Western Agricultural Economics Association

2012 Awards Ceremony

June 22, 2012
Park City, Utah

Outstanding Seniors

Kailey Barlow  University of Wyoming
Jon Brammer  Colorado State University
Colter Brown  Montana State University
Ben Claasen  University of Nevada, Reno
Farah Ereiqat  University of California, Berkeley
Katelyn Fines  University of British Columbia
Kelvin Friesen  University of Manitoba, Winnipeg
Seraina Giovanoli  University of Saskatchewan
Chase Holoubek  University of Nebraska
Lauren James  Kansas State University
Whitney Jeffrey  Oklahoma State University
Braden Jensen  Utah State University
Matthew Miller  Oregon State University
Mika Petrucci  California State University, Fresno
Jake E. Riley  Texas A&M University
Shaina Shay  University of Arizona
Maria Skoglung  South Dakota State University
Jesse Smit  University of Idaho
John F. Walker  Texas Tech University
Welcome  
Russell Tronstad

Presentation of awards  
Christopher McIntosh & Jonathan Yoder, Awards Committee chairs

Presentation of JARE awards  
Gary Brester, JARE editor 2011

Tribute to Cole Gustafson  
Gregory McKee

Presentation of Distinguished Scholar awards  
Russell Tronstad

Closing  
Russell Tronstad

Outstanding Published Research Award


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

Undergraduate Teaching Award with Less Than 10 Years’ Experience

Hayley Chouinard, Washington State University

Undergraduate Teaching Award with More Than 10 Years’ Experience

John Siebert, Texas A&M University

Outstanding Published Graduate Student or M.S. 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.


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.

JARE Outstanding Journal Reviewer Award

Olga Isengildina-Massa, Clemson University

Graduate Travel Grant Recipients

Michelle L. Kibler  
Colorado State University

Kelly Lange  
Texas Tech University

Brian P. Lee  
University of Wyoming

Nathaniel B. Lyman  
University of Arkansas

Brandon R. McFadden  
Oklahoma State University

Taeyoung Kim  
Oregon State University
B. Wade Brorsen
Oklahoma State University

Brorsen is Regents Professor and A.J. and Susan Jacques Chair at Oklahoma State University. He earned B.S. and M.S. degrees in agricultural economics from OSU, an M.S. in statistics from University of Wisconsin, and a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Texas A&M University. He joined OSU in 1991 after eight years at Purdue University. He served as editor of Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics and American Journal of Agricultural Economics. Wade has delivered the WAEA Keynote Address, received the WAEA outstanding published research award, and has published fifteen articles in WAEA journals. He has published over 180 refereed journal articles. He served as chair of the NCCC-134 Committee on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting, and Market Risk Management and has been an active member. Wade has been recognized by both Oklahoma State University and the American Agricultural Economics Association with outstanding graduate teaching awards.

Susan Capalbo
Oregon State University

Susan Capalbo is currently department head for the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Oregon State University. She has been involved in the economics of climate change, carbon sequestration, and integrated policy analysis and tradeoff assessment for the past 20 years. She is currently the co-PI on a USDA NIFA grant addressing adaptation of agricultural production to climate change, a student-centered National Needs Fellowship grant and other projects funded by NSF, NOAA, USDA and DOE. While at Montana State University, she was the director of the Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership, addressing the economics of carbon sequestration. She has developed a research program promoting women in STEM, and was awarded several diversity and research collaborative grants including an NSF ADVANCE Leadership Award, and the Marie Tharp Fellowship at the Earth Institute at Columbia University. Dr. Capalbo received her Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of California-Davis and her B.S./M.S. at the University of Rhode Island. Past appointments have been at MSU, Resources for the Future, UC-Davis, and University of Maryland. She has co-edited two books and written numerous journal articles and papers related to her research and diversity efforts.
Distinguished Scholar

Gordon C. Rausser
University of California, Berkeley

Gordon Rausser is currently Robert Gordon Sproul Distinguished Professor, University of California, Berkeley, where he has taught in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE) for thirty years. He has also served as dean of the College of Natural Resources (1994–2000), chair of ARE (three terms), and chair of the Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics. While on leave from Berkeley, Gordon was senior economist at the President’s Council of Economic Advisors and later chief economist at the Agency for International Development in Washington, D.C. Gordon has published hundreds of articles and several books, including, most recently, Political Power and Economic Policy (Cambridge, 2011). He has won 17 national awards and honors for teaching and research and currently serves as editor of the Annual Review of Resource Economics. Dr. Rausser frequently comments on public-policy issues on national radio and television and advises business and political leaders.

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 M.S. Thesis Award
Kimberly Rollins (chair), University of Nevada – Reno
Matthew Anderson, University of Wyoming
Craig Bond, Colorado State University
Francis Epplin, Oklahoma State University
Timothy Fitzgerald, Montana State University
Eric Schuck, Linfield College
Jonathan Yoder, Washington State University

Distinguished Scholar Award Selection Committee
Larry Van Tassell (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.