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Michael (Mike) Babcock is a Professor of Economics at Kansas State University. He is recognized as a national and international authority in three research areas: the impact of public policy on transportation market shares, agricultural transportation, and shortline railroad transportation. He has published more than 80 articles in professional journals along with numerous monographs and technical reports, receiving government research grants aggregating in excess of \$2 million as principal investigator or co-investigator. While at OTHS Michael Babcock was Company Commander of the OTHS military program and was a four year member of three sports: basketball, football, and baseball. He graduated from Drake University with a degree in business administration in 1967, and thereafter received a master's degree and doctoral degree from the University of Illinois in 1971 and 1973 respectively. Dr. Babcock has received numerous national awards for his transportation research, including the A.T. Kearney Award, the United Parcel Service Foundation Award, the Burlington Northern Railroad Award, the Rail-Tex Corporation Award, and the Herbert O. Whitten Transportation Research Forum Service Award. He is only the eighth person to receive the Herbert O. Whitten Transportation Research Forum Service Award in the forty-six year history of the Forum, it being the highest award bestowed by the Forum.