

Special thanks to awards committee chairs and members.

Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award

Vince Smith, Montana State University

Don Ethridge, Texas Tech University

Tom Harris, University of Nevada

Published Research Award

Larry Van Tassell, University of Idaho

John Loomis, Colorado State University

Chris Bastian, University of Wyoming

Paul Jakus, Utah State University

Extension Program Awards

Bruce Godfrey, Utah State University

Wilson Gray, University of Idaho

Kynda Curtis, University of Nevada

Duane Griffith, Montana State University

Undergraduate Teaching Awards

Larry Makus, University of Idaho

Steve Vickner, Utah State University

Gregory A. Baker, Santa Clara University

Annette Levi, California State University

Distinguished Scholar Award

Clement Ward, Chair

Dana Hoag, WAEA Past President

Jeff LaFrance, Larry Leistritz, Dale Menkhaus, and Gene Nelson,

Distinguished Scholar Recipients

Hayley Chouinard, Catherine Durham, Bailey Norwood, and Jeff

Peterson, WAEA Directors

JARE Outstanding Journal Article for 2006 Award

DeeVon Bailey, Utah State University

Terry Glover, Utah State University

Paul Jakus, Utah State University

David Aadland, University of Wyoming



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Welcome & Introductions	Gary Brester
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Outstanding JARE Article	DeeVon Bailey
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Published Graduate Student or MS Thesis Award

Bryce Edward Roger Stewart, University of Alberta, *Measures and Causes of Productivity Growth in Prairie Agriculture: 1940-2004*.

Published Research Award

Jayson L Lusk, J Ross Pruitt and F Bailey Norwood, Oklahoma State University. "Consumer Demand for a Ban on Antibiotic Drug Use in Pork Production." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 88(November 2006):1015-1033.

Honorable Mention: JunJie Wu, Oregon State University. "Environmental Amenities, Urban Sprawl, and Community Characteristics." *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*. 52(2006):527-547.

Outstanding Extension Program Award, for Project

"Farm Management Costs and Returns Program." Paul Patterson, Robert Smathers, C. Wilson Gray and Neil Rimbey, University of Idaho

Honorable Mention: "Value-Added Agribusiness Program" Phil Kenkel and Rodney Holcomb, Oklahoma State University

Outstanding Extension Program Award, for Career

Kim B Anderson, Oklahoma State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (less than 10 years)

Mark Manfredo, Arizona State University

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award (more than 10 years)

Kim B Anderson, Oklahoma State University

JARE Outstanding Journal Article for 2006

Dmitry V. Vedenov, James A. Duffield, and Michael E. Wetzstein "Entry of Alternative Fuels in a Volatile U.S. Gasoline Market". *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. 31(April 2006): 1-13.



Distinguished Scholar

MICHELE M. VEEMAN
University of Alberta

Michele Veeman has had a distinguished career in research, outreach, teaching and mentoring, and service. Michele's primary research has focused on assessing the social costs of agricultural policies and state trading enterprises. Her work on the social costs of marketing boards contributed to academia while also being influential in policy development. Michele tackled a sensitive issue in criticizing Canadian agricultural policy makers for their approach to marketing policy and outlined the impact on consumers (and producers) of supply control marketing boards. Work published in the early 1980s has withstood the test of time and continues to be regarded as a base reference for assessment of state trading enterprises, supply management, and marketing boards.

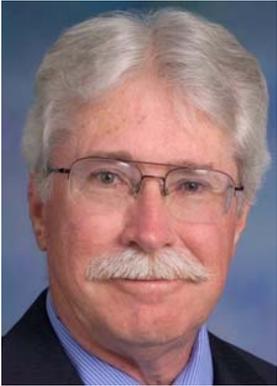
Other research by Michele includes assessing international trade implications of domestic agricultural policy, valuation of wheat attributes as an export commodity, and assessing consumer demand for agricultural products. Michele's focus in recent years has moved to analysis of policies related to genetically modified (GM) foods. She is often invited to speak on GM food topics and has written numerous academic and extension articles on consumer acceptance, labeling, and production of GM foods.

