

### Dr. John B. Penson, Jr.

Dr. Penson is Regents Professor and Stiles Professor of Agriculture in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Agribusiness from Southern Illinois University, after which he served as an agricultural economist with the Economic Research Service, USDA in Washington, D.C. He received his PhD degree from the University of Illinois in 1973, receiving the Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association. He returned to the USDA in Washington before joining the faculty at Texas A&M University in 1975. His major areas of emphasis have involved modeling the linkages between the general economy and agriculture, with particular emphasis on credit markets.



As a Visiting Scholar at the Federal Reserve System in the early 1980s, Dr. Penson conducted research in the areas of potential GDP and the role of capacity depreciation in aggregate investment behavior in agriculture, presenting his research results at the Board of Governors in Washington, D.C. His research at Texas A&M University led to publications in many journals, including the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, the *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics* and the *Journal of Lending and Credit Risk Management*. Among Dr. Penson's awards for research is the Policy Contribution Award from the American Agricultural Economics Association. He has also applied his research expertise in a number of consulting activities, including studies for the Farm Credit Administration and the American Bankers Association, and has made numerous presentations before such credit audiences as the Board of Directors of the Farm Credit Administration, the President's Planning Committee of the Farm Credit System, and the Comptroller of the Currency, U.S. Treasury.

Dr. Penson served as Editor of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics* published by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association during 2001-2004. He currently serves as Co-Editor of *Choices* published by the American Agricultural Association. He has also authored or co-authored 15 books, including the textbook *Introduction to Agricultural Economics* now in its fourth edition.

Dr. Penson has been an active participant in the teaching program at Texas A&M University. He has taught the introductory course to approximately 7,000 students

over the last 10 years as well as a senior level course in the macroeconomics of agriculture. Dr. Penson has also taught graduate courses in macroeconomics and finance in Guatemala, Nicaragua and Ecuador. He is the recipient of the Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award from the Western Agricultural Economics Association and the Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award - More Than Ten Years Experience from the American Agricultural Economics Association.

Dr. Penson received the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Southern Illinois University and is one of a small group of faculty members at Texas A&M University who have received the Distinguished Faculty Achievement Award at the university level from the Association of Former Students in both teaching and research. Noted Dr. Karen Kubena, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences: "Despite the fact that more than two thousand faculty members are at Texas A&M University, Dr. Penson has garnered awards in both of these arenas at the university level from the Association of Former Students."

### Dr. Chung L. Huang

Charlie Huang is professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and adjunct professor in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, The University of Georgia. He was a visiting professor in the Institute of Applied Economics at the National Taiwan Ocean University from September 2001 to January 2002. Dr. Huang received a B.A. in economics (1967) from Tunghai University, an M.A. in economics (1972) from Central Missouri State University, and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics (1976) from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

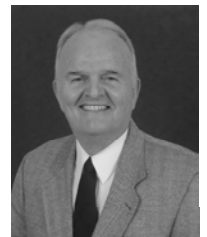


Dr. Huang joined the faculty of the University of Georgia in 1976 as an assistant professor. He was promoted to associate professor in 1982 and to the rank of professor in 1988 which he currently holds. Throughout his tenure, he has published in over 30 different refereed professional journals, ranging from disciplinary journals including the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *Health Economics*, and *American Statistician* to multidisciplinary journals including *Food Policy* and *Journal of Food Distribution Research*. Complementing his scholarly articles are numerous book chapters and invited presentations.

Dr. Huang's scholarship is always in the forefront of current issues, long before they become popular with other researchers. During Dr. Huang's early work on the Food Stamp Program, he advanced the use of Tobit analysis and flexible functional forms during a time when such procedures were only beginning to emerge in applied economics. His computer program using the Box-Cox transformation techniques for the specification of functional form greatly expanded the use of these techniques in applied economics. Long before the now popular investigations of demand for organic foods, Dr. Huang was laying the foundation for such investigations. He not only led the way in publishing the techniques for modeling consumer preferences for organics, but also communicated research findings to policy makers. This leading-edge research continues with his recent work in health economics. Dr. Huang's recent article on childhood obesity is not only on a very timely issue but is sure to become another of his classic contributions to the applied economics literature. The hallmark of Dr. Huang's contribution to the scholarly service in southern agricultural economics is his commitment toward promoting scholarship among professionals in the southeast. This commitment started early in his career with his work on southern regional research projects. Within these projects, Dr. Huang quickly became a leader, serving as secretary-treasurer and chair of the committees. His commitment to promoting scholarship continued as the secretary-treasurer of SAEA. In this role, he worked diligently in creating and maintaining professional accounting and association record systems. This active participation in southeastern scholarship was only a foundation for his tireless work as editor of two national agricultural economics journals based in the southeast. Dr. Huang's early service as editor of the *Journal of Agribusiness* established it as a national outlet for scholarly works in research, extension, and instruction. This leadership continued as editor of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. It is this type of leadership, serving over 12 years as editor for agricultural economics journals, that promotes scholarship of agricultural economists throughout the southeast, nationally, and internationally. This is truly the mark of a lifetime of achievement and dedication to scholarship.

