

BRUCE J. SHERRICK

Biography

Bruce J. Sherrick, is a Professor of Agricultural and Applied Finance at the University of Illinois, and Director of the Center for Farm and Rural Business Finance. The Center, located within the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics, conducts a comprehensive research and outreach program targeted to farm and rural businesses and their capital providers. The mission of the Center is to empower farm and rural business sectors, the finance industry, and state and federal policy makers to make more informed decisions affecting the financing of farm and rural businesses.

Bruce teaches graduate courses in financial theory and also teaches undergraduate courses in agricultural and applied finance, and financial modeling. Bruce has been recognized on the List of Teachers Ranked as Excellent 14 times. He has also won both the College and Department of Agricultural Economics Outstanding Teaching awards as well as the Hughes Teaching Enhancement Award at the University of Illinois.

His academic research is concentrated in the areas of risk analysis, asset valuation, crop insurance evaluation, modeling of financial institutions, and investment analysis. He is one of the faculty members who have created and maintain the *farmdoc* website, the multiple award winning agricultural decision making support program at the University of Illinois (<http://www.farmdoc.uiuc.edu/>).

He was selected to the Center for Advanced Studies at the University of Illinois recognizing high level research contributions by a young faculty member. Further, Bruce was selected to receive the Kellogg National Leadership Fellowship for the development of early career Leadership skills.

Bruce earned his Ph.D. from The Ohio State University with subject matter fields in Finance and Marketing. Bruce is managing partner of integrated Financial Analytics and Research (iFAR), a consulting firm in Champaign that specializes in credit risk assessment and modeling of agricultural finance institutions. Bruce is also an author/coauthor of the FAST (Financial Analysis and Solution Tools) suite of decision tools targeting agricultural producers and lenders. He and his wife Kristine, and three children live in Champaign, Illinois.