Michele's career is characterized by continuous high quality research published in journals and books, a broad and

deep knowledge of agricultural policy, trade, and consumer demand, and a willingness to engage in public debate and public service. Michele has maintained a steady flow of published research articles, even into "Emeritus" status. She received an award in 2003 for best article in *Current Agricultural, Food, and Resource Issues*, and was recognized in 2006 for having the outstanding article in the *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics (CJAE)*.

Michele has played an influential role in graduate student supervision and mentoring of over 60 M.Sc. and Ph.D. students. Her contribution to the development of highly qualified professionals has had a sustained impact on the profession. Michele's students are now outstanding academics, leaders in government and industry, and significant contributors to the policy debates in agriculture. Of special significance are the awards seven of her students received for their thesis or dissertation research from the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES), Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA), and Food Distribution Research Society.

Finally, Michele has contributed significantly to professional societies and other organizations by serving in several key leadership positions. She served as President of the CAES, editor of the *CJAE*, and is a Fellow of the CAES. She served as Vice President of the WAEA and member of the editorial board of the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. She has been active in the International Association of Agricultural Economists and was selected as an Honorary Life Member in 2006. Currently she serves on the Board of Trustees for the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI).



Distinguished Scholar

STEVEN C. BLANK
University of California-Davis

Steve Blank has made significant and diverse contributions in research, extension, teaching, and service. He is nationally recognized as an authority on economic challenges facing American agriculture. He has published over 100 refereed publications (journal articles, monographs and book chapters). Early research influenced Australia to change dairy marketing policies, despite being unpopular with the industry. Steve was among the first to publish on chaos theory in futures markets. His more recent work on risk management and the financial performance of agriculture is widely cited in U.S. policy debates and has been recognized as influencing economic behavior of producers and agribusiness managers across the country. Steve received the Western Agricultural Economics Association's (WAEA) award in 2006 for the outstanding article in the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* and the American Agricultural Economics Association's award in 2003 for the outstanding article in *Choices*.

Steve has written two texts, *Practical Business Research Methods* and *Futures and Options Markets*, both drawn from courses he taught and used in his outreach program. His more recent book, *The End of Agriculture in the American Portfolio*, has been praised by producers, policy makers, and professionals for its synthesis of the many economic issues facing agriculture. It became the basis for a year-long symposium during 2001-2002 at Cornell University and is a topic of discussion among professionals in other disciplines.

Steve developed a nationally recognized extension risk management program for producers, agribusiness managers, and lenders. An innovative element of the program was describing the producer/manager as a portfolio manager and incorporating concepts of portfolio theory to explain how any manager can include risk analysis in decision-making, even crop selection and other micro-level production decisions. The same portfolio concept was used to describe macro-level changes in American agriculture. Steve's outreach effectiveness is evidenced by receipt in 2005 of the WAEA Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career.

Steve has mentored graduate and undergraduate students with diverse interests over his career, taught a variety of courses at four universities, and published research on teaching and learning. While experiencing diverse teaching assignments in terms of class sizes and course levels, Steve tailored his teaching methods and learning tools to each course.

Finally, Steve is a proven leader. He served UC Davis as Assistant Vice-Provost from 1996 to 2002 and served the WAEA as President in 2001-2002. His creative leadership as WAEA President led to shifting from two to three issues of the *JARE* per year, establishing an incentive system for on-time *JARE* reviews, creating the *Western Economic Forum*, establishing travel grants for graduate students, and developing the Distinguished Scholar award, which Steve now claims.



Distinguished Scholar

RICHARD E. HOWITT
University of California-Davis

Richard Howitt has compiled an exemplary record of scholarly achievement and service over his distinguished academic career. He has contributed methodological breakthroughs widely used both by domestic and international peers while also making significant contributions to applied agricultural and natural resource questions. He has been an outstanding teacher and mentor for two generations of students, has developed an outstanding outreach program, and has been an academic leader both in university and professional service.