### Dr. Richard L. Kilmer

Dr. Kilmer grew up on a corn, soybean, and dairy farm in north central Indiana. He received a B.S. and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University in 1965 and 1967



and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Ohio State University in 1975. He has been married 39 years to his lovely wife Linda and they have 3 children and 4 grandchildren. Between his Masters and PhD, Dr. Kilmer served in the United States Air Force as a maintenance officer from 1968 through 1972 where he attained the rank of captain. Upon graduating with his Ph.D., he joined the United States Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service as an agricultural economist in the Inputs and Finance Division from 1975 through 1977. Dr. Kilmer joined the Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida in 1977 where he continues his work as a professor of agricultural economics specializing in agricultural marketing and as a member of the International Agricultural Trade and Policy Center.

While at the University of Florida, Dr. Kilmer's research in agricultural marketing has been in the commodity areas of dairy, citrus and vegetables. His most recent research has dealt with the development of a bargaining framework for the negotiation process between a milk marketing cooperative and fluid milk processing plants. A generalized axiomatic Nash bargaining model is used to investigate the price negotiation process. His research in agricultural marketing has resulted in 178 publications and 38 abstracts which include one co-authored book and one co-authored edited book, 44 refereed journal articles; over \$1.4 million in contracts and grants; 66 presentations as presenter and/or co-author or moderator at professional meetings and conferences. Dr. Kilmer has taught price analysis and quantitative methods at the undergraduate level and microeconomics and agricultural marketing at the graduate level. He has chaired 33 graduate students, served on 58 other graduate committees, and served as the Food and Resource Economics Department's Graduate Coordinator from 1992-96.

Dr. Kilmer has been an active member in the profession. He was Chair (1999-2000) of the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) Food and Agricultural Marketing Policy Section and Chair (1997) of the AAEA Doctoral Dissertation Awards Committee (1995-97). He has been a member of the AAEA Quality of Research Discovery Awards Committee (1998-2000); the AAEA Membership Committee (1985-88); the AAEA Product Development Sub-Committee (2001); the AAEA Communications/Publications Committee (2003-2006); and the AAEA *Review of Agricultural Economics* Editor Selection Committee (2006). His work in dairy has found him as Chair (1989-92), Vice-Chair (1980-82), and Secretary (1987-1989) of the Southern Regional Dairy Marketing Research Projects

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Dr. Kilmer has been an active faculty member at the University of Florida. He has served as a member of the University of Florida Senate (1994-98, 2000-02); Strategic Planning Group for Graduate Education (1994-98); Task Force on Tuition Payment Allocation (1995); and Academic Freedom, Tenure, Professional Relations and Standards Committee (1997-1999). He has served his college as Chair (2000-02) and member (1998-2002) of the Graduate Student Honors and Awards Committee; Chair (1987-88) and Vice-Chair (1986-87) of the UF/IFAS Research Publications Committee; Chair (1989-90) and member (1987-90) of the UF/IFAS Awards and Honors Committee; Chair (1991-92) and Vice-Chair (1990-91) of the UF/IFAS Project Review Committee; UF/IFAS Graduate Committee Member (1992-1995); UF/IFAS Advisory Committee on Tenure, Promotion, and/or Permanent Status (1995-1996); UF/IFAS Administrative Intern, Office of Academic Programs, College of Agriculture (1995-96); and Chair of UF/CALS Teaching and Advising Awards Committee (1997).

Dr. Kilmer was the President-Elect (2003-2004), President (2004-2005), and Past-President (2005-2006) of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA). He has received the SAEA Distinguish Professional Service Award (2004); SAEA Special Appreciation Award In Recognition of Outstanding Service and Contributions to the Southern Agricultural Economics Association as President (2004); AAEA Award for Professional Excellence for Distinguished Policy Contributions NC-117 (1980); the UF-IFAS Inter-disciplinary Research and Extension Team Award (2000); the UF-IFAS Academic Programs Graduate Teacher and Advisor of the Year (1994-95); Honorable mention for the College of Agriculture 1991-92 Teacher of the Year Award; In Appreciation for Your Dedication and Service to The FRE Graduate Students as Graduate Coordinator (1992-1996); Faculty Appreciation Award (1991 and 2003) presented by the Food and Resource Economics Department Graduate Student Organization.



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