

## FROM THE PRESIDENT...

This is my first newsletter column as AERE President, so I thought I would take a moment to outline some of my plans for this year and next. Candidates for AERE's elected offices seem not to "run" for election, but merely to "stand." Thus, some of you might be wondering just what you got. I should at least reveal some of my ideas as I come out of the blocks as your new president. There are currently four basic issues that concern me as an officer of AERE: (a) accommodating some systematic changes in the incentives for people to maintain their membership in AERE, (b) taking advantage of more opportunities to expand AERE's base, (c) claiming our place at the table among other major fields in economics, and (d) taking greater advantage of some opportunities we already have, to put our best face forward for the rest of the economics profession.

I also want to update you on the current AERE management issue and plans for our Web page, and report on the January AERE Board meeting and annual luncheon. In addition, I am very pleased to tell you about the status of our Institutional and University Membership Program—and very grateful to the organizations who renewed their support or who joined us this year. Last of all, I am happy to update you on the work of our standing committees and upcoming meetings and events.

## Membership

First, there has been one especially important change in the operating environment for many professional organizations like AERE over the past few years. Many of us now enjoy the ability to browse our university's digital journal collection from the comfort of our campus or home office. This is marvelously convenient, but there can be a negative spillover for organizations like AERE. The *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management (JEEM)* is AERE's official technically oriented journal, but it is owned by Elsevier, rather than AERE. As part of AERE's current agreement with the publisher (in a deal to keep the individual subscription prices low) membership in AERE was changed to require a subscription to *JEEM*. When members find they no longer need a personal copy of *JEEM* (which was traditionally the greatest "private benefit" of membership) there may seem to be fewer good reasons

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to maintain an individual AERE membership... especially if one does not regularly participate in AERE's conferences or workshops. Individual memberships now represent, to a greater extent than before, "voluntary contributions to a public good." There has been some discussion about trying to unbundle membership and subscriptions, but in the meantime, part of my mission is to increase recognition of the public goods produced by AERE on behalf of its members, and to figure out how to ensure that these benefits are widely shared as our organization grows.

We ended last year with a total of 814 members—70 more than we had in 2005. As of April 2007, AERE's membership count is 701, almost exactly what it was a year ago at this time (704) so we need to find a way to encourage members to renew earlier in the year. My sincere thanks to our continuing members for their reliable support, a very enthusiastic welcome to our new members, and special appreciation to lapsed members who have come back into the fold. It is great to have you on the team.

### **AERE and U.S. Regional Meetings**

Second, I am currently evaluating whether it makes sense to establish dedicated AERE sessions at the annual summer meetings of the Western Economic Association International. Compared to national general meetings such as the Allied Social Science Associations (ASSA), some regional general economics meetings seem to get mixed reviews. With initial help from Jim Kahn, however, John Whitehead has been coordinating an "AERE meeting" within the Southern Economic Association meetings and there seems to be a sense that these have been successful. If organizers can establish high standards for the presentations, I believe these venues have significant potential to help us widen AERE's base. There are many good papers on topics of great regional import, but lesser "general interest" nationwide. These papers may be very appropriate for regional meetings. There are only a limited number of slots in the nine AERE sessions at the ASSA meetings, and an even smaller number of AERE sessions at the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) meetings. This provides too few opportunities for advanced graduate students to present their papers as they enter the job market, or for many researchers at nonPhD-granting institutions to be heard. It may be possible to retain more members, and to recruit new ones, if there are more opportunities for AERE members to participate formally in the exchange of ideas.

### **AERE Outreach**

Third, we need to integrate our field more forcefully into the mainstream of economics, which means doing more "outreach." While the generosity of research funding for our subject may wax and wane with the attitudes of the current administrations in our different countries, the inevitability of growing populations in conjunction with depletable resources, and the ever-present problem of externalities means (unfortunately) that we are in a growth industry, at least in the long run. We need to claim our place at the table with other well-recognized fields in economics. Outreach may be another justification for a greater AERE presence at regional general economics meetings. It is true that several very high-quality specialized environmental economics workshops are held annually in different parts of the country, but I am concerned that environmental and natural resource economists spend too much time merely "talking among themselves." I believe that AERE will grow by having interesting sessions on the general programs of conferences that attract many other types of economists. Making an effort to mingle with economists in other fields is also important when it comes to placing our PhD. students. It remains easier to place a student who can teach environment/resource economics *and something else* than it is to place one whose expertise lies exclusively in our field. Our very best students need to be heard by many different kinds of economists.

### **AERE and the Rest of Economics**

Finally, our premier opportunity to reach across the boundaries of subdisciplines in economics is the joint American Economic Association (AEA)/AERE session at the ASSA meetings each January. I encourage AERE to establish a tradition of filling this session with equal shares of AERE and non-AERE participants, and to involve prominent researchers who are known to the general membership of the AEA. (I have already learned that this is harder than it might sound, and the early deadline for these sessions—February 1—means that the planning really needs to begin more than a year in advance of the meetings, considering the lead times which are involved.) This session can function as AERE's showcase for the rest of our profession, and it is my hope that it will begin to draw an audience with a large number of new faces.

### **AERE Management**

So much for the "vision" part of this column. Now for an update on news and other issues. As always, AERE's Executive Director Marilyn Voigt continues to be the glue that holds AERE together as elected officers come and go. Marilyn's usual far-reaching efforts on

behalf of the organization were slowed down in March as she convalesced at home from a terrible compound leg fracture she suffered from a fall down some steps while walking a friend's dog. As her recovery progressed, she conscientiously resumed her involvement in a number of AERE functions. I'm sure the membership will join me in wishing Marilyn all the best for her continued progress as she begins to get back to work (part-time for now) at her "real job" at Resources for the Future (RFF) while she continues physical therapy.

Even though there have been major changes in AERE's contracted-out membership services, Marilyn will continue in her valued role as Executive Director for AERE. Many of you know that the AAEA decided in December 2006 to close its office in Ames, Iowa. As of April 2, 2007, AAEA has contracted all administrative functions to Executive Directors, Inc (EDI), a leading association management company situated in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. EDI will therefore also handle membership matters for AERE, since we are one of several organizations that participated under the AAEA's umbrella. This transition means that AERE says good-bye to several people at the AAEA who worked mostly behind the scenes on some important aspects of AERE's operations. We wish all the best to Terri Haffner, Marilyn Moehlmann, Alice Hushagen, Gayle Tate, and Kay Snopak. We are very grateful to them for all their hard work to ensure a smooth transition to EDI. AERE's administrative contact person at EDI will be Ms. Julia Fryk. Contact information is on page 6.

### Web Page

The official Web site for AERE, [www.aere.org](http://www.aere.org), is currently maintained through the generous volunteer assistance of Ramesh Sethuraman at Industrial Economics, Inc. Also on my agenda for 2007 is a concerted effort to work with Ramesh to archive additional useful information on AERE's Web pages.

For example, if you have visited AERE's Web site recently, you may have noticed that we decided not to wait until the May Newsletter to convey the highlights of the annual AERE Luncheon. Instead, we mounted an effort to capture some of the proceedings in pictures, and to link this material to the AERE Web site.<sup>1</sup> In the future, we may restrict access just to AERE members. (This might be one of the "private benefits" obtained through membership.)

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<sup>1</sup> In the future, I plan to make a similar effort, if I am able to twist somebody else's arm, to get them to take pictures. Ryan Bosworth and Erica Johnson generously agreed to help this year. We did look into hiring a professional photographer, but the price was vastly more than we could justify.

### Board Meeting and Annual Membership Luncheon and Meeting

At the annual AERE Board Meeting, held on the Friday evening of the January ASSA schedule, the Board welcomed two new members: Larry Goulder (Stanford University) and Carol McAusland (University of Maryland, College Park). AERE wishes to thank outgoing Board members Kevin Boyle (Virginia Tech) and Madhu Khanna (University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign) for their generous service. I am sure that many other members of AERE shared my concern and dismay upon hearing of the recent tragic events at Virginia Tech, and will join me in extending condolences to Kevin and his colleagues, to those who were injured or traumatized, and to the families and friends of those who were killed.

