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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Economics, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1980  
M.S., Agricultural Economics, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa, 1976  
B.A., Economics, Central College, Pella, Iowa, 1974

### **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

1998 Distinguished Service Professor, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University  
1997 Professor, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University  
1986 – 1997 Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Western Michigan University  
2005-2006 Fulbright Specialist Professor, , College of Development Studies and Department of Economics, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia  
2009 Fulbright Specialist Professor, Adama Science and Technology University, Ethiopia  
2000 Founding Director, Center for African Development Policy Research (CADPR).WMU  
2002 Visiting Fulbright Research Fellow, Department of Agricultural, University of Pretoria, SA  
2002 Fulbright Scholar, Institute of Development Research, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia  
1994 – 1995 Visiting Scholar, Department of Agricultural Economics, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI  
1989 – 1999 Director, African Studies Program, Director, Kalamazoo, MI  
1987 – 1988 Fulbright Scholar, Department of Economics University of Botswana  
1980-88 Assistant Professor, Department of Economics  
1978-80 Instructor and PhD Candidate, Iowa State University

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Edited Volumes**

Asefa, S., & Huang, W. (Eds) (2015). *The political economy of good governance*. Kalamazoo, MI: W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.  
Asefa, S. (2010). *Economic globalization and international development*. Kalamazoo, MI: W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.  
Asefa, S., Negatu, W., Alemu, G., & Senbeta, A. (Eds.). (2006). *Proceedings from the International Conference on Development Studies in Ethiopia*. Kalamazoo, MI: Western Michigan University, Center for African Development Policy Research (CADPR).  
Asefa, S. (Ed.). (2005). *the economics of sustainable development*. Kalamazoo, MI: W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.  
Asefa, S., & Huang, W. (Eds.). (1994). *Economic development and human capital*. Kalamazoo, MI: W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.  
Asefa, S. (Ed.). (1988). *World food and agriculture: Economic problems and issues*. Kalamazoo, MI: W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Asefa, S. (Ed.). (1985). *Economic decision making: Private and public decisions*. Ames, IA: Iowa State University Press.

### **Book Chapters**

Asefa, S., & Huang, W. (2015). The challenges of good governance and leadership in developing countries: Cases from Africa and China. In S. Asefa, S. & W. Huang (Eds.), *and the political economy of good governance*. Kalamazoo, MI: W. E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Asefa, S. (2015). The impact of global geopolitics on Ethiopian civilization, one of the earliest in the world. In A. Targowski & T. Isaac (Eds.), *African civilization in the 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

Asefa, S. (2015). The African governance challenges in the global economy and society of 21<sup>st</sup> century. In A. Targowski & T. Isaac (Eds.), *African civilization in 21<sup>st</sup> century*. Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers.

Asefa, S. (2012). The challenges of peace and democracy in the Horn of Africa: Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and Sudan. In U. J. Dahre (Ed.), *Predicaments in the Horn of Africa*. Lund, Sweden: Media-Tryck.

Asefa, S. & Reinert, K. A. (2003). Development concepts. In K. A. Reinert, *An introduction to international economics*. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press.

### **Journal Articles**

Asefa, S. (2014). The challenges of good governance and leadership for sustainable development in developing economies: The case of African economies. *International Journal of Humanities and Social Science* 4(7).

Asefa, S., & Lemi, A. (2012). Rural poverty and food insecurity in Ethiopia: The quest for sustainable rural institutions and technologies. *Ethiopian e-Journal for Research and Innovation Foresight (Ee-JRIF)*, 4(1).

Asefa, S., Negatu, W. & Moguees, T. (2012). Combating food insecurity and rural poverty in Ethiopia. *Ethiopian e-Journal for Research and Innovation Foresight* 4(1).

Asefa, S., & Ayalew, A. (2011). Exploring the challenges and prospects of transforming higher education institutions in Ethiopia. *Journal of International Politics and Development* 9(1).

Asefa, S., & Lemi, A. (2009). Differential impacts of economic volatility and governance on manufacturing and non-manufacturing foreign direct investments: The case of U.S. multinationals in Africa. *Eastern Economic Journal*, 35, 367 – 395.

Asefa, S. (2007). The challenge of building institutions of governance for economic development in Ethiopia. *Northeast African Studies*, 10(1).

Asefa, S. (2007). The challenge of building democratic institutions for governance and development in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa. *Northeast African Studies* 10(2).

