

So Much News!

Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics

March-April-May 2006 Newsletter



SEMINARS

Department
Faculty/
Graduate Student

March 1: Chris Stoddard and Sean Corcoran, MSU, "*Political Economy of School Choice: Support for Charter Schools across States and School Districts*".

April 12: Joe Atwood, Glenn Helmers and Saleem Shaik, MSU, "*Agricultural Programs and Land Values*".

May 10th: Joel Schumacher, Vincent Smith, and Myles Watts, MSU, "*Redlining in Montana*".

May 24th Tony Cookson, MSU "*The Relative Poverty of American Indian Reservations: Why Does Reservation Poverty Persist Despite Rich Neighbors?*"

Brownbag Lunch
There are no scheduled
Brownbag seminars for May



PUBLICATIONS

Michael A. Boland, Alena M. Bosse, and Gary W. Brester. "*The Mountain States Lamb Cooperative: Can Vertical Integration Keep Lamb Producers*

From Being Fleeced?" Has been accepted for publication by the Review of Agricultural Economics.

Vince Smith's paper *Regulating State Trading Enterprises in the GATT: An Urgent Need for Change? Evidence from the 2003-2004 U.S. - Canada Grain Dispute*, has been accepted for publication in the *Review of Agricultural Economics*.

Wendy Stock's paper, "*The Labor Market Effects of Sex and Race Discrimination Laws*" (with David Neumark), was accepted for publication in *Economic Inquiry*.

Wendy Stock's paper, "*Where Are They Now? Tracking the Ph.D. Class of 1997*" (with John Siegfried), was accepted for publication in the *Southern Economic Journal*.



PRESENTATIONS

In March, Wendy Stock presented a talk, "*The Economic Way of Thinking*" at MSU Friday (an open house for potential MSU students and their parents). Despite being predicted to be "of relatively low interest" by the open house organizers, the room was full to capacity!

Dino Falaschetti has recently given the following presentations:

- George Washington University (on auditor independence and the quality of earnings reports)
- Center for the Study of the President (on the state of the US economy)
- Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (on the political economy of telecommunications regulation)



AWARDS

Myles Watts was selected by the Western Agricultural Economics Association to receive their highest award, **DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR of the WAEA**, for his substantial contributions to the Association and to the profession.

Gary Brester's and Mykel Taylor's Article entitled "Non-Cash Income Transfers and Agricultural Land Values" was selected as the 2005 Review of Agricultural Economics **OUTSTANDING JOURNAL ARTICLE** (Honorable Mention).

Marsha Goetting The Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs has announced that Marsha is a recipient of the **2006 EXCELLENCE IN OUTREACH AWARD** for her significant contribution to improving the quality of life for Montana's citizens.

John Marsh: The MSU Foundation has announced that John has been chosen to receive this year's **COX FAMILY FUND FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD**. The award recognized John for his outstanding accomplishments, creative scholarship, and distinctive performances in instruction.

Wendy Stock (mentor) and Elise Hogenson (student) received the **MSU Foundation 2006 EXCELLENCE AWARD for the College of Letters and Science**. This award is one of MSU's highest honors as it recognizes Elise as being a top senior student and Wendy for her exceptional guidance, inspiration, and commitment to her students.

Gary Brester as received the **MSU Collegiate FFA Chapter College of Agriculture OUTSTANDING PROFESSOR**



GRANTS and FUNDING

Gary Brester. "Quantifying Recreational Amenities as a Means of Ecologically Sustaining Small and Medium-Sized Farm and Ranch Profitability." USDA CSREES National Research Initiative. July 2006-June 2008. \$295,100.

David Buschena received funding for \$30,000 from the Montana Wheat and Barley Committee to support travel and producer outreach for the "Follow the Grain" class.

Prominent recognition was given to Susan Capalbo's work through the MSU Office of Sponsored Programs as Director of the Big Sky Carbon Sequestration Partnership on the front page of the Bozeman Daily Chronicle Sunday, April 23, 2006. The Big Sky Partnership is one of seven US Department of Energy regional partnerships implemented to create the vision for a new, sustainable energy future that will meet the region's energy needs. To read more, visit <http://www.bigskyco2.org/>

AGRICULTURAL POLICY/FARM MANAGEMENT

The search committee (Marsha Goetting, Larry Brence, Joe Atwood, and Gary Brester) are currently reviewing submitted applications. We hope to interview candidates by the end of May



TEMPORARY HELP FOR RICK

While Alice is cavorting around Scotland for the next two weeks, Angela Mayes will be assisting Rick Stroup. Angela has recently relocated to Bozeman from Flagstaff, Arizona. Welcome, Angela.



RECEPTION FOR 2006 GRADUATES

Every one is welcome to join us at a reception honoring all graduating students affiliated with the Dept. of Ag. Econ. & Econ. Top students will be honored.

When: May 5, 2006

Where: 301 Linfield Hall

Time: 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

CLASS OF 2006 GRADUATING STUDENTS

MASTER'S DEGREE Applied Economics

*Tony Cookson
Jason Jimmerson
Tyler Kruzich
Joel Schumacher*

BACHELOR of SCIENCE DEGREE Economics

*Lori Anderson
Jodi Gollehon
Charles Graham
Kristopher Kumlien
Heather Molyneaux
Sadie Swenson*

BACHELOR of SCIENCE DEGREE Agricultural Business

*Samuel Anderson
Maureen Cole
Cody Dallas
Justin Fries
Chris Fritz
Aaron Garnas
Charles Gilman
Scott Inbody
Eric Mack
William McIntosh
Mary Meyer
Amy Miller
Will Scott
Jennifer Simonsen
Andrew Wemmer
Alex Wheatcroft
Jacob Yates*

Outstanding Graduating Seniors

*Lori Anderson – Econ
Andrew Wemmer – Ag Business*



Have a wonderful summer!