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Richard G. Oderwald was appointed associate dean for undergraduate programs for the College of Natural Resources in 2001. He joined Virginia Tech as an assistant professor in 1976 in what is now called the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation, and watched the university change as the numbers of students, buildings, degree programs, (and cars!) grew on campus. He was promoted to associate professor and then professor along the way.

Prior to becoming associate dean, Oderwald served on every departmental, college, and university committee dealing with undergraduate education. He received the College of Natural Resources Curriculum Club's Outstanding Teacher Award five times, the Gamma Sigma

Delta Teaching Award of Merit, and the Virginia Tech Certificate of Teaching Excellence. He has taught classes to over 8,000 students, mostly in the areas of statistics, forest inventory, and forest biometrics, and more than 75 short courses for practicing foresters. His research is concentrated in forest inventory methods.

Oderwald received a B.S. in forestry and an M.S. in forest biometrics from Virginia Tech, and a Ph.D. in forest biometrics from the University of Georgia. He attended elementary school and high school wherever there was a Marine or Navy base.

Oderwald lives in Blacksburg, Va., with his wife, Donna.

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