Asefa, S. (2006). The political economy of famine and poverty in Ethiopia. *The African Prospect: The journal of contemporary African issues at the International Institute of Justice and Development*, 1(1).

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Asefa, S., & Lemi, A. (2003). Foreign direct investment and uncertainty: Empirical evidence from Africa. *African Finance Journal*, 5, 36 – 67.

- Asefa, S. (2003). Rural poverty, food insecurity, and environmental degradation in Ethiopia: A case study from South Central Ethiopia. *International Journal of Ethiopian Studies*, 1(1).
- Asefa, S. (2003). Challenges and prospects for regional integration in the Horn of Africa, *The Horn of Africa*, 21.
- Asefa, S., & Tadesse, B. (2002). Empirical analysis of the determinants of demand for children in Jimma City, Ethiopia: An application of count data model. *Eastern Africa Social Science Review*, 18(2).
- Asefa, S., & Teklu, T. (1999). Who participates in labor intensive public works scheme in Sub-Saharan Africa? Evidence from Botswana and Kenya. *World Development* 27(2).
- Asefa, S. (1991). Enhancing food access in Africa: The Botswana experience. *Studies in Comparative International Development*, 26(3), 59 – 83.
- Asefa, S. (1988). Food crisis in Northeast Africa. *Northeast African Studies*, 9(2).
- Asefa, S. (1985). Economics of agricultural development in tropical Africa. *Peasant Studies*, 13.
- Asefa, S. (1983). An analysis of resource allocation in a household farm economy, Cases from Ethiopia. *Ethiopian Journal of Development Research*, 5(7), 108 – 132.

### **Conference Proceedings**

- Asefa, S. (2009). Globalization and international development: Critical issues of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century civilizations in crisis. In L. Farhat-Holzman & T. Reinzo (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 39<sup>th</sup> International Society of the Comparative Study of Civilizations*. Kalamazoo, MI: Western Michigan University.
- Asefa, S., & Lemi, A. (2004). Challenges to African regional integration in the global economy: Implications for Ethiopia. In A. Seyoum (Ed.), *Proceedings of the First International Conference on the Ethiopian Economy*. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: Ethiopian Economic Association.
- Asefa, S., & Hussien, A. (1997). Perspectives on economic development in Ethiopia. In K. Fukui, E. Kurimoto, & M. Shigeta (Eds.), *Ethiopia in broader perspective: Papers of the 13<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies*. Kyoto, Japan: Shokado Book Publishers.

### **Journal Issues Guest Edited**

- Asefa, S. (Ed.). (2005). Special issue on natural resource management, human development, and macroeconomic performance in Ethiopia. *Northeast African Studies*, 8(1). MSU Press
- Asefa, S., & Milkias, P. (Eds.). (2003). Special issue on the challenges of building democratic institutions for governance and development in Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa. *Northeast African Studies*, 10(2). Michigan State University Press.
- Asefa, S. (Ed.). (1996). *African Rural and Urban Studies*, 3. Michigan State University Press

### **Book and Journal Article Reviews**

- Asefa, S. (2005). Review of the book *enough with famines in Ethiopia: A clarion call*, by F. G. Kiros. For Pearson Publishers.
- Asefa, S. (2004). Review of the book *Myths and realities in the distribution of socioeconomic resources and political power in Ethiopia*, by K. Woldemariam. For *Africa Today*.
- Asefa, S. (2000). Review of *how efficiently do public works programs transfer benefits to the poor? Evidence from South Africa*, by L. Haddad & M. Adato. For *The World Bank Economic Review*.

- Asefa, S. (2000). Review of the book *African Economic Development*, by E. U. Nnadozie. For Academic Press.
- Asefa, S. (2000). Review of the book *Exploring economics: Pathways to problems solving*, by R. Sexton. For Harcourt Brace College Publishers.
- Asefa, S. (1999). Review of *Negotiating space for rural communities? Market orthodoxy and changing concept of social welfare services in Africa* by S. Adejumobi. For *African Studies Review*.
- Asefa, S. (1999). Review of the book *Privatization and x-inefficiency in selected Sub-Saharan African countries*, by O. Suliman & G. Ghebreyesus. For *Contemporary Economic Policy*.
- Asefa, S. (1997). Review of the book *African political economy: Contemporary issues in development*, by K. R. Hope. For *Journal of Developing Areas*.
- Asefa, S. (1994). Review of the book *Economic development: Private and public choice* by B. Paulson. For West Publishing Press.

