



**David R. Lee, Professor**

### **Biography**

David R. Lee is Professor in the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, in the Cornell SC Johnson College of Business. He joined the faculty in 1982, after receiving his PhD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Lee's research focuses on economic development and natural resource management, including sustainable agriculture, technology adoption, climate adaptation, and participatory development. He has worked widely in countries in Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East and Southeast Asia; has served as visiting professor at universities in the Netherlands, Italy, Slovakia, and Venezuela; and has been a technical advisor to many governments and international organizations, including the World Bank, USAID, UNDP, and FAO. Dr. Lee has mentored the research of more than 100 MS and PhD students, and teaches a popular undergraduate course on "International Trade and Finance" that since 2001 has enrolled more than 4,000 students from all of Cornell's undergraduate colleges.

### **Candidate statement**

At Cornell, I've served on many committees and task forces at the department, college (both CALS and College of Business) and university levels, including the CALS Faculty Senate, SUNY Faculty Senate, FACTA, University Hearing Board, Plant Sciences Task Force, Language Education Council, Global on Campus Committee (Co-Chair), and most recently, as Provost's Fellow in the Office of the Vice Provost for International Affairs, and member of the Provost's Working Group on Public and Global Affairs (both 2014-2018). Off campus, I've been elected to, and served as President of, the Ithaca City School District Board of Education.

I believe strongly in shared governance. The faculty are the heart of the university. It is important that we have a seat at the table in important decisions that govern academic policy. Indeed, Cornell's Bylaws delineate the faculty's key role in individual college academic matters and

cross-college educational policy. My belief in this core principle was reinforced during my service on the Faculty Senate Committee to Review Faculty Governance in 2006-2007, whose report recommended a strengthened role of the faculty in university governance. I also believe in transparency, public engagement, and in enhancing the internationalization of the university. We live in a rapidly globalizing world. The university must continue to support and invest in initiatives that reflect those changes and that sustain excellence in research, instruction, and in our broader educational and outreach mission.