

## **Government Finance Officers Association of Texas (GFOAT)**

### **Lynn F. Anderson Fellowship in Government Finance**

#### **LYNN F. ANDERSON**

Professor Lynn Anderson, was known to thousands of Texas Public officials through continuing education and professional development programs he devised on their behalf, relinquished his administrative position as director of the Office of Conferences and Training at the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs at The University of Texas at Austin.

The move became effective September 1, 1990, at which time he returned to full-time teaching on the LBJ School faculty, where his special area of expertise is public financial management. From time to time he would also offer topical seminars "Focusing on State and Local Government Learning to Manage with Less."

Professor Anderson had been associated with UT Austin for more than 50 years. He began on the staff of the University's Bureau of Municipal Research in 1964, holding research positions and then the directorship. From 1950 to 1971, he was assistant director and at times acting director of the Institute of Public Affairs, which succeeded the bureau and then later merged into the operation of the LBJ School. Professor Anderson also is a former member of the Finance and Accounting Department in the UT Austin College of Business Administration.

As director of the LBJ School's Office of Conferences and Training, Professor Anderson would annually arranged more than a dozen conferences, seminars and institutes for about 1,000 public officials on subjects ranging from public purchasing to county auditing and from government finance to improving the effectiveness of state boards. Participants came from the Governor's Office and the Texas Legislature, as well as from a variety of city, county and state agencies.

In 1982, he was named winner of the first "Career Development in Financial Management Award", given by the Municipal Finance Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada for excellence in in-service training and professional development of public finance officers.

For more than two decades Professor Anderson edited the periodical Public Affairs Comment. He served on numerous advisory and study commissions at national, state and local levels. For several years, he was on the National Council on Governmental Accounting, the national body which developed recognized standards of accounting and financial reporting for state and local government in the United States. The native Texan earned two degrees for UT Austin.

#### **Honors/Awards:**

- Annual Award for Outstanding Achievement, Austin Society for Public Administration, April 22, 1976.
- Career Development in Financial Officers Association of the U.S. and Canada, New Orleans, LA, May 24, 1982.
- ICMA Academic Award in Memory of Stephen B. Sweeny, 1987, Montreal, Canada, October 1987.