

Alumni Spotlight:



Walter (Don) Potter, Ph.D.

Don Potter received his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee in 1974 and then worked as a programmer analyst for several years before joining us as an H.W. Close Fellow during his graduate studies. He completed his master's and Ph.D. degrees in Computer Science in 1981 and 1987, respectively. Since then, Potter has been with the Department of Computer Science at the University of Georgia. In 2001 he became a full professor, and in 2003 he was appointed as the director of the Artificial Intelligence Center at UGA.

Early in his career, he received research fellowships from the DOE and from the Army Research Institute. He has also won several best-paper awards at prestigious conferences. A prolific writer, Potter has published over 30 refereed journal papers, 10 book chapters, 81 international conference papers, and 18 papers coauthored with students.

Moreover, he has given over 35 invited presentations and received more than 30 research grants totaling over \$4,100,000. He served as program chair for the 10th International Conference on Industrial & Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence and Expert Systems held in 1997, and he served on the program committee for more than 50 other conferences. He currently serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of Applied Intelligence*, the *Journal of Intelligent and Fuzzy Systems*, and the *International Journal of Hybrid Intelligent Systems*. In early 2008, he was honored with a Special Sandy Beaver Teaching Award for outstanding teaching in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences at UGA. ♦

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