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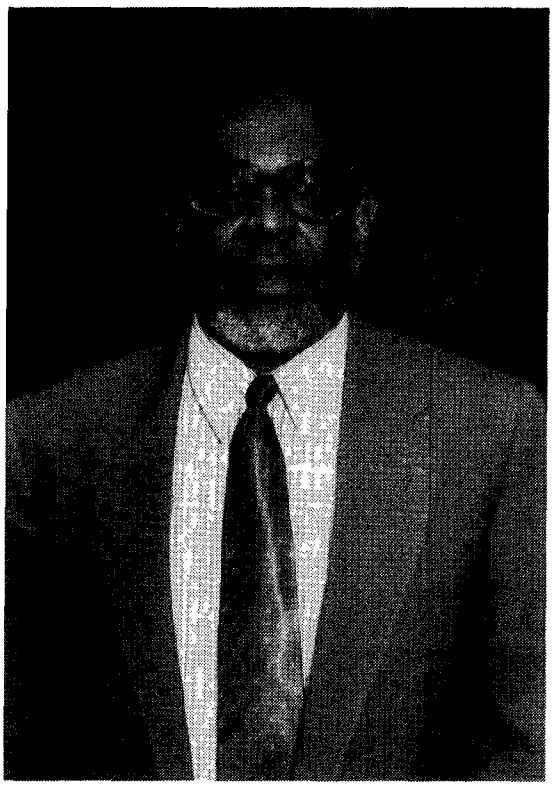
# Dr. Carlton G. Davis

## Lifetime Achievement Award

- Distinguished Service Professor in Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida, Gainesville, 1990–present
- Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor in Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida, Gainesville, 1970–90
- Visiting Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad, West Indies, 1991–92
- Ford Foundation International Research Fellow, Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, The University of the West Indies, Trinidad, West Indies, 1968–69
- Editorial Council, *Journal of Agricultural Economics Issues*—A Journal of the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (in transition to AAEA auspices), 1995–present
- Editorial Advisory Board, *Farm and Business*—The Journal of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society, 1991–present
- Named Outstanding Black Agricultural Economist by the Committee on Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics, American Agricultural Economics Association, 1989
- North American representative for the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society, 1988–92
- Phi Beta Delta, International Society of Scholars, University of Florida Chapter, 1987
- Governing Board, American Agricultural Economics Association Foundation, 1985–88
- Danforth Foundation Associate, 1978–84
- American Men and Women of Science; Personalities of the South; Dictionary of International Biography; Who's Who in Florida; Gamma Sigma Delta



Carlton G. Davis has compiled a record of excellence in research, teaching, and professional service. His notable achievements in the study of human resource development, rural poverty, food and agricultural policy, and international trade and development have been distinguished by scholarly excellence and focus on critical issues in the South. His research, teaching, and professional services are renowned not only in the South, but across the nation and the Caribbean.

Dr. Davis earned a Ph.D. degree in agricultural economics from Michigan State University in 1970, after earning his B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, in 1964 and 1965, respectively. In 1955, he received his Cambridge University School Certificate from the Mannings School, Jamaica. Dr.

Davis has served as an instructor at Michigan State University, and as a visiting professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine, Trinidad. Nearly all of his professional career (1970–present) has been spent at the University of Florida, where he progressed from assistant professor to Distinguished Service Professor. His outstanding service, academically and professionally, has merited him membership in the honor societies of Phi Beta Delta and Gamma Sigma Delta.

Dr. Davis' promotion to Distinguished Service Professor is a testimony to the superior quality of his teaching. Another indication of his initiative and commitment to teaching has been his framing of the first undergraduate rural development course at the University of Florida, entitled "Income and Employment of Rural People," the first graduate rural development course entitled "Rural Welfare and Development Policy," and the development of a more recent graduate course entitled "Contemporary Caribbean Agro-economics Issues."

Dr. Davis is also ardently involved in research. His research has been particularly effective in stimulating and directing the attention of the profession to issues related to human resource adjustments and human capital. He has published extensively (books, journal articles, book chapters, monographs) on special-interest topics of the South. Because of his outstanding qualifications, keen research insights, and policy analysis expertise, he is often invited to give presentations at professional meetings of agricultural economists.

Dr. Davis' early work focused on poverty and rural underdevelopment in the United States; he has made significant contributions to the literature in this area, including his landmark book entitled *Rural Poverty and the Policy Crisis.* Dr. Davis' pathbreaking research—on both the impact of USDA food programs on food expenditures and nutrient intakes of low-income rural households, and the impact of socioeconomic characteristics on food consumption—has served to greatly enhance knowledge on the effectiveness of the food assistance programs and intervention strategies to improve the nutritional status of consumers, especially the poor. His research on food programs, nutritional status, and food consumption has been published in refereed agricultural economics journals as well as refereed journals in other disciplines (e.g., economics, nutrition, and political studies).