The AERE 2007 Annual Luncheon Meeting Web pages, still accessible via links on AERE's main Web page, record the substance of the annual report given by *JEEM* editor Chuck Mason. In recent years, *JEEM* has been pursuing a goal of raising quality and tightening standards. Acceptance rates declined steadily from about 22% in 2002 to about 11% in 2005. There has been a higher desk rejection rate, but larger shares of papers sent out for review do turn out to be publishable. This also suggested increasing efficiency in the use of scarce reviewer resources.

We also heard from Rob Stavins, editor of AERE's new journal, the *Review of Environmental Economics and Policy (REEP)* at the annual meeting. At this writing, *REEP's* first issue is imminent, and we eagerly await its reception among current AERE members and the profession more broadly. Rob's comments emphasized, however, that *REEP* will be very different from other journals. Thus the editors will enthusiastically receive proposals for articles, in the form of brief outlines, but unsolicited finished manuscripts are not encouraged. One thing that all of us can do is to read carefully our copy of *REEP* when it arrives, to be sure we do not miss any opportunities to cite this new AERE journal whenever warranted. As you may know, some of the major indexing services, such as the Web of Science, do not list a new journal until it proves to be widely enough cited. It is AERE's hope that *REEP* will reach a much wider audience than *JEEM*, due to its broader accessibility. That goal will be much easier to accomplish if *REEP's* content is readily found in people's online searches.

## AERE Awards

The most satisfying part of the Annual AERE Luncheon has to be the awards portion of the program. The 2007 Luncheon may have set a record that will stand for some time—in terms of the sheer number of awardees. No less than ten recipients were honored, in three different categories. Since the time scheduled for the luncheon was no greater than usual, we had to limit each of the honorees to a much too-brief moment in the limelight. It is my hope that the memorializing snapshots at the luncheon Web site will help them (and us) replay and savor a few of those moments.

To sum up, however, Richard Newell and William Pizer received the **Petry Prize for the Economics of Climate Change**. AERE's **Publication of Enduring Quality Award** for 2006 was shared by H. Scott Gordon and Anthony Scott for their two early papers on the economics of fisheries: H. Scott Gordon for "The Economic Theory of a Common-Property Resource: The Fishery," *Journal of Political Economy* 62, 2 (April 1954): 124-142; Anthony Scott for "The Fishery: The Objectives of Sole Ownership" *Journal of Political Economy* 63, 2 (April 1955): 116-124. The six new **AERE Fellows for 2006** were also announced at the luncheon. In alphabetical order, they are Richard Bishop, Nancy Bockstael, Ron Cummings, Tony Fisher, Geoffrey Heal, and Cliff Russell. These distinguished recipients join last year's inaugural Fellows—Maureen Cropper, Michael Hanemann, Karl-Goran Maler, Wally Oates, Kerry Smith, and Tom Tietenberg. The main page of the AERE Web site presently offers a link to the official program for the Fellows portion of the ceremony, along with some of the text of the presentations and a number of pictures. (See page 6 in this newsletter for information about submitting nominations for an AERE Fellow Award this year and note that the deadline is **June 1**.)

## Institutional and University Memberships

Since the launch of AERE's Institutional and University Memberships program in 2005, I am pleased to report that our core group of institutional members has continued their generous support—Industrial Economics, Inc., Resources for the Future, and Stratus Consulting, Inc. At the end of 2006, our University Members included Colorado State University, the Environmental Economics Program at Harvard University (EEPHU), Iowa State University, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), North Carolina State University, Tilburg University, the University of Alberta, UC San Diego, the University of Central Florida, the University of Maryland at College Park, the University of Michigan (both the School of Natural Resources and the Environment and the Erb

Institute), the University of Minnesota and the University of Oregon.

This year, University Memberships have almost doubled, with recent additions by academic units at Appalachian State University, the Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Économie Quantitative (CIREQ) (of the Université de Montréal, McGill University and Concordia University), Duke University (the Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Sciences), Georgia State University, Texas A&M, Tufts University, the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), the University of Delaware, the University of Guelph, the University of Tennessee, the University of Washington, the University of Wyoming, and Virginia Tech. We will attempt to keep the AERE Web site up to date with current members as these memberships are finalized. AERE extends a very hearty welcome to these new university members.

*Notable individual contributions:* Steve Polasky sent AERE a personal check for \$1,000. Steve's contribution is now the prevailing record for individual gifts to the organization. Do I hear \$1,200 from anyone?!

## Committees

In addition to memberships and financial contributions, we must certainly acknowledge the significant contributions of time and effort by AERE's hardworking committee members:

Carolyn Fischer of RFF has taken over from Nick Flores and is the current chair of the Program Committee (which selects papers for the AERE sessions at the annual meetings of the AAEA and ASSA). She is helped this year by returning committee member Mary Evans of the University of Tennessee and new member Dietrich Earnhart of the University of Kansas.

The AERE Workshop Committee was chaired this year by David Zilberman of UC Berkeley. He was assisted by former chair, Gardner Brown of the University of Washington, Michael Greenstone of MIT (appointed as chair-in-training and who will organize the workshop in 2008), John Charbonneau of the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Norman Meade of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Ann Wolverton of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

As always, the AERE Vice-President (currently Steve Polasky), will chair the nominating committee for this fall's AERE ballot, since we must elect two new AERE Board members, a new Vice-President, and a President-Elect. He will be assisted by Hilary Sigman of

Rutgers University and Jeff Vincent of Duke University. We will look into expanding the bio page this time to allow candidates to outline briefly what they would hope to accomplish, if elected.

Glenn Blomquist concludes his dedicated service as chair of the selection committee for the AERE Publication of Enduring Quality, which will be chaired this year by Scott Barrett of Johns Hopkins. Other members of the committee will be Jason Shogren of the University of Wyoming and Douglass Shaw of Texas A&M University

And, while his service is not part of a committee, the time that John Loomis of the Colorado State University gives to AERE as co-editor of this Newsletter is very much appreciated.

Anyone interested in the possibility of serving on any of these committees, or who may wish to suggest the name of a colleague, should contact me by email.

### **Looking Ahead**

There is still time to register for the AERE Workshop in Mystic, Connecticut on June 7 – 9 on the topic of: *Valuation and Incentives for Ecosystem Services*. See page 12 for the list of papers and speakers. We are most grateful for the support of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for this workshop.

While the dust has barely settled on the Third World Congress, the site selection committee has already begun the planning process for the Fourth World Congress in 2010. Former Board member Vic Adamowicz of the University of Alberta, and current AERE Board member Alan Krupnick of RFF, have generously agreed to represent AERE on this committee.

I am looking forward to attending several meetings this summer as a representative of AERE—the AAEA meetings in Portland, Oregon and the EAERE annual conference in Thessaloniki. I hope that all the AERE members attending the AAEA meeting will stop by the reception for our members on Tuesday, July 31st from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center in Room D131. It's an opportunity for me to get some direct feedback on some of the issues I've raised in this newsletter. And I will especially appreciate the opportunity to meet as many of our international members as possible while I am in Greece.

I will close by noting that it is a refreshing and interesting change for me to take on an advocacy role on behalf of AERE and environmental and resource economics in general. It is also satisfying to realize that many of AERE's management tasks involve a lot of the things we teach in Economics 1—incentives, how to internalize positive externalities, public goods problems, and so on. While my family has joked that I became an academic in part because I “would never make it in sales,” I have been heartened to find that AERE seems to be a popular product. I look forward to hearing your ideas about how to make it even better.

