

Short Biography for Don Macke

Don Macke is Co-Director of the Center for Rural Entrepreneurship, a Rural Policy Research Institute National Research and Policy Center with founding support from the Ewing Marion Kauffman Center. Don's current work focuses on entrepreneurship in rural America.

Don's other affiliations include:

- Entrepreneur in Residence with the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.
- Visiting Scholar with the Rural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri Columbia.
- Fellow with the Center for Applied Rural Innovation with the University of Nebraska Lincoln.
- Associate Fellow with the Center for Great Plains Studies with the University of Nebraska.
- Senior Advisor with the Nebraska Community Foundation.

Don Macke has nearly a quarter of a century of experience working in the field of community and economic development. Over these years, Don has specialized in rural development and policy. Previous experience includes working in the Nebraska Unicameral as a policy advisor, involvement in a national consulting cooperative (project experience in 23 states, the Caribbean & Canada), and serving on the Cabinet of the Nelson Administration where Don headed the Nebraska Rural Development Commission.

Don was born in Sterling Colorado and grew up in Western Nebraska (Mullen & Ogallala). He received BS and MA Degrees from the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. Don is married to Jenny Carver (a pre-school special education teacher) and has two sons – Sam and Eric. Don, Jenny and their families live in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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