

Dr. Richard W. Brinker

Richard W. (Dick) Brinker is Dean and Professor in the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences at Auburn University. He has served on the External Review Panel since 2002. Prior to his appointment in 1998 as Dean at Auburn, he served as their Timber Harvesting Specialist for 10 years. He has a BS in Forestry from LSU, an MBA from the University of Southern Mississippi, and a PhD in Forestry from LSU. He worked in forest industry for 12 years, with experience in land management, wood procurement, timber harvesting, and lumber mill management.

He held a joint extension and teaching appointment at Auburn from 1988-1998. Extension activities included coordination of the activities of the Forestry Extension Faculty, and extension education activities for professional loggers, foresters, and landowners. Over 2700 logging contractors have completed the 5-day, Professional Logging Manager Course, which he originated in 1992. Extension education programs have included seminars, workshops, demonstrations, publications and videos in Timber Sale Management, Logging Safety, Logging Business Management, and Forest Road Construction. He also taught undergraduate courses in Forest Surveying, Timber Harvesting and Geographic Information Systems, and continues to teach Forest Surveying at the Forestry Summer Practicum.

Dick is a registered forester in Alabama and Mississippi and is a member of the Society of American Foresters, Forest Products Society, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, and Council on Forest Engineering. He is a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters, Past Chair of the Southeastern Society of American Foresters, Past-Chair and Historian for the Alabama Division, SAF. He is also the Past-Chair of the War Eagle Chapter, SAF and Past-Chair of the Southeastern Section of the Forest Products Society. Additionally, Dick is a Colonel (Ret.), U.S. Army Reserve, with 30 years of service.

He was elected to Fellow by SAF and admitted to the Alabama Foresters Hall of Fame in 2001; named Extension Forester of the Year in 1997 by the Forest Landowners Association; and Outstanding Faculty Member for the School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences in 1993, 1995, 1996, and 1998. He was presented the Award for Excellence in Mass Media (Video) in 1994, 1995, 1996 by the Southern Regional Extension Foresters.

