Outstanding Senior Awards

Martin Arritola,
Oregon State University Agriculture Program at
Eastern Oregon University

Dana K. Dudley
University of Wyoming

Steve Kaufman
University of Idaho

Kirk Maag
Oregon State University

Lindsey Pardee
Texas A & M University

Awards
Program

July 7, 2005

San Francisco, California
Outstanding Master’s Thesis

Jason Politylo
University of Alberta
"Economic analysis of carbon supply contracts under risk of fire: a supplier perspective"

Outstanding Teacher, Less Than 10 Years

William Nganje
North Dakota State University

Outstanding Teacher, More Than 10 Years

John Foltz
University of Idaho

Outstanding Extension Project

Project Coordinators:
Wendy J. Umberger, Colorado State University
DeeVon Bailey, Utah State University

Contributing Team Members:
Chris Bastian
Dr. Michael Coe
Kynda R. Curtis
Hollie Doyle
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Darrell R. Mark
Doug O’Brien
Russel Tronstad
James G. Robb
Michael T. Roberts
Erica L. Rosa
Tana Stith
Ruby Ward
Jack C. Whittier

Committee Chairs

General Chair
Penelope L. Diebel, Oregon State University

Master’s Thesis
James McQueen, University of Alberta

Teaching, less than 10 years
Michael Boland, Kansas State University

Teaching, more than 10 years
James Casey, California State University—Fresno

Extension Project
James B. Johnson, Montana State University

Extension Program
Paul Patterson, University of Idaho

Published Research
Troy G. Schmitz, Arizona State University

JARE Article
Editor: DeeVon Bailey, Utah State University
Co-Editors: David Aadland, University of Wyoming
T.F. Glover, Utah State University
Paul M. Jakus, University of Wyoming
Distinguished Scholar

Bruce Weber

Bruce Weber is professor of agricultural and resource economics at Oregon State University, director of the OSU Rural Studies Program, and co-director of the RUPRI Rural Poverty Research Center. At OSU since 1974, he has worked to support the Land Grant mission by developing an integrated outreach, research and teaching program on poverty and hunger, state and local government finance and regional/rural economics.

His collaborations with faculty at other universities and state policy analysts have produced, among other things, a model that is still used by the Oregon legislature to analyze the impact of major tax proposals on distribution of Oregon’s tax burden. His understanding of Oregon’s tax system has put him in advisory roles to both the governor and Oregon legislature on tax policy. His multi-disciplinary explorations of rural labor markets and welfare policy have informed Congressional deliberations about federal welfare legislation. The applied research that undergirds these outreach efforts have appeared in such journals as JARE, AJAE, Land Economics and International Regional Science Review. Weber is co-editor of Rural Dimensions of Welfare Reform, (2002, W.E. Upjohn Institute Press), the only comprehensive assessment of the impact of the 1996 welfare law in rural areas. His rural development courses at OSU have involved students in delivering student-generated applied regional economic analysis to local community leaders.

As President of the WAEA, he encouraged the development of the first WAEA Young Professionals Conference that brought together young faculty and distinguished agricultural economists for mentoring on career development. He has also served as a WAEA Director and on the Editorial Council of the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics. His outreach efforts have been recognized by both WAEA and AAEA with Distinguished Extension Program awards. He was a member of the National Rural Studies Committee; has served on numerous government, foundation, research and extension advisory committees; and is a Senior Fellow of the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan.

Outstanding Extension Program

Dr. Steve Blank
University of California-Davis

Outstanding Published Research Award

Jeffrey T. LaFrance


Outstanding JARE Article

F. Bailey Norwood, Jayson L. Lusk, & B. Wade Brorsen


AAEA Chester O. McCorkle Student Scholarship Award

Caroline Gunning-Trant, University of California-Davis

Presented by: Yvonne Bennett, Executive Director, AAEA
Ron Lacewell is an Assistant Vice Chancellor of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Associate Director of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and continues with an appointment in the Department of Agricultural Economics where he advises students and maintains an active research and extension program. His research program has been a blend of resources and production ranging from energy, water, air, integrated pest management, weather modification and new crop alternatives. Early in his career he became involved in team research and served as the economist on grants, contracts and Station projects. It was through his work on teams and with other economists related to alternative energy sources and boll weevil eradication that demonstrated that not all stakeholders embrace the work of economists, in this case legislators and the cotton industry. Tenure is a good thing.

Ron has been a member of Editorial Council of American Journal of Agricultural Economics and Southern Journal of Agricultural Economics, Vice President of Western Agricultural Economics Association, member of Alpha Zeta and Sigma Xi Honor Societies, Texas delegate and Board Member of the University Council on Water and Resources. He received the Distinguished Performance Award for the TAMU Agricultural, Forestry and Veterinary Complex (individual research in 1980 and team research in 1989 and again in 1998), was honored as Distinguished Alumni at Texas Tech University, received the TAMU Department of Agricultural Economics Research Award, the WAEA Quality of Communication Award, the SAEA Distinguished Professional Contribution Award in Research for 1992 and the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000. Ron has been on several university, state and national committees and task forces such as the Water Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences Committee on the Future of Irrigation in the U.S.

Larry Leistritz is a Distinguished Professor in the Department of Agribusiness & Applied Economics at North Dakota State University. Raised on a cattle ranch in western Nebraska, Leistritz completed his Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska before joining the NDSU faculty in 1970. During his 35-year career, his research and outreach efforts have been focused on natural resource management and economic development issues in the Great Plains and Western states.

His research has been reported in more than 100 refereed journal articles, 12 books, and more than 40 book chapters, as well as more than 300 research reports, edited articles, and similar media. His research has been characterized by the integration of the tools and methods of regional and resource economics with those from other social science disciplines, as needed to address various problems/issues. As a result, the list of his collaborators is extensive and includes sociologists, demographers, home economists, and political scientists, as well as agricultural and resource economists.

Dr. Leistritz’s commitment and service to the profession, and WAEA in particular, have been extensive. He has served as a member of the Editorial Council of the WJAE, as a member of the WAEA Board of Directors, and as President (1985-86). He also served as President of the International Association for Impact Assessment.