

MEET THE STAFF

Judith Pim is manager of CARD's Communication and Information Division. She came to CARD in 1985 to edit research publications, write and edit newsletters, and provide organizational assistance for CARD's outreach activities. Initially she had a dual appointment as CARD editor and NCRCD (North Central Regional Center for Rural Development) editor.

CARD's research broadened and faculty and staff grew under Director Stan Johnson's leadership, and when the CARD Communication and Information Division was established, Pim became its manager. (The NCRCD then hired an editor to oversee its publications.) "In my early days in Heady Hall, I divided my time as equally as possible between the two centers; fairly quickly, however, it became obvious that I couldn't adequately cover all the bases, and so I elected to work solely with CARD." That decision, she says, has resulted in the opportunity to work with the brightest and the best in the field of agricultural policy research.



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Pim began a career in editing and publishing when she was appointed editor-in-chief of the *Annals of Iowa*, a historical journal published by the Iowa Department of History. "That's where I learned the technical ropes involved in putting out a publication," says Pim. "It was a 'soup-to-nuts' operation and I did everything from develop articles and research photo collections, to manually paste-up the issues (before the computer was in use for publications). I even stuffed envelopes and bundled them in U.S. mail bags!" The experience Pim gained in that position led to her next job as managing editor of the Iowa State University Press. "Book publishing has remained dear to my heart—it taught me volumes (no pun intended) about the intricate process of transforming an author's ideas and research into a final product for public and/or academic consumption."

Pim has B.A. and M.A. degrees from Drake University. A native of Michigan, she has made her home in Iowa for the past 30 years. For recreation and relaxation, Pim trains and rides her two Arabian and Quarter horses. She has competed in the Iowa Games, in local horse shows, and in competitive trail rides around the Midwest. Another favorite past-time is visiting her five grandchildren who live in Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin.

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