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# AERE NEWS

## AERE AT THE AAEA

Registration and information about the annual meeting of the American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA) in Portland, Oregon on July 29 – August 1, 2007, is available on the AAEA home page at: [www.aaea.org](http://www.aaea.org). **Tuesday, July 3, 2007**, is the deadline for early registration and hotel reservations. See the AERE Sessions on page 13.

AERE members attending the meeting are cordially invited to a reception on Tuesday, July 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Oregon Convention Center, Room D131.

## AERE FELLOWS

In 2005, AERE instituted a new program to recognize outstanding contributions to the field by members of the association. Details are given below.

**Criteria:** Awardees will have demonstrated a significant contribution to the advancement of the profession of environmental and resource economics. A candidate must be living at the time of nomination and be a current member of the association or have been a member for at least ten years (not necessarily continuously).

**Nomination Process:** Any member of AERE can nominate a candidate for Fellow. A nomination packet should include a vita of the nominee, three letters of support, and a two-page nomination letter outlining what contributions the individual has made that warrant the award. In addition, members of the AERE Board of Directors can consider candidates that have not been otherwise nominated that they feel are especially worthy.

**Selection Process:** Nomination packages are to be submitted by **June 1** to:

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The president will distribute copies to each of the Board members who will select newly appointed

Fellows from the set of nominations. Nominations will not be carried over to future years. Announcements of the new Fellows will be made formally at the annual AERE luncheon; newly elected Fellows will be notified ahead of time to provide ample time for travel arrangements. In future years, a separate Fellows Committee may be impaneled to aid in the initial screening of candidates.

**Maximum Number of Awards:** Three per year after the third year. In the first three years, up to six Fellows can be selected per year.

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## INSTITUTIONAL AND UNIVERSITY MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM

The AERE Officers and Board of Directors invite research institutions, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and corporations to become Institutional Members of AERE and colleges, universities, and university research centers to become University Members of AERE.

Intellectual entrepreneurship is a distinguishing characteristic of AERE. Equally important, AERE research activities also display a remarkable degree of involvement with other disciplines because the issues require it. But the dues of its individual members are not sufficient to support the growing needs of the organization. AERE needs the help of organizations involved in the same fields of interest to help with its programs and outreach to students and young professionals in both the U.S. and overseas. In addition, financial support will help with the increasing costs of managing membership services including the membership database, journal subscriptions, and workshop and annual meeting registrations among other association costs.

To become an Institutional Member of AERE, a contribution of \$1,000 is required. With this contribution, institutions may:

- designate one staff member to receive a 2007 individual membership in AERE (which includes a print and electronic subscription to JEEM, an electronic subscription to REEP, the bi-annual AERE Newsletter and a reduced fee for submitting articles to JEEM );
- be entitled to a sponsorship listing on the AERE Web page ([www.AERE.org](http://www.AERE.org)), in the AERE Newsletter, and every issue of JEEM;
- receive one free advertisement this year on the AERE Web page and in the AERE Newsletter (a savings of \$250);
- receive two nontransferable tickets for institution staff to the annual AERE luncheon and business meeting;
- receive one nontransferable registration for the annual AERE Workshop;
- receive recognition at the annual AERE luncheon and business meeting.

To become a University Member of AERE, a contribution of \$350 is required. With this contribution, colleges and universities may:

- designate one faculty member to receive a 2007 individual membership in AERE (which includes a print and electronic subscription to JEEM, an electronic subscription to REEP, the bi-annual AERE Newsletter, and a reduced fee for submitting an article to JEEM);
- be entitled to a sponsorship listing on the AERE Web page ([www.AERE.org](http://www.AERE.org)) and in the AERE Newsletter and JEEM;
- receive one free advertisement this year on the AERE Web page and in the AERE Newsletter (a savings of \$250).

Please see the list below of the organizations that have already joined this program. If you think your institution would be interested in supporting AERE through this program, please see the application form on the AERE Web Page.

## 2007 INSTITUTIONAL AND UNIVERSITY MEMBERS OF AERE

### Institutional Members

Industrial Economics, Inc.

Resources For the Future

Stratus Consulting, Inc.

### University Members

Appalachian State University\*  
Department of Economics

Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Économie  
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(of Concordia University, McGill University  
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Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Duke University\*  
Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth  
Sciences

Georgia State University\*  
Department of Economics

Harvard University  
The Environmental Economics Program at  
Harvard University (EEPHU)

Iowa State University  
Center for Agricultural and Rural Development  
Department of Economics

Massachusetts Institute of Technology  
Department of Economics

North Carolina State University  
Center for Environmental and Resource Economics  
Policy (CEnREP)

Texas A&M University\*  
Natural Resource and Environmental Economics  
Working Group

Tilburg University (renew pending)  
CentER

Tufts University  
Tufts Institute of the Environment

University of Alberta  
Department of Rural Economy

University of California, Los Angeles\*  
Department of Public Policy, School of Public Affairs

University of California, San Diego  
Department of Economics

University of California, Santa Barbara  
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University of Central Florida  
College of Business Administration

University of Delaware\*  
Department of Economics

University of Guelph\*  
Department of Economics

University of Maryland, College Park)  
Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

University of Michigan  
School of Natural Resources and Environment

University of Michigan  
Erb Institute

University of Minnesota  
Department of Applied Economics

University of Oregon  
Department of Economics

University of Tennessee\*  
Department of Economics

University of Washington\*  
Department of Economics

University of Wyoming\*  
Department of Economics and Finance

Virginia Tech+  
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

\* Denotes new member in 2007

**NOMINATIONS FOR AERE  
OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS**

This year, AERE members will vote for a President (whose two-year term will begin in January 2009 but who will serve on the Board as President-Elect for 2008), a Vice President (whose two-year term will begin in January 2008), and two new members of the Board of Directors who will serve for three years beginning in January 2008.

The nominations are being handled by a committee chaired by AERE Vice President Steve Polasky (University of Minnesota); the other two members are Hilary Sigman (Rutgers University) and Jeff Vincent (University of California, San Diego). The elections will occur in the Fall of 2007.

Nominations may also be made by the membership through petitions, each of which contains signatures of 5% of the association's members who are then in good standing. Such petitions should be sent to arrive at the AERE Secretary's address no later than August 1, 2007.

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**2006 AERE PUBLICATION OF  
ENDURING QUALITY AWARD**

AERE's **Publication of Enduring Quality Award** for 2006 was shared by H. Scott Gordon and Anthony Scott for their two early papers on the economics of fisheries: H. Scott Gordon for "The Economic Theory of a Common-Property Resource: The Fishery," *Journal of Political Economy* 62, 2 (April 1954): 124-142; Anthony Scott for "The Fishery: The Objectives of Sole Ownership" *Journal of Political Economy* 63, 2 (April 1955): 116-124.

**2007 AERE PUBLICATION OF  
ENDURING QUALITY AWARD**

The AERE Board of Directors will present the annual award (to co-authors if appropriate) for a publication of enduring quality that appeared at least five years prior to the year of the award. The 2007 award will be announced at the annual AERE luncheon meeting in January 2008 in New Orleans. Nominated works are to be evaluated on their seminal nature and enduring value. Place and type of publication are unrestricted, but posthumous awards will not be given. Nominees may include individuals who are not members of AERE. Evaluation of nominated works and final selection for the 2007 award will be undertaken by a committee chaired by Scott Barrett, the Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies, with Jason Shogren, University of Wyoming, and Douglass Shaw, Texas A&M University.

Nomination packages should consist of four copies each of a cover letter, a document supporting the nomination, and the publication itself. The supporting document (not to exceed three pages) should include quantitative as well as qualitative information (e.g., number of citations or copies printed). Nominations should be sent to arrive **no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>**. This is an important award for AERE and for the recipients. Please give serious consideration to nominating a publication and to observing the submission requirements.

