

Former Agricultural Economics Faculty

BOB F. JONES (1926-2022)

Bob F. Jones was a recognized leader in public policy education. Through state extension meetings and regional and national committees, he developed and delivered educational programs on agricultural and trade policy. For 26 years he taught a senior/master's level course in agricultural trade. He also taught a senior/master's level course in agricultural policy for nine years and a graduate level agricultural policy course for 15 years. He supervised graduate students in agricultural policy and international trade.

Professor Jones had a broad world view of agricultural, trade, and international development policy. He and his family spent two years (1967-69) on the Purdue-Brazil project at the Federal University of Vicosa, where he taught and served as Chief of Party. He participated in several international short-term projects to Iran, India, Taiwan, Japan, Portugal, Liberia, Hungary, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.

Professor Jones offered leadership to Indiana in several capacities. He was staff director for the Governor's Select Committee for Primary and Secondary Education (1982-1984), policy analyst for the Indiana Agricultural Council (1987-1988), Assistant Director of Extension and Program Leader for Community Development and Public Policy (1985-1996), and Executive Secretary for the Farm Policy Study Group (1973-1996). He also served on the North Central and National Public Policy Education Committees. He was a member of the Editorial Council of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (1981-1983) and of the Purdue University Senate (1978-1981).

Dr. Jones was born and raised in Kansas. He farmed for 11 years and completed two years of military service before attending Kansas State University where he obtained his B.S. and M.S. degrees. He earned his Ph.D. from Michigan State University. He joined the faculty in the Department of Agricultural Economics in 1964. He and his wife, Mary Lou, are the parents of Elizabeth, Marsha, and Franklin.

