

## **J. Richard Bacon**

Dr. J. Richard Bacon is currently the Associate Director for the Associate in Arts Program and Faculty Coordinator at the University of Delaware's Dover and Georgetown, DE campuses. He has been selected as a 2015 Alumnus of the Year for his outstanding contributions and achievements, both in his profession and as a Christian.

Richard earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in agricultural economics from the University of Tennessee and a doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Delaware. In 1985 Richard joined the faculty of the University of Delaware as research Agricultural Economist in the Department of Food and Resource Economics.

Dr. Bacon's areas of research include higher education administration, financial simulation analysis and modeling, agribusiness and production economics, business and government policy analysis, marketing including consumption and demand analysis, and international trade and development. He is the author or coauthor of more than 175 published works, including articles in refereed journals, proceedings and book chapters. He has collaborated on international projects in Slovakia, S. Korea, Honduras, and Turkey. As a teacher at both the undergraduate and graduate levels, Richard has been the recipient of the Professional Merit Award and the Superior Performance Award from the University of Delaware.

Richard faithfully serves his profession, the community and his church. He has functioned as the chief financial officer for the Food Distribution Research Society and was appointed by the Governor of Delaware to the Delaware Advisory Council on Career and Technical Education. He is a member of the Columbia Union and the Chesapeake Conference Executive Committees. In addition, he has served as a school board chairman of a K-10 school and is currently chairman of the board for Dover First Christian School in Dover, DE. Richard serves as Director for a non-profit disaster response organization for Maryland, Delaware, and parts of Virginia and West Virginia.

Dr. Bacon is married to Martha M. Bacon and they have two daughters; Jessica, a master's student at Pennsylvania State University, and Rachel, who is currently working toward a Ph.D. in sociology, also at Pennsylvania State University.