

Curriculum Vita for Dr. Robert G. Sherman

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Education: Educated in Liberia, West Africa, and the United States. **BA, Economics**, Cuttington College, Liberia; **MIM**, Master of International Management, Thunderbird, The American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, Arizona; **MBA & Ph.D.** in Business Administration with **Finance major** from the W.P. College of Business, Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona. **Minors are Economics & Global Business Management.**

Professional Competencies: *Financial Management, Economic Analysis, Global Business Operations.*

Professional Experiences: Retired President & CEO, **the AMI Group**, a Consulting firm based in Phoenix, Arizona . Worked with World Bank, IMF, African Development Bank, UN Economic Commission for Africa, African Business Roundtable, Arizona Department of Commerce, U.S. Department of State, Commerce, Agriculture, Energy, Labor, Treasury, USAID, EX-IM Bank, OPIC, UN Development Programme (Africa Bureau) and numerous private and public entities to organize The Annual Conference & EXPO on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Africa. Phoenix was the venue for these conferences.

Adjunct Professor of Finance & Economics, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, Arizona.

- Teach graduate Finance & Economics Courses

Previous Positions: Former Assistant Professor of Finance & Banking, Thunderbird, the American Graduate School of International Management, Glendale, Arizona.

University of Phoenix: Professor Emeritus of Finance, Economics & Global Business, University of Phoenix – Phoenix Campus. Other positions: Lead Faculty, Finance & Global Business; Content Area Chair, Financial Planning & Control; Member, Faculty Council. Participated in the development and/or revisions of more than two dozen courses in the undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral programs. Taught MBA & Doctoral courses both online & onground. .

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: Some examples

"Stabilization Programs in Foreign Debt: An Intercountry Comparison," with Francisco Carrada-Bravo at the Global Development Conference, University of Maryland, September 1986.

"Leverage, Resource Allocation and Growth," with Dilip K. Ghosh, Rutgers University.

Published: Journal of Business Finance & Accounting Vol. 20 #4 June 1993

"From Financial Liberalization to Productive Privatization: A Re-examination of African Economies." **Published:** The International Journal of Finance. Vol. 7, No. 2, 1993.

"Corporate Capital Structure and Investment Revision: A General Equilibrium Approach," with Dilip Ghosh, Rutgers University.
Submitted to: JFQA, Journal of Finance and Quantitative Analysis

"Speculation, Currency Substitution and Capital Flight: The Japanese Experience," with Dilip Ghosh, Rutgers University.
Submitted to: JIF, Journal International Finance

"Financial Liberalization: A Basis for Successful Privatization Schemes In Sub-Saharan Africa"
Submitted to: The International Journal of Finance

"Foreign Debt, Capital Flight & Development: The Case of Sub-Saharan Africa."
Submitted to: JAFED, Journal of African Finance & Economic Development

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES (Some highlights):

- Founding member and first President of both the African Association of Arizona (**AFASA**) and the African Finance & Economics Association of North America (**AFEA**)
- Visiting scholar with the African Development Bank in Abidjan, Ivory Coast. Observed and researched their activities on the African debt crisis.

- Visiting scholar with the support unit of the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a World Bank, Washington, DC.
- Participated in the AFEA's African Capital Markets Conference in Nairobi, Kenya and delivered a major address on the Role of Capital Markets in Economic Development.
- Member, Planning Committee, African-African American Summit organized by Dr. Leon H. Sullivan.
- Accepted an invitation from the Washington, DC based Constituency for Africa (CFA) and participated in their *Ronald H. Brown African Affairs Series* and moderated the workshop Doing Business with Africa at the US Department of Commerce.
- Member, Planning Committee, **National Summit on Africa, Washington, D.C.**
- Convener, annual conference & EXPO on Trade and Investment Opportunities in Africa. (Activities are held in Phoenix, Arizona)
- Chair, Plenary Committee, Vice President Boakai's 2012, 2016 and 2021 visits to Phoenix, Arizona.

CONSULTING ACTIVITIES: Consultant to the Africa Bureau of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in New York. Have performed a number of assignments in this capacity.

COMMUNITY SERVICES/AWARDS:: Samples

- Governor's African American Advisory Council of Arizona.
- Former Member, Board of Directors, World Affairs Council of Arizona.
- Former Member, Maricopa Community College District Bond Advisory Council.
- Former Member, Phoenix Commission on the Economy
- Former Member, International Commerce Committee, Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce
- Member, State Superintendent of Education's African American Advisory Council
- Member, Arizona Attorney General, Mark Brnovich's African American Advisory Council
- Member, Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton's African American Advisory Council
- Member, Arizona African-American Legislative & Leadership Conference Committee
- Member, African-American Advisory Board, Chancellor of Maricopa Community Colleges
- Member, ASU President Michael Crow's African-American Advisory Council.
- Member, Arizona Secretary of State , Adrian Fontes Advisory Board.

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS: Because of his active involvement in the community, Dr. Sherman has received numerous academic and community awards including the prestigious Martin Luther King Jr. “**2014 Living the Dream Award**” presented by the City of Phoenix on January 17, 2014. He is married with two kids.