Richard has written hundreds of papers, taught thousands of undergraduates, trained scores of graduate students, and contributed to outreach efforts at home and throughout the world. Many of his graduate students now play a prominent role in academic institutions and in influential governmental and non-governmental policy positions. His mentoring and advising prowess is evidenced by the fact his students won best dissertation or thesis awards from the American Agricultural Economics Association in 1976, 1990, and 2001. Richard also received the outstanding journal article award by the American Agricultural Economics Association, in 1976 and 2006.

Among Richard's most enduring contributions is his article on positive mathematical programming (PMP) (*AJAE* 1995). Its impact can be illustrated by citations in journals throughout the world and the fact that his methods have been widely adopted and used routinely in evaluating government

policies. Richard paved the way for use of optimization methods in policy research and analysis. His research led to a new class of policy models that support public policy development in such countries as the United States, Canada, the Netherlands, Germany, the European Union and France. This type of model is a core research tool for policy analysis. Millions of dollars and many man-years are committed to developing, maintaining, and using these models on a variety of issues, including grain marketing policy, trade and domestic support, climate change, greenhouse gas mitigation, and environmental assessments.

Richard also has conducted extensive research on utilizing market institutions to allocate natural resources, particularly irrigation water. His research was the first to simulate the gains from using markets and the first to measure and explain quantitative impacts on various sectors. As a consequence of both his research and outreach efforts, several bilateral and multilateral exchanges have been implemented.

Richard continues to make significant contributions in applied dynamic analysis, much of which is multidisciplinary in scope, such as recent research on non-point source pollution. Recently published work on the importance of global climate change for hydrologic systems continues his tradition of multidisciplinary collaboration on important public policy questions.

Richard's contributions extend from his research to an influential outreach program and leadership in many policy forums. He has developed a virtual extension career paralleling his research and teaching career. He has served on National Research Council committees, made numerous presentations to a wide array of organizations, and is regularly invited to advise governments and present seminars in other countries, including such recent examples as China, France, Britain, Australia, Spain and Belgium.



Distinguished Scholar

BONNIE G. COLBY
University of Arizona

Bonnie Colby has developed a nationally recognized research, teaching, and outreach program in natural resource and environmental economics. Bonnie's research examines the mix of voluntary (market) and involuntary (judicial, legislative, administrative) allocation mechanisms that determine access to natural resources, at what price, and under what use and transfer conditions. Her research addresses both efficiency and distributional effects. Resource valuation work includes travel cost, hedonic, and contingent valuation studies, but also evaluation of market prices as a measure of social value. Her expertise in analyzing primary data to value water supplies has led to numerous scholarly publications, including numerous journal articles and the first of her six books: *Water Markets in Theory and Practice* (1987). Bonnie contributed two chapters to a book which received the Outstanding Publication Award in 1993 from the National Academy of Science.

Bonnie has studied policy-induced transaction costs for natural resources, while protecting public values and accounting for externalities, as well as related conflicts over rights to use resources which impose significant costs on the direct parties to the dispute and on taxpayers. She has analyzed the effectiveness of market transactions and other negotiated agreements as a means to resolve conflicts, comparing them to litigation and other conflict resolution processes. Her work led to several articles, book chapters, and books, including *Braving the Currents: Resolving Conflicts Over the Rivers of the*

American West, (2004) and *Negotiations Over Tribal Water Rights* (2005). Significant and continuous funding for her research has come from competitive grants programs. Funding sources include the National Science Foundation, Ford Foundation, Hewlett Foundation, and repeat grants from several Federal agencies.

As a teacher and mentor, Bonnie interacts regularly with undergraduate and graduate students, both in the classroom and as an advisor. She keeps course material fresh and relevant by updating a quarter of her reading list and lecture material each year. She also includes cross-cultural elements, drawing on Native American and Hispanic perspectives, both of which have strongly shaped resource conflicts and solutions in the West. For several years, Bonnie has received the highest possible teacher evaluation rating from graduate students in her courses.

Evidence of Bonnie's recognized expertise is the impressive list of advisory and policy-making boards and committees on which she has served at the local, state, and national level. She has made numerous presentations to state legislators and congressional policy makers, served on National Academy of Science committees, and contributed to several government and non-profit organizations. Her outreach and public service efforts bring new perspectives that stimulate her scholarly research, and provide excellent case studies for classroom lectures and student theses.