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Welcome & Introductions	Dana Hoag
Awards Chair	Michael Boland
Outstanding JARE Article	DeeVon Bailey
Scholar Awards	Bruce Weber

Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award
Justin Baker, Texas Tech University. "Transboundary Water Resource Management and Conflict Resolution: A Coasian Strategic Negotiations Approach"

Published Research Award
John M. Crespi, Kansas State University; Richard J. Sexton, University of California, Davis. "A Multinomial Logit Framework to Estimate Bid Shading in Procurement Auctions: Application to Cattle Sales in the Texas Panhandle." Review of Industrial Organization 27(2005): 253-278, November 2005.

Outstanding Extension Program Award, for Project
"Innovations in Niche and Value-Added Marketing." Russell Tronstad, University of Arizona; DeeVon Bailey and Ruby Ward, Utah State University; Chris Bastian, University of Wyoming; Kynda Curtis, University of Nevada-Reno; Larry Lev, Oregon State University; Ramiro Lobo, University of California; Suart Nakamoto, University of Hawaii; Wendy Umberger, Colorado State University; Kent Fleming, Hawaii; Dean Miner, Utah State; William Riggs, University of Nevada-Reno; Etaferahu Takele, California; and Dawn Thilmany, Colorado State University.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (less than 10 years)
Steven S. Vickner, Utah State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (more than 10 years)
James Richardson, Texas A & M University

JARE Outstanding Journal Article for 2005
Steven Blank, University of California; Kenneth Erickson, US Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service; Charles Moss, University of Florida. "Profit Patterns Across American Agriculture." Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, 30 (2005): 205-230, July 2005.

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

Outstanding Extension Program Award, for Project

Rodney Holcomb	**Oklahoma State University**
Chris Bastian	University of Wyoming
Aaron Johnson	Oregon State University
Joe Parcell	University of Missouri-Columbia
John Park	Texas A&M University

Published Research Award

David Hennessy	**Iowa State University**
Steven Buccola	Oregon State University
John Loomis	Colorado State University
Richard Perrin	University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Vincent Smith	Montana State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (less than 10 years)

Sean Hurley	**California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo**
Lynn Hamilton	California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo
James Kliebenstein	Iowa State University
Avuthu Rami Ready	University of Wisconsin-Platteville

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (more than 10 years)

Steven Vickner	**Utah State University**
Joseph Atwood	Montana State University
Roger Dahlgran	University of Arizona
Brad Rickard	California Polytechnic University San Luis Obispo
Kimberly Rollins	University of Nevada-Reno

Distinguished Scholar Award

Bruce Weber	**Oregon State University**
Cheryl DeVuyst	North Dakota State University
Dale Menkhaus	Wyoming
F. Bailey Norwood	Oklahoma State University
Ted Schroeder	Kansas State University
Richard Shumway	Washington State University

Distinguished Scholars

Jeffrey T. LaFrance

University of California – Berkeley

Jeff LaFrance has made important contributions to basic and applied research in agricultural economics, and is a leading expert in the economics of food consumption, nutrition, and consumer welfare, and the household impacts of food policy interventions. He has published many articles on this subject in top journals and has made important contributions to the economics of natural resource use, environmental valuation, and agricultural and environmental policy. He has also made important contributions in demand modeling in the areas of incomplete systems, econometric estimation and inference, and aggregation theory and has made several important contributions to dynamic economic modeling in natural resource markets, consumer theory, and public policy. He received the outstanding published research award from the WAEA for his work in dynamic modeling. Much of his work has analyzed the dynamic interaction between public lands ranchers and the agency administering public grazing leases. He wrote the definitive modern treatise on duality theory for the household incorporating produc¬tion, quality characteristics of goods, differentiated commodities, habit formation, capital stocks and durable household goods, expectations for future prices, incomes, and other economic fac¬tors. Dr. LaFrance has been actively involved in outreach and public service throughout his career. His outreach has dealt with such issues as surface water rights and water quality law; regulation of the barley market; economic and nutritional impacts of federal and State dairy regulations; evaluating a sales tax to replace some property taxes in Montana; public lands management and rangeland reform.

He is a dedicated instructor of graduate and undergraduate student and has taught many courses in diverse areas of economics.

Dr. LaFrance is an associate editor for JARE (2003–present) and has been editor of JARE (1990–1994). He has also been associate editor of AJAE (1996–2001) and on the editorial council of JEEM (1998–2001) He reviewed manuscripts for more than 30 professional journals in economics, agricultural economics, natural resource economics, and environmental economics.

