

Patricia A. Duffy

Lifetime Achievement Award

Patricia Duffy is a professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics Rural Sociology and Auburn University's assistant provost for undergraduate studies. She has served as the undergraduate program coordinator for her department and is a recipient of an Auburn University Alumni Professorship award. She received her B.A. in English/French at Boston College in 1977 and after a tour of duty in Zaire with the Peace Corps, she entered the Ph.D. program at Texas A&M University. She completed her Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics in 1985 and joined the Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology Department at Auburn that year. She earned an M.A. in English at Auburn in 1996. At Auburn University, Dr. Duffy was promoted to associate professor in 1990 and to full professor in 1995.

Over the past 26 years, Dr. Duffy has taught a variety of different classes including a university core course in microeconomics, graduate courses in policy, production, and operations research, and a course she and a career counselor colleague designed as the introductory course for the new Auburn University Interdisciplinary University Studies program. She is best known for her farm management course. She is a co-author of the *Farm Management* textbook with Drs. Ron Kay and William Edwards. The seventh edition of this text was just released by McGraw-Hill in 2011. In 1994, she received the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Distinguished Professional Contribution Award for Teaching a Class for teaching farm management. Auburn University College of Agriculture recognized her contribution to teaching with the College Teaching Excellence Award in 2001. She received a North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Teaching Award of Merit in 2003. She is active as an advisor for both undergraduate and graduate students, and has served as major professor for 20 graduate student committees and a member



of the advisory committee for nearly 50 additional graduate students.

Her research program has produced 50 journal articles, five book chapters, two edited volumes, 25 proceedings papers, and numerous presented papers and posters. Her journal articles cover topics ranging from farm management to farm policy, and more recently to food insecurity and obesity. She has published disciplinary work in a number of journals, including the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, *Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics*, the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Land Economics*, and the *Review of Agricultural Economics*. She has also co-authored interdisciplinary articles, including those published in the *Agronomy Journal*, *Journal of Production Agriculture*, *Journal of Environmental Horticulture*, *Obesity*, *Biomass and Bioenergy*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, and *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*.

From 1994–1998 she served the Southern Agricultural Economics Association as second vice president, first vice president, president elect, president, and past president. She was a member of the American Agricultural Association Foundation Governing Board from 1995–1998, and subsequently chaired the Quality of Communication Award Committee for that association. She has served on three editorial boards, including the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied*

Economics. She served four times as a panel member for the NRI Markets and Trade grants. At Auburn University, she has served as a member or chair of over 20 university committees, eight college of agriculture committees, and 13 departmental committees. She served as secretary of the University Senate in 2005–2006. In 2008, she was named assistant provost for undergraduate studies, a position she holds until August of 2011.