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President's Greeting



I am greatly honoured to serve as President of the CAES. Our association was founded in 1929 to apply economic theory to ameliorate problems facing Canadian farmers and enhance our economic understanding of pressing issues in the agricultural and rural sector. The times have changed but the need for deep thinking about pressing issues related

to food, agricultural, and natural resources remains an ongoing challenge. Our historic and contemporary commitment to economic theory, empirical assessment, research-led extension, and evidence-based policy are the common bond of our membership. The CAES conferences, workshops, and our journal are the primary means by which we enhance the capacity of our members to meet that challenge. My goal is to provide leadership to this effort. I plan to do this by increasing the flow of information about the organizational structure of the CAES to you and thereby (hopefully) incentivize your entrepreneurial participation. Through our annual meetings, journal outreach, and associated activities (workshop, job fair, etc.) I aim to support efforts to strategically increase membership. Finally, I am grateful for the opportunity to speak to members and non-members about the unique methodological focus of our discipline and the capacity of CAES membership to address future challenges. I look forward to your leadership and our collaboration in these efforts.

Brady Deaton
CAES President

Send us your news!

The next newsletter will be published Winter 2019.

CAES NEWS

We are pleased to announce your new President-Elect and welcome three new councillors to the Board.

NEW PRESIDENT-ELECT: KARA BECKLES

Kara Beckles is the Director General of Research and Analysis (RAD) at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC), a role to which she is no stranger but officially took on in November 2017. Kara has also recently taken on some leadership positions with international organizations including as a Bureau member of the Committee for Agriculture with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and as co-chair of the Global Club of Directors of Agricultural Economics Research Institutes and Agencies (AERIAS). Kara has held a wide range of policy roles with the Government of Canada over the course of her career, including: 5 years with Finance Canada working on immigration and homelessness issues; the negotiation of free trade agreements at the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade; as well as various roles at the Treasury Board Secretariat, the Privy Council Office, and Statistics Canada. Kara then joined AAFC in 2007, first as a Regulatory Policy Analyst, then as Chief of Bioeconomy Policy, where she developed broad, collaborative departmental strategies. She joined RAD in 2014 when she took on the position of Director, Economic and Industry Analysis where she re-discovered her academic roots in economics. Kara holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hons.) in economics and business from the University of Winnipeg and a Master of Arts from Dalhousie University.



international organizations such as the African Development Bank, Ivory Coast and International Trade Centre, Switzerland. Kwaku will oversee the MSc thesis award selection process as part of the Awards Committees and will also bring his experience to the Publications Committee.

COUNCILLOR: KATHRYN FORRESTER



Kathryn is an Economist at AAFC in the Economic Market Analysis unit in the Research and Analysis Directorate. She completed her MSc. Agricultural Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. She works on economic modelling and scenario analysis for the livestock industry. Kathryn will manage the CAES Twitter feed as part of the Communications Committee and bring fresh ideas serving the Membership Committee.

COUNCILLOR: SIMON DESSUREAULT



Simon is a Policy Analyst in the Animal Sector Policy Division at AAFC mainly working on dairy policy files. Prior to joining AAFC, he was the Senior Advisor, Policy and Economics, for the Dairy Processors Association of Canada. From 2007 to 2016, Simon has held various managerial positions in the food processing industry related to marketing, business development, and exports. Prior to joining the food manufacturing industry, he worked for the George Morris Centre, an agri-food economic research institute based in Guelph, Ontario. Simon received a Bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics from Laval University and a Master's in Agricultural Economics (Food Business Economics) from the University of Guelph. His graduate research project was awarded *Outstanding M.Sc. Thesis in Food Distribution & Marketing* receiving the Applebaum Award (2007) from the Food Distribution Research Society based in the United States. Simon will serve on the Program Committee, where he looks forward to contributing to successful annual conferences. He will also bring his perspectives to the Publications Committee.

COUNCILLOR: SYLVANUS KWAKU AFESORGBOR



Kwaku is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE) at the University of Guelph. Previously, he was a postdoctoral researcher at the Tuborg Research Centre for Globalization and Firms of Aarhus University, Denmark, as

well as a Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of European University Institute, Florence, Italy. His research and teaching experiences are in the areas of international political economy, globalization and development, impact evaluation and applied econometrics, international trade, food and development, and gender economics. He also consults occasionally for

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2018-2019

President: Brady Deaton

Past President: Peter Boxall

President-Elect: Kara Beckles

Treasurer: Martin Beaulieu

Secretary: Alyssa Walpole

Executive Director: Valerie Johnson

Councillors: Mohammad Khakbazan, Bertrand Montel, Bruce Phillips, Peter Slade, Richard Vyn, Pascal Ghazalian, Kathryn Forrester, Simon Dessureault, Sylvanus Kwaku Afesorgbor

CJAE Editors: Wuyang Hu, Sean Cash, Sébastien Pouliot, Getu Hailu

THANKS TO OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS!

We are indebted to the following board members for their dedication to the society over the past three years:

We greatly appreciate **Alan Ker** for his many accomplishments over the past three years during his tenure in the presidential cycle. Alan raised the most sponsorship funding ever for the policy conference! While his year as President has come to an end, **Peter Boxall** will continue in his role as CAES Past-President, which include



chairing and organizing the 2019 Policy Conference, acting as Foundation President, and several other duties. We are glad Peter is on the board for another year!

Two councillors are owed an enormous debt of thanks: **Henry An**, who served as Chair of the Program Committee, and **Julieta Frank**, who served as Chair of the Awards Committee. It is the hard work

and dedication of councillors such as Henry and Julieta that keep the society moving forward. We would like to thank departing members of the editorial board, **Sven Anders, Elwin Smith, Ken Belcher and Julieta Frank** and the **many reviewers** who took time out of their busy schedules. The willingness of these individuals to serve the CJAE has improved the quality of papers appearing in the journal and enhanced its reputation as a leading outlet for scholarly research.

CONGRATULATIONS 2018 AWARD WINNERS

The 2018 Annual Awards Banquet took place on July 28 as a part of the 2018 one-day pre-conference event of the ICAE 2018. Meet the 2018 award winners below!

Undergraduate Book Prizes

- Kasha Foster, University of British Columbia
- Kyle Wheeler, University of Alberta
- Connor Morse, Dalhousie University
- Amanda Norris, University of Guelph
- Laura Morissette, Université Laval
- Darcy Juhar, University of Lethbridge
- Micheline Le Heiget, University of Manitoba
- Steven Paolitto, McGill University
- Brandi Guidinger, University of Saskatchewan



Amanda Norris (left) accepts her Book Prize

Undergraduate Book Prize Awards are given to outstanding undergraduate students in agricultural, food, resource and environmental economics, farm management or a closely related field of study.

Outstanding Master's Thesis

The Outstanding Master's Thesis Award recognizes excellence in the Master's program and encourages the study of agricultural economics, resource economics and farm management at the Master's level.



