2014 WAEA Awards Ceremony

Welcome ......................................................James Richardson, President
Presentations
Awards ...............Jay Noel and Kellie Raper, Awards Co-Chairs
Graduate Paper Competition Winner ........... Russell Tronstad
JARE Awards .............. Christopher McIntosh, JARE Editor
Distinguished Scholar Awards .....................James Richardson
Closing ......................................................James Richardson

Outstanding Published Research Award
Darlington Sabasi, Christopher T. Bastian, Dale Menkhaus, and
Owen Phillips. “Committed Procurement in Privately Negotiated
Markets: Evidence from Laboratory Markets.” American Journal

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project
The Oklahoma Quality Beef Network Team
Oklahoma State University

Eric DeVuyst, Professor, Agricultural Economics
Damona Doye, Regents Professor and Extension Economist, Agricultural Economics
Derrell Peel, Professor, Agricultural Economics and Charles Breedlove Professorship, Agribusiness
Kellie Raper, Associate Professor, Agricultural Economics
Gant Mourer, Value Added Beef Assistant Extension Specialist, Animal Science
David Lalman, Professor, Animal Science
Chris Richards, Associate Professor, Animal Science
Megan Rolf, Assistant Professor, Animal Science
Daniel Stein, Assistant Professor, Animal Science
D.L. Step, Professor, Veterinary Medicine
Justin Talley, Associate Professor, Entomology

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, More Than 10 Years Experience
Marshall Frasier, Colorado State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, Less Than 10 Years Experience
Dannele Peck, University of Wyoming

Outstanding Published Graduate Student or M.S. Thesis Award
Amy Hilland, University of Idaho. “Implications of the Yuan-Dollar Exchange Rate and Commodity Trade Between China, the United States, and Competitors.”
Major Professor: Stephen Devadoss
Honorable Mention: Jeremy Pagaran, Arizona State University.
“Innovative Insurance Products in Food Safety: Pricing Revenue Insurance in the Fresh Spinach Industry.”
Major Professor: Mark Manfredo

WAEA Graduate Student Paper/Presentation Competition
1st place: Alex Hlavinka, Texas A&M University, “The Adoption of Ductless Heat Pumps in the Pacific Northwest.” co-authors with James Mjelds, Texas A&M University; Senarath Dharmasena, Texas A&M University; and Christine Jerko-Holland, Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance.

2nd place: Yang Xie, University of California, Berkeley, “The Economics of Water Project Capacities, Water Inventory Management, and Conservation Technology Adoption.” co-author with David Zilberman, University of California, Berkeley.


JARE Outstanding Journal Article Award

JARE Outstanding Journal Reviewer Award
Jesse Tack, Mississippi State University
Francis Epplin
Oklahoma State University

Francis Epplin is Professor and Jean and Patsy Neustadt Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University. He received a B.S. in agricultural education from Southern Illinois University. After a tour of duty with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, he earned an M.S. in agricultural industries from Southern Illinois University and served for two years as an instructor in the Department of Agriculture at Western Illinois University. He then began a Ph.D. program at Iowa State University where he had the privilege of working under the direction of Earl O. Heady. He has been at Oklahoma State University since 1979. He has had the good fortune to work at a Land Grant University and with a number of talented and dedicated scientists and students.

Dr. Epplin’s research contributions in traditional crop and livestock production and in biofuels production are recognized both within and well beyond the walls of his discipline. Nearly all of his grants are collaborative across academic departments, a strong indicator of his excellent research record and broadly recognized scholarly contributions. He has co-authored journal articles with more than twenty agronomists, and with animal scientists, engineers, entomologists, and graduate students. Francis has presented invited papers on the economics of biofuel production at prestigious conferences sponsored by the National Science Foundation and by the Foreign Agricultural Organization of the United Nations. He is the only economist on the program, reiterating the respect that colleagues outside of his discipline have for him.

Extension colleagues value Dr. Epplin’s work in biofuel feedstock production and processing and wheat pasture research. Dr. Epplin’s research also enhances his graduate teaching, as evidenced by student evaluation scores never below 3.6/4.0 and his mentoring relationship with students long after they complete his class. Dr. Francis Epplin has developed an exemplary multidisciplinary research program that contributes to all three legs of the Land Grant triangle.

