

Biography

Dr. Jim DeLisle is the Runstad Professor of Real Estate and Director of the Graduate Real Estate Studies at the University of Washington. Before returning to the academic community in 1999, he held several industry positions including Executive Vice-President and head of Strategic Planning for Lend Lease Real Estate Investments, a global company and the successor firm to Equitable Real Estate, where he founded the Investment Research Department and directed it for ten years. Prior to that, he was a Vice-President of Investment Research at Prudential Real Estate Investors, a position he took after over a decade in the academic community. He has been an active member and leader in a number of industry trade associations. He is past President of the Real Estate Research Institute (RERI) and the American Real Estate Society (ARES), and has served as a Trustee of the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC) Educational Foundation and the International Development Research Council (IDRC) Foundation. He is currently a member of the ICSC Research Task Force, the Chair of the Real Estate Center Directors and Chairholders' Association (RECDCA), a Distinguished Fellow for the National Association of Industrial and Office Parks (NAIOP), serves on the Executive Committee of Urban Land Institute (ULI) Seattle District Council. In 2008, he received the International Council of Shopping Center Trustees Distinguished Service Award. He is a member of ARES, ICSC, NAIOP, NCREIF, CoreNet Global, and ULI.

Jim is an active speaker at professional and academic meetings, covering a wide range of topics. He is the author of the Financial Views column in The Appraisal Journal and has published widely in academic and professional journals. At the University of Washington, he directs the Graduate Real Estate Program, including a Specialization in Real Estate and the Master of Science in Real Estate to be launched in 2009. His research interests include sustainable development and growth management, mixed-use development, institutional investment, and strategic planning. Dr. DeLisle received his B.B.A. in Real Estate, M.S. in Marketing Research, and Ph.D. in Real Estate and Urban Land Economics from the University of Wisconsin. He can be reached at jdelisle@u.washington.edu or by visiting www.reuw.washington.edu, the website he developed and manages in an effort improve linkages between the academic and professional communities.