### **Academic Awards, Grants, including Fulbright Grants and Recognition of Service**

- 2015 Certificate and Letter of Appreciation for 35 Years of Service, Department of Human Services, WMU (September, 2015)
- 2015 Visiting Scholar in Economics Award from WMU Provost Office
- 2015 College of Arts and Sciences Diversity and Inclusion Speaker Award 2015
- 2015 College of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Engagement Award
- 2014 WMU International Graduate Student Appreciation Award
- 2014 WMU College of Arts and Sciences Diversity and Inclusion Award
- 2014 WMU College of Arts and Sciences Interdisciplinary Engagement.
- 2013 WMU College of Arts and Sciences Global Engagement Award
- 2011 WMU Excellence in Diversity Faculty Award
- 2009 Fulbright Senior Specialist Fellow, Adama Science and Technology University
- 2008 University Distinguished Service for Economics Award
- 2007 WMU College of Arts and Sciences Outstanding Faculty Achievement Award
- 2005 Fulbright Senior Specialist Fellow, Addis Ababa University
- 2002 Fulbright Faculty Research Fellow to Ethiopia and South Africa, USDE
- 2001 Honorary Member of Alpha Kappa Mu (AKM) U.S. Academic Honor Society
- 2000 Listed in Global *Who's Who of Economists*
- 1998 University Distinguished Service Award, Department of Economics
- 1987 – 1988 Fulbright Scholar, University of Botswana, CIES
- 1987 NAACP Public Sector Service Award
- 1985 – 1986 Faculty Teaching Fellow, Office of the President, WMU

### **CONFERENCES (WMU and International)**

#### **Research Conferences Organized**

- 2016 9th International Conference on the Challenges of Democratic Good Governance and Leadership, May 20-27 (forthcoming- International Call for Papers out)

- 2014 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on African Development, “The Challenges of Good Governance and Leadership for Sustainable Development in African States,” Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, August 14 – 16
- 2012 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on African Development, “Challenges and Opportunities for Democratic Good Governance for Sustainable Development through Global and Diaspora Partnerships with African States,” Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, July 27 – 29
- 2011 6<sup>th</sup> International Conference on International Development Studies, “Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development and Peace in Africa in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century,” Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 2 – 4
- 2009 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies, “A Multidisciplinary Conference on the Challenges to Peace and Development in Ethiopia and Northeast Africa,” Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, July 23 – 25
- 2007 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, August 2 – 4
- 2005 3<sup>rd</sup> International Conference on Ethiopian Development Studies, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 18 – 19
- 2003 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Development Studies in Ethiopia, Addis Ababa University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and July 11 – 12
- 2001 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Contemporary Development Issues in Ethiopia, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, and August 16 – 18

#### **Papers Presented and Contributed to Conferences**

- Asefa, S., & Gemechu, A. (forthcoming). The governance and institutional challenges of economic reforms over last 40 years in Ethiopia. Paper accepted at the Allied Social Science Association, San Francisco, CA, January 3 – 5, 2016 (Abstract accepted)
- Asefa, S., & Ybabe, M. (forthcoming). Governance challenges for improving food security in Ethiopia: A case study from Northern Ethiopia. Paper accepted at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Food Security Conference, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, and October 11 – 14. (Abstract and Paper Accepted)
- Asefa, S. The governance challenges and opportunities of Horn of Africa international economic relations. Paper accepted at the 19<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland, and August 24 – 28. (Abstract and paper contributed)
- Asefa, S., & Abraham, D. (2014). The impact of fiscal poverty on poverty in Ethiopia. Paper presented at the Midwest Economic Association Annual Conference, Chicago, and March 22.
- Asefa, S. (2013). The challenges of good governance and leadership for sustainable development of Ethiopia. Paper presented at the International Conference organized by Forum for Social Studies, September 19 – 20.
- Asefa, S. (2013). The critical role of good governance in the Horn of Africa to prevent violence over control of natural resources. Paper presented at the International Conference on the Horn of Africa, Lund University, Sweden, and August 23 – 24.
- Asefa, S. (2012). Building peace, human security and sustainable development through regional integration. Paper presented at the International Conference on the Horn of Africa, Lund University, Sweden, and June 9.
- Asefa, S., & Lemi, A. (2003). Challenges to African integration and development in the global and information economy. Paper presented at the 15<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Hamburg, Germany, July 21 – 15.