Chennat Gopalakrishnan
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Chennat Gopalakrishnan (Gopal) spent 41 years with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management at the University of Hawaii at Manoa prior to his retirement in 2010. He remains an emeritus professor with the university.

Gopal is best known for his research on water economics and policy, particularly for advancing our understanding of water management institutions. He is one of the leading figures in the institutional analysis of the water sector. In recognition of Gopal’s scholarship, he was named a Fellow of both the International Water Resources Association (2008) and the American Water Resources Association (2003).

Gopal is a prolific scholar, having produced seven books, nearly 70 refereed publications, 68 conference papers, and numerous other reports and reviews. While the bulk of his writings focused on water institutions, this is by no means his only area of contribution. Within the water resources field, he has also published many empirical studies addressing a diverse set of topics including sustainable water resource management, water conservation, political externalities, water conflicts and their resolution, and, most recently, water and disasters. Earlier in his career, Gopal made notable contributions to the field of energy economics and marine economics.

For his research, teaching, and mentoring contributions, Gopal was honored by his College in 2009 with the Excellence in Research Award, and in 2003 with the Ka Pouhana (Mentor) Award. He has also chaired and served as a member of numerous PhD and Master's committees.

In his retirement, Gopal continues to be active in his field. He launched a new journal, the Journal of Natural Resources Policy Research (Routledge) in 2009. He is, currently, at work on two books, one on "institutional entropy" and a second one on the theory and empirics of water disaster management policies.
**Graduate Travel Grant Recipients**

Yang Xie, University of California, Berkeley
Zoe T. Plakias, University of California-Davis
Allison Bauman, Colorado State University
Marzieh Motallebi, Colorado State University
Mahalingam Dhamodharan, University of Idaho
Rosemary Isoto, Ohio State University
Rebecca Davis, University of Tennessee
Gnel Gabrielyan, Washington State University
Tristan D. Skolrud, Washington State University
Choong Kim, University of Wyoming

**Outstanding Seniors**

Tristan Hannon, Washington State University
Mason Parish, Texas A&M University
Kaycee Royer, University of Idaho
Perry Baptista, University of Wyoming
Brock Burnick, Kansas State University
Cody Swainston, Utah State University
Jordan Gottinger, University of Saskatchewan
Brette Gebers, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Briana Tanaka, Oregon State University
Jedadiah Winter, Colorado State University
Adrienne Bradley, University of California-Davis
Seth Boone, Oklahoma State University

**Special Thanks to Awards Committee Chairs and Members**

**Award Chairs**
Jay Noel, California Polytechnic State University
Kellie Curry Raper, Oklahoma State University

**Outstanding Published Research Award**
Wade Brorsen (Chair), Oklahoma State University
Steve Koontz, Colorado State University
Jon Biemacher, The Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation

**Outstanding Extension Program Awards**
David Anderson (Chair), Texas A&M University
Levi Russell, Texas A&M University
Steven Klose, Texas A&M University

**Undergraduate Teaching Awards**
Lynn Hamilton (Chair), California Polytechnic State University
Lindsey Higgins, California Polytechnic State University

**Outstanding Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award**
Gary Brester (Chair), Montana State University
Mykel Taylor, Kansas State University
Vicky Salin, Texas A&M University
Greg McKee, North Dakota State University
Michael McCullough, California Polytechnic State University

**Distinguished Scholar Award Selection Committee**
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Doug Young, Washington State University
Bonnie Colby, University of Arizona
Lynn Hamilton, California Polytechnic State University
Greg McKee, North Dakota State University
Dannele Peck, University of Wyoming

**JARE Awards**
Christopher McIntosh (Editor), University of Idaho
Larry Makus (Co-Editor), University of Idaho
Hayley Chouinard (Co-Editor), Washington State University
Gregmar Galinato (Co-Editor), Washington State University

**WAEA Graduate Paper/Presentation Awards Committee**
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Mechel Paggi, California State University-Fresno
Jeff Peterson, Kansas State University