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In 1993 she founded the Pension Action Center, which houses the New England Pension Assistance Project and the National Pension Lawyers Project, and serves as a base for pension and retirement income research. The center brings together services for participants, retirement income research, and policy work. Professor Bruce's work focuses on participant-related problems, including lost pensions, diminishing plan participation and survivor benefits as well as more general research on income security for older adults.

Prior to coming to UMass Boston, she was the senior managing attorney of Greater Boston Elderly Legal Services. She has served on many nonprofit boards and is currently the immediate past president of the national board of the Older Women's League and a past president of Health Law Advocates, a Massachusetts nonprofit, public-interest healthcare law firm.