2023 Awards Program

Whistler, British Columbia
July 18, 2023
2023 WAEA Awards Ceremony

Welcome……………… Stephen Devadoss, President

Award Presentations

Outstanding Published Research
Outstanding Extension Program
Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching
Outstanding Master’s Thesis
Graduate Student Paper Competition
Outstanding JARE Article
Outstanding JARE Article Reviewers
WAEA Fellows

Closing……………… Stephen Devadoss, President

Outstanding Published Research Award

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project
Allen Featherstone, Antonina Broyaka, Dan O’Brien, Gregg Ibendahl, Brian Briggeman, Glynn Tonsor, Jude Kastens, Guy Allen, and Rich Llewelyn. All are from Kansas State University.

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career
Dan O'Brien, Kansas State University.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, Less than 10 Years’ Experience
Ricky Volpe, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, More than 10 Years’ Experience
Joseph Atwood, Montana State University.
**Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award**
Nathan Holtman, “The Effects of Domestic and Trade Policy Interventions on Global Agricultural Trade.”
Thesis Advisor: Stephen Devadoss, Texas Tech University.

**Graduate Student Competition Award**

**Outstanding JARE Article Award**

**Outstanding JARE Reviewer Award, Less than 7 Years’ Experience**
Andrew Stevens, University of Wisconsin.

**Outstanding JARE Reviewer Award, More than 7 Years’ Experience**
Nicole Widmar, Purdue University.

**Outstanding Seniors**
Caleb Hauck, North Dakota State University.
Thomas Jermyn, University of Saskatchewan.
Kira Sabin, Oregon State University.
WAEA Fellow Awards

**Joseph Atwood** is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics at Montana State University. Prior to joining MSU, he was an Assistant Professor at Auburn University. He has published or presented numerous papers in the research areas of agricultural finance, risk and crop insurance, financial engineering, economic and agricultural policy, statistical procedures, and mathematical modeling. Dr. Atwood has taught classes in agricultural finance, economics, farm and ranch management, financial engineering, quantitative methods and coding, and economics. Dr. Atwood won the WAEA’s Outstanding Published Research Award in 1999 and served as Associate Editor - JARE 2009-2011. Dr. Atwood has won various teaching awards and received the MSU College of Agriculture Distinguished Faculty Award for 2022.

**Christopher T. Bastian** received his B.S. in Farm and Ranch Management and M.S. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Wyoming (UW) and his Ph.D. in Agricultural and Resource Economics from Colorado State University. During his career Chris served as Agricultural Marketing Specialist (1993-2005) and currently as teaching-research professor for UW’s Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Dr. Bastian’s outreach activities focused largely on agricultural marketing and risk management. His research has primarily dealt with optimal livestock production, privately negotiated markets, and land conservation. His scholarly efforts, along with his co-authors, have produced 94 refereed journal articles, 1 book, 4 book chapters, and 93 extension publications. This work received WAEA’s Outstanding Extension Program Award (1997, 2005, 2006, 2007), AAEA’s Group Extension Award (1997, 2007), the WAEA Outstanding Published Research Award (2014), and the Outstanding JARE Article Award (2021). Finally, Chris has served in numerous roles for the WAEA including President.
Stephen R. Koontz is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University. He is home in the West, but he is a native of Virginia. He received his B.S. (1983) and M.S. (1985) from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. He was on the faculty of Oklahoma State University from 1989-95, Michigan State University from 1996-97, and joined Colorado State University in 1998. He has an active extension, teaching, and research program in agricultural production and marketing systems. Steve’s work has impacted national policy regarding livestock market organization and institutions. His commodity marketing extension program sought after across the Great Plains and Mountain West. He is a successful graduate and undergraduate teacher and works extensively with cattle and beef industry business members.
Special Thanks to Award Committee Chairs and Members

Awards Committee Co-Chairs
Kristi Hansen, University of Wyoming
Lisa Elliot, AgriVaR

Outstanding Published Research Award
Sherzod Akhundjanov (Chair), Utah State University
Berna Karali, University of Georgia
Todd Kuethe, Purdue University
Jordan Suter, Colorado State University

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project
Patrick Hatzenbeuhler (Chair), University of Idaho
Carol Bishop, University of Nevada
Ryan Feuz, Utah State University

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career
Dave Ripplinger (Chair), North Dakota State University
Matt Stockton, University of Nebraska
Russ Tronstad, University of Arizona

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, Less than 10 Years’ Experience
Eric Houk (Chair), Chico State University
Chris Bastian, University of Wyoming
Jay Parsons, University of Nebraska

Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, More than 10 Years’ Experience
Bridget Guerrero (Chair), West Texas A&M
DeDe Jones, Texas A&M
Kelly Lange, Texas Tech University

Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award
Vardges Hovhannisyan (Chair), University of Wyoming
Ram Acharya, New Mexico State University
Rafael Bakhtavoryan, Texas A&M Commerce
William Ridley, University of Illinois

Graduate Student Competition
Eric Belasco (Chair), Montana State University
Ashok Mishra, Arizona State University
Cory Walters, University of Nebraska
JARE Awards
Jeffrey Reimer, Oregon State University
Dayton Lambert, Oklahoma State University
Christian Langpap, Oregon State University
Timothy Park, Economic Research Service USDA

WAEA Fellow Awards
Glynn Tonsor (Chair), Kansas State University
Michael Boland, University of Minnesota
Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University

Past WAEA Fellows
Julian M. Alston, University of California, Davis
DeeVon Bailey, Utah State University
Andrew Barkley, Kansas State University
David A. Bessler, Texas A&M University
Steven C. Blank, Virginia Tech
Michael Boland, University of Minnesota
Gary W. Brester, Montana State University
Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University
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Davis Warren E. Johnston, University of California,
Davis Richard Just, University of Maryland
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Jeffrey T. LaFrance, Monash University
F. Larry Leistritz, North Dakota State University
Kerry K. Litzenberg, Texas A&M University
John Loomis, Colorado State University
Thank you for attending this year’s meetings. WAEA hopes to see you next year in San Francisco, CA (June 23 - 26, 2024).