- Asefa, S., & Zegeye, T. (2003). Rural poverty, food insecurity, and environmental degradation in Ethiopia: A case study from South Central Ethiopia. Paper presented at the International Conference on Contemporary Development Issues, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and July 11 – 12.
- Asefa, S. (2002). Challenges and prospects for regional integration in the Horn of Africa: Toward a Horn of Africa free trade area? Paper presented at the International Conference on Prospects for Horn of Africa Confederation, University of South Florida, Tampa, November...
- Asefa, S., & Lemi, A. (2002). Foreign direct investment and uncertainty: Empirical evidence from Africa. Paper presented at the Allied Social Science Association, Atlanta, GA, and Jan.4 – 6.
- Asefa, S., & Lemi A. (2001). Foreign direct investment and uncertainty: The case of African economies. Paper presented at the International Business and Economics Research Conference, Reno, Nevada. October 8 – 12.
- Asefa, S. (2001). Perspectives in institutional reform in Ethiopia: The critical role of building enabling institutions for economic development. Paper presented at the Ethiopian American Foundation International Conference on Contemporary Development Issues in Ethiopia, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI, and August 16 – 18.
- Asefa, S., & Tadesse, B. (2001). Empirical evidence on the determinants of demand for children: An application of count data model. Paper presented at the 65<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Midwest Economics Association, Cleveland, Ohio, and March 29 – 31.
- Asefa, S., & Hussen, A. (1997). Perspectives on economic development in Ethiopia. Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, Kyoto, Japan, and Dec. 12 – 17.
- Asefa, S. (1996). Determinants of employment choice in labor intensive public works scheme in rural Botswana. Paper presented at the Eastern Economic Association Annual Meetings, Boston, MA, and March 15 – 17.
- Asefa, S. (1995). Perspectives on agricultural policy, rural poverty, and food insecurity in Ethiopia. Paper presented at the Agricultural Economics Society of Ethiopia Conference, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, and June 8 – 9.
- Asefa, S. (1994). Poverty and food insecurity in Africa: The case of Ethiopia. Paper presented at the African Studies Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada, and November 3 – 6.
- Asefa, S. (1994). Rural development policy during Haile Selassie and Derg Regimes. Paper presented at the 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Ethiopian Studies, East Lansing, and Sept.5 – 10.
- Asefa, S. (1993). Economic growth, food policy, and entitlement in Africa: Lessons from Botswana. Paper presented at the Western Economic Association International Conference, Lake Tahoe, NV, and June 20 – 24.
- Asefa, S. (1993). Perspectives on economic development in Ethiopia. Paper presented at the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on the Horn of Africa, City College of New York, and May 29 – 30.
- Asefa, S. (1987). Models of development in relation to Africa. Paper presented at the Stanford-Berkeley Joint Center for African Studies Conference, Stanford University, and May 2.
- Asefa, S. (1986). Production decision making in traditional agriculture. Paper presented at the Social Statistics Section of the American Statistical Association, Chicago, and August 18 – 21.

## **UNDERGRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, International Economic Issues, Managerial Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, African Economies, International Economic Development, African Economies Honors Course

## **GRADUATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Economics of Development, Applied Economics for Management, Advanced Microeconomic Theory, Economics of Management and Organization, Development Economics, Economics of Sustainable Development, Human Capital Development, World Food and Agriculture, Economic Decision Making, Political Economy of Good Governance, Rural Development Transformation Policy, Agricultural Systems and Food Security, Regulatory Economics and Institutions

