



**Dr. Nancy Bredemeyer**

2006-2009 Richardson Endowed Teaching Chair in Business and Entrepreneurship

As the recipient of the 2006 Richardson Endowed Teaching Chair in Business and Entrepreneurship, **Dr. Nancy Bredemeyer** established an “Aging in Place” Institute. The Institute was created for interior design professionals to learn more about the growing number of consumers who want to adapt their residences to meet their aging needs. Research indicates that within ten years, the cost to take care of aging Americans will exceed \$4 trillion. The “Aging in Place” movement helps people to remain in their homes until later in life and postpone the high cost of care facilities.

With the means provided through the Endowed Teaching Chair, Dr. Bredemeyer attended the National Home Builder’s Association “Aging in Place” certification program and became a Certified Aging in Place Specialist.

Through the Aging in Place Institute, she offered a series of seminars and created a resource library for interior designers and housing professionals looking to expand their business to accommodate aging in place consumers. She created a number of Continuing Education Units for Florida Licensed Interior Designers through the Board of Architecture and Interior Design. She also established a new course, “Designing for the Aging Client,” to strengthen the Interior Design Associate in Science Degree Program. She also partnered with the Lifelong Learning Institute to offer a series of “Aging in Place” courses for lifelong learning members.