Zhenhua Sun (left) accepts his award

WINNER: ZHENHUA SUN

for the thesis: "Differentiating the Effects of Risk-Aversion and Overconfidence among Agricultural Enterprises" supervised by Ying (Jessica) Cao and Alfons Weersink, Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Guelph

Reviewer Comments:

The thesis is an original and cutting-edge piece of research which has high significance for the field of agricultural economics. The thesis contributes to both the theoretical and empirical literature by disentangling the effects of overconfidence and risk-aversion

on businesses. More interestingly, the findings show that overconfidence and risk aversion can have offsetting impacts on market behavior. The findings can be generalized to other contexts of decision-making under uncertainty.

HONOURABLE MENTION: STEPHEN BRUCE

for the thesis: "Economics of Beneficial Management Practices Adoption by Beef Producers in Southern Alberta" supervised by Scott Jeffrey, Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology, University of Alberta

Publication of Enduring Quality

This award is conferred to a CAES member whose publication (in the CJAE or elsewhere) has had a significant impact on Agricultural, Environmental or Resource Economics in Canada and has been available for 10 years or more. Entries are judged on the enduring quality of their effect on agricultural, environmental and resource economics in Canada. We received three nominations this year. It was a close contest but ultimately only one winner could be selected.

WINNING PUBLICATION: Atakelty Hailu and Terrence Veeman

Non-parametric Productivity Analysis with Undesirable Outputs: An Application to the Canadian Pulp and Paper Industry. American Journal of Agricultural Economics 83 (3): 605-616 (August 2001)

Comments about the Article: This article has stood the test of time and makes both a substantive conceptual modeling contribution that can be applied in many different contexts, as well as a useful industry set of measures that continue to be referenced. It is regularly cited (Scopus: 246 times) including 10 new citations already in 2018 (2014-33, 2015-30, 2016-39, 2017-44) and has also been cited in a broad range of outlets; journals of forestry, policy, economics, agricultural economics, resource and environmental economics, operations research, and agricultural science; and prestigious outlets like the Handbook of Research on Strategic Performance Management and Measurement Using Data Envelopment Analysis.

Outstanding CJAE Article

This award recognizes achievement in agricultural economics, resource economics and farm management for articles appearing in the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics in 2018.



Bruno Larue (left) accepts the award on behalf of his co-authors

WINNING ARTICLE:

Bruno Larue, Alphonse Singbo, Sébastien Pouliot

Production Rigidity, Input Lumpiness, Efficiency, and the Technological Hurdle of Quebec Dairy Farms. Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics 65 (4): 613-641 (December 2017)

Comments about the Article:

This is a timely contribution in light of the new round of negotiations over NAFTA and the perceived changes in trade patterns that may follow. The authors conduct a thorough analysis of the current Quebec dairy quota system and provide

specific recommendations on how the quota system can be improved to facilitate more efficiency and make the Quebec dairy sector more competitive.

HONORABLE MENTION:

Alexander Cairns, Tor Tolhurst, Kenneth Poon, Alan P. Ker, Stephen Duff, David Jacques, Lin Yang

The Economic Impact of a Foot-and-Mouth Disease Outbreak for Ontario's Beef Sector. Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics 65 (1): 159-183 (March 2017)



Atakelty Hailu (left) and Terrence Veeman (right) accept their award. Atakelty traveled all the way from Australia to receive his award in person!

Call for CAES Board Members

MISSION

The CAES aims to advance the study, sharing and application of economic theory and methods to help solve society's agricultural, food, resource and environmental issues. It provides opportunities for professional development, association and networking to individuals who are anticipating new challenges and contributing to solving these issues by offering activities that support research excellence, professional development and knowledge exchange.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

The CAES also provides members with opportunities to participate on a deeper level. Members serving on the board of directors shape the future direction of the Society and carry out important activities through different committees. Members serving as editors are invaluable in shaping the intellectual direction of the CJAE. In 2019 two Editors will finish their 3-year terms and we will also need to identify three Councillors and someone to serve as a President-Elect.

HOW ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD SELECTED?

In the case of councillors and the president-elect, a Call for Nominations is sent out (see below). If there are multiple nominations, an election takes place in the spring before the annual meeting. In the absence of nominations, the past-president faces the difficult challenge of finding someone to fill these roles and the candidates who agree to serve are approved by acclamation. In the case of CJAE Editors, the CAES Publications Committee maintains a database of possible candidates to ensure the Editors, as a group, can adequately handle submissions of the topics received.

A NOTE ABOUT DUE DATES

The quality and transparency of our process is enhanced if academic departments as well as affiliated organizations actively consider individuals to nominate/suggest for these positions throughout the year. Through its journal, newsletter and annual events, the CAES advances knowledge, provides a signal of quality for faculty and other members, and enhances the capacity of its members to provide leadership to the field of agricultural economics in Canada. For this reason, we will accept nominations at any time for individuals to serve President-Elect and/or Councillor. We are also interested in hearing from you with your suggestions for CJAE Editors. We urge you to consider nominating yourself or others for consideration. And to have discussions regarding nominations from your organization on an ongoing basis.

HOW TO SUBMIT NOMINATIONS

You can send your nominations for the 2019 President-Elect and Councillors, and suggestions for future Editors, at **any time but no later than March 1, 2019** to our Executive Director, Valerie Johnson, at valerie@caes-scae.ca. Nominations will not be made public without consent of the nominated individuals unless they stand for election.

CALL FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT 2019-2020

The Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) is soliciting candidates for President-Elect (term 2019–2020). The President-Elect serves on the Board of Directors of both the CAES and the CAEFM Foundation and often selects the location of the annual meeting over which s/he will preside as president. At minimum the President-Elect also participates as a member of the Finance and Executive committees. The President-Elect fills the duties of the President if s/he is not available.

The President-Elect will go on to serve as CAES President (2020–2021). The CAES President is the CEO of the Society, Chair of the CAES Board, and member of the CAEFM Board. The president is responsible for implementing the strategic plans and policies of the Society, with help from the board, and general supervision of Society's affairs. With approval of the board of directors the president appoints the members of all standing committees and subcommittees and authorizes and convenes meetings of the Society, and board of directors when necessary. S/he also chairs the Publications, Finance, and Executive committees, and selects the Fellows Address presenter.

The CAES President will go on to serve as Past-President (2021–2022). The CAES Past-President is responsible for the program of the annual policy conference, chairs the Nominations and Resolutions committees, and may fill the duties of the President and/or President-Elect if s/he is not available.

CALL FOR COUNCILLORS

The Canadian Agricultural Economics Society (CAES) is soliciting candidates to fill three seats on the Board of Directors as

Councillors. Terms will be served from 2019-2022. Councillors carry out the work of the various standing committees including Communications, Membership, Awards, Publications, and Annual Meeting Program.

