

**Lorna Michael Butler** was the first holder of the Henry A. Wallace Endowed Chair in Sustainable Agriculture in the College of Agriculture at Iowa State University. She held this position between February 1, 2000 and February 1, 2007. Dr. Butler, was also Professor in the Departments of Sociology and Anthropology, and currently holds the status of Emeritus Professor.

During her term as the Wallace Chair, Dr. Butler placed priority on the socio-cultural dimensions of sustainable agriculture and the value of stakeholder participation in establishing program priorities, in partnering to carry out needed programs, and in playing an active role in monitoring the effectiveness of programs. She did this through collaboration with colleagues and other organizations to shape a variety of outreach, applied research and learning programs, for example the annual *John Pesek Colloquium on Sustainable Agriculture*, the *Pathways to Sustainability* seminar series, and as co-leader/co-author of the CAST Task Force Report and associated symposium on *Urban and Agricultural Communities: Opportunities for Common Ground*. She valued constructive dialogue around contentious issues and policies --- for example on farm policy, energy and agriculture, international food security, climate change, and institutional innovation to encourage sustainability. She was highly enthusiastic about the value of collaborative partnerships such as those established through the Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods and its Uganda partners, Volunteer Efforts for Development Concerns (VEDCO), and Makerere University.

Dr. Butler was instrumental in facilitating the process that eventually created the Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods (CSRL) in the College of Agriculture. With the encouragement of its founding benefactors, and a cross-college Management Team, a vision emerged for a long-term program to benefit rural people in developing countries, and their institutions. The intent was to empower local people to achieve food security and more sustainable livelihoods. Since its formation in 2004, CSRL has become an integral part of the College of Agriculture's focus on sustainable agriculture, agroecology and global programs. Uganda was selected as the initial partner country, and in 2004, a community-based program was launched that provided learning and applied research opportunities for students, faculty and staff to work in partnership with local people and their institutions.

Dr. Butler enjoyed working with students to shape interdisciplinary research to promote a more diverse and equitable agriculture that contributes to sustainable livelihoods. She was an avid supporter of the Graduate Program in Sustainable Agriculture (GPSA), and the students it attracted, since its onset in 2001. For the first few years the GPSA was housed in the office of the Wallace Chair, and a number of students were supported by Wallace Chair funds. The Wallace Chair also helped to bring an international dimension to the GPSA by encouraging research and learning opportunities for faculty and students in other countries.

Dr. Butler will continue her association with ISU's Center for Sustainable Rural Livelihoods by serving on the CSRL Advisory Board. She also will continue her co-investigator role with the Iowa State University–University of Ghana ENAM (Enhancing Child Nutrition through Animal Source Food Management) Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP). She and her husband, Bob, will be making their home in North Saanich, near Sidney, British Columbia, Canada.