Bruce Weber’s Retirement Reception

The Applied Economics Department gathered family, colleagues and current and former students from OSU and across the state to commemorate Bruce Weber’s 40 plus years of service at Oregon State University. A short program started with remarks by current department head Susan Capalbo and former department head Bill Boggess. Colleagues shared short stories and anecdotes in a light hearted spirit to celebrate Bruce beyond his many academic achievements. Bruce took the podium to offer a short reflection on his career and to thank the many people who had supported and championed his efforts over the years. Afterwards, his children Rachel, Peter and Mike presented a retirement surprise – using their collective musical talents to lead the room in a re-arrangement of “All I have to do it Dream” that included lyrics tailored to reflect on his career (see below). Bruce officially retired in November 2015. In his new emeritus status, he will continue to work on existing grant contracts, mentor students, and teach two courses: Introduction to Rural Studies and Rural Poverty and the Social Safety Net. To a well-deserved and happy retirement Bruce!

Bruce Weber and Vicki Walker

Bruce and Bobbie Weber

Emery Castle, Ann Shriver, Bruce Weber
Bruce Weber’s Retirement Song
January 14, 2016

Lyrics and arrangement by Peter Weber,
Based on “All I Have To Do Is Dream” by the Everly Brothers
Performed by Peter Weber, Mike Weber and Rachael Weber.

Ph.D.
Doctor of philosophy
Agricultural economy
At Oregon State University
Yes, he’s a Beav,
and he has been fighting
long and hard against...

Rural poverty
Is a scourge
that Bruce has tried
to ease since the ‘70s
Tax policy:
It may not be glamorous
But fixing it is something
That we need.

You’ll find him at the Bean
Or Kelly mezzanine

Anytime in the day
Writing on a pad
Gee, Dad
It’s time to put the pen down and play.

A job you love
Is hard to leave
And house projects
Might make you heave
But 42 years of
doing good is
an achievement.

He’ll talk welfare reform
Sing Woody Guthrie songs
Make you think, make you laugh
Retirement’s a ruse
Gee, Bruce
This maybe cuts your workload in half.

Emeritus
Has a nice ring
And now you’re freer
To do you thing,
So welcome to freedom
Long may it ring
Ring, Ring, Ring,
Ring, Ring, Ring

Christy Brekken Announces New Projects and Co-worker


Understanding and Designing Long-Term Resilience in the US Food System: the Role of Entrepreneurship and Innovation in Supporting Regional Food Networks (RFNs). National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Project 2013-05181. Serving as Co-PI with Kathleen Liang (University of Vermont), Thomas Lyons (CUNY), Sue Lurie (OSU), et. al.

Sue Lurie, PhD, (lives in Jackson Hole, Wyoming) is joining AEC as a Research Associate working on the Regional Food Networks grant above.
Portland Workshop

Below is a photo taken from the Workshop on Identifying Economic and Policy Frontiers at the Intersection of Resource, Regional and Rural Economics, Portland, Oregon, October 14, 2015. The Workshop was sponsored by the Center for Agricultural and Environmental Policy in collaboration with the OSU Rural Studies Program and Resources for the Future. This workshop was intended as a start toward a national initiative to build capacity to address issues that lie at the intersection of resource, regional, rural economics, and to stimulate a dialog among research and policy communities to identify research needs and work plans for collaboration over the next several years.

Recent Faculty Publications and Presentations


Co-creator of poster “A Theoretical Model of Water and Trade” presented at American Geophysical Union meetings, December 2015 (Jeff Reimer, Qian Dang, Megan Konar, Giuliano Di Baldassarre, Xiaowen Lin, Ruijie Zeng)

Latta, Greg S., Andrew J. Plantinga, and Matthew R. Sloggy. "The Effects of Internet Use on Global Demand for Paper Products." Journal of Forestry (2016). And here is a link: [http://orst.library.ingentaconnect.com/content/saf/jof/pre-prints/content-jof15096;jsessionid=ge954hy3uscba.lice](http://orst.library.ingentaconnect.com/content/saf/jof/pre-prints/content-jof15096;jsessionid=ge954hy3uscba.lice)


**New Faculty Grants**


**IIFET 2016 Scotland Conference**

IIFET’s eighteenth international conference will be held in Aberdeen, Scotland, July 11-15 2016, and is hurtling towards us at record but well-organized speed. The conference website, [http://www.ifet-2016.org/](http://www.ifet-2016.org/), provides all the information you need to plan your participation.

The deadline for abstract submission is Friday, January 22, 2016; to submit an abstract, visit: [https://cpd.conference-services.net/authorlogin.asp?conferenceID=4726&language=en-uk](https://cpd.conference-services.net/authorlogin.asp?conferenceID=4726&language=en-uk). If you’ve missed the deadline but want to attend, contact Ann Shriver ASAP.

