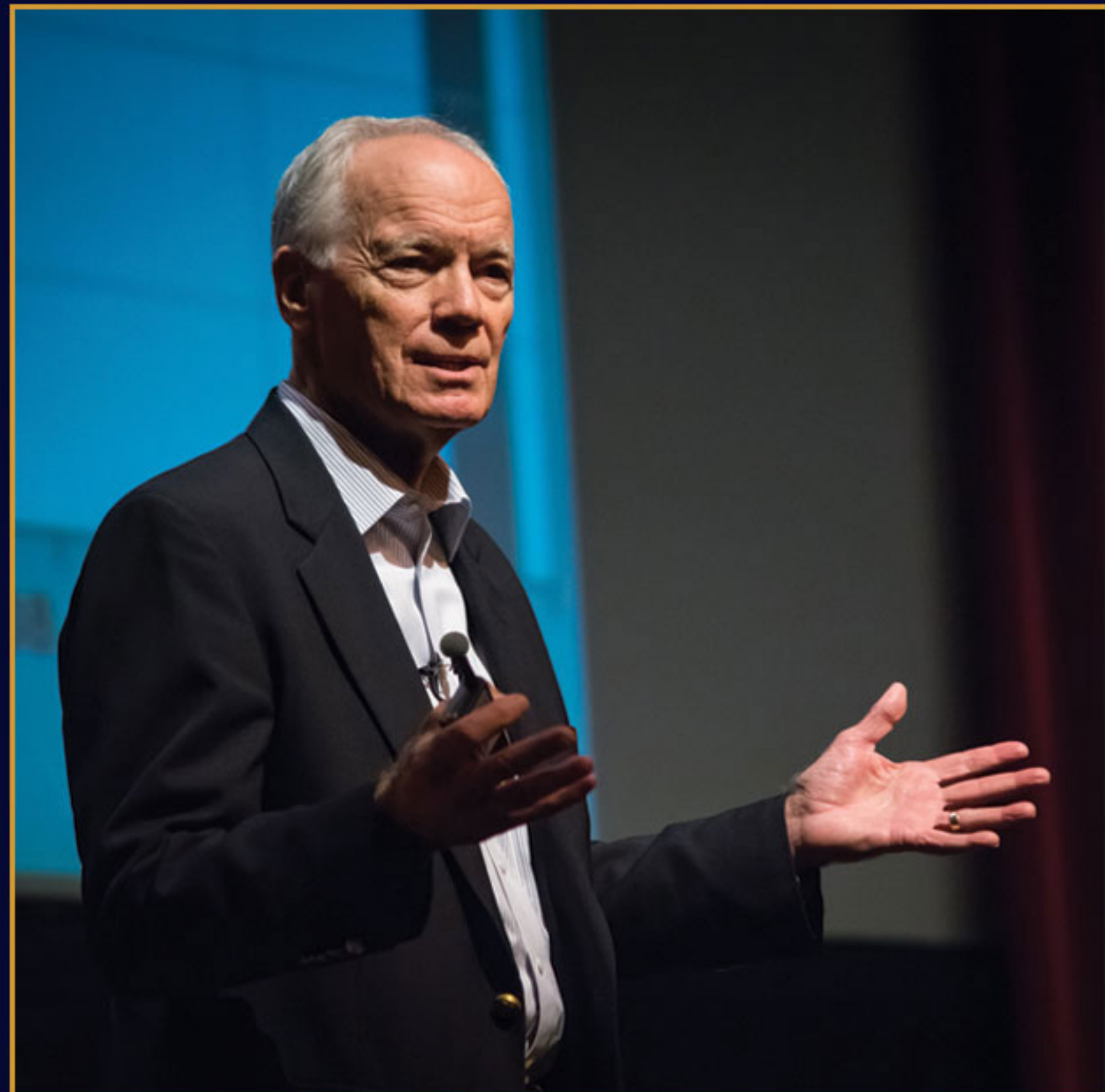


Who's Who



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IN THE OIL & GAS INDUSTRY



*Dr. Loren Scott, president,
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Easily garnering everyone's attention in the room due to his charismatic presence, Dr. Loren Scott is arguably one of the most dynamic and entertaining speakers in Oil and Gas today. Over the past couple of months, Dr. Scott has been speaking across the United States on the current state of the industry including a stop in Jackson Hole, Wy., for the Energy and Infrastructure Summit and the North Dakota Oil and Gas Producing Counties Annual Meeting in Williston, ND.

Dr. Scott is President and Founder Loren Scott & Associates. He was on the Economics Department faculty at Louisiana State University from 1969 to 1998, where he rose through the ranks from Assistant Professor to the holder of the Freeport-McMoran endowed Chair of Economics. He is presently Professor Emeritus of Economics at LSU.

Over the thirteen-year period from 1983-96, Dr. Scott was the chairman of the Economics Department at LSU. During that time, the Department's ranking among the 3,000 economics departments in the U.S. rose from 101st to 38th. He received seven awards at LSU for outstanding classroom teaching.

Dr. Scott is co-developer of the Louisiana econometric model, a model used for providing annual forecasts of the Louisiana

economy, which are released each fall. He was a co-investigator on over \$1 million in grant research at LSU and is the author of over 75 articles and technical reports in addition to reports written for consulting clients.

On why Louisiana is a hot market for natural gas right now:

"Number one, if you go New Orleans to Baton Rouge over to Lake Charles in the Southwest Corner, that's the I-10 Corridor, along there you have the three things that chemical firms need. You need lots of water, and you have the Mississippi, the Gulf of Mexico, Calcasieu ship channel to Lake Charles. You need a way to move bulk product, which most of these chemical firms are moving bulk products, again barge is the cheapest ship and way to do that and you have the river. Number three is you need lots of natural gas and we have lots of natural gas. So even before the recent boom Louisiana was number two in the nation in terms of chemical production. Second only to Texas. Texas has those same three things that I mentioned. But now what is going on is you are having a huge industrial expansion of all those firms and brand new firms coming in and the reason for that is because they are huge users of natural gas. So what is happening is the U.S. share of the world's chemical market is growing because we are kicking the behinds out of the Europeans. They can't compete with us when they are having to pay \$12 per million BTU for natural gas. So there is in Louisiana today about \$104 billion with announced expansion."

On Climate Change:

"I taught forecasting for 30 years so I know a bit about forecasting. Here's one of the very fundamental basic scientific facts you'll learn about forecasting anything, the most important thing is the more stable something is - if you look at food consumption for the United States - put it on a graph paper and its a nice straight line going up. That's easy to forecast. The more volatile something is, the more difficult it is. You look at the price of oil and it's swing all over the place, that means its real hard to forecast any accuracy. My point is weather is a whole lot more difficult to forecast that oil is. We can't even forecast what the weather is going to be like next week let alone two or three years out with any accuracy why do we think we can forecast it 30 years out."

Dr. Loren Scott, president, Loren Scott & Associates, Baton Rouge, LA, at the Rocky Mountain Energy and Infrastructure Summit in Jackson Hole, Wy. Photo by Paul Flessland