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

### **Committees ( Past and Present)**

International Education Council (2010 – present)  
Economics Department Executive Committee (2003 – present)  
University Senate (2005 – present)  
Faculty Senate at Large (1998 – present)  
Tenure Review Committee (1986 – 1987, 1988 – 1994, 1995 – present)  
Western Michigan University Faculty Senate Ad hoc Committee on Centers and Institute (2015)  
Western Michigan University Centers and Institutes Committee, Vice Chair (2015)  
Economics Research Seminar Coordinator (2014 – 2015)  
University Centers and Institute Committee, Vice Chair (2014 – 2015)  
University Honorary Award Committee (2014 – 2015)  
University Honorary Degree Committee (2014)  
Department Personnel Committee (1988 – 1991, 2004 – 2005)  
Department Research Committee (1990 – 1994, 1999 – 2001)  
African Studies Faculty Committee, Chair (1986 – 1987, 1988 – 1987, 1995 – 2000)  
College of Arts and Sciences Promotion Committee/Social Sciences, Chair (1999 – 2000)  
Economics Department Promotion Committee, Elected Chair (1999 – 2000)  
International Area Studies/African Studies Academic Advisor (1986 – 2000)  
Economics Department Research Colloquia Coordinator (1998 – 1999)  
University Visiting Scholars Committee (1995 – 1998)  
Faculty Senate Admissions, Financial Aid, and Student Affairs Council (1966 – 1998)  
Department Merit Committee (1986 – 1987, 1989 – 1991, 1995 – 1997)  
Department Representative for Faculty (1986 – 1996)  
Budget and Finance Council (1993 – 1995, 1995 – 1996)  
Department Honors and Awards Committee (1993 – 1994)  
Ad hoc Committee to Revise General Education (1992 – 1993)  
Economics Department Secretary (1992 – 1993)  
Department Lectures Committee, Co-Chair (1992 – 1993)  
Graduate Master's Committee (1989 – 1990, 1991 – 1993)  
Department Curriculum Committee, Chair (1988 – 1993)  
Ad hoc Committee on Racial Diversity, Chair (1990 – 1991)

Economics Majors Committee (1990 – 1991)  
Department Lectures Committee, Chair (1982 – 1983, 1986 – 1987)  
Department Representative to the Faculty Senate (1985 – 1987)  
Affirmative Action Advisory Board (1982 – 1986)  
Instructional Development Committee (1980 – 1986)  
University Centers and Institutes committee, Vice Chair (2014-  
University Honorary Degree Committee (2014-

#### **Recent Dissertation and BA and MA Thesis Committee Membership (WMU and International)**

Honors B.A. Thesis in Economics and Statistics, Thesis Advisor, Mirele Mitie Matsuoka De Aragao, Western Michigan University (2014 – 2015)  
M.A. Thesis in Applied Economics, Jassim Mohammed, Western Michigan University (2014),  
Committee Member  
Ph.D. in Development Studies, Getamesay Bekele, Addis Ababa University (2014), External  
Examiner  
Ph.D. Development Studies, Admassu Tesso, Addis Ababa University (2014), External Advisor  
Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Development Management, Dadi Wedajo, Ethiopian Civil Service  
University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2014), External Examiner  
Ph.D. in Urban Planning and Development Management, Gegrechristos Nurye, Ethiopian Civil  
Service University, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (2014), External Examiner

#### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

International Board, Association for Education for Development, Addis Ababa University  
Board of Directors, African Finance and Economic Development Association  
Editorial Board Member, International Journal of Ethiopian Studies  
Editorial Board Member, Journal of International Politics and Development  
President, Ethiopian Development Studies Association  
Board Chair, Ethiopian American Association  
Founding Member, Ethiopian Agricultural Economics Society  
Ethiopian Economic Association, Addis Ababa  
Midwest Economics Association, Iowa  
American Economics Association, Chicago  
Eastern Economics Association, New York  
American Association of University Professor (WMU Chapter), Kalamazoo

#### **References**

1. Dr. Wei-Chiao Huang, Professor of Economics, Western Michigan University
2. Dr. John Ishyama, Distinguished Research Professor of Political Science, University of North Texas
3. Dr. Adugna Lemi, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts-Boston, MA
4. Dr. Benjamin Ofori-Amoha, Professor and Chair, Department of Economics, WMU





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### Summary Professional Biography 2015

Sisay Asefa is University Distinguished Service Professor of Economics in the Department of Economics, College of Arts and Sciences, Director of the Center for African Development Policy Research at Western Michigan University, and founding Chief Editor of e-journal International Journal of African Development at Western Michigan University (WMU). Please see websites: <http://scholarworks.wmich.edu/ijad/>, <http://www.wmich.edu/economics/>, <http://www.wmich.edu/africacenter/>.

Prior to coming to WMU, he taught at Iowa State University. He has published six edited books and over numerous journal articles and has authored chapters in books and conference proceedings. He is the editor or co-edited of the following books: *Economic Decision Making: Public and Private Decisions (1985)*, *World Food and Agriculture: Economic Issues and Problems (1988)*, *Human Capital and Economic Development (1994)*, & *the Economics of Sustainable Development (2005)* and *Globalization and International Development (2010)*, *The Political Economy of Good Governance (forth coming, 2015)*. He has also served as editor of four volumes of social science journals. Born in Ethiopia, he attended Addis Ababa University from 1969-1971, where the institution was known as the Haile Selassie University). He later graduated with a BA in Economics from Central College, Iowa, and earned his MS in Agricultural Economics in 1976 and a Ph.D. in Economics in 1980.

