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Dr. David Denslow Jr., Research Economist for the Bureau of Economic and Business Research and Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Economics, is best known at the University of Florida as the effective and popular professor of the televised course Basic Macroeconomics.

A measure of the respect held for Dr. Denslow was his selection as the University Alumni Professor for 1989-1991. Given by the National Alumni Association in cooperation with the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the award recognized his influence on students and alumni as a classroom teacher and the national credit he has brought to the University through research and service. The professorship was for a two-year period and includes a cash award and research assistance.

Born in Eustis, Florida, Dr. Denslow completed his undergraduate studies at Earlham College on a scholarship from the General Motors Corporation. He earned his master's and doctoral degrees from Yale University, where he was a Woodrow Wilson National Fellow and a National Science Foundation Fellow. In addition, he was a teaching assistant and associate, and had a Foreign Area Fellowship. His dissertation was on "Sugar Production in Cuba and Northeast Brazil."

Dr. Denslow came to the University of Florida in 1970 as an assistant professor. He became an associate professor in 1975, was named acting chairman of the economics department for a year in 1980, promoted to full professor in 1985, and appointed chairman of the economics department for 1987-1989. In addition to his experience at UF, Dr. Denslow has taught at Federal University of Ceara in Fortaleza, Brazil, first as a Fulbright Visiting Professor in 1972, and then with funding from the Ford Foundation in 1976.

Chairman of the Governor's Council of Economic Advisers for the State of Florida, 1987-1990, Dr. Denslow has received a number of awards and honors for his teaching. He received the "Farcy Award, 1997", "Distinguished Faculty Award" from Florida Blue Key and was named "Teacher of the Year" (1975) by Omicron Delta Kappa. He was named the economics department's "Teacher of the Year" in 1985 and 1986 by the Business Administration College Council. Four times (1974, 1975, 1980, and 1984) he was honored as "Teacher of the Year" for the College of Business Administration. He was also named the "Florida Federal Professor of Economics" in 1980.

Dr. Denslow is the author of numerous articles in such publications as the Southern Economic Journal, Economic Inquiry, the Journal of Urban Economics, Journal of

Economic History and the Journal of Political Economy. He has also reviewed a number of books, particularly on economics in Brazil and Latin America. After giving over 900 talks throughout Florida, he has left that activity to devote more time to research.

Dr. Denslow and his wife Nancy, a professor of toxicology at UF, have two children, Sandy and Sheri.