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Chair: Stephen Polasky, AERE VP (University of Minnesota)  
Hilary Sigman (Rutgers University)  
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### **Program:**

Chair: Carolyn Fischer (Resources for the Future),  
Mary Evans (University of Tennessee)  
Dietrich Earnhart (University of Kansas)

### **Publication of Enduring Quality**

Chair: Scott Barrett (Johns Hopkins SAIS)  
Jason Shogren (University of Wyoming)  
Douglass Shaw (Texas A&M University)

### **Workshop**

Chair:  
David Zilberman (University of California, Berkeley)

### **Chair-in-Training:**

Michael Greenstone (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)

### **Former-Chair:**

Gardner Brown (University of Washington)

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John Charbonneau (U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service)  
Ann Wolverton (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

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#### **AERE Sessions at the Southern Economic Association (SEA) Meetings**

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### *In Memoriam*

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## CALLS FOR PAPERS

### *AERE NEWSLETTER*

The *AERE Newsletter* is soliciting essays about natural resource and environmental economics issues of general interest to the membership. These essays can be relatively short (6-10 double spaced pages) and address a topic that does not fit into the traditional journal outlet. There is currently no backlog, so your essay would likely be published in the following *AERE Newsletter*. Marilyn Voigt and I need your essay in February for the May issue and August for the November issue. If you wish to float an idea by me, feel free to contact me.

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### **COLORADO UNIVERSITY ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS WORKSHOP**

**Lion Square Lodge  
Vail, CO  
September 21-22, 2007**

The Colorado University Environmental and Resource Economics Workshop provides researchers the opportunity to share their research results and/or ideas in a relaxed, workshop environment. Ample time will be allocated for discussion, allowing researchers to get feedback from other workshop participants. Work presented can range from proposed research to highly polished and complete projects. Graduate students are especially encouraged to participate. The submission deadline is **August 1, 2007**. More information can be found at the workshop Web site:

**[enviro.colorado.edu/ws](http://enviro.colorado.edu/ws).**

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### **EDMONTON WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

**May 11-15, 2008**  
**Shaw Conference Center**  
**Edmonton, Alberta, Canada**

#### **About the Conference**

The theme of this strategically important conference is "Urban Issues and Solutions." While many conferences focus on the technical aspects of wastewater and solid waste management, this much-anticipated event is unique in addressing the critical environmental, social and economic implications. The aim is to share ideas, stimulate discussion and accelerate development of the tools and knowledge needed to make sustainable waste management decisions.

A wide range of multidisciplinary researchers and practitioners will provide a holistic perspective on waste management. Municipal leaders and others will gain valuable insights into the social and environmental factors that must be considered in integrated decision-making.

#### **Call for Papers**

The Edmonton Waste Management Centre of Excellence would like to announce the Call for Papers for the May 2008 Conference. For details, please see the attached Call for Papers (.pdf) or visit [www.ewmce.com](http://www.ewmce.com) and click on the link to "Waste - The Social Context '08". We encourage you to forward this information onto anyone that may be interested in submitting an abstract or attending the conference.

Topics may include but are not limited to:

- Public Perceptions and Behavior
- Social Forces Influencing Waste Streams
- Environmental Policy
- Waste Management in Urban Settings
- Stakeholder Participation
- Developing countries and countries in transition
- Waste Economics

Abstract Submissions are due by **October 15, 2007**.

## MEETINGS, CONFERENCES, AND WORKSHOPS

### 2007 AERE WORKSHOP

#### *Valuation and Incentives for Ecosystem Services*

**June 7-9, 2007**  
**Hilton Mystic Hotel**  
**Mystic, Connecticut**

This year the workshop will focus both on methods and applications that evaluate the services provided by nature and on incentives and institutions that modify behavior and lead to enhanced provision of amenities including biodiversity, carbon sequestration, preservation of wild-life, etc. The papers address diverse resource management and environmental policy problems and apply a variety of theoretical, experimental, econometric, and numerical methods.

The Hilton Mystic offers leisure and business travelers modern elegance amidst the rich traditions of colonial Mystic. Area attractions include Mystic Seaport (the country's leading maritime museum with the largest collections of boats and nautical photography in the world), Mystic Aquarium, and the picturesque Olde Mystic Village, a replicated 1720 New England town. The Mystic area is alive with the historic charm of maritime New England.

The Workshop will start with a reception on Thursday evening, June 7<sup>th</sup>, at the Hilton Hotel, and will conclude at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday afternoon, June 9<sup>th</sup>. The registration fee is \$200 (\$150 for students), which includes copies of all workshop papers, the reception on Thursday evening, continental breakfast and lunch on both workshop days, and dinner on Friday evening, June 8, at Abbott's Lobster in the Rough in nearby Noank, Connecticut.

We are extremely grateful for the support provided by the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

#### **Invited Speakers:**

**Geoffrey Heal**, Paul Garrett Professor of Public Policy and Business Responsibility and Professor of Finance and Economics, Columbia Business School

**Kathleen Segerson**, Professor of Economics, Department of Economics, University of Connecticut

**Peter Kareiva**, Lead Scientist, Pacific Western Conservation Region, The Nature Conservancy

#### **Papers:**

Kwaw Andam, Paul J. Ferraro, Alex Pfaff, Juan Robalino, and Arturo Sanchez, "Evaluating Policies to Secure the Provision of Ecosystem Services: An Econometric Analysis of Protected Areas"

Amy W Ando, "U. S. Conservation Policy Reconsidered"

Marc Conte, "Economic Incentives and Ecological Outcomes of Conservation Banking"

David Finnoff, Min Gong, and John Tschirhar, "Joint Determination to Assess the Economic Importance of Ecosystem Services"

Renan Ulrich Goetz, Natali Hritonenko, Angels Xabadia, and Yuri Yatsenko, "Optimal Management of a Size-Distributed Forest with Respect to Timber and Carbon Sequestration"

Madhu Khanna, Hayri Onal, Basanta Dhungana, and Michelle Wander, "Incentives for Soil Carbon Sequestration through Biomass Crops in Illinois"

Christian Langpap, Ivan Hascic, and JunJie Wu, "Protecting Watershed Ecosystems Through Targeted Local Land Use Policies"

Erik Nelson, Stephen Polasky, David J. Lewis, Andrew J. Plantinga, Jeffrey Camm, Eric Lonsdorf, and Heather Tallis, "Payments for Ecosystem Services and Efficient Allocation: An Application to Biodiversity, Carbon Sequestration and Marketable Commodities in the Willamette Basin."

Subhrendu K. Pattanayak, M. T. Ross, B. M. Depro, S. C. Bauch, C. Timmins, K. Wendland, and K. Alger, "Climate Change, Contagion and Conservation: Valuing Ecosystem Services and Evaluating Policies in Brazil via Applied CGE"

Sanchita Sengupta and David A. Hennessy, "Agricultural and Environmental Policy"

Erin O. Sills, Subhrendu K. Pattanayak, Paul J. Ferraro, Rodrigo Arriagada, Edgar Ortiz, Luis Carrasco, and Silvia Cordero, "Testing Pigou: Private Provision of Public Goods"

**AMERICAN AGRICULTURAL  
ECONOMICS ASSOCIATION (AAEA)**

**July 29 – August 1, 2007  
Oregon Convention Center  
Portland, Oregon**

**AERE SESSIONS**

***Session 1: Spatial Issues in Land Use***

1. "Agricultural Land Values in the Rural-Urban Fringe," David Newburn and Peter Berck
2. "Do Zoning Policies Increase Short-Run Development? A Structural Econometric Model of Lakefront Land Conversion," David Lewis and Bill Provencher
3. "Do Parking Requirements Significantly Increase The Area Dedicated To Parking? A Test of the Effect Of Parking Requirements on Land Values In Los Angeles County," W. Bowman Cutter and Autumn Miller