Dr. Asefa has more than 60 refereed publications that have appeared in major refereed journals such as *Economic Development and Cultural Change (1997)*, *World Development (1999)*, *Studies in Comparative and International Development (1991)*, *Northeast African Studies*, *Eastern African Social Science Review (2002)*, *African Finance Journal (2003)*, *International Journal of Ethiopian Studies (2003)*, *Journal of Global Awareness (2003)*, *Horn of Africa Journal (2009)*, and *Eastern Economic Journal (2009)*. He teaches courses in Development Economics, African economies, Microeconomics, and Managerial Economics. His research interest and experience is in the area of political economy of poverty, food security, rural development, and relationships between governance and sustainable development in developing countries in general and Africa in particular. Dr. Asefa has been a visiting scholar to Michigan State University, the University of Wisconsin-Madison, the University of Botswana, the University of Pretoria, Oxford University, Addis Ababa University, and Adama Science and Technology University. He

has received three Fulbright Fellowships of various lengths. He was a Fulbright Scholar to Botswana, 1987-88, a Fulbright Visiting Professor to Addis Ababa University and the University of Pretoria in 2002, and a Senior Fulbright Specialist Professor for six weeks in 2005 at Addis Ababa University, and at the Adama Science and Technology University's School of Business and Economics in 2009, where he convened the 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on African Sustainable Development.

In 2001, he was inducted as an honorary member of Alpha Kappa Mu (AKM), a US academic honor society, and was listed in the Global Who's Who in Economics in 2000. He is a long-time active member of such professional associations as the American Economic Association, American Agricultural Economics Association, Ethiopian Economic Association, Ethiopian Agricultural Economics Society and a Board member of African Finance and Economics. Dr. Asefa is a member of the external advisory panel of the Michigan State University Department of Agricultural Economics. At WMU, he has served as a member of various departmental and university committees, including service as a 3 times elected at-large member of the WMU Faculty Senate and Faculty Senate International Council and member WMU Honorary Degree Committee in 2014. He also received several awards for academic and service excellence at WMU. He received the College of Arts and Sciences Achievement for Professional and Community Service Award in 2007, the University Distinguished Service Award in 2008, and the first Excellence in Diversity Award for Faculty in 2011. He recently received the College of Arts and Sciences Global Engagement Achievement Award in 2013 and Diversity and Inclusion Award in 2014 and Interdisciplinary Engagement 2015, Economics Visiting Scholar Award to bring speaker to campus . In August 16, 2014, he was honored by WMU international students for mentoring, advising, recruiting that includes 12 PhD Alumni Graduates in Applied Economics . He is nominated for the University Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award for 2014 and 2015.

He taught a PhD seminar, "Rural Transformation Policy, Agricultural Systems and Food Security and Regulatory Economics and Institutions," at the College of Development Studies and School of Economics, at Addis Ababa University, and a short PhD course, "Development Economics and Microeconomics," at the International Leadership Institute (ILI) to PhD Students in Business Administration in Ethiopia. He recently convened a successful international conference, "Challenges and Opportunities for Sustainable Development in Africa," with the collaboration of the International Leadership Institute, Addis Ababa University, and Western Michigan University. He also convened the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on African Development on August 14-16, 2014, which is a continued a series of successful conferences that began on WMU Campus in 2001 and convened both in Michigan and Ethiopia. The 9<sup>th</sup> International conference on African Development on theme of Challenges of Good Governance will convene in Ethiopia from May 20-22,2016 with collaboration with local and regional universities in Ethiopia. He was also invited as an external examiner and advisor of 5 PhD Thesis two by Addis Ababa University and three by the Ethiopian Civil Service University which he completed in June 2014.

Professor Sisay Asefa, launched a new e-journal named International Journal of African Development 2013, where he works as chief editor with an editorial team of faculty from four colleges and PhD graduate students in Applied Economics. He continues to advise and mentor graduate students both at WMU and Universities in Ethiopia. He has three children all university of Michigan graduates two sons,

Ben and Sam who are Professional Engineers, and a daughter Aden who is a professional in public health and a wife Mimi Asefa who is a local Real Estate Agent in Kalamazoo. He enjoys morning walks, swimming and *blogging* on issues of global and US political economy including Africa