The program for our annual meeting in Park City, UT next month is coming together quickly with a broad set of interesting sessions. Our opening reception will start at 6pm on Wednesday, June 20 and we will adjourn with our Awards Luncheon at 1:30pm on Friday, June 22. Greg Perry (Colorado State University) is delivering our Presidential Address on “Deciding Where to Publish: Some Observations on Journal Impact Factor and Article Influence Score,” and Jason F. Shogren (University of Wyoming) is providing the Keynote Address on “Behavioral Bioeconomics: Issues in the American West.”

Our conference will be held at the Marriott in Park City, UT and please remember to register for lodging by May 19, 2012 to obtain the conference room rate of $104/night (single or double). Please use this URL, http://tinyurl.com/ccj696g, to access WAEA’s room code rate. Room rates are currently about 30 percent higher without WAEA’s room code. Shuttle transportation from Salt Lake City airport to the Marriott in Park City (1895 Sidewinder Drive) is available at All Resort (http://www.allresort.com/, phone 800-457-9457) for about $40 each way per person. Register before June 12, 2012 to receive our regular conference rate of $275 for members and $175 for students.

You may register for our annual meeting using the links of either http://waeonline.uwagec.org/2012AssnMtg/2012Registration.htm or http://tinyurl.com/btd2xn. If you have any issues with registration, please contact Anne Whyte (anne.whyte@usu.edu ).

Congratulations are due for all our 2012 WAEA Award Recipients noted below. Many thanks go to our award chairs of Chris McIntosh and Jonathan Yoder, plus all the committee chairs and members for their time and diligence in selecting all award recipients.

We are greatly indebted to our outgoing JARE editorial team of Gary Brester, Joseph Atwood, Vincent Smith, and Myles Watts at Montana State University for all their conscientious and tireless work with JARE over the last three years. Gary Brester, Managing Editor, has provided his final communication to WAEA members on JARE items for their team.

I look forward to seeing many of you attend our 2012 Annual Meeting in Park City June 20-22, 2012.

Sincerely,

Russell Tronstad
WAEA President
2012 WAEA Award Recipients

Many thanks go to award chairs, Chris McIntosh and Jonathan Yoder, and all the award committee chairs and members for their time and diligence in selecting the 2012 WAEA Award Recipients.

Distinguished Scholars
Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University
Susan Capalbo, Oregon State University
Gordon Rausser, University of California – Berkeley

Outstanding Published Research Award

JARE Outstanding Journal Article Award

Honorable Mention
Christina A. Robinson, Missouri State University; and Xiaoyong Zheng, North Carolina State University. “Household Food Stamp Participation and Childhood Obesity.” Volume 36, Number 1, April 2011:1–13.

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project
The Farm Bill Education Program. Jody Campiche, Michael Dicks, Rodney Jones, and Larry Sanders, all from Oklahoma State University.

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career
Bruce Sorte, Oregon State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award With Less Than Ten Years Experience
Hayley Chouinard, Washington State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award With More Than 10 Years Experience
John Siebert, Texas A&M University

Outstanding Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award

Honorable Mention
Smit Vásquez Caballero, Oregon State University. “Farm and Non-Farm Impact of Migration to USA on Rural Mexico.” Advisor: Bruce Weber.

Outstanding Published Research Award
Richard Shumway (chair), Washington State University
Stephen Boucher, University of California – Davis
William Jaeger, Oregon State University
Jeff Peterson, Kansas State University
Outstanding Extension Program Awards
Tom Harris (chair), University of Nevada-Reno
Neil Rimby, University of Idaho
Trent Teegerstrom, University of Arizona

Undergraduate Teaching Awards
Ed Rister (chair), Texas A&M University
Penny Diebel, Oregon State University
Lindsey Higgins, Texas A&M University
Christopher McIntosh, University of Idaho

Outstanding Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award
Kim Rollins (chair), University of Nevada – Reno
Matthew Anderson, University of Wyoming
Craig Bond, Colorado State University
Francis Epplin, Oklahoma State University

Tim Fitzgerald, Montana State University
Eric Schuck, Linfield College
Jonathan Yoder, Washington State University

Distinguished Scholar Award Selection Committee
Larry VanTassel (chair), University of Nebraska – Lincoln
Bonnie Colby, University of Arizona
Andrew Barkley, Kansas State University
David Hennessy, Iowa State University
Jennifer James, Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo
Dustin Pendell, Colorado State University
Anton Bekkerman, Montana State University

JARE Awards
Gary Brester (chair), Joseph Atwood, Vincent Smith, and Myles Watts; all with Montana State University.

News From The JARE Editorial Team

This will be my final communication with WAEA members as the Managing Editor of JARE. We are currently formatting papers for the August 2012 issue. My team will continue working throughout the remainder of 2012 on the December 2012 issue which will be our final editorial effort. The April 2012 issue was delivered slightly behind schedule as we encountered a printing problem. You may notice that the Table of Contents appears on the inside of the back cover in addition to its traditional location. We have fixed a communication problem so that it does not happen again on future issues. In addition, we continue to work towards reducing publishing costs.

The new Editorial Team located at the University of Idaho and Washington State University has seamlessly taken control of new submissions as of April. We anticipate continuing this smooth transition. I am pleased that JARE is going to be in the hands of a very capable group of people.

My team’s efforts the past three years have proven to be personally rewarding, and we thank the WAEA members for allowing us to serve in this capacity. We have strived to maintain the quality of JARE during our tenure. We have many people to thank for helping us with this endeavor. Such activities are not possible without excellent supporting staff. We thank current and past editorial assistants and technical editors Amy Bekkerman, Judy Harrison (deceased), and Laura Smith. Lisa Darrow at Sheridan Press and George Chronis at FastTrack have been strong partners in our efforts. We have been blessed with excellent help from our Editorial Council who have provided much insight on, occasionally, difficult issues. Of course, we continue to admire those who submit papers and are willing to accept critique in an effort to produce unbiased economics research. Finally, reviewers provide the most value for the least compensation within the journal publication process. I am impressed with reviewers’ depth of thought and dedication to the noble task of generating knowledge.

Thank you to all.

Sincerely,

Gary Brester, Managing Editor (2010-2012)
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