***Session 2: Managing Ecological Threats***

1. "Economic Incentives and Ecological Outcomes of Conservation Banking," Marc Conte
2. "Spatial Management of Invasive Alien Species," Jim Sanchirico, Carolyn Fischer, Jo Albers, and Conrad Coleman
3. "Wildfire Risk and the Housing Market in Colorado Springs, CO," Patricia A. Champ and Geoffrey H. Donovan
4. "Shepherds' Dilemma: Climate Prediction Models and Livestock Disease Disclosure," Glenn Sheriff and Daniel Osgood

***Session 3: Resource Management in Developing Countries***

1. "Optimal Allocation of Groundwater Resource in the Hai River Basin: Managing Quantity and Quality," Qiuqiong Huang, James Wilen, Richard Howitt, and Scott Rozelle
2. "From Forests to Pasture: Evidence on the Co-evolution of Deforestation and Development from a Spatial Panel Survey of Farm Households in Rondônia, Brazil," Jill L. Caviglia-Harris, Subhrendu K. Pattanayak, and Erin O. Sills

3. "Does Better Common Property Forest Management Promote Behavioral Change? On-Farm Tree Planting in the Bolivian Andes," Randall Bluffstone, Marco Boscolo, Ramiro Molina

4. "Public Expenditure and Quality of Growth in Rural Latin America," Gregmar I. Galinato, and Ramón López

***Session 4: Corporate Environmental Behavior***

1. "Environmental Quality in a Differentiated Duopoly," Y. Hossein Farzin and Ken-Ichi Akao
2. "Is a Voluntary Approach an Effective Environmental Policy Instrument? A Case for Environmental Management Systems," Toshi Arimura, Akira Hibiki, Hajime Katayama
3. "Costly Enforcement of Voluntary Emissions Control Agreements with Industries," David McEvoy and John Stranlund
4. "Environmental Labeling and Technology Adoption in the Presence of Strategic Interactions," Yoshifumi Konishi

***Session 5: Stated Preferences: Advances and Applications***

1. "Identifying Individual Discount Rates and Valuing Public Open Space with Stated Preference Models," Kent F. Kovacs and Douglas M. Larson
2. "Scenario Adjustment" in Stated Preference Research," Erica Johnson, Trudy Ann Cameron, and J.R. DeShazo
3. "Payment Card versus Dichotomous Choice Bid Elicitation: An Application in Shanghai, People's Republic of China," Sandra Hoffmann, Alan Krupnick, Michael McWilliams, Xizhe Peng, Bjorn Larson, and Jostein Nygaard

***Session 6: Topics in Climate Change***

1. "Potential Profit and Carbon Sequestration from Appalachian Regional Reforestation Initiative" Chris Bouquot and Mark Sperow
2. "Optimal Resource Extraction with Learning-by-doing in a Substitute Technology," Andrew Leach,, Ujjayant Chakravorty, and Michel Moreaux
3. "Comparing Climate Impacts Across Countries in South America," Flavio Avila
4. "On the Self-serving Use of Equity Principles in International Climate Negotiations," Andreas Lange, Andreas Loeschel, Carsten Vogt, Andreas Ziegler

**ASSOCIATION FOR PUBLIC POLICY  
ANALYSIS AND MANAGEMENT (APPAM)**

*What Else Shapes Public Policy Analysis  
and Management?*

**November 8 – 10, 2007  
Washington Marriott Hotel and  
Embassy Suites Hotel  
Washington, DC**

APPAM's Annual Fall Research Conference is a gathering of leaders within the policy analysis and management field. It has become the preeminent venue for the presentation and discussion of applied public policy research, attracting more than 1000 participants for over 150 sessions across three days of meetings each year. The Program Committee will organize an agenda that spans the interests and background of APPAM members across all issues areas and methodologies. This year the conference will be held in Washington and looks to capitalize on the momentum of recent conferences where APPAM has experienced a record number of attendees and participation on the 150+ sessions. Noteworthy highlights of the 2007 conference will include the Spencer Foundation Lecture in Education Policy and Management, the Public Management Executive Roundtable, the concurrent plenaries, the Presidential Address, the Poster Session Luncheon, and the many special receptions.

APPAM especially is seeking increased conference participation from among policymakers at all levels of government and other practitioners who are directly involved in the areas of emphasis within the Fall Research Conference. APPAM is committed to including a diversity of perspectives on all sessions.

Early registration begins in early August. (Last day for early registration is October 5.)

For all 2007 Fall Research Conference information including the schedule of events, registration, hotel reservations and travel planning, please go to:  
<http://www.appam.org>

**9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BIOECON CONFERENCE  
(BIOdiversity and Economics for CONservation)**

*Economics and Institutions for  
Biodiversity Conservation*

**September 20 – 21, 2007  
Kings College Cambridge, UK**

*Hosted by the Department of Economics, University of  
College London and the EU project REFGOV  
in association with UK-DEFRA, FAO, IUCN, and  
UNEP-WCMC*

The University College London (UCL) and REFGOV in association with UK-DEFRA, FAO, IUCN and UNEP-WCMC announce the Ninth International BIOECON conference on Economics and Institutions for Biodiversity Conservation. The conference will be held at Kings College Cambridge on September 20-21, 2007. The conference will be of interest to both researchers and policymakers interested in or working in the management and conservation of biodiversity.

There will be sessions examining institutional frameworks, the use of social capital and the management of knowledge for biodiversity conservation, as well as the economic analysis of policies for managing biodiversity in a context of high uncertainty.

In addition, there will be a policy forum chaired by DEFRA, FAO, IUCN and UNEP-WCMC, leading a discussion on the issue of the development of mechanisms for making payments for environmental services.

The conference will open with a reception at Kings College Cambridge in the early evening on September 19, 2007. Conference sessions will commence on the morning of September 20<sup>th</sup> and conclude on the afternoon of September 21<sup>st</sup>. Accommodation for all participants will be organized within Kings College, with a conference banquet at the Kings College Great Hall on the evening of September 20<sup>th</sup>. Lunches and refreshments will also be provided.

Registrations for the conference are **due by June 15, 2007**. Please download the registration form at  
[http://www.bioecon.ucl.ac.uk/04\\_9\\_ann-conf.html](http://www.bioecon.ucl.ac.uk/04_9_ann-conf.html)

## CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR ECOLOGICAL ECONOMICS (CANSEE)

**CANSEE 2007**

**7th Biennial Conference**

*Sustaining Communities and Development in the Face of Environmental Challenges*

**July 26 - 28, 2007**

**Halifax, Nova Scotia**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of the Canadian Society for Ecological Economics (CANSEE) will reflect the focus of CANSEE in fostering trans-disciplinary research activities and dialogue among natural and social scientists, government, the private sector and civil society, to deepen our understanding of the interactions between humans and nature, and to inform the sustainable stewardship of our natural resources and the environment.

These goals are particularly important in Canada given our rich endowment of natural capital, including forests, oceans, fish and wildlife species, biodiversity, productive soil, minerals, oil and gas, and freshwater. Our economy depends significantly on the use of these resources and society benefits greatly from the ecological services they provide. Stewardship of our environment and resources is needed to maintain the quality of life of Canadians and to support the people, economies and communities that depend on those resources for their livelihoods. Often, when the environment has already been degraded we are faced with difficult challenges of rebuilding ecosystems, while sustaining communities and economies.

The 7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Conference of CANSEE will provide a major forum to apply ecological economics in defining best approaches to achieve sustainability, in helping to address the myriad of environmental challenges we face, and in examining key issues of development both within Canada and internationally.

Conference sessions will focus on the contribution of ecological economics to the following:

- Management of marine and coastal environments and sustaining coastal communities
- Management of forest environments and sustaining forest-dependent communities
- Assessment and design of recovery strategies for species at risk
- Ethics, values and preferences for rehabilitation of biodiversity
- Social equity of environmental conservation (urban vs. rural, developing vs. developed nations)

- Accounting for natural capital in the measurement of regional and national welfare
- Recent advances in sustainability indicators and monitoring systems to support adaptive management
- Understanding the impacts of climate change and design of effective strategies for adaptation
- Project design in international development in support of poverty alleviation
- The role of Canadian institutions in education and capacity building for international development
- The engagement of society in the evolution and advancement of ecological economics

Conference sessions, papers and posters will directly address how an ecological economic approach can help society meet these challenges. Government, academics, NGOs, the private sector and the public are encouraged to attend.

