

Donald Ratajczak

Economist

For twenty-seven years, Dr. Ratajczak was Director of the Economic Forecasting Center in the J. Mack Robinson College of Business and is now Regent's Professor of Economics Emeritus, having retired from Georgia State University at the end of June 2000. Prior to founding the Center in 1973, Dr. Ratajczak was Director of Research for the UCLA Business Forecasting Project.

Under his direction, the GSU Economic Forecasting Center became recognized as a leader in inflation analysis, a source of the south for economic development in that region, and one of the most accurate forecasting centers in the country. Business Week cited Dr. Ratajczak for his accuracy in predicting national trends. In 1994, Dr. Ratajczak won the Blue Chip award for forecasting accuracy during the previous four years.

Dr. Ratajczak has commented on inflationary trends for CNBC and on Federal Reserve policy and other economic issues for CNN. He also has been on the "Today Show" and on national news programs for all the major TV networks as well as public television and NPR radio.

Dr. Ratajczak presents his views on economic conditions for many professional and industrial groups and also has been asked to provide testimony before the U.S. Congress on many different economic issues. He remains a weekly columnist for the Atlanta Journal Constitution and a news source for all the major media outlets. He also is active in corporate governance, serving on the boards of 6 public companies.

Dr. Ratajczak has a math teaching wife and two children, a twenty-five year old son and an eighteen year old daughter. He received his undergraduate degree from Haverford College and his Ph. D. from MIT.