

NIRAN DAVE FOSTER, MEd, BSc, PAg

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Profile

- Experienced adult educator, establishes a research plan, and develops a project.
- Demonstrated the ability to translate student objectives into strategic and tactical project goals and objectives.
- Proven ability to make significant technical and scientific advances utilizing internal and external resources.
- Highly accomplished in people management with the ability to build and maintain relationships with colleagues of various professional disciplines to work as a team to achieve corporate goals.
- I believe in person-centred education, and I understand that the learner's needs should be the focus.
- I understand how adults learn and that learning will help adults live well.
- I focus on interprofessional skills (the needs of the learner).
- I advocate for adult education (the industry needs information on the role adult education plays).
- I advocate for agricultural food production and community food security.
- I advocate for small scale farming profitability and reasonable pricing paid by consumer for agricultural produce.
- I advocate for environmental sustainability and careful land used while providing for the needs of citizen

Core Competencies & Skills

- Research Proposal
- Report writing.
- Supervision
- Curriculum Development
- Collaborative Approach
- Planning and organizing ability to establish priorities, coordinate one's own work plan, process documentation, meet deadlines, and work well with little or no supervision.
- Environmental Adaptability.
- Microsoft Office Suite.
- Instruction/ Teaching

Education

- Master's degree in education (adult education) focusses on agricultural extension learning (July 2020 to October 2023 online part-time) St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, Canada.

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- Bachelor of Science (Agriculture) majoring in Plant Science (August 2016 to May 2019) Dalhousie University, Truro, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- Diploma in Science, General Agriculture (August 2007 to May 2009) College of Agriculture, Science, and Education, Portland, Jamaica.

Experiences

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- Land Manager at Mushuau Innu First Nation (June 2024 to Present)
- Instructor at Academy Canada (January – June 2024)
- Regional Program Coordinator: Engaging African Youth in Community Food Security at Dalhousie University (January 2023 to present).
- Research Field Technician at Dalhousie University (September 2019 to December 2022)
Duties: A part of a team that sets up and establishes over 30 different cereal and oil seed field research trials; data collection, statistical analysis, and report writing, establishing field days; and farmer training.
- Extension Officer of the Rural Agricultural Development Authority in St. Ann, Jamaica (2009–2011). Duties: Provided technical advice and facilitated the learning of farmers in rural Jamaica; collected and analyzed data for production to improve production and solve agricultural problems.

Research Topics / Publications

- Foster, N. (2023). Extension learning and adult education in Jamaican agriculture: A qualitative case study.
- Gong, Q., Caldwell, C., Borza, T., Mills, A., Zeng, N., Foster, N., & Jiang, Y. (2026). Optimizing seeding ratios of field pea–brown mustard intercrops in Atlantic Canada. *Agronomy Journal*, 118(2), e70345.

Interests

Reading, teaching, listening to music, and playing football.

Professional association/Social groups and Certification/Awards

- John Dobson Award for 2022, St. Francis Xavier University.
- Assist in teaching African Nova Scotia students in the Imhotep's Legacy Academy after-school program at Truro Junior High School, which is supported by Dalhousie University.
- Professional Agrologists (certified members of the NSIA) (May 2019 to present).
- Class Vill: Agriculture Applicator (Pesticide Certification of Qualification)

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References

Available Upon Request