

BIO: DR. MAUREEN A. PIROG

Dr. Pirog received a B.A. and M.A. in Economics from Boston College in 1975 and a Ph.D. in Public Policy Analysis from the University of Pennsylvania in 1981. After the completion of her Ph.D., she taught in the Finance Department of the Wharton Business School at the University of Pennsylvania before joining the faculty in the School of Public and Environment Affairs at Indiana University in 1983 where she is the Rudy Professor of Public Policy Analysis. Dr. Pirog is an affiliated faculty member of the Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs at the University of Washington and additionally holds an honorary professorship at the State University – Higher School of Economics in Moscow. In Russia, she has actively collaborated on a variety of projects related to evidence-based policy making, work funded by the US State Department. She also holds a Distinguished Visiting Professorship at the University of Johannesburg until 2020.

Dr. Pirog has over 90 publications including six books, the most recent of which is coauthored with her daughter, Emily Good, and entitled *Public Policy and Mental Health: Avenues for Prevention* (Sage, 2012). Dr. Pirog's current research focuses on the evaluation of government programs, the methodology of evaluation as well as the evaluation of various social welfare policies. Since 2014, methodological publications include articles on big data as a driver of innovation in policy analysis; empirical innovations in policy analysis, accounting for multiple sources of selection bias, as well as the importance of qualitative methods. Empirical articles published since 2014 have focused on mixed status families and WIC uptake and the crowd-out of private transfers of public pensions in South Korea. The art and science of scholarly publishing and emerging directions in the field of policy analysis are two additional topics of recent publications. Dr. Pirog's current research agenda focuses on financial aid and online education (NSF funding), behavioral economics and the collection of past-due child support, the use of HLM in combining data from randomized control trials, mixed status families and the use of child support services, and teenage parenting. In the recent past, she ran two large demonstration projects for the US Office of Child Support Enforcement; completed an evaluation assessment of a quarter billion dollar (US) education intervention in Barbados for the InterAmerican Development Bank; and, directed a large-scale evaluation of the Indiana welfare reform experiment funded jointly by the Joyce Foundation, the Indiana Family Social Services Administration and the Indiana Township Association.

Her interests in social welfare policies, poverty, and labor markets have led to several collaborations with the U.S. General Accounting Office, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Brookings Institution, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, and the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD). She has been a visiting scholar at the Institute for Research on Poverty, the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, the Wagner School at New York University, the National Institute for Development Administration in Thailand, Fudan University, Bocconi University, City University of Hong Kong and the University of Warsaw.

In addition to her commitment to timely and policy-relevant research, Dr. Pirog maintains a serious commitment to providing service to her profession and Indiana University. She is a co-editor of *Contemporary Economic Policy*. She served as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* for a decade as well as the Series Editor of *JPAM Classics* (2004-2014). She currently serves as a member of the editorial boards of three additional journals. She also serves as an article, book, and grant reviewer for over twenty other journals and grant giving agencies. She is a formerly elected member of the Policy Council of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management. In addition to these activities, Dr. Pirog mentors nine SPEA Ph.D. students and three junior SPEA faculty members. In 1995, Dr. Pirog received SPEA's graduate teaching award. In 2013, Dr. Pirog received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Association for Policy Analysis and Management for her service to the Association and the field for fostering excellence in research, analysis and education.