Committees have leeway within the Bylaws of the Society to determine the best course of action in carrying out their duties.

Call for Nominations – Awards

The CAES recognizes the outstanding contributions of its members through its awards program. The program inspires professional excellence among students, early career professionals, and experienced members. Winners are selected on the basis of their achievements and awarded at the Annual Meeting during the Annual Awards Banquet. The awards program is funded by the CAEFM Foundation. **All awards nominations must be received by March 1, 2019.**

CAES FELLOWS

With its Fellows Award the CAES recognizes excellence in performance demonstrating continuous distinguished contributions to the advancement of agricultural or resource economics and substantial contributions to institution building and the Canadian agricultural and resource economics profession. Naming a CAES Fellow is an important task that all CAES members should participate in at some point during their careers. Do you have someone in mind who is not already on the Fellows' list? If so, please do your part to keep the CAES vibrant and to ensure that those with distinguished careers are properly recognized. Get started now rather than rushing around at the last minute trying to complete the nomination. Maybe this is the year that you should get involved with the nomination process! **Send your nominations to valerie@caes-scae.ca by March 1, 2019**

PUBLICATION OF ENDURING QUALITY

The CAES is accepting nominations for the prestigious Publication of Enduring Quality Award. Publications that qualify include books, articles within books, and journal articles. Send us your nominations of publications that have had a significant impact on agricultural, food and resource economics that are at least 10 years old. Please take a moment to write down why this publication has been, and continues to be, important. That's all it takes to complete the nomination! It is important to celebrate our accomplishments and nominating a colleague is an excellent way to both celebrate and let others know about the exciting research that happens within our profession. **Send your nominations to valerie@caes-scae.ca by March 1, 2019.**

OUTSTANDING MASTER'S THESIS

The Society is accepting nominations of formally written theses at the Master's level that demonstrate exceptional quality with respect to the subject matter of the research as well as the way the research has been conducted. The jury will attach importance to both an original approach and insight; the relevance of the research to a scientific understanding of the issues covered; the significance of the thesis in relation to issues in agricultural economics; and its interest for the public. **The theses must have been completed in 2018.** Nominations will be accepted from agricultural economics and related social science disciplines. Each submission requires a written nomination by the Chair of the Department, Graduate Program Chair or equivalent officer. The internal institutional selection processes are the responsibility of the endorsing official. Each institution may submit up to two nominations for the award and must provide two reviewers who agree to be part of the reviewer pool for all theses. **Submit nominations to Sylvanus Kwaku Afesorgbor at safesorg@uoguelph.ca by March 1, 2019.**

Save the Date!

9TH ANNUAL CANADIAN AGRI-FOOD POLICY CONFERENCE

Linking Agriculture with the Environment

February 13-15, 2019
Chateau Laurier, Ottawa, ON

Workshops, Keynotes, Sessions, Socials

- Behavioural Economics
- Evaluation of Agri-Environmental Policies and Programs
- Agriculture and Wetland Conservation
- Natural Capital in Agriculture
- Climate Change Mitigation/Adaptation at the Farm Level
- Agri-Environmental Policy: Carrots, Sticks and Nudges
- Beneficial Management Practices (BMP) Adoption
- Land Use – Land Use Change and Fragmentation
- The Environmental Farm Plan

Pre-Conference Workshop

Wednesday, February 13, 2019

Climate Change Mitigation in Canadian Agriculture: Integrating Recent Farm Behaviour Research into Policy

Participants will learn about the findings of an extensive social scientific research project exploring opportunities and barriers to climate change mitigation on Canadian farms. The project focused on beef and grain producers in Alberta, but the findings have broader implications for other Canadian regions and agricultural sectors. Participants will then engage in knowledge-sharing discussions intended to identify ways to integrate the findings from this and other research projects on farmer behaviour into policy, and prioritize future directions for research, and science-policy relations.

Annual Agri-Food Policy Poster Competition – Call for Posters

You are invited to prepare posters around the theme of “Agri-Environmental Policy and Programs” for presentation at the 9th Annual Canadian Agri-Food Policy Conference. **The poster competition will take place during the wine and cheese reception on Thurs, Feb 14, 2019.**

Opportunities for Finalists: The top three finalists present their research in front of the audience for 3 min on Fri, Feb 15. The top presenter will win a trip to the 2019 CAES Annual Meeting in Ottawa from July 9-12, 2019. Cash prizes will be awarded to 2nd and 3rd place.

How to Submit: Abstracts should be submitted in **Word** format and include the title, name(s) and affiliation(s) of all author(s) and the supervisor(s) (if applicable) and indicate which author will be present. Email **abstracts** to valerie@caes-scae.ca by **January 7**. Posters submissions will be accepted for participation in the contest provided the presenter is registered for the conference by **January 11**.

Preparation: Prepare posters for a **non-academic audience**. Focus on **policy implications** of your research. Abstracts will be distributed to conference attendees. Posters to be pinned up should no more than **4 feet high x 3 feet wide**.

After the Contest: Provide a PDF of your poster for the conference website to valerie@caes-scae.ca. You may submit their posters to **AgEcon Search** after the winners are announced.

Save the Dates!

2019 CAES Annual Meeting July 9-12, 2019

- ✓ Special Plenary sessions
- ✓ Selected Paper sessions
- ✓ Organized Symposia
- ✓ Annual Awards Banquet
- ✓ Learning Workshop
- ✓ Job Fair
- ✓ And more!



Graduate Student Job Fair July 11, 2019, Lord Elgin Hotel, Ottawa



What is the value of this opportunity to employers? Organizations will have an opportunity to meet and interview a select group of 15-30 highly skilled potential employees with a graduate level background in economics and knowledge of issues related to food, agriculture, natural resources and the environment. Information about the candidates will be provided to registered employers who will be welcome to interact with candidates in advance of the Annual Meeting.

What is the value of this opportunity to students? Students will have an opportunity to meet with potential employers and learn more about their organizations. Many students will have an opportunity to have meaningful one-on-one interviews. Some organizations may be in a position to hire “on the spot.”

Information and Registration: Further details about the job fair and how to register will be made available on the CAES website in the coming months.

Stay Tuned!!

CONFERENCE VENUE

Lord Elgin Hotel Ottawa Ontario

2017 Grand Prize Winner, Ottawa Tourism
2017 Star of the City & Star Team Award

Steps from:

- National Arts Centre
- Shaw Centre
- Confederation Park (all season festivals)
- Rideau Centre (Over 180 Shops)
- Rideau Canal
- Parliament Hill
- Sparks Street Mall (Canada's largest pedestrian mall)
- National Gallery of Canada
- Byward Market (prime entertainment area)
- Elgin Street (restaurant row)

Job Fair Itinerary

8:00-8:30: Registered graduate students and registered employers check in.

9:00-10:00: Meet and greet over coffee and snacks. This is an opportunity for potential employers and job fair candidates to meet informally and chat over coffee.