For further information and registration, visit our Web site at [www.cansee.org/2007](http://www.cansee.org/2007)  
[cansee2007@cansee.org](mailto:cansee2007@cansee.org)  
+1-902-880-0245

Note: Early registration deadline is **June 1, 2007**.

## Centre Interuniversitaire de Recherche en Économie Quantitative (CIREQ)

### Upcoming Conferences

May 24-25, 2007

CIREQ Macro Conference on Recent Developments in Optimal Monetary Policy

September 29-30, 2007

24th Canadian Econometrics Study Group Conference

November 16-17, 2007

CIREQ Conference on Generalized Method of Moments in Montréal

For more information:

<http://www.cireq.umontreal.ca/resenv/2007h/index.html>

## CLE INTERNATIONAL

### *Inaugural Conference on California Climate Change Law*

**August 23 – 24, 2007  
Grand Hyatt  
San Francisco, CA**

Keynote Presentation  
An Update on AB 32  
Linda S. Adams, Secretary for Environmental Protection  
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## ELECTRIC POWER RESEARCH INSTITUTE (EPRI)

### *Global Climate Change Research Seminar*

**Renaissance Washington DC Hotel  
Washington, DC  
May 30–May 31, 2007**

**Background:** This is the 12th in a series of annual seminars presented by the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI) Global Climate Change research group. The seminars communicate the latest global climate research findings of interest to the electricity industry and other organizations concerned with energy/environmental issues.

**Who Should Attend?** The seminar is open to attendance by representatives of industry, government, academia, and non-governmental organizations concerned with the issue of global climate change. The seminar will present material of interest to technical staff, managers, executives, and legislative representatives in those organizations.

**Value:** Participants benefit from the opportunity to hear

first-hand accounts of current work directly from leading researchers. Issues are addressed from a number of perspectives, including the academic community, national laboratories, government agencies, environmental organizations, and EPRI researchers. Lunches and the evening reception offer numerous chances to interact directly with presenters and other participants.

**Topics:** This year's seminar includes sessions on motivating technology innovation (which includes a panel on incentives for technology innovation), constraints on greenhouse gas emissions, dealing with uncertainty in current generation investments, and the state of climate science (see preliminary agenda on back for a complete list of speakers and topics).

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## EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMISTS (EAERE)

### **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

**University of Macedonia  
Thessaloniki, Greece  
June 27 – 30, 2007**

The conference will be held at the University of Macedonia, located near the center of the city of Thessaloniki in Greece. The University of Macedonia is one of the newest academic institutions in Greece with a reputation for its concrete academic programs in the area of Economic and Social Studies, and a high level of research. Its great facilities have established it as the preferred venue for highly qualified academic conferences. The University of Macedonia is one of the very few European Universities that has registered its Environmental Management System according to EMAS regulations.

For details, see the EAERE Web Page at:  
[www.eaere.org](http://www.eaere.org)

**EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE  
ECONOMISTS (EAERE)**

***Workshop on Carbon Sequestration in  
Agriculture and Forestry***

**University of Macedonia  
June 27, 2007  
Thessaloniki, Greece**

The aim of the workshop is to create a discussion forum where realized studies or work in progress on land use, farm and forest management and carbon sequestration will be presented, bearing in mind that insights from theoretical models and case studies can be of great help shaping regional and global carbon credit systems, opening the forest sector to the global carbon market.

It will take place immediately before the 15th EAERE Annual Conference, which will be held from the 27th to the 30th of June in Thessaloniki, Greece, in the same venue in which the workshop will be held. Further information about the EAERE Annual Conference is available at:

<http://www.eaere2007.gr/>.

**SOUTHERN ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION  
(SEA)**

**77th Annual Meeting**

**November 19-21, 2007  
New Orleans Marriott Hotel  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**AERE Sessions**

\* indicates presenter

***Experimental Environmental Economics II***

Chair: Todd L. Cherry  
Appalachian State University

Discussants: John Spraggon  
Jayson L. Lusk  
Jason Childs  
Bodo Sturm

Paper 1: *A Field Experiment Comparing Mechanisms for the Provision of Nesting Bird Habitat on Active Farm Hayfields* (Christopher M. Anderson\*, Stephen K. Swallow, and Emi Uchida, Department of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Rhode Island)

Paper 2: *Implications of Heterogeneous Strategies in a Competitive Fishery for the Distribution of Benefits from Individual Fishing Quotas* (Gunnar Knapp and James Murphy\*, Department of Economics, University of Alaska, Anchorage)

Paper 3: *Environmental Conflicts with Reimbursement: Experimental Evidence* (Todd L. Cherry\*, Department of Economics, Appalachian State University)

Paper 4: *Enforcing Compliance with a Voluntary Agreement: An Experimental Analysis* (David M. McEvoy\*, Department of Resource Economics, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; James J. Murphy, Department of Economics, University of Alaska Anchorage; John K. Stranlund and John Spraggon, Department of Resource Economics, University of Massachusetts-Amherst)

## ***Environmental Policy and Management***

Chair: Lisa Cave  
Morehead State University

Discussants: Scott R. Templeton  
Elaine Frey  
Julien Hay  
Paul Chambers

Paper 1: *Estimation and Analysis of Expenses of EEP-Administered Stream Mitigation Projects in North Carolina* (Scott R. Templeton\* and William T. Sessions, Dept. of Applied Economics and Statistics, Clemson University; Christopher F. Dumas, Dept. of Economics and Finance, University of North Carolina at Wilmington)

Paper 2: *Technological Diffusion and Environmental Regulation: The Case of Scrubbers* (Elaine Frey\*, George Washington University and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency)

Paper 3: *Can International Liability Regimes Lead to Efficient Pollution Prevention? - A Discussion of the Case of Marine Oil Spills* (Julien Hay\*, Center of Law and Economics of the Sea, University of Western Brittany, France)

Paper 4: *Economic Growth and Threatened and Endangered Species Listings: A VAR Analysis* (Catherine N. Chambers and Paul E. Chambers\*, Department of Economics and Finance, University of Central Missouri; John C. Whitehead, Department of Economics, Appalachian State University)

## ***Fishery Allocation in the Gulf***

Chair: David W. Carter  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Discussants: Kurt E. Schnier  
Juan J. Agar  
Richard Woodward  
John C. Whitehead

Paper 1: *A Dynamic Model of Intra-Annual Species Selection in Fisheries* (Kurt E. Schnier\*, Dept. of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Rhode Island; Charles Adams, Dept. of Food and Resource Economics, University of Florida; Robert Hicks, Department of Economics; The College of William and Mary; and Sherry Larkin, Dept. of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Rhode Island)

Paper 2: *An Economic Allocation Model for Competing Uses of Red Grouper in the Gulf of Mexico* (Juan J. Agar\*, David W. Carter, and James R. Waters, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA).

