

## Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

### John M. Huie (1938- )

John Huie received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Auburn University and his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He joined the Department as an Assistant Professor in 1968 with a focus on public policy and community development. Because property taxes and school finance were major public issues at that time, he worked with Prof. J.B. Kohlmeyer and others to lead public discussions on the subjects. He also developed a significant educational program in alternative ways for counties to manage solid waste. In 1973 he was promoted to Associate Professor and received the Extension specialist's Junior Achievement Award.

In 1976, at the request of Governor Bowen, John left Purdue to become State Budget Director. He subsequently served Governor Orr as Chairman of the State Board of Tax Commissioners and as an Executive Assistant to the Governor for policy development.

In 1985 John returned to Purdue as Assistant to the Senior Vice-President for State Relations. In 1987 John became Vice-President for State Relations and served in that capacity until 1999. During that time he also represented Purdue on the management committee of the Indiana Higher Education Telecommunication System, serving as Chairman from 1992 to 2001. Following a 1993 trip to Africa University in Zimbabwe, his place of birth, John assisted in the development of a memorandum of understanding between Purdue and Africa University to establish a formal relationship. He continued to foster this collaboration through 2003.

From 1999 until his retirement in 2003 John returned to the Department to continue his work in public policy and community development. Working closely with the Provost, the Vice-Provost for Engagement, the Dean of Agriculture and the Extension Director, he was instrumental in establishing, for the first time, a full-time position for the Purdue Extension Leadership and Community Development Program. Another initiative for which John was responsible was developing and implementing community learning centers, a concept that helps counties draw a variety of credit and non-credit adult educational opportunities to the county that are far beyond what is offered by traditional Extension programming. Dr. Huie was given the Sagamore of the Wabash award, Indiana's highest civilian honor, by three Indiana governors.