10:00-12:00: Potential employers will set up at information booths and meet with job fair candidates as they circulate in the room.

13:00-17:00: Employers interview selected job fair candidates. This period will be dedicated to one-on-one interviews between job fair candidates and participating employers as identified by the potential employers.

2018–2019 EDITORIAL TEAM**Editors**

Wuyang Hu	University of Kentucky
Getu Hailu	University of Guelph
Sean Cash	Tufts University
Sébastien Pouliot	Iowa State University

Editorial Coordinator

Valerie Johnson

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SUBMIT A POLICY PAPER!

The journal accepts policy papers and thought pieces that address contemporary issues in Canadian agriculture, food, resource or environmental policies faced by policymakers, to provide policy-relevant analysis of these issues in a timely manner to advisers in business organizations and governments, and policy researchers in private institutions and universities. These papers may cover global, regional, national, or even local topics. Issues of wider policy significance to international agencies, governments, public and private sector entities, local communities and nongovernmental organizations are also relevant. Read the Author Guidelines by clicking the “Contribute” button on the journal’s home page on WOL (www.wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/cjag) to find out more.

NEW DESIGN FORMAT

For the vast majority of journals, designs and style sheets have not changed in many years. Although journals have moved online, typesetting practice continues to match the traditional print layout. The move to a web-first publishing approach is expected to reduce the time from submission to publication and provide improved service to authors. Look out for the journal’s new design in the 2018 Special Issue.

TWEET ABOUT YOUR WORK!

Spread the news about your research through the CAES Twitter feed. The Ag, Resource, Food and Environmental economics community has taken to Twitter and conversations abound!

Create a Tweet for your newly published article and email it to cjae@caes-scae.ca. We’ll post it from the CAES Twitter account. Or you can tag #CJAE and/or CAES_AgEcon and we’ll retweet it. We are 800 followers strong and growing daily!

2018 SPECIAL ISSUE**Food Consumption and Marketing in Canada, the US and China: An Intertwined System**

Editors: Wuyang Hu (Ohio State University) and Sven Anders (University of Alberta)

Canada’s two largest trade partner countries, the United States and China, account for well over 70% of Canada’s total trade value in both exports and imports. Given the recent significant economic, social and political changes taking place in these countries, it is important to understand the implications of these changes to the agriculture and food sector in Canada. This special issue is dedicated to topics related to food consumption, consumer behaviour, and food marketing. Several papers that will appear in the special issue are already posted in Early View. Get a jump on the issue by reading these articles on EV – click on the “Browse” button on the journal home page on WOL: www.wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/cjag

COPYEDITING AND PUBLISHING: A NEW REALITY

The publishing world is changing at a mindboggling pace. In the race to meet demand for rapid publication times, quality can suffer. Authors need to be aware that the major journal publishers have changed their approach to copyediting in order to get things online faster and at lower cost. Journal editors usually do not see a paper again after it is accepted and goes to production; it is therefore up to authors to make sure that the final published paper is clearly and properly communicating your work. Be sure your accepted paper does not become collateral damage by thoroughly checking your proofs before signing off on them.

REMEMBER TO SIGN UP FOR FREE CONTENT ALERTS!

Keep abreast of new research. Receive an email notice when a new article has been posted to the journal website on Wiley Online Library (WOL). It’s free and takes only seconds to sign up. Go to the CJAE homepage on WOL (www.wileyonlinelibrary.com/journal/cjag), click the “Get content alerts” button on the right. Enter your username and password or click “New User” to create an account. Follow the prompts and you’re done!

DONATE TO THE CAEFM FOUNDATION

Did you know that as a member of the CAES you are also automatically a member of the Canadian Agricultural Economics & Farm Management Foundation (the Foundation)? The purpose of the Foundation is to advance education in agricultural economics (or a related specialty) with reference to the Canadian economy. You are likely aware that the Foundation funds several awards and travel assistance to students, and that it accepts donations on the membership form, but there are many other activities in its mandate:

- Provide scholarships, bursaries, and other forms of financial assistance;
- Establish academic chairs and lectureships to encourage and improve the study, interpretation and knowledge in the field;
- Promote research and knowledge discovery for educational purposes that is non-partisan and can be made public;
- Advance knowledge and science in the field and in related subjects and disciplines as well as provide support and maintenance of learned societies and scientific institutions;
- Acquire, solicit or receive by donation, legacy, gift, grant, bequest or otherwise funds or any goods in any form to further its purpose.

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Consider donating to the Foundation when you renew your membership! We are asking members to donate to the Foundation when circumstances allow. Even a small donation from each member would both provide direct financial support to the above activities, and, increase the capital base so that its investments can further increase income to pay for these activities. Donations of \$25 or more receive an official tax receipt.

AAFC NEWS

Productivity Account for Canadian Agriculture (PACA) is now available in the Government's Open Data Portal

The AAFC Productivity Account for Canadian Agriculture (PACA) is an annual time-series database, covering the years 1961-2011, that is comprised of price index and constant dollar implicit quantity series for gross output and input aggregates. The data are defined at the national level only – i.e. for the whole of Canada.

Output produced by Canadian agriculture is aggregated using price and quantity data for 57 crop outputs, 13 livestock outputs and three miscellaneous outputs (custom work, rented land services and forest products).

Input aggregation using price indexes and constant dollar implicit quantities is done for capital, labour, land and intermediate materials and services. The capital series includes buildings, farm machinery transportation equipment along with livestock breeding capital. The labour input includes hired labour, operator labour and unpaid family labour. The land input includes owned and rented land for farming. The intermediate materials/services include all purchased inputs and services and within sector uses of feed and seed.

Data for individual commodities and input categories are constructed using various CANSIM tables, data from Census of Agriculture and special requested data and publications from Statistics Canada.

These data are used to estimate a total factor productivity (TFP) index for Canadian agriculture, which is the ratio of total gross output to total input, where both output and input are constant dollar implicit quantities. Average growth in the TFP index, referred to as TFP growth, can be estimated using a variety of methods using the output and input numbers. The database can also be useful to address other research questions.

For the database, the guide and other related documentation, please go to the following link:

<https://open.canada.ca/data/en/dataset/6adaeb1f-438b-4d74-b72b-d1b554f3a316>.

Questions? Deepananda Herath at Deepananda.herath@canada.ca
Samuel Bonti-Ankomah at Samuel.Bonti-Ankomah@canada.ca



DEPARTMENT NEWS

- **Dr. Sven Anders** was promoted to Full Professor as of July 2018.
- **Dr. Brent Swallow** was an invited Speaker at the Land Use Conference on May 30, 2018.
- **Dr. Vic Adamowicz** was a keynote speaker at the 25th Ulvön Conference on Environmental Economics in collaboration with Workshop on Non-Market Valuation (WONV) 2018, June 19-21, 2018, Ulvön, Sweden.

