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Charles W. Fluharty is the founder, President Emeritus, and Vice President for Policy Programs of the Rural Policy Research Institute. RUPRI is the only national policy institute in the U.S. solely dedicated to assessing the rural impacts of public policies. This comprehensive approach to rural policy analysis involves faculty from founding member institutions at Iowa State University, the University of Missouri, and the University of Nebraska, as well as researchers, policy analysts and practitioners from other universities, research institutions, governments, and non-governmental organizations. Continual service is currently provided to Congressional members and staff, executive branch agencies, state legislatures and executive agencies, non-governmental organizations, and rural researchers.



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A Research Professor in the Harry S Truman School of Public Affairs at the University of Missouri-Columbia, Chuck Fluharty is the author of numerous policy studies and journal articles addressing the rural differential in public policy decision-making, and has presented dozens of Congressional testimonies and briefings. He is a frequent speaker before national and international audiences, and has delivered major public policy addresses in over a dozen nations. He has also provided senior policy consultation to most federal departments, as well as state and local governments, associations of government, planning and development organizations, and diverse rural institutions and organizations worldwide, including many foundations. Chuck was born and raised on a fifth-generation family farm in the Appalachian foothills of southeastern Ohio. His career has centered upon service to rural people, primarily within the public policy arena. He and his wife Marsha are the parents of two sons and a daughter.