I hope everyone’s summer is off to a great start and that your preparations for the Banff meeting are going well. In this update, we wanted to announce the 2011 WAEA award recipients that will be honored in Banff. We also have a somber note and update from Gary Brester, our JARE Managing Editor, and a few reminders from President-elect Russell Tronstad.

Many thanks to our award chairs, Chattering Keske and Hikaru Hanawa Peterson, and all the award committees, for a fabulous job of selecting the 2011 WAEA Award recipients.

**Distinguished Scholars**

- David A. Bessler, Texas A&M University
- Gary W. Brester, Montana State University
- Oral Capps, Jr., Texas A&M University

**Outstanding Published Research Award**

**Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project**

Rural Tax Education Project: Ruby A. Ward, Utah State University; Joseph A. Bennett, Cornell University; L. Leon Geyer, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Philip E. Harris, University of Wisconsin-Madison; J.C. Hobbs, Oklahoma State University; Guido van der Hoeven, North Carolina State University; Gary J. Hoff, University of Illinois; Dennis M. Kauppila, University of Vermont; Keith D. Kightlinger, University of Georgia; Warren Lee, Ohio State University; Roger A, McEwen, Iowa State University; George Patrick, Purdue University; Jerry S. Pierce, Jr., University of Kentucky; Glenn Rogers, University of Vermont; Trent Teegerstrom, University of Arizona; Jeffrey E. Tranel, Colorado State University; Anne J. Whyte, Utah State University.

**Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career**

H. Douglas Jose, University of Nebraska

**Undergraduate Teaching Award with Less Than 10 Years Experience**

Gregory McKee, North Dakota State University

**Undergraduate Teaching Award with More Than 10 Years Experience**

M. Edward Rister, Texas A&M University

**Outstanding Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award**


**Honorable Mention:**


**JARE Outstanding Journal Article Award**


**JARE Outstanding Journal Reviewer Award**

Terrance Hurley, University of Minnesota
**Graduate Travel Grant Recipients**

- Jude Bayham  Washington State University
- Deepayan Debnath  Oklahoma State University
- Daniel Deisenroth  Colorado State University
- Jason Fewell  Kansas State University
- Margin Funtanilla  Texas Tech University

**Special thanks to awards committee chairs and members**

**Outstanding Published Research Award**

JunJie Wu (chair), Oregon State University; Ed Barbier, University of Wyoming; Richard Shumway, Washington State University

**Outstanding Extension Program Awards**

Derrell Peel (chair), Oklahoma State University; Karina Gallardo, Washington State University; Dave Schideler, Oklahoma State University; Glynn Tonsor, Kansas State University

**Undergraduate Teaching Awards**

Annette E. Levi (chair), California State Fresno; Greg Baker, University of Santa Clara; Stephen Devadoss, University of Idaho

**Outstanding Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award**

James Pritchett (chair), Colorado State University; Steve Boucher, University of California-Davis; Joe Parcell, University of Missouri; Jeff Reimer, Oregon State University; Mike Thomsen, University of Arkansas; Frank Ward, New Mexico State University

**Distinguished Scholar Award Selection Committee**

Michael Boland (chair), University of Minnesota; DeeVon Bailey, Utah State University; Anton Bekkerman, Montana State University; Kevin Dhuyvetter, Kansas State University; Penny Diebel, Oregon State University; David Hennessy, Iowa State University; Jeff LaFrance, Washington State University; Dale J. Menkhaus, University of Wyoming; Dustin Pendell, Colorado State University; Mykel Taylor, Washington State University; Paul Wilson, University of Arizona

**JARE Awards**

Gary Brester (chair), Montana State University; Joseph Atwood, Montana State University; Vincent Smith, Montana State University; Myles Watts, Montana State University
News from the *JARE* Editorial Team

*In Memory of Judy Harrison*

We lost a dear friend and important member of our *WAEA* family in April of this year. Judy Harrison, our long time technical editor, passed away from a massive stroke. Judy, almost 80 years young and a valued member of our Association, enjoyed a life “well lived”. She was effervescent, pleasant, wonderfully kind and thoughtful, and truly talented. I first knew Judy when she was our Department’s Administrative Assistant in the late 1980s. She later ventured into the private sector by becoming a self-employed technical editor, serving *JARE* (and several other journals) for over 20 years. Her first *JARE* issue occurred with Volume 17 in 1991. Judy was anything but boring as she filled her days with activities and relationships. She rarely, if ever, experienced a dull moment. Most people who had frequent contact with her could not believe that she was almost 80 years old. She just didn’t know how to act her age. She was beginning work on the next issue of *JARE* when she passed away unexpectedly. We will miss her experience, her personality, her friendship, and her thoughtfulness.

The business of producing *JARE*, however, continues even while we mourn the loss of our good friend. Our Editorial Team has asked our Editorial Assistant, Amy Johnson, to assume the duties of Technical Editor. We are grateful that she has accepted our offer. Amy will continue her usual excellent editing functions and also develop and format the pdf galley proofs required by our publisher (Sheridan Press). She will be experimenting with LaTeX as a means for developing these final proofs. If successful, we hope to reduce publication costs and, as a result, lower page charges. We may be able to offer page charge discounts for those who use a LaTeX template (one that could be available online) for preparing final drafts while maintaining the option for authors to provide final drafts in Word. We will have some information about this process for discussion at the 2011 *WAEA* Business Meeting in Banff.

We hope you enjoyed the April 2011 issue of *JARE*. Our team is currently working on the papers that will appear in the August 2011 issue – and starting to organize papers for the December 2011 issue. The August issue will feature articles about the efficacy of auction markets, food attributes, farm management issues, and factors affecting housing markets.

Finally, the quality of *JARE* rests on the quality of submitted manuscripts. We hope each of you considers *JARE* to be your primary research outlet. Positive and timely responses from talented (and busy) individuals to our review requests are a tribute to the scholarly mission of our profession. Please contact us if you have questions or comments regarding the publication of *JARE*.

Sincerely,

Gary Brester, Managing Editor (2010-2012)
Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics
To: WAEA Members
From: Russ Tronstad and Travis Park
Subject: Second request for completing Science Roadmap survey / Banff /JARE

A special thanks to those that already completed the survey on the Science Roadmap for Food and Agriculture priorities for the next 10 years. Your response as a WAEA member would be greatly appreciated if you have not already completed this survey. As noted earlier, the Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy (ESCOP) recently conducted a Delphi survey to develop a Science Roadmap for Food and Agriculture priorities for the next 10 years for land-grant institutions. The study had input from some 250 administrators and selected faculty across the U.S. After four Delphi rounds, a total of 13 Grand Challenge areas and 64 research priorities were identified. We are soliciting input from prior ESCOP participants and Western Agricultural Economics Association members (including those not from the U.S. or associated with land-grant institutions) on how they would allocate limited dollars to these Grand Challenge areas and research priorities in the following survey link:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/FZTNK2P

Your participation will help indicate how the research priorities and resource allocations of administrators without an agricultural and resource economics discipline are viewed relative to WAEA members. The survey is only 4 screens, but will take approximately 15 minutes to complete.

Remember to register for the Banff meetings before Wednesday, June 15 to avoid the late registration fee using the link below:

http://caes.usask.ca/conferences/annual_meetings/2011_banff/registration.php

Information on documents needed for international travel to Canada can be found at:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/cis/cis_1082.html#entry_requirements

Also, WAEA is still soliciting proposals for the next editorship term of JARE. WAEA will begin screening proposals on June 20 and continue until a proposal is selected. More information on this opportunity is available at:


Thanks,

Russ Tronstad and Travis Park
University of Arizona and Cornell University