



PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

David L. Eckles, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Risk Management and Insurance
University of Georgia

201 Brooks Hall
310 Herty Drive
Athens, Georgia 30602
(706) 542-3578 | deckles@uga.edu

David L. Eckles is an associate professor of risk management and insurance at the University of Georgia. At the University of Georgia, Dr. Eckles currently teaches in the undergraduate, master's and doctorate programs. He is both the coordinator for the risk management and insurance internship program as well as the graduate coordinator for the risk management and insurance doctorate program. Prior to joining the faculty in 2005, Dr. Eckles was on faculty in the finance department at Georgia Southern University. He was twice awarded the Les B. Strickler Innovation in Instruction Award by the American Risk and Insurance Association.

Dr. Eckles received an undergraduate degree in risk management and insurance and finance from the University of Georgia. He received an master's and doctorate degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania where he was an S.S. Huebner Fellow. While at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Eckles also was a Sloan Fellow at the Wharton Financial Institution Center.

His research interests include insurance company efficiency, insurer reserving practices, and insurer regulation issues. He has published articles in the top insurance journals, including the *Journal of Risk and Insurance*, the *Geneva Risk and Insurance Review*, and the *Risk Management and Insurance Review*. He also has acted as a reviewer for several peer-reviewed journals, and has been named the Distinguished Reviewer by the *Journal of Insurance Issues*. He also served as an associate editor of the *Journal of Insurance Issues*. He has been the recipient of research-related grants from the Sarah H. Moss Fellowship, Georgia Sea Grant Program, as well as several university and college-level summer research grants. He also is the current president of the Southern Risk and Insurance Association and a board member for the Western Risk and Insurance Association. He also has been a member of ARIA and the Risk Theory Society since 2003.



PRESENTER BIOGRAPHY

James M. Carson, Ph.D.
Daniel P. Amos Distinguished
Professor of Insurance
University of Georgia

211 Brooks Hall
310 Herty Drive
Athens, Georgia 30602
(706) 542-3803 | jcarson@uga.edu

James M. Carson is the Daniel P. Amos distinguished professor of insurance in the Terry College of Business at the University of Georgia. Professor Carson teaches various courses in the risk management and insurance program, including courses in the undergraduate, master's and doctorate programs. Prior to joining the UGA faculty, he served as the Midyette eminent scholar in risk management and insurance at Florida State University (2002-2011) and the Katie research professor at Illinois State University (1993-2001). Dr. Carson received his undergraduate and master's degrees in finance from the University of Nebraska. Since earning his doctorate in risk and insurance from the University of Georgia, he has received several teaching and research awards. In 1998 he completed the Lloyd's of London Executive Education Program through Lincoln College at Oxford University.

Professor Carson is a past president of the American Risk and Insurance Association, the world's premier academic risk and insurance organization. He also is a past president of the Western Risk and Insurance Association, a member of the Risk Theory Society, and a member of the Southern Risk and Insurance Association. He served as interim editor for the *Journal of Insurance Regulation* (2009-2010), as editor for the *Journal of Insurance Issues* (2001-2005), and he serves as a referee for various publications and on several editorial boards, including *Risk Management and Insurance Review* and the *Journal of Financial Service Professionals*. He holds the CPCU, CLU, and ARM professional designations, and he serves on the Executive Committee of the Griffith Insurance Education Foundation.

Professor Carson has made presentations before various groups including academics, regulators, and industry professionals, with many of these presentations on the topics of insurer financial strength, insurer operations, insurance products/performance, and the U.S. insurance market. On several occasions he has served as one of three risk management and insurance professors to teach a seminar on "The Basic Principles of Risk Management and Insurance." This seminar is co-sponsored by the Griffith Insurance Education Foundation and is open to state legislators who chair the insurance committees in their states. The seminar typically is attended by 30 legislators from 15 to 20 states. Professor Carson has taught sessions on Capitol Hill annually since 2009 for the House Financial Services Committee and staff. He also has lectured for the National Council of Insurance Legislators and he has served several times as an academic moderator for meetings of the International Insurance Society, an association of more than 1,000 senior risk and insurance executives from more than 60 countries.