VISITORS AND SPEAKERS

- September 20, 2018 - Brown Bag, **Xiaonan Chen**, Assistant Professor, College of Economics and Management, Northwest A&F University, China, "*Do the migrants benefit from the ecological migration policy? Evidence from Northwest China using a structural equation modeling approach*".
- September 21st, 2018 - Department Seminar, **David P. Brown**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Alberta, "*Imperfect Competition and Renewable Capacity Investment in Restructured Electricity Markets: The Role of Renewable Compensation Policies*".
- September 27th, 2018 - Brown Bag, **Brenda Parlee**, Associate Professor, Dept of REES, "*One Hundred Years of Change in Freshwater Ecosystems - Insights from Local and Traditional Knowledge in the Mackenzie-Mekong-Amazon Basins*".
- September 28th, 2018 - Department Seminar, **Emilson Silva**, Professor, Alberta School of Business, University of Alberta, "*International Carbon Tax competition under Preemptive and Reactive Environmental Research Joint Ventures*".
- October 11th, 2018 - Brown Bag, **Tony Odoemena**, Sessional Lecturer, Faculty of Management, Concordia University of Edmonton, "*An Introduction to System Dynamic Modelling in Sustainability Analysis*".
- October 12th, 2018 - Department Seminar: **David Pannell**, Professor, Director of Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy, UWA School of Agriculture and Environment, University of Western Australia, "*The Design of Effective Agri-Environment Schemes*".
- October 19th, 2018 - **Corinne Langinier**, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, University of Alberta, "*Green Technology and Patents in the Presence of Green Consumers*".
- November 16th, 2018 - Department Seminar, **Lukas Roth**, Associate Professor, Alberta School of Business, University of Alberta, "*Entrenched Insiders and Corporate Sustainability (ESG): How Much Does the "G" Matter for "E" and "S" Performance Around the World?*"
- November 2nd, 2018 - Department Seminar, **Dana Anderson**, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, *title and more details to come*.
- November 23rd, 2018 - Department Seminar, **Nicholas Rivers**, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Climate and Energy Policy, University of Ottawa, *Title to be determined*.
- December 7th, 2018 - Department Seminar, **Barry Goodwin**, Professor, North Carolina State University, "*Semi-Parametric Generalized Additive Vector Autoregressive Models of Spatial Price Dynamics*."

STUDENT NEWS

Congratulations to successfully defended theses!

- **Micki Baydack** (MSc): Social-ecological reclamation in the Northwest Territories: A framework for healing human-caribou relations.
- **Jiaping Fan** (MSc): Canada's Beef Cattle Industry: Exchange Rates, Price Pass-Through and Feedlot Profitability Under Different Production Systems
- **Anna Kauffman** (MSc): Investigating the use of Reverse Auctions for Restorable Wetlands on the Prairies
- **Stephanie Le** (MSc): Greenhouse gas emissions and the technical efficiency of Alberta dairy farms: What are the trade-offs?
- **Shuo Wang** (MSc): Productivity and Technology Adoption in the Alberta Forest Sector

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News from February 2018 – September 2018

SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

We are pleased to announce that the 10th Daryl F. Kraft Lecture will be delivered by **Dr. Daniel A. Sumner**, the Frank H. Buck, Jr. Distinguished Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Davis. The lecture will be delivered October 24th at 4-5 pm. Room 172, 66 Dafoe Road Winnipeg. Current President of CAES, **Dr. Brady Deaton** presented the 9th Daryl F. Kraft Lecture last fall. Our Past Department Seminars and Workshops are available at: <http://umanitoba.ca/faculties/afs/seminars/index.html>.

STAFF AND STUDENTS NEWS

Dr. Ryan Cardwell was awarded the Faculty's Teaching Award of Merit as Sponsored by the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture. **Ten new M.Sc.** students joined the Department in the fall of 2018. Another 3 have deferred to January 2019 to start. **Dr. Julieta Frank** is back from her Research leave as of July 1, 2018.

SUCCESSFUL DEFENSES (Feb. – Aug. 2018)

Yanlin Dan – "Effects of Soil Quality on Farmland Prices in Manitoba" (M.Sc. Thesis). Advisor: Jared Carlberg

Liting Yi – "The causal relations among economic growth, export and import in China" (M.Sc. Comprehensive Research paper). Advisor: Barry Coyle

Christopher Falofum – "Economic Analysis of Cassava Output Supply in Nigeria" (M.Sc. Comprehensive Research paper). Advisor: Barry Coyle

Tao Wang – "The Impact of Crop Return on the Likelihood of Habitat Protection: the Case of Manitoba" (M.Sc. Thesis). Advisor: Chad Lawley

Irma Irie – "The Demand for Processed Meat in Canada" (M.Sc. Thesis). Advisor: Derek Brewin

Tijani Bio Abdul-Salam – "an Empirical Model of Rice Supply Response in Ghana" (M.Sc. Comprehensive Research paper). Advisor: Barry Coyle

Patrick Ndolo – "Farmland Values and Conservation Activity in Manitoba" (M.Sc. Thesis). Advisor: Chad Lawley

Samuel Darko – "Analysing the Import Demand of Fresh fruits in Canada" (M.Sc. Comprehensive Research paper). Advisor: Julieta Frank

Fariba Rad – "Detecting and Measuring Financial Market Bubbles" (M.Sc. Thesis). Advisor: Milton Boyd

Guelph, passed away on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018. Sandy's leadership and academic contributions have had a profound impact on our discipline. He has been a good friend and invaluable mentor to many. He will be dearly missed. Please see the tribute by Karl Meilke on page 15.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

- **John Cranfield**, Associate Dean (External Relations), Ontario Agricultural College
- **Andreas Boecker**, Interim Chair

APPOINTMENT CHANGES

- **Getu Hailu**, Professor

HONORARY POSITIONS

- **Brady Deaton**, President, Canadian Agricultural Economics Society, 2018-2019

AWARDS

- **Yu Na Lee**, AAEA, Honourable Mention, Outstanding Dissertation Award
- **Zhenhua Sun**, CAES, Outstanding MSc Thesis Award, and NAREA, Outstanding MSc Thesis Award
- **Alan Ker**, CAES, Honourable Mention, Outstanding *CJAE* Article Award
- **Brady Deaton**, received the OAC Alumni Distinguished Extension Award (see box at right)
- **Undergraduate Student Case Study team** placed first at the International Food and Agri-Business Management Association (IFAMA) student case competition in June in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The team consisted of food and agricultural business students Michelle Ragany and Hayden Fox, and biology and psychology student Sarah Preston.
- **Dr. Larry Martin**, a past professor in the University of Guelph's Department of Agricultural Economics and Business (now the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics) has been named a Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame 2018 inductee. Dr. Martin is a CAES Fellow (2003) and former CAES President (2000-2001)

OBITUARY: T.K. (Sandy) Warley, former Chair of the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of

OAC Alumni Distinguished Extension Award



Prof Brady Deaton receives the Distinguished Extension Award recognizing his effective extension efforts outside the classroom.

