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Kathy Deck, director of the Center for Business and Economic Research at the Sam M. Walton College of Business, was recently elected to serve on the board for the Association for University Business and Economic Research.

Deck's role will be to serve as an association director.

Founded in 1947, the association is nationally recognized by business, government and education as the premier professional organization dedicated to continually improving the quality, effectiveness and application of research in business, economics and public policy. Directors help guide the strategic direction of the Association for University Business and Economic Research, while also serving as resources and invaluable members of their community.

"I am thrilled to be recognized by my peers as someone that they can count on to help ensure the future of regional economic centers throughout the country," Deck said. "Having good local economic data is critical to good decision making and this organization is committed to high quality economic data and analysis."

Graduating from the College of William and Mary with a degree in economics, Deck earned her master's in economics from the University of Wisconsin. Deck later worked for the Arizona Office of the Attorney General as their antitrust economist before joining the Walton College in 2001.

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Starting at Walton College as a research associate, she became the center's associate director. She was named director of the center in 2007.

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