigan State University. He is also Co-Director of the Alliance for African Partnership, a university-wide initiative at MSU to promote long-term partnerships with African research and capacity building organizations. Jayne is also a Distinguished Fellow of the African Association of Agricultural Economists. He has mentored dozens of young African professionals and played a major role in building MSU's partnerships with African agricultural policy research institutes, serving as co-director of several grants from USAID, DFID and the Gates Foundation focusing on building sustainable research capacity in Africa. Over the past decade, he has received seven distinguished research excellence awards from various professional and academic organizations, including the 2009 Outstanding Article Award in Agricultural Economics and the 2017 Bruce Gardner Memorial Prize for Applied Policy Analysis.

Recent publications:

Jayne, T. S., & Traub, L. N. (2016). [Mega-trends Transforming Africa's Food Systems](#). *Foreign Affairs, special edition on African Farmers in the Digital Age: How Digital Solutions Can Enable Rural Development*.

Richards, P., Reardon, T., Tschirley, D., Jayne, T., Oehmke, J. & Atwood, D. (2016). Cities and the future of agriculture and food security, [Food Security](#). Volume 8, Issue 4, pp 871-877.

Grants

Food Security Policy Studies, USAID-funded FtF Innovation Lab (September 2013 – Present). Assisting USAID-supported FtF countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America to fight hunger, reduce poverty and improve nutritional outcomes through better food policies. MSU's Food Security Group partners with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) in Washington, D.C., and the University of Pretoria in South Africa in 19 FtF countries.

Guiding Investments in Sustainable Agricultural Intensification (GISAIA), funded by Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (Dec 2012 – present). Lead a \$7.8 million research project to improve the incomes and food security of African farmers and consumers through policies that improve the profitability of cereal crop intensification and contribute to sustainable agricultural productivity growth in Africa. This project works in seven countries (Kenya, Zambia, Tanzania, Nigeria, Malawi, Burkina Faso, Mali) in developing policy and programmatic strategies on improving production and food security.