**Conference Themes and Special Sessions**

There’s something here for anyone interested in how we manage our natural resources, and markets for natural resource products.

Wild Capture Fisheries: governance, national and international models of co-operation, fishing rights allocation, Bio-economic modelling, technical measures to improve resilience & profitability, Ecosystems based management, MPAs
Aquaculture: New species, processes, products, and markets

Processing and Seafood Logistics: input supplies, supply chains for discards, sustainability through alternative processes, fish welfare, adding value, challenging traditional supply chain models

Markets and Consumption: Innovation in uses of market data, Seafood segmentation and positioning, future markets, Shifting global power in trade, Sustainability labels and consumption decisions, Adulterated products, Health impacts

The BIGGER PICTURE
Fish versus competing animal proteins, Economics of recreational fisheries, Implications of fish stock responses to climate and sea level change for the seafood, and more!

Industry & Policy day, Wednesday of conference week, features presentations by seafood value chain actors from around the globe, debate and discussion on contributions of the “dismal science” to fisheries policy challenges. Focal points include the new “Landing Obligation” (discard ban) in the EU and its precedents elsewhere in Europe and around the world, the marketing of seafood with special emphasis on certification, responsible fishing, workforce welfare and associated global trade implications.

SPECIAL SESSIONS

Approved “Special” (pre-organized) sessions include:

- Economics of Protected Resources
- Fisheries, Aquaculture and Global Food Security (organized by AEC’s own Susan Capalbo, and John Antle—contact Susan if you want to jump on board!)
- The Economics of a Discard Ban Policy
- Payments for Ecosystem Services in Fisheries and Aquaculture – A rose by any other name?
- Analyzing Behavioral Responses to Regulation – What can be Learned for Management?
- Transdisciplinary Research in Fishery Science – Are We Making Progress Influencing Policy Making?
- Present and Emerging Arctic Fisheries
- Unlocking the Sustainable Wealth Potential of Aquatic Resources and Ecosystems: Beyond Traditional Commercial Fisheries Management
- SUCCESS: Reinforcing the Competitiveness of the Seafood Sector
- Game Theory and Fisheries
- Fishing Cost Data Collection and Implications in Fisheries Management
- Measuring and Managing Risk-taking and Safety in Commercial Fishing
- Sustainability of Fisheries and Aquaculture: The Multidisciplinary Approach as a Key for Success
- The Ghosts of Adam Smith: The Past, Present, and Future of Fishery Subsidies (Alison Rieser,
- Creating Shared Value through Stakeholders’ Involvement to Strengthen Seafood Competitiveness
- Economics of Bystach
- Recognizing and Assessing Social and Economic Values in Fisheries
- Gender Research as a New Frontier in Fisheries and Aquaculture Economics: In the Footsteps of Rosemary Firth
- Innovations in Governance of Highly Migratory and Transboundary Fisheries
- Improving Food Security and Reducing Poverty through Intra-regional Fish Trade in Sub-Saharan Africa
GET PUBLISHED!

In addition to our normal program over the 3 1/2 day conference, this year, if you’re a graduate student, young professional, or even at a mid-career point, looking to build your publishing experience, join us for an afternoon workshop on Monday, July 11, 2016 entitled “Get Published!” led by Professor Marty Smith, editor of the journal *Marine Resource Economics*.

PRIZES PRIZES PRIZES

In IIFET’s developing tradition, we offer several Best Paper prizes.

- The IIFET 2016 Scotland Best Student Paper Prize
- The EAFE Prize for Best Paper by a Student from an African University
- The JIFRS Yamamoto Prizes for Best Papers on Responsible Fishing from Developing Countries
- Three prizes for Best Paper on Aquaculture Economics
  - Best Student Paper for Aquaculture Economics in Developing Countries
  - Best Paper for the Economics of Sustainable Aquaculture Development
  - The Best Aquaculture Economics Paper (The AquaFish Prize)

Papers are due March 18th; to compete you must have an abstract accepted for presentation. For detailed rules see Ann Shriver, or [http://oregonstate.edu/dept/IIFET/IIFET2016ScotlandPrizes.pdf](http://oregonstate.edu/dept/IIFET/IIFET2016ScotlandPrizes.pdf)

REGISTRATION

Visit [http://www.iifet-2016.org](http://www.iifet-2016.org) and select “registration” to register and pay online.

Opportunities for pre and post conference tourism abound—hiking through the heather, following the whisky trail, visiting nearby islands, riding a train through glorious countryside. Be sure to plan your trip to allow for extra time, and bring the family!