Distinguished Scholars

Clement E. “Clem” Ward

Oklahoma State University

Clem Ward has made significant contributions to agricultural economics over his 30-year career through his combined extension outreach and research program at Oklahoma State University (OSU), his national leadership in applied industrial organization of livestock markets and his service. His program epitomizes an integrated, nearly seamless program of extension and research which some consider the modern model for university outreach. Over his career, Clem has risen to the challenge of making his work relevant and available both to academic, industry, and government economists and to livestock and meat industry participants (producers, cattle feeders, meatpacking firms, and related agencies and organizations).

Clem’s nationally recognized extension-research program has focused on various aspects of livestock and meat marketing, including pricing and price discovery, market structure and behavior, and meatpacking economics. He has published 46 articles in 13 journals plus 49 research bulletins and reports and over 100 4-6 page extension fact sheets.

Much of Clem’s initial work focused on pricing methods and price discovery for livestock and meat. His book Meatpacking Competition and Pricing was an application of industrial organization economics to the livestock and meat industry. It remains the most comprehensive approach to the economics of the meatpacking industry and the book contributed to his becoming a recognized leader and respected authority in understanding causes and consequences of concentration and captive supply use in the fed cattle industry. Clem was a significant contributor to development of the Fed Cattle Market Simulator, which has been used extensively in all three missions of the Land Grant University system (teaching, extension, and research) at OSU and at several other universities.

Clem has given time and leadership to the WAEA, notably as council member, director, and secretary-treasurer. While serving as its secretary-treasurer, Clem made a major contribution to the organizational efficiency of the office and brought its accounting into the electronic era.

Distinguished Scholars

Myles J. Watts
Montana State University

Myles J. Watts has exhibited a unique blend of excellence in scholarship, teaching, administration, and service that has made him a nationally recognized leader in the agricultural economics profession. He has published over 25 refereed articles in agricultural and resource economics journals that have contributed important insights into land resource management in Western states, finance and asset replacement issues, and risk management. His contributions to agricultural policy issues, especially those related to crop insurance, have made him a leading expert on these issues in the United States.

His advice is widely sought by an array of legislators because of his ability to integrate economic concepts into policy actions. He served as the chair of the National Crop Insurance Research Committee, has been called to testify before Legislative Committees, has provided briefings at the request of more than 50 state and national legislators, and has advised the Montana Department of Revenue and successive Governors of the state on budget and tax issues.

Myles has always believed that excellence in extension and outreach is essential if the agricultural economics profession is to be relevant to both policy makers and rural communities. He has published over 50 outreach publications and made hundreds of public presentations on issues ranging from grazing fees and water resource management to public education and public finance.

Myles is a demanding teacher who has taught a variety of graduate and undergraduate courses throughout his career, and has been the major advisor of 12 masters students. Myles served as Head of the MSU Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics for a total of 15 years of his 25 years at Montana State University. He served as co-editor of the Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics from 1991-1994. In addition, he has been on the Western Agricultural Economics Council for the past 20 years – and served as its President (1988-1989).

Distinguished Scholars

E. Bruce Godfrey
Utah State University

E. Bruce Godfrey has provided an outstanding record of teaching, outreach and research on controversial public issues and of service to the profession.

Bruce is an outstanding teacher and communicator who is equally effective teaching agricultural producers as he is teaching college students. Bruce is probably best-known for his teaching methods using objects. For example, for many years he was known as the “bathtub” economist in Utah because he used a bathtub to teach why positive net income is necessary to increase net worth. His more recent extension efforts have centered on risk management. Bruce developed a method for teaching about risk that related different types of risks to different types of balls (softball, basketball, football, etc.). Bruce has also mentored students in the area of public lands management who have gone on to also become important contributors to the academic discussions relating to public lands management.

Bruce’s research dealing with the economics of public lands management has had an important influence on public grazing policy in the West. Few people in the land-grant system understand public land issues in a broader context than Bruce. Bruce has tackled very difficult and controversial issues in his research including the economics of wilderness areas and wild horse management. All of this research has been widely cited and used in Utah and other locations in the West.

Bruce was president of WAEA in 2004 and served as WAEA Secretary/Treasurer from July 1995 through December 2001. While serving as secretary/treasurer Bruce also worked hard to make sure that the Association’s money was well managed by selecting the appropriate portfolio of certificates of deposits, savings accounts, and checking account balances. WAEA’s membership increased by over 23% during the last four years of Bruce’s tenure as secretary/treasurer, in part because of his tireless efforts. He has also received several awards for extension programs including the E. G. Peterson Award in 2001 as USU’s top extension worker. He was also recently recognized (2005) as the Professor of the Year for the College of Agriculture at USU.