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Barry J. Barnett is a professor and graduate coordinator in the Department of Agricultural Economics and an International Institute Research Fellow at Mississippi State University. He began his career at Mississippi State University in 1995, moved to the University of Georgia in 2001, and then returned to Mississippi State University in 2007. He received a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, a B.S. in Agricultural Economics, and a B.B.A. in Finance, all from the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Barnett has conducted research and written extensively about agricultural public policy and insurance both in the United States and in developing country contexts. Google Scholar currently lists almost 1800 citations of articles he has published. In particular, his work on index insurance is widely cited in the scholarly literature. He currently serves as an associate editor for the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* and has previously served on the editorial council of the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*.

Dr. Barnett regularly conducts analysis for the Risk Management Agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and has testified before the Agriculture Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. He has contributed to several World Bank, Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD), and U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) publications and served as a proposal reviewer and panelist for both the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute for Food and Agriculture.

Dr. Barnett has worked on agricultural insurance projects in China, Ghana, Romania, and Tanzania and conducted desk work for additional projects in Madagascar, Mongolia, Peru, and Vietnam. In addition, he has delivered papers or made presentations to audiences in



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Along with Dr. Keith Coble, Dr. Barnett organized the Applied Risk Analysis Section of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. He later served as Chair of the Section. He is also a former chair of the southern regional research group SCC-76 “Economics and Management of Risk in Agriculture and Natural Resources.” He has served on many faculty senate, graduate school, college, and departmental committees including chairing several search committees and serving on committees with responsibilities for promotion and tenure, curriculum, strategic planning, and intercollegiate athletics. While on faculty at the University of Georgia he served as president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the

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