Bruce Glick, accomplished researcher, teacher, and administrator, died February 19, 2009. He was born May 5, 1927 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. An interest in birds led him to the Poultry Science Department at Rutgers University after completing military service during World War II. He followed his undergraduate education with a MS at the University of Massachusetts, and he completed a PhD at The Ohio State University in 1955.

He joined the Mississippi State University (MSU) Poultry Science Department faculty after completing his PhD and subsequently achieved the rank of professor. Glick was elected as a Giles Distinguished Professor, the highest faculty honor bestowed by MSU, in 1974. He directed grant efforts that funded the MSU Poultry Science Building expansion. His outstanding work was honored by the MSU Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, First Mississippi Corporation, Mississippi Academy of Sciences, and MSU Outstanding Alumni Research Award.

In 1986, Glick accepted the opportunity to become head of the Poultry Science Department at Clemson University. During his tenure at that institution, he led endeavors to secure funding for an animal biotechnology research program that advanced the field through equipment acquisition including a state-of-the-art flow cytometer. Two USDA grants sponsored his research to understand the bursal secretory dendritic cell. His work with the South Carolina Poultry Federation was significant during the early years of that organization. He built groundwork that provided opportunities for faculty to engage in meaningful information exchanges with the state poultry industry. He served on the scientific advisory board for Embrex Inc. (Research Triangle Park, NC). He retired from Clemson in 1995.

Glick pursued fundamental and applied research related to the bursa of Fabricius, which generated 225 scientific papers, review articles, and book chapters. He mentored 29 graduate students and 17 postdoctoral fellows. In addition, he was invited frequently to present his work in meetings and symposia around the world. Innovative teaching in immunobiology, avian physiology, and physiological genetics was his hallmark. Grants from the National Cancer Institute, National Science Foundation, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, USDA, and the Food and Drug Administration supported his work. The Mississippi and South Carolina Agricultural Experiment Stations contributed further support.

The Poultry Science Association (PSA) benefited from Glick’s service as a director as well as a Poultry Science associate editor and founding section editor for immunology. The Poultry Science Association awarded him the 1978 Merck Award for Research in Poultry Science. He was elected a 1986 PSA fellow. He concluded his PSA service as a foundation board member.