Paper 3: *Using a Market to Allocate the Red Snapper TAC in the Gulf of Mexico* (Richard Woodward\* and Wade Griffin, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University; Hwa Nyeon Kim, Global Economy Department, Samsung Economic Research Institute (SERI), Seoul, Korea)

Paper 4: *Developing Species-Specific Recreational Values for Allocation* (Timothy Haab, AED Economics, The Ohio State University; Robert Hicks, Department of Economics, The College of William and Mary; Kurt E. Schnier, Dept. of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics, University of Rhode Island; John C. Whitehead\*, Department of Economics, Appalachian State University)

## ***Valuation I: Revealed Preferences***

Chair: Chris Dumas  
UNC at Wilmington

Discussants: Craig Landry  
Doug Noonan  
George Parsons  
Roger von Haefen

Paper 1: *Amenity Valuation in Simultaneous Hedonic Property Markets* (Craig E. Landry\* and Okmyung Bin, Department of Economics, East Carolina University)

Paper 2: *Neighborhood Dynamics And Identifying Direct and Indirect Price Effects of Superfund Site Clean-Ups* (Douglas Noonan\*, School of Public Policy, Georgia Institute of Technology; Douglas J. Krupka, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies, Georgia State University)

Paper 3: *Restoration Equivalents in a RUM Model of Recreation Demand: An Application of Non-Monetary Valuation to Beach Closures on the Gulf Coast of Texas* (George Parsons\* and Ami Kang, College of Marine Studies, University of Delaware)

Paper 4: *Do Random Parameters and Alternative Specific Constants Improve Welfare Analysis? An Empirical Investigation* (H. Allen Klaiber and Roger H. von Haefen\*, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, North Carolina State University)

## ***Valuation II: Stated Preferences***

Chair: Craig Landry  
East Carolina University

Discussants: Ryan Bosworth  
Chris Dumas  
Pallab Mozumder  
Daniel K. Lew

Paper 1: *Preferences for Public Health Policies with Jointly Estimated Rates of Time Preference* (Ryan Bosworth, School of Public and International Affairs, North Carolina State University; Trudy Ann Cameron, Department of Economics, University of Oregon; J.R. DeShazo, Department of Public Policy, University of California at Los Angeles)

Paper 2: *Willingness to Pay for Rip Current Awareness Information* (Christopher Dumas\*, Department of Economics and Finance, University of North Carolina at Wilmington; James Herstine, Department of Health & Applied Human Science, University of North Carolina at Wilmington; Douglas Gamble, Department of Geography & Geology, University of North Carolina at Wilmington; Stephen Meinhold, Associate Dean of Research, University of North Carolina at Wilmington; Spencer Rogers, Jr., Center for Marine Science, University of North Carolina at Wilmington)

Paper 3: *The Provision of a Wildfire Risk Map: Informing Residents in the Wildland Urban Interface* (Pallab Mozumder\*, The Environmental Institute, University of Massachusetts; Ryan Helton, Energy Conservation and Management Division, New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD); Robert Berrens, Department of Economics, University of New Mexico)

Paper 4: *Efficiency and Robustness of Experimental Designs for Economic Valuation Choice Experiments* (Daniel K. Lew\*, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Fisheries; David F. Layton, Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington; Robert D. Rowe, Stratus Consulting,)

## ***Topics in Environmental Economics (Graduate Student Session)***

Chair: Scott R. Templeton  
Clemson University

Discussants: Paul Chambers  
John Whitehead  
Scott Templeton  
George Parsons

Paper 1: *Does Public Disclosure Reduce Pollution? Evidence from India's Pulp and Paper Industry* (Allen Blackman Resources for the Future (RFF);, Thomas Lyon, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan, Urvashi Narain, RFF, and Nicholas Powers\*, Ross School of Business, University of Michigan)

Paper 2: *Supply of Household Recyclable Materials: Evidence from a Field Experiment* (Glenn C. Blomquist, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky; David Hardesty, Department of Management, University of Kentucky), Brandon Koford\* and Kenneth Troske, Department of Economics, University of Kentucky)

Paper 3: *Addressing Onsite Sampling in Recreational Site Choice Models* (Paul Hindsley\*, Coastal Resources Management Program, East Carolina University; Brad Gentner, Office of Science & Technology, Division of Statistics and Economics, National Marine Fisheries Service; Craig Landry, Department of Economics, East Carolina University)

Paper 4: *Targeted Enforcement with Continuous Compliance Choices and Imperfect Monitoring* (Lirong Liu, Department of Economics, University of Tennessee)

## ESSAYS

### *The Expanding Role of Environmental Economists in Conservation Organizations*

**Michelle Haefele, The Wilderness Society, Denver, Colorado**  
**John Loomis, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado**

It wasn't very long ago that economists were viewed by some as the enemy of conservation. After Barlow, Helfand, Orr and Stoel's 1980 pioneering study "Giving Away the National Forests" by the Natural Resource Defense Council,<sup>2</sup> the perception that economics could be a useful tool for exposing uneconomic development began to become evident. Randall O'Toole's effort to critique National Forest Plans optimization models on behalf of environmental groups spawned a small industry during the 1980's. Now many environmental and conservation organizations employ economists to aid in their conservation efforts. Several national organizations, including The Wilderness Society, Defenders of Wildlife, Natural Resources Defense Council, Environmental Defense and The Nature Conservancy employ economists. These economists conduct research, do economic analyses of specific policy issues or geographic areas at risk, and lend expertise to other groups and individuals who work on conservation issues. Many participate in the public input process required by National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) by critiquing economic analyses (where necessary), and suggesting ways to include a broader range of economic values in the analyses. In addition to working for larger national organizations, economists have also begun to be employed by a few local grassroots groups, and serve to further infuse environmental advocacy with economic expertise.

Wilderness Society economists, ecologists and legal analysts have developed documents which compile the "state of the science" on economic impact analysis and other scientific analyses which are submitted by the organization as part of its public input efforts. These documents compile a vast amount of academic research into a form that is more accessible for both the general public and agency planners. The organization also includes economic analyses in many of its more general works (explore the library at <http://www.wilderness.org> for some examples).

Other groups may not have economists on staff, but more and more often are hiring economists at colleges and universities (and occasionally consulting firms) to

conduct studies of specific environmental and natural resource problems. These arrangements create opportunities for further research collaborations which are beneficial for both university and NGO economists. Several groups also cite relevant economic studies on their Web sites, in fact sheets produced for a general audience and in comments on public land management plans and other environmental regulations and actions.

As the economic issues surrounding the environment and natural resources have grown beyond "all or nothing" polarized debates such as "growth or no growth," economics has risen more and more to the forefront of the scientific information used by conservation groups. Some of this attention has surrounded the concept of sustainability. Conservation groups generally recognize that the production of commodities will not cease altogether and that, in order to achieve multiple goals, this production needs to be done in a way that is sustainable.

Ecosystem services have also become more prominent in the thinking of conservation groups, public land management agencies and even industry in some cases. These heretofore un-quantified or non-monetary benefits from nature are the subject of scholarly research and the target of several programs to create incentives for landowners and others to protect landscapes which produce ecosystem services. Conservation groups are also conducting research and working to bring ecosystem services into the debate. For example, Ann Ingerson, an economist with The Wilderness Society, is working with universities and Timber Investment Management Organizations (TIMOs) in New England to make their portfolios "green" by investing in ecosystem services such as carbon sequestration. The Wilderness Society also commissioned a comprehensive bibliography on the ecosystem services of roadless forests.<sup>3</sup>

Furthermore, the idea that protecting the environment can be good for the economy has begun to reach both environmental groups and rural communities who once saw public lands only as a source of commodities.

<sup>2</sup> Barlow, T, G. Helfand, T. Orr and T. Sotel. 1980. Giving Away the National Forests. Natural Resources Defense Council, Washington DC.

<sup>3</sup> Krieger, D.J. 2001. Economic Value of Forest Ecosystem Services: A Review. <http://www.wilderness.org/Library/Documents/upload/Economic-Value-of-Forest-Ecosystem-Services-A-Review.pdf>

Economists working with conservation groups have in many cases led this growing awareness, both by making communities aware of the findings of academic scholars, and through research of their own. Researchers with The Wilderness Society have brought the benefits of protected public lands to the attention of rural communities across the country. Research has ranged from analyses of the benefits of roadless areas<sup>4</sup> to the new BLM National Monuments.<sup>5</sup> The Wilderness Society also participated in the development of a program called “Community Data & Info” which provides access to map-based economic and demographic data.<sup>6</sup>

While working with the Sonoran Institute, Ray Rasker and other economists undertook an ambitious project detailing the role of protected public lands in the rural West which shows the positive role of these lands in the region’s economic growth, and the important role that economics can play in advancing environmental protection.<sup>7</sup> These researchers combined a rigorous technical report with a shorter more accessible document, along with a program of outreach and education to rural communities that has had a noticeable impact on land management, on the role of economic research in conservation, and on the perception of conservation advocacy groups.