Since joining the University of Guelph in 2004, Dr. Deaton has worked tirelessly to extend his reach of knowledge related to contemporary food, agricultural and resource issues. His extension program is a natural extension of his own research. These extension activities focus on three pillars: stakeholder engagement related to farmland valuation; engagement with the lay public on agriculture and food related issues through public media; and a podcast series, entitled FARETalk, that addresses contemporary issues in the food, agricultural and resource space.

One of his colleagues said of Brady, "Brady is exceptionally talented at bringing his knowledge and expertise to bear on debate related to food, agricultural and resources issues of relevance to various stakeholders. His innovative use of podcasts, continual stream of lay articles, and stakeholder engagement around farmland valuation and food security issues helps him stand out in terms of impact outside academia."

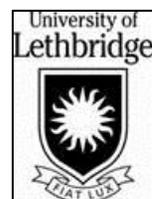
FROM AROUND THE WEB

In a recent podcast at:

<https://www.uoguelph.ca/fare/institute/podcasts#worldgrain>
Dr. Pat Westhoff and Dr. Brady Deaton discuss **future food security** in the context of his observations of the last 35 years. Their empirical focus is on world grain and oil seed markets. They tackle meaningful issues like Dr. Westhoff's observation that, "Chinese demand and biofuel production account for the entire net increase in world per-capita grain and oilseed consumption since 1980."

Mike von Massow wrote a piece about the:

NAFTA negotiations and the sticking points between Canada and the US. He highlights dispute settlement and supply management for milk. The piece was originally published at the conversation.com - <https://theconversation.com/the-two-key-issues-on-the-table-to-bring-canada-back-into-nafta-102545> - but was picked up at msn.com and other outlets.



FACULTY: Dr. Duane Rockerbie became chair of the Economics Department on July 1, replacing Dr. Richard Mueller who completed a three-year term. **Dr. Ali Kamar** began a 12-month study leave on July 1.

STUDENTS: During the Fall 2018 semester, we welcomed five new graduate students in the M.A. program in Economics: Annabella Ansah, Johura Begum, Josephine Essilfie, Nathir Haimoun and Wooyoung Lee. Recent graduates from the program include: Mohammed Abubakari, Mohammad Hammoud and Prince Opoku Ware.

EVENTS: The University of Lethbridge and Lethbridge College are co-hosting the fourth annual **Cor Van Raay Agribusiness Case Competition** on October 26-27. The event is designed for students from Lethbridge College, the University of Lethbridge and other post-secondary institutions – including yours! Participants can be in any year of study and from a range of disciplines, including agricultural studies, economics, commerce and business programs. More info can be found here:

<https://www.uleth.ca/dhillon/student-experience/student-professional-development/case-competitions/cor-van-raay-agribusiness-competition>



MFRE

Dr. Kelleen Wiseman has recently replaced Dr. George Kennedy as Academic Director of the Masters of Food and Resource Economics (MFRE) program at the University of British Columbia. Dr. Kennedy was instrumental in creating the MFRE program, which is now in its 10th year and continues to grow in size and scope.



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ACADEMIC NEWS

- **Position Available:** The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Saskatchewan is recruiting for an **Assistant Professor in Applied Economics (tenure-track)**. Areas of interest include agricultural and applied economics or regional economics. The successful applicant will actively participate in the new PhD program in Applied Economics at the University of Saskatchewan through course delivery and graduate student supervision and will hold a primary appointment (70%) with the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics and a secondary appointment (30%) in the Department of Economics. Further information and instructions on the application procedure are available at <http://www.caes.usask.ca/careers/index.php>
- **Dr. David Natcher** was appointed as the Canadian representative to the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC). The IASC is an international scientific organization that facilitates international cooperation in all aspects of Arctic research. Overall, the IASC supports leading-edge multi-disciplinary research in order to foster a greater scientific understanding of the Arctic region and its role in the Earth system. Appointed in 2018, he will represent Canada through 2022, with a possible 4-year renewal.
- The department welcomes its newest faculty member, **Dr. Patrick Lloyd-Smith**, who joined the department in January 2018. (See profile in box at right.)
- **Dr. Eric Micheels** was awarded Tenure April 2018.
- **Dr. Stuart Smyth** was awarded Tenure April 2018
- **Dr. William (Bill) Brown** returned from Administrative Sabbatical July 1st, 2018.
- **Dr. Richard Gray** returned from Sabbatical July 1st, 2018
- **Dr. Hayley Hessel** was interviewed and received numerous civic awards and accolades for an incredible rescue of a woman that had fallen into the icy waters on the South Saskatchewan River, <https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local-news/what-if-somebody-hadnt-come-along-its-just-too-scary-to-think-about-university-professor-recalls-harrowing-river-rescue>
- **Emeritus, Dr. Rose Olfert** received the Continuing Contribution Award at the USRA Awards banquet in October 2018. The USRA (University of Saskatchewan Retirees Association) created this award in early 2016 to recognize and express appreciation to persons who have retired from academic, scholarly, extension or administrative work at the University, but have continued to make research, scholarly, artistic or service contributions at an

exceptional level. Such contributions may not have been recognized by international, national, provincial or local bodies, but have substantially benefitted the university and society.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEWS

- **Yang Yang**- PhD received the 2018 Richardson-Applebaum Scholarship Award for Best Ph.D. Dissertation (defended April 2018) titled "Deconstructing Public Perceptions of Novel Food Technologies: Human Values and Information Communication Technologies" Dr. Yang flew to Washington, DC where she received recognition and presented her research at the 2018 FDRS Annual Conference September 14-18, 2018.
- The department welcomes, visiting graduate exchange student, **Kaan Okay-PhD (Turkey)**. Kaan will attend classes with the rest of the ARE students for the 2018-19 term.

Ph.D. DEFENCES

- **Yang Yang** (supervisor, J. Hobbs) Deconstructing Public Perceptions of Novel Food Technologies: Human Values and Information Communication Strategies (defended April 3rd, 2018)
- **Seyed Hamzeh Hosseini Pozveh** (supervisor, R. Gray) Governance Under Uncertainty: Task Assignment in Producer Controlled Organizations (defended November 7th, 2017)

M.Sc. DEFENCES

- **Madeline Turland** (supervisor, P. Slade) Farmers' willingness to participate in a big data sharing program: A study of Saskatchewan grain farmers. (defended July 24th, 2018)
- **Francis Abayateye** (supervisor, T. Skolrud) Environmental Regulation Stringency and U.S. Agriculture. (defended July 20th, 2018)
- **Asha Roy** (supervisor, J. Hobbs) Understanding the Status of Social Licence: Adoption of Bt-Brinjal in Bangladesh. (defended April 10, 2018)
- **Mohamed Ergibi** (supervisor, H. Hessel) Awareness and Adoption of Firesmart Canada: Barriers and Incentives. (defended March 26th, 2018)
- **Charles Appiah** (supervisors, E. Micheels/B. Brown) Analysis of Sources of Market Information for Farmers in Saskatchewan. (defended March 9th, 2018)
- **Cosmos Atta** (supervisor, E. Micheels) Identification and Management of Risk in Production Agriculture: The Case of Saskatchewan Grain and Oilseed Farmers (defended Nov. 24th, 2017)



PATRICK LLOYD SMITH joined the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics in January 2018 after receiving his PhD at the University of Alberta. Pat's research focuses on water and resource economics. His research addresses incorporating water risk perceptions into choice models, assessing the validity of stated preference methods and improving the behavioural realism of recreation demand models. Pat also joins the interdisciplinary Global Institute for Water Security where he will contribute his economics expertise into ongoing work modelling Canada's water future.

