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Dr. Walden has teaching, research, and extension responsibilities at NCSU in the areas of consumer economics, economic outlook, and public policy. He has published eight books and over 250 articles and reports. He has served on several local and state level commissions, including the Governor's Welfare Reform Task Force, the School Capital Construction Legislative Study Commission, and the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Future of Wake County. Recently he served on the staffs to the State and Local Fiscal Modernization Study Commission and the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

Dr. Walden can be frequently seen, heard, and read in the media. He has daily radio programs aired on stations around North Carolina for which he has won two national awards. He is often interviewed on local TV and radio news broadcasts, has appeared on *NBC*, *CBS*, *The Fox Report*, and the *Newshour With Jim Lehrer*, and is frequently quoted in such newspapers as *USA Today*, *The News and Observer*, *The Charlotte Observer*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. His biweekly column, *You Decide*, is carried by over forty newspapers in the state. He has made over 1500 personal presentations.

Dr. Walden directs the semiannual economic forecast, *The North Carolina Economic Outlook*. He has won a *Premiere Forecaster Award* from the American Agricultural Economics Association, and he has won three *Applied Consumer Economics Awards* from the American Council on Consumer Interests.

Dr. Walden's newest book is *NORTH CAROLINA IN THE CONNECTED AGE*, an economic history of the recent North Carolina economy, published by UNC Press.