

**The Bessie B. Moore Service Award
2008 Recipient
James Dick, Ed.D.
Co-Center Director
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The Bessie B. Moore Service Award is given to a person whose outstanding and dedicated service has had a significant impact on the delivery and enhancement of economic education. This aptly describes Jim Dick's 30 year service in economic education. His generous commitment of time, expertise and service to economic education at the local, regional, national and international arena is distinguished and exemplifies the criteria for this award.

Jim was instrumental in establishing one of the leading Centers for Economic Education and is highly regarded by his colleagues, by teachers and by individual schools. His influence and impact to promote teaching economics is evidenced by the many roles he has assumed. During his tenure at the University of Nebraska-Omaha, Jim has been a scholar, teacher, curriculum developer, and program administrator. The quintessential educator, Jim has taught and organized a wide variety of courses and workshops, consulted with school districts, individual schools and worked tirelessly to support the classroom economics teachers. He helped to establish the Nebraska Econ Fellow program funded by the National Science Foundation. This three-year master's degree program, which continues today, has resulted in numerous highly qualified economics teachers in the state of Nebraska.

His sphere of influence and impact has not been limited to the local and regional area, but expanded to Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. He has done extensive work with the *EconomicsInternational* Train the Trainers programs in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. An example of his dedication to economic education, Jim organized and hosted study tours from Ukraine, Georgia, Kazakhstan and Indonesia to introduce American teachers to economic education across the globe. As a recipient of the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship, Jim worked with the Cherkasy Center for Economic Education and Post Diploma Institute for Teachers in the Ukraine. His work in the Ukraine not only helped to improve economic education in a newly independent country, but also helped to raise the profile of economic education and our network.

Jim has played an active role in the National Association of Economic Educators (NAEE) serving on the DEEP Planning, Publications, Conference and International Committees, He has presented at 25 of the past 27 NAEE/NCEE annual meetings, a remarkable feat. He has presented at other conferences including the National Council for the Social Studies as an advocate of economic education..

Like Jim's eclectic choice of music ranging from the classics to jazz, his work in economic education has extended over a wide and varied arena. At each level, his success and impact deserves recognition. For his dedication, long-term commitment and service to economic education, we honor Jim Dick as the 2008 Bessie B. Moore Service Award.