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WAEA

2010 Award Winners

Outstanding Published Graduate Student or Master's Thesis Award

Catherine M. Thomas, Colorado State University. "A Cost-Benefit Analysis of Preventative Management for Zebra and Quagga Mussels in the Colorado-Big Thompson System." Advisor: Craig Bond; Co-Advisor: Chris Goemans.

Honorable Mention:

Katherine A. Packman, University of Alberta.

"Investigation of Reverse Auctions for Wetland Restoration in Manitoba."

Advisor: Peter Boxall.

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Project

Rural Tax Education Project. Ruby A. Ward, Utah State University; Joseph A. Bennett, Cornell University; L. Leon Geyer, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University; Philip E. Harris, University of Wisconsin-Madison; J.C. Hobbs, Oklahoma State University; Guido van der Hoeven, North Carolina State University; Gary J. Hoff, University of Illinois; Dennis M. Kauppila, University of Vermont; Keith D. Kightlinger, University of Georgia; Warren Lee, Ohio State University; Roger A. McEowen, Iowa State University; George Patrick, Purdue University; Jerry S. Pierce, Jr., University of Kentucky; Glenn Rogers, University of Vermont; Trent Teegerstrom, University of Arizona; Jeffrey E. Tranel, Colorado State University; and Anne J. Whyte, Utah State University.

Outstanding Extension Program Award for Career

H. Douglas Jose, University of Nebraska

Outstanding Published Research Award

Julian M. Alston, University of California-Davis; *Matthew A. Andersen*, University of Wyoming; *Jennifer S. James*, California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo; *Philip G. Pardey*, University of Minnesota. "Persistence Pays: U.S. Agricultural Productivity Growth and the Benefits from Public R&D Spending." New York: Springer, 2010.

JARE Outstanding Journal Article Award

Timothy J. Richards, Arizona State University; *Peter C. Ellsworth*, University of Arizona; *Russell Tronstad*, University of Arizona; *Steve Naranjo*, Agricultural Research Service, USDA. "Market-Based Instruments for the Optimal Control of Invasive Insect Species: B. Tabaci in Arizona." 35,3 (December 2010):349-367.

Outstanding Undergraduate Instructor

Gregory McKee, North Dakota State University (less than 10 years)

M. Edward Rister, Texas A&M University (more than 10 years)

JARE Outstanding Journal Reviewer Award

Terrance Hurley, University of Minnesota

Graduate Travel Grant Recipients

Jude Bayham, Washington State University

Deepayan Deb Nath, Oklahoma State University

Daniel Deisenroth, Colorado State University

Jason Fewell, Kansas State University

Margin Funtanilla, Texas Tech University

Distinguished Scholars

David A. Bessler (Texas A&M University), Distinguished Scholar

David Bessler is a Regents Professor at Texas A&M University. He received undergraduate and master's degrees in economics and agricultural economics from the University of Arizona and a PhD in Agricultural Economics from the University of California at Davis. He joined Texas A&M University in 1982, after an initial appointment at Purdue University. He was formerly co-editor and editorial council member of the *Western Journal of Agricultural Economics* and associate editor of the *Journal of Forecasting*. He has published over one hundred twenty refereed papers mainly in the areas of forecasting and inductive inference. His forecasting work has focused on probability forecasting and evaluation using calibration and scoring rules. His early forecasting work centered on combinations of forecasts. His more recent work considers possible "causal" structures using advances in machine learning and inductive causation. Applications of these works are to the various dimensions of agricultural price discovery.



Gary W. Brester (Montana State University), Distinguished Scholar



Gary Brester was raised on an irrigated sugar beet and malting barley farm near Laurel, Montana, along with his three brothers. He received bachelors and masters degrees from Montana State University, and his Ph.D. from North Carolina State University. He served as assistant professor at Kansas State University from 1990 to 1997 and as associate and full professor at Montana State University since 1997.

Dr. Brester is an outstanding teacher, genuinely admired and respected by his students, and winner of numerous teaching awards. Gary is also an exceptional outreach educator, a recipient of multiple AAEA and WAEA extension awards. His published research has made important contributions to our understanding of livestock and grain markets, farm incomes, land prices, and sugar policy. Finally, his service to the WAEA has been exemplary, first as a council and committee member, then vice-president and president, and now as managing editor of *JARE*.

Oral Capps, Jr. (Texas A&M University), Distinguished Scholar

Dr. Capps is a demand and price analyst, with particular expertise in econometric modeling and forecasting methods. Applied research areas include analyses of expenditure patterns of pre-prepared foods and foods eaten away from home, analyses of health and nutrition issues, and uses of scanner-derived information for managerial decision-making. In addition, he specializes in unilateral price effects of mergers and acquisitions as well as evaluations of agricultural check-off programs.

Currently Executive Professor and holder of the Southwest Dairy Marketing Endowed Chair in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University as well as Co-director of the Agribusiness, Food, and Consumer Economics Research Center (AFCERC), Dr. Capps was educated at Virginia Tech. He earned a B.S. degree in Mathematics in 1975, M.S. in Agricultural Economics in 1977, M.S. in Statistics in 1979, and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics in 1979. He has authored 117 refereed journal articles and co-authored four books.

