

Dr. Carla Earhart is Professor Emerita of Property Management in the Department of Applied Business Studies, Miller College of Business at Ball State University. She joined the faculty after earning M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Housing from Oklahoma State University and retired from Ball State in Summer 2024.

Teaching has been an important part of Dr. Earhart's work; she has taught courses in Housing, Senior Housing, Affordable Housing, Property Management, and has directed the Property Management Internship Program. She taught an immersive learning course where students examined the Indiana Department of Education academic standards for the elementary grades to determine opportunities for adding more housing content to the elementary curriculum. This led to her being awarded a Creative Teaching Grant, resulting in the creation and pilot testing of professional development materials for elementary educators, to increase their awareness, acceptance, and appreciation of multifamily rental housing.

Dr. Earhart's scholarly interests focus on the factors that influence attitudes and preferences toward housing options...multifamily vs. single-family housing, and renting vs. buying. She is especially interested in the influence of art, media, literature, music, film, education, and public policy on housing attitudes and preferences.

Dr. Earhart's work has been presented at conferences of the Housing Education and Research Association, International Conference on Education, Charleston Library Conference, American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, European Network for Housing Research, International Sociological Association, National Apartment Association, Hawaii International Conference on Business, Environmental Design Research Association, and Architecture, Media, Politics, Society. Her work has been published in a variety of journals, books, magazines, and newspapers.

As a result of her teaching and scholarly activities, Dr. Earhart has received awards from the Department of Applied Business Studies, Department of Management, Miller College of Business, Ball State University, Indiana Community Engaged Alliance, National Apartment Association, Housing Education and Research Association, and American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She was awarded a regional Emmy nomination as executive producer of the documentary *Somewhere Called Home*. Dr. Earhart was also selected for the Distinguished Service Award by the Housing Education and Research Association.

Dr. Earhart has served on a variety of committees in local, state and national professional organizations, as well as at the department, college, and university level. As the founding director of the Ball State University Residential Property Management Program, she is regularly called upon to assist other universities in creating academic programs in Property Management.