

## Laurence D. RICHARDS

Academician, International Academy for Systems and Cybernetic Sciences (2010)



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**Professor Emeritus of Management and Informatics,**  
Indiana University East, Richmond, Indiana, USA (2016).

### Key Research Contributions

**Constraint Theoretic Approach to Policy Formulation,  
Robustness in the Formulation of Technology Strategy,  
Dialogic Processes for Social Systems Design,  
Social Activism in Everyday Life.**

### Previous Positions

Interim Vice Chancellor & Dean and Professor,  
Indiana University – Purdue University Columbus, Columbus, Indiana, USA (2015-2016).  
Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Professor (Interim Chancellor, 2012-2013),  
Indiana University East, Richmond, Indiana, USA (2004-2015).  
Founding Dean and Professor, **School of Management and Aviation Science,**  
Bridgewater State University, Bridgewater, Massachusetts, USA (1997-2004).  
Founding Chair and Professor, **Department of Engineering Management,**  
Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia, USA (1984-1997).

### Elected Offices in Professional Societies

**American Society for Engineering Management**  
President-Elect, President, Past-President, Director-at-Large (1994-2009)  
**American Society for Cybernetics**  
Treasurer, President, Past-President (1983-1992)

### Formal Postsecondary Education

Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania (Wharton), Operations Research (1980)  
M.B.A., Mississippi State University, Management (1974)  
M.S., University of West Florida, Aeronautical Systems (1970)  
B.S., University of Maine, Electrical Engineering (1968)

### Awards and Honors

Norbert Wiener Medal, American Society for Cybernetics (2007)  
Fellow, American Society for Engineering Management (2002)

### Career Highlights: Cybernetics and Systems

Guest Lecturer, “**Linking Cybernetics to Social Change**”,  
**School for Designing a Society**, Urbana, Illinois, USA (1992-present).  
Founding Executive Director, **Center for Commercial Space Infrastructure**  
(later, Virginia Space Flight Center), Norfolk and Wallops Island, Virginia, USA (1992-1995),  
Norfolk and Wallops Island, Virginia, USA (1992-1995).  
**Applications of Constraint Theory:** Logistics Management Institute (1976-1980);  
Ritter Finance Company (1978-1979); Dynamics Research Corporation (1983-1984);  
Wharton Applied Research Center (1983-1984);  
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (1993-94).