John Caldwell (1950 – 2018)

John Caldwell passed away after a short illness on September 16, 2018. John, who graduated with a Masters in Agricultural Economics from the University of Alberta, as well as being a Chartered Professional Accountant, made a very significant contribution to agricultural finance and policy during his 30-year career at Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada (AAFC).

John started his career during the early 1980s when Canadian farms were being severely impacted by record high interest rates. In response to this farm financial crisis, the first farm financial survey was undertaken by Statistics Canada with funds from Farm Credit Corporation and AAFC. John played a key role in undertaking financial analysis of the survey which was critical to policy makers at the time.

Due to the important information provided by the first financial survey, AAFC decided to fund a farm financial survey on an ongoing basis. During his 30-year career with AAFC, John was the lead AAFC person working with Statistics Canada on designing the survey, as well as undertaking analysis. The survey provided critical information over the years on a number of issues such as low grain prices, countervail issues, BSE and transitional programming.

In addition to being a key source of data for the federal government, the Farm Financial Survey became a critical source of farm financial data for industry, academics and the provinces. During John's career, many individuals and organizations benefitted from working with John on the Farm Financial Survey. John, over the years, was able to highlight the results of the survey with presentations across the country.

In addition to being the key person on the Farm Financial Survey, John mentored many students and junior employees. He was always willing to share his expertise, as well as his passion for agriculture.

John's legacy is that the Farm Financial Survey, after 35 years, still plays a critical role in understanding the Canadian farm financial situation and in policy development. John's legacy is also evident in the ongoing contributions of the many people he mentored during his career.

Murray Hawkins (1930 – 2018)

Sadly, Murray Hawkins, a previous President of the Society and a CAES Fellow, passed away on July 18, 2018 following an unexpected fall. Born in Ontario on August 2, 1930, Murray graduated from the Ontario Agricultural



College in 1953. After pursuing work in the field of agricultural marketing, he moved, with his wife Pauline and their young family, to Edmonton in 1961. He obtained the Master's degree from the University of Alberta in 1964 (the first student to complete this graduate degree) in the then recently formed Department. He subsequently pursued an academic career, earning his PhD in 1967 from the Ohio State University and returning to the University of Alberta, initially as Assistant Professor in agricultural marketing until he left the University of Alberta as Professor in 1989, when he accepted a leadership appointment at Curtin University in Perth, Australia. Most recently, Dr. Hawkins was Professor Emeritus in the Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology (REES) at the University of Alberta.

Dr. Hawkins was an important member of the REES academic family, as a highly appreciated teacher, mentor, researcher, colleague and friend to many. Included among noteworthy features of his contributions was his role as Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for the 1979 meeting of the International Association of Agricultural Economists (IAAE) in Banff, which brought together delegates from 90 different countries (with record attendance at that time), an activity which reflected Murrays' longstanding interest and participation in the IAAE. Another facet of Murray's contributions arose from his contacts and friendships in industry (the meat industry in particular) which were helpful to the research activities of his students and colleagues. Murray served as President-Elect, President, and Past-President of the Canadian Agricultural Economics and Farm Management Society (CAEFMS, now CAES) beginning in 1985. His contributions to Canadian agricultural economics were recognized by his election as a Fellow of the CAEFMS in 1991.

On his retirement, together with his colleagues and friends, Murray established the Murray Hawkins Graduate Award, initially used to facilitate graduate student travel-related research. This award is currently used to fund prizes for the best presenters in the REES Three Minute Thesis Competition, which the University of Alberta endorses as an important graduate student experience in presenting the results of their research.

Murray Hawkins leaves Pauline, his wife of 64 years, his son Bruce (Rina) and daughter Susan Cadek (Gord), as well as six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four brothers.

Darrell H. Plaunt (1929 – 2018)



Dr. Darrell H. Plaunt passed away in Ottawa on September 7, 2018, at 89 years of age. Raised in eastern and northern Ontario, he earned his B.Sc. at Macdonald College (now part of McGill University), M.S. at the University of Kentucky and Ph.D. at Michigan State University. Having moved from his position as Associate Professor at the Ontario Agricultural College (now University of Guelph) to positions with Agriculture Canada in Ottawa, Dr. Plaunt continued to act on the opportunities he saw to advance the economics of agriculture in Canada. Working with provincial governments and universities in the 1960s he took a number of initiatives that led to the establishment of CANFARM, the farm accounting and planning service of worldwide renown. In 1972 Dr. Plaunt was instrumental in setting up the Small Farm Development Program, a joint federal and provincial program to enable the owners of small uneconomic farm units to attain equality of social and economic opportunity with other Canadians. Darrell played a key role in Project 75, through which Agriculture Canada and its agencies in the early 1970s recruited some 45 highly trained agricultural economists from around the world so as to rapidly enhance the analytical capability of the department. Staying with Agriculture Canada until retirement, Dr. Plaunt contributed to its international activities and worked tirelessly on improving the development and use of many kinds of farm data.

Dr. Darrell Plaunt was President of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society in 1971-72. In 2008 Darrell was inducted into the Canadian Agricultural Hall of Fame. Generous, unassuming, enthusiastic, inspiring – people whose lives he touched always describe him in such terms. Darrell Plaunt will be missed by many, who join his wife, Stina, and his three surviving children in mourning his passing.

Darrell Plaunt – Honouring his Role in Advancing Agricultural Economics in Canada

By Kurt Klein and Lars Brink

Dr. Darrell Plaunt played a major role in the development of three important programs that greatly expanded the funding for agricultural economics in Canada in the 1960s and 1970s. This additional funding made possible the training and hiring of many individuals who continued to make major contributions to agriculture in Canada.

Personal note from Kurt Klein

CANFARM hired me as a summer student to assist farmers in western Canada to learn how to code their farm accounts correctly. The mail-in, computerized accounting system was terribly complicated (certainly not user-friendly) with 5 to 8-digit codes for every type of financial transaction, differing by enterprise codes. But it was novel at the time and convinced many farmers that computerized accounting gave better information for decision making than did an envelope of invoices and receipts in the corner cupboard. Following the summer experience (including my very first “economics” research report), CANFARM provided funding for my Master’s program at the University of Saskatchewan. Later, I was one of the hires in the Project 75 program.

