WESTERN AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION

# 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

Francis Tsiboe and Jesse Tack, "Utilizing Topographic and Soil Features to Improve Rating for Farm-Level Insurance Products," *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 104(1), 2022: 52-69.

### 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**

Zheng Tian, Claudia Schmidt, and Stephan Goetz, "The Role of Community Food Services in Reducing US Food Insufficiency in the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 47(3), 2022: 580-597.

**Outstanding JARE Reviewer Award, Less than 7 Years' Experience**

Andrew Stevens, University of Wisconsin.

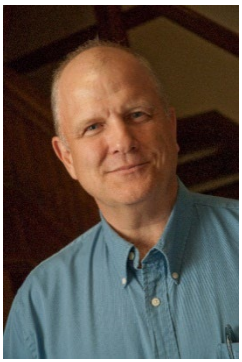
**Outstanding JARE Reviewer Award, More than 7 Years' Experience**

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 Guerrrero (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
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David A. Bessler, Texas A&M University
Steven C. Blank, Virginia Tech
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Wade Brorsen, Oklahoma State University
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Stephen Devadoss, University of Idaho
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E. Bruce Godfrey, Utah State University
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Kerry K. Litzenberg, Texas A&M University
John Loomis, Colorado State University

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Thomas Marsh, Washington State University
Alex F. McCalla, University of California, Davis
Bruce McCarl, Texas A&M University
Jill McCluskey, Washington State University
Vicki A. McCracken, Washington State University
Christopher McIntosh, University of Idaho
Dale Menkhaus, University of Wyoming
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Doug Young, Washington 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).**