

**RETIREMENT OF ERIC R. JENSEN
DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS**

Eric R. Jensen received his B.B.A. from the University of Miami with a major in Economics. He earned his A.M. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan. Professor Jensen joined the faculty of William & Mary in 1982 as an Assistant Professor of Economics. He was promoted to Associate Professor at William & Mary in 1988, and Professor in 1997.

Professor Jensen has served William & Mary in many ways. An enthusiastic member of the Economics Department, he was a member of countless committees for the Department, Arts and Sciences and the University as a whole. From 2004 to 2012, he served as the Director of the Thomas Jefferson Program in Public Policy, working to recruit and cultivate donors, creating and implementing programmatic and curricular innovations, maintaining a 30-plus member external board of advisors, and managing relationships with government agencies, nonprofits, and private firms on a range of policy-relevant projects.

In 2012, Professor Jensen was named as the Provost of Hamline University, where he worked until 2015 as the chief academic officer. In 2015, he was named the 19th President of Illinois Wesleyan University, a post he held until 2019. However, when asked what he did before he retired, his answer is “college professor.” Professor Jensen states that he was formed by his thirty years at William & Mary, where his teaching was recognized by a campus-wide teaching excellence award and his research was supported by a number of competitively awarded grants, fellowships, and contracts.

An active scholar and researcher, Professor Jensen has published numerous articles on the economics of fertility, mortality, and reproductive health, and has worked in several Asian countries as a Senior Fellow for the Honolulu-based East-West Center and as a Council on Foreign Relations International Affairs Fellow based in Washington, D.C. He has also been a Visiting Scholar in Economics at the University of Indonesia and has worked on World Bank and United States Agency for International Development (USAID) projects in South and Southeast Asia. The Rockefeller Foundation, the Andrew Mellon Foundation and the Freeman Foundation have also supported his scholarly activity.

BE IT RESOLVED, That the William & Mary Board of Visitors acknowledges the retirement of Eric R. Jensen, expresses its profound appreciation for his many contributions to William & Mary; and approves, with deep gratitude for his thirty years of service, a change in status from Professor of Economics to Professor of Economics, Emeritus.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board and a copy of the same be delivered to Professor Eric R. Jensen with best wishes from a grateful Board for his years of dedicated service to William & Mary.