The first of these initiatives was CANFARM. Darrell Plaunt, along with Karl Keeler and Ray Nicholson, made the arguments that led to this significant new service. In addition to its success in getting many Canadian farmers used to computerized accounting, CANFARM hired a large number of recently trained agricultural economists in Canada and gave them critical analytical experience. Many used this experience as a basis for additional contributions to Canadian agriculture.

The second initiative for which Dr. Plaunt was instrumental in gaining support was the Small Farm Development Program. While the program was of great direct importance to agriculture in Canada,

Personal note from Lars Brink

As a graduate student in the United States I was fortunate to meet Dr. Darrell Plaunt, who spent some time at the same university to deepen his understanding of economic modelling. Although I knew about CANFARM from my studies in Sweden, I knew nothing of Dr. Plaunt’s earlier role in establishing CANFARM. Fellow students from Canada filled me in. I was therefore very pleased to start working in the Small Farm Development Program with Dr. Plaunt as my supervisor. Because of his unassuming ways, it was only through my colleagues in Ottawa and provincial field offices that I learnt about Darrell’s role in launching that program. Learning about agriculture in Canada from Darrell Plaunt was a tremendous experience; one could only wish also to have picked up more of his unbridled enthusiasm for what agricultural economists did and do accomplish in Canada and elsewhere.

the injection of new resources into agricultural economics was, in our opinion, of even greater importance. A large group of agricultural economists, many trained at the Master’s level, were hired with funding under this program. Most of them continued to make important contributions to Canadian agriculture long after the demise of the program itself.

The third initiative where Dr. Plaunt had significant involvement in achieving major new resources for agricultural economics in Canada was Project 75. It funded Agriculture Canada’s hiring of many agricultural economists with post-graduate degrees from universities in Canada, the United States, France, Great Britain and elsewhere in 1972-75. This contingent grew into one of the top groups of agricultural economists in Canada, which made many important modeling and analytical advances in support of policy development.

These three notable achievements occurred relatively early in Dr. Plaunt’s career, so many may today be unaware of the important role he played in getting agricultural economics as established in Canada as it is. His legacy to the agricultural economics profession in Canada likely is underappreciated, but the size and dynamism of our profession would be a lot less today if not for the vision, enthusiasm, and hard work of Darrell Plaunt.

T.K. (Sandy) Warley (1930 – 2018)



T. K. (Sandy) Warley passed away at age 88, in Guelph, on September 10, 2018. Sandy was many things: a husband to Anita for 63 years and a father to Stephan and Linda; a Fellow of the CAES; a Professor of Food, Agriculture and Resource Economics; an expert on international agricultural trade; a voracious reader; a master gardener; and a tireless volunteer. Sandy became Chair of the then Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Guelph in 1970. This was a time of rapid change in what is now FARE. During his tenure the department added a Ph.D. program and he facilitated the growth of a fledgling agri-business program that provided general business courses for the entire university. Sandy put his stamp on FARE by hiring seven new faculty – three would become Fellows of the CAES and nearly all had long careers in the department.

Sandy was interested in trade and international relations long before it was fashionable in academia. He followed the Tokyo Round of trade negotiations closely and this led to his 1976 address to the AAEA on international trade relations where he said... "[there] is a growing perception that economic interdependence has its costs as well as its benefits." Sound familiar? Two major economic events framed the 1980's – the CUSTA negotiations and the Uruguay Round of international trade negotiations. Sandy co-authored an influential Economic Council of Canada report in 1982 highlighting the challenges facing Canada's agricultural sector and he was active on the speaking circuit during the heated debate about Canada – US free trade. One story he enjoyed telling, during this time, involved him giving an address at a local Women's Club. As Sandy told it, before his talk an elderly lady using a cane came up to him, shook her cane at him and said, "if you are not against this agreement, I am leaving." Sandy would then chuckle and say, "I wasn't, and she did."

In the 1980's Sandy joined a number of working groups formed by the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium to work on various aspects of the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations. I recall one very long day when myself and a group of ten economists struggled to make sense of a particularly difficult topic. The next morning Sandy presented us with a table that neatly summarized the earlier day's work into various "boxes" that cut through the confusion and made sense. The group easily divided the remaining tasks and broke early for lunch, all thanks to Sandy. As an aside, and perhaps a sign of the times, near Sandy's retirement, in 1991, he told me he had never written a paper someone hadn't asked him to write. I would not suggest this as a career path for a young academic, but it worked for Sandy because of the demand for his writing.

Sandy's most lasting professional contribution is *Agriculture in the GATT: past and future* an important and still timely book he co-authored with long-time friends Tim Josling and Stephan Tangermann. Tim, after hearing of Sandy's passing noted "The passing of Sandy leaves us each with a special feeling of loss. In my case he was both friend and mentor for forty years" and Stephan wrote, "Intellectual giants such as Sandy are a rare species. And people who combine such an intellect with a deep understanding of how the real-world functions, with a broad perspective of the historical background of our culture and institutions, and with an absolutely clear set of values are even rarer. And how Sandy could write!".

As important as Sandy's written work was his largest contribution was in the classroom and in one-on-one discussions. Scott Jeffrey wrote, Professor "Warley is one of the people most responsible for my presence as an academic in a Canadian agricultural economics department..." A fall ritual I witnessed more than once went like this. (This was when the department still had coffee at 10 and 3 and many faculty and graduate students would attend.) Sandy would engage a beginning graduate student in small talk getting to know them better. He would then ask, "What are your research interests?" The newly minted graduate student would often give a short answer like – I am not sure but maybe sugar. Sandy would respond, then you must have read the 1958 report by the FAO on sugar policy and the student would respond – "no". Sandy would follow-up "well I am not sure how you are going to work on sugar without reading that report and I also have five file boxes in my office on sugar that you can collect this afternoon." Later that day you would see a student struggling to carry five jam packed file boxes of essential sugar material.

Sandy read more widely and deeply than most. His intellectual curiosity and impeccable memory survived until the end, in spite of MS robbing him of mobility. As he would say, I am okay from the neck up. So true. Sandy liked a good debate and his friends were not spared his good-natured scolding if he felt they had missed an important point or were on the wrong track. Still, he was a friend who had your back when you needed it. Sandy left a huge mark on FARE, the University of Guelph and all of his academic friends – he will be missed. Sandy was a wonderful writer and it pains me to end by noting that he would, no doubt, have written this far better than I, but his modesty would have kept him from doing so.

Karl Meilke, Professor Emeritus, FARE, University of Guelph. More about Sandy can be found at: <https://necrocanada.com/obituaries-2018/thorald-keithwarley-august-19-1930-september-10-2018/>

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