Defenders of Wildlife have a small staff of economists that investigate costs and benefits as well as regional economic analyses for species and their habitats. For example, this organization has been active in performing or commissioning studies on the economic values of critical habitat, protected area management and endangered species such as the wolves, river otters, and lynx (see [www.biodiversitypartners.org/econ/index.shtml](http://www.biodiversitypartners.org/econ/index.shtml) for such studies). Trout Unlimited has commissioned studies on the economic value of native fishing to demonstrate the values of instream flow.<sup>8</sup> These organizations have also hired outside economists to

perform comparative economic analyses of hatchery stocked fisheries versus habitat reared fisheries. Commissioned studies such as these create opportunities for a symbiotic relationship between academic research and conservation organization economists.

While conservation organization economists are rarely encouraged to write journal articles since these usually do not reach a broad audience and are unlikely themselves to sway lay public activists, a form of “literature transfer” takes place when these economists use their knowledge of the literature and the field to write documents that do reach a broader audience. In particular, The Sonoran Institute teamed up with The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership to develop a document which combines the data and analyses of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-associated Recreation<sup>9</sup> with “real life” case studies of residents who have chosen to live in the West because of the hunting and fishing opportunities or who have chosen to establish either guide-outfitter business or other businesses in the region because of its amenities.<sup>10</sup> The Wilderness Society recently produced a document touting the wonders of the Wyoming Range in the Bridger-Teton National Forest which includes a discussion of the economic benefits for local communities of protecting the Wyoming Range from development.<sup>11</sup> These kinds of documents bring together real world examples and compelling pictures in a format that is readable and attractive and which makes economics (and other science topics) relevant for people who often want to have as much information as possible about how environmental management might affect them.

One might think of conservation organization environmental economists as “Extension Economists.” While economists working for environmental organizations clearly have a mission that is not always neutral (as one expects agricultural extension economists to be), they are similar in their technology transfer role. As universities have been slow to evolve from a traditional focus on

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<sup>4</sup> ECONorthwest. 2001. Protecting Roadless Areas and Idaho’s Economy: An Assessment of the Forest Service Roadless Initiative.

<http://www.wilderness.org/Library/Documents/upload/Protecting-Roadless-Areas-and-Idaho-s-Economy.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> The Wilderness Society. 2007. Carrizo Plain National Monument Economic Benefits.

<http://www.wilderness.org/WhereWeWork/California/CarrizoEconomics.cfm>

<sup>6</sup> Community Data <http://www.communitydata.info/>

<sup>7</sup> Rasker, R., B. Alexander, J. van den Noort, and R. Carter. 2004. Public Lands Conservation and Economic Well-Being. The Sonoran Institute, Tucson, AZ. Available at: <http://www.sonoran.org/programs/prosperity.html>

<sup>8</sup> Loomis, J. 2005. The Economic Value of Recreational Fishing & Boating to Visitors and Communities Along the Upper Snake River. Trout Unlimited. Idaho Falls, Idaho.

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<sup>9</sup> U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and U.S. Department of Commerce, U.S. Census Bureau. 2001. National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-associated Recreation. Available at: <http://www.census.gov/prod/www/abs/fishing.html>

<sup>10</sup> The Sonoran Institute and The Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership. 2006. “Backcountry Bounty: Hunters, Anglers and Prosperity in the American West” (<http://www.trcp.org>)

<sup>11</sup> The Wilderness Society. 2005. “The Wyoming Range: Wyoming’s Hidden Gem” (<http://www.wilderness.org/Library/Documents/WyomingRange.cfm>).

resource extraction and agricultural production to a New West view, economists working for conservation organizations have often filled the void.

Economists working for conservation organizations also draw upon published journal articles and books by other environmental economists when writing comments on environmental policy and land management plans, Congressional testimony<sup>12</sup> and even editorials and letters to the editor. For example Joe Kerkvliet, working for the Wilderness Society, recently published an editorial about the changing western economy that appeared in an on-line news forum.<sup>13</sup> These efforts as well as meetings with agency personnel and elected officials all present opportunities for conservation economists to bring the body of environmental economics research to the attention of land managers and others in a position to use it to affect real changes on the ground.

As agencies are more and more insisting that comments submitted on land management plans must be “substantive,” conservation organizations with economists and other scientists are in a better position to bring the required substance into the debate. They increasingly provide economic information that agency economists are often precluded by Bush administration policy from providing (e.g., the benefits of critical habitat) or do not have time to develop in sufficient detail. In the end, economists for conservation organizations provide a new avenue where economic principles and data move from the textbook to being infused into the policy process.

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<sup>12</sup> Morton, P.M. 2001. Testimony Before the Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate.

<http://www.wilderness.org/Library/Documents/upload/Testimony-of-Peter-Morton-Before-the-Subcommittee-on-Forests-and-Public-Land-Management.pdf>

<sup>13</sup> Joe Kerkvliet. 2007. What is the “New West” Versus the “Old West” Economy?

[http://www.newwest.net/index.php/city/article/what\\_is\\_a\\_new\\_west\\_vs\\_old\\_west\\_economy/C396/L396/](http://www.newwest.net/index.php/city/article/what_is_a_new_west_vs_old_west_economy/C396/L396/)

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- Candidates must be willing and able to teach also introductory courses in economics in Dutch to large audiences.

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The University of California Institute on Global Conflict and Cooperation (IGCC) <http://igcc.ucsd.edu/> and the Graduate School of International Relations and Pacific Studies (IR/PS) at the University of California, San Diego <http://irps.ucsd.edu/faculty-staff/faculty-openings-recruitment/> invite applications for a tenured professorial position in International Environmental Policy.

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- to publish the results in peer-reviewed journals.
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The appointed professor is a prominent researcher in environmental economics. This is reflected in an academic doctoral degree and in the quality and number of publications in international academic journals. Internationally the professor is considered an authority in the field of the Economics of Climate Change. His/her research in the field is empirical in nature, but also takes into account the latest developments in economic theory and employs, if necessary, plural approaches to research questions.

The professor enjoys a good reputation in national and international scientific networks. He or she has the ability to present the results of his/her research in an accessible way, for academic and non-academic audiences. He or she is also

willing to participate in public debates on the economics of climate change.

The professor has teaching experience at a graduate level and is willing to contribute to the teaching activities of both the Department of Spatial Economics and the Institute for Environmental Studies.

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The salary is in accordance with the university regulations for academic personnel.

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For information, please contact Prof. dr. P. Rietveld chairman of the recruitment committee (e-mail: [prietveld@feweb.vu.nl](mailto:prietveld@feweb.vu.nl); phone: +31 20 5986097) or Prof. dr. C.A. Withagen (e-mail [cwithagen@feweb.vu.nl](mailto:cwithagen@feweb.vu.nl); phone: +31 20 5986093). The positioning report for this position can be obtained from Drs. F.A.M. Snijders, Managing director of the faculty (e-mail: [fsnijders@feweb.vu.nl](mailto:fsnijders@feweb.vu.nl)).

Candidates who are interested to apply for this position are requested to send **before June 16th, 2007** a letter and a detailed resume containing educational data, a list of publications, teaching experience and evaluations, administrative experience as well as any other information that may be relevant for the position to VU University Amsterdam, to:

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The Natural Resource Economist will also communicate information gained through this inquiry in written and oral forms to a variety of audiences, including decision-makers in management agencies, reporters and others in the media, conservation organizations, business and economic development community, and community members. As part of this outreach, the economist is expected to help write scientific reports, fact sheets, science and policy briefs, comment letters, and peer-reviewed journal articles.

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