Throughout his distinguished career, Dr. Davis has made significant contributions to research on the labor market for agricultural economists. He was a pioneer in addressing traditional graduate admission standards as constraints in increasing the supply of black professional agriculturalists, and he contributed substantially to the AAEA landmark study on *Opportunities and Status of Blacks in the Agricultural Economics Profession.*

Dr. Davis has made lasting contributions to the analysis of international development and trade issues. His seminal research includes studies on strategies for enhancing United States-Caribbean agricultural trade, poverty reduction and sustainable agricultural development, and agricultural industrialization and sustainable development. He is widely recognized as an expert on agricultural development in the Caribbean.

In addition to research, outreach, and teaching, Dr. Davis has provided exemplary leadership to the agricultural economics profession. He has been a member of the Governing Board of the AAEA Foundation, and served on numerous committees including the Nominating Committee, International Committee, and the SAEA Honorary Lifetime Membership Award Committee. He is a member of the editorial council of the *Journal of Agricultural Economics Issues* and the *Caribbean Journal of Agriculture and Natural Resources* (Guyana, South America), as well as a member of the editorial advisory board of *Farm and Business* (the journal of the Caribbean Agro-Economic Society).

Dr. Davis has received numerous professional honors and nationwide recognition. He has been and continues to be an important contributor in the arenas of United States and Caribbean agriculture.

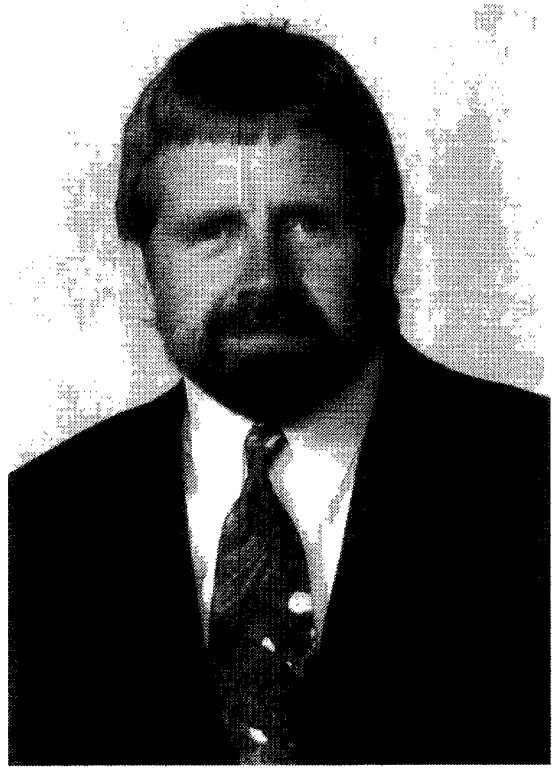
# Lynn L. Reinschmiedt

## 1996–97 President

Lynn L. Reinschmiedt was born in Clinton, Oklahoma, and grew up on a wheat-livestock farm. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University, and his Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. Following graduation, he served on the agricultural economics faculty of the University of Delaware (1976–77) before joining the faculty at Mississippi State University in 1978. Dr. Reinschmiedt is a professor and Coordinator of Undergraduate Programs in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University, where he holds a teaching/research appointment.

Dr. Reinschmiedt's research has emphasized agricultural and resource policy, conservation tillage and cropping systems, water demand and supply, and rural community development. Specific studies have addressed evaluation and development of rural water system pricing strategies, assessment of agricultural water demands and crop distributions, socioeconomic analysis of the Lower Mississippi River Delta, and development and analysis of conservation tillage systems.

As Coordinator for Undergraduate Programs, a significant amount of Dr. Reinschmiedt's professional emphasis has focused on academic governance responsibilities at the departmental, college, and university levels. His undergraduate and graduate teaching interests currently include resource economics, policy, agribusiness, and research methodology. His professional service has included a number of AAEA and SAEA committees, and a three-year term on the editorial council of the *Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics*. At Mississippi State University, Dr. Reinschmiedt has been actively involved in the advisement of student clubs and other professional and honor societies. He has served as advisor to Alpha Zeta, the agricultural economics club, and has held various offices in Gamma Sigma Delta.



At Mississippi State University, Dr. Reinschmiedt received the Mississippi State University Student Association Outstanding Faculty Member Award in 1987, the Alpha Zeta Outstanding Teaching Award for the College of Agriculture and Home Economics in 1993, and in 1995 he was awarded Mississippi State University's John Grisham Faculty Excellence Award.

Lynn Reinschmiedt and his wife, Judy, an English teacher, have one daughter, Jordan, and reside in Starkville, Mississippi. They are involved in a number of community organizations, having been particularly active in fund raising and educational awareness programs for the American Cancer Society.