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Dr. Debra A. Reid grew up on a farm in southern Illinois. She earned a B.S. in Historic Preservation at Southeast Missouri State University (1982), was a summer fellow at Historic Deerfield in Massachusetts (1981), and then earned an M.A. in History Museum Studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program (1987), an M.A. in History from Baylor University (1996), and a Ph.D. in History from Texas A&M University (2000). Employment in historic sites and open air museums took her to seven states and a foreign country before she arrived at EIU in 1999. Her articles have appeared in *Agricultural History*, publications of the Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums; the *Midwest Open Air Museums Magazine*, and the *Journal of Urban History*. Her book, *Reaping a Greater Harvest: African Americans, the Extension Service, and Rural Reform in Jim Crow Texas*, appeared in 2007. The Faculty Development Grant will allow her to discuss issues related to teaching rural history in global context at the Agricultural History Society conference during 2008.

