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Robert J. Koester is a Registered Architect and tenured Professor in the College of Architecture and Planning at Ball State University. He received his BARCH degree from the University of Kentucky and his MARCH degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. During the 94-95 academic year he served as Acting Dean of the College of Architecture and Planning. He is currently the Director of the Center for Energy Research/Education/ Service (CERES), to which he was appointed in 1982. While serving in his current administrative post at Ball State, he has maintained an active teaching role, involving studio, lecture and seminar course offerings. He has facilitated the creation of an architecture curriculum swap-out option of Academic Minors, the initiation of a Minor in Architectural Studies for the campus community and creation of an award winning University-wide program of Clustered Minors in Environmentally Sustainable Practices. His research experience includes projects funded by the former Federal Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the current offices of the U.S. Department of Energy, the Indiana Department of Commerce, the Indiana Energy Office, the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, the Indiana Committee for the Humanities, the Indiana University Medical Center and Ball State University. He has served as Editorial Board Member, advisor and/or reviewer for journal publishers, technical reviewer for professional conferences, state and federal agencies, Board Member of national, regional and local organizations, and participant in the Wingspread Design Conference on Sustainable Community Relocation.

JAMES EFLIN**Energy Education Scholar****Center for Energy Research/Education/Service****Ball State University****jeflin1@bsu.edu**

James Eflin stresses research and teaching in the interface between environment and society, with an underlying theme of sustainability. His research has recently focused on industrial ecology and eco-industrial development; he was awarded the AT&T Foundation Industrial Ecology Fellowship for AY 2002-03 to support his campus-based research to model the "institutional ecology" of a mid-sized university. His background in social transformations of technology and space were developed through his work in human geography, and is complemented by undergraduate and graduate studies in physical geography, environmental studies, and environmental design. His joint positions at Ball State University (Associate Professor of Natural Resources and Environmental Management; Energy Education Scholar in the Center for Energy Research/Education/Service) allow him to combine his research and teaching expertise while serving as a leader in the campus-wide efforts toward becoming a sustainable university. This recently provided an opportunity to develop new courses in Environmental Ethics (taught in the Department of Philosophy), Creating a Sustainable Future (taught in an interdepartmental program), and Renewable Energy and Sustainable technology.

His appointment to the campus-wide Green Committee 2 during 2000-2001 helped lead to the creation of the BSU Council on the Environment (he was appointed as a permanent member) and continuation of greening of campus initiatives. Dr. Eflin has conducted workshops and given presentations on campus greening activities throughout the United States and in the United Kingdom.

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John Vann received his Ph.D. from the University of Florida. Prior to arriving at Ball State, he served on the faculty at the University of Georgia, University of Missouri-Columbia, and Florida Institute of Technology. At Ball State University, he was a founder of the Clustered Minors in Environmentally Sustainable Practices and the Green 2 initiative to implement the Talloires Declaration. In addition to courses in marketing, he teaches the capstone course in the Business Sustainability minor as well as the overall capstone course for the Clustered Minors. He currently serves on the Ball State University Council on the Environment as Green Initiatives Coordinator.