

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D.	Agricultural Economics	University of Wisconsin	1973
M.S.	Agricultural Economics	University of Wisconsin	1972
B.A.	Political Science	Seattle University	1965

Professional Experience (most significant only)

Oregon State University (1974-Present) ***Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics***. (Assistant Professor 1974-79; Associate Professor 1979-84; Professor since 1984). Responsible for research on poverty, rural labor markets and rural development; teaching graduate/undergraduate courses in the economics of rural development and poverty; and Extension programs in state and local government finance and regional economics

RUPRI Rural Poverty Research Center (October 2002-present) Co-Director

Oregon State University Rural Studies Program Director (February 2003- present); Associate Director (July 2001-January 2003)

U.S. Peace Corps, Rural Community Development Volunteer, Chile, 1965-1967.

Resident Instruction:

AREc 554 Rural Development Economics and Policy (14 times since 1978) plus thirteen other innovative, often-experiential AREc and cross-listed courses including the multi-disciplinary *Poverty in Oregon* (campus and distance ed), *Politics and Policy in Agriculture*, and *Natural Resources, and Endangered Species, Irrigated Agriculture and Rural Communities: The Klamath Basin Case*. His rural development courses at OSU have involved students in conducting and delivering applied regional economic analysis to local community leaders.

Major Professor to 13 graduate students who have completed M.S. and PhD degrees at OSU

Selected Research Projects (last 10 years)

RUPRI Rural Poverty Research Center (OSU PI) The RPRC is one of the three original area poverty research centers supported by the Assistant Secretary of Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The OSU subcontract (\$275,475) has supported research on the causes and consequences of poverty in rural America and analysis of policies to reduce poverty and its negative effects (October 2002 – September 2005)

Low-wage Healthcare Worker Retention and Advancement Demonstration Project (OSU Co-PI) The U.S. Department of Labor is supporting analysis of low income healthcare worker transitions in Oregon (\$35,000) as part of a demonstration project in Linn and Benton counties. (October 2003-June 2005)

Explaining High Levels of Food Insecurity and Hunger in the Pacific Northwest (Co-PI) The Economic Research Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture supported research (\$30,000) on the

extent and causes of hunger in Oregon and Washington under a cooperative agreement with OSU. (August 2002- December 2003)

Oregon Tax Incidence Model (PI) The Oregon Legislature contracted with OSU (\$175,500) to work with the Legislative Revenue Office to develop and maintain a model that is being used by the Legislature to understand the “feedback” effects of a change in taxes on personal income, and the distribution of the tax burden among income classes. (May 2000-June 2003)

The Importance of Place in Welfare Reform: Do Central Cities and Isolated Rural Areas Face Common Challenges, Brookings Institution Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy and Rural Policy Research Institute, \$20,000, (July 2001-August 2002)

From Welfare to Work: The Effectiveness of Policy in Rural Labor Markets (Co-PI) The U.S. Department of Agriculture National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program supported an effort (\$150,000) to understand the role of local labor markets and personal characteristics in explaining the employment and earnings of poor adults in rural and urban commuting zones in Oregon. (July 1997- July 2001)

Since 1974, brought \$1.2 million to OSU in social science research/outreach funding.

Major Extension Programs

Thousands of citizens, federal/state/local policymakers and journalists have learned about three often-neglected and contentious social and economic issues – poverty, hunger, and anti-poverty policy; tax policy; and rural economic vitality – through outreach programs and research-based educational materials:

Rural Poverty, Hunger, and Social Safety Net Policy This effort has focused the attention of federal/state/local policymakers, citizens and journalists on the extent of poverty and hunger in rural areas, and on causes and consequences of rural poverty and hunger. The unique contribution of this effort has been to highlight the critical importance of local economic conditions in successful efforts to reduce poverty and hunger in rural America, based on research conducted with a diverse set of nationally prominent poverty scholars. National policymakers learned about the links between poverty, policy and place in legislative briefings in Congress, and in invited presentations for the officials and advisors of the US Departments of Health and Human Services, Agriculture, and Labor. Oregonians have learned about the extent, causes, and consequences of hunger through invited presentations at the Governor’s 2004 Hunger Summit, to boards at nonprofit organizations, and through interview-based articles in major regional newspapers (including the *Oregonian*, *Salem Statesman-Journal*, and *Eugene Register-Guard*)

State and Local Tax Policy This program helped policymakers and citizens understand the structure, functions, and financing of state and local government. Through legislative testimony, service on legislative and gubernatorial task forces, and collaboration with legislative staff, the impacts of changes in tax policy – particularly the distribution of the impacts of tax changes between rich and poor – have been clarified. Many thousands of Oregonians consulted the Extension circulars and special reports to learn about how the tax system works and how various ballot initiatives would change the burden of taxation. More than 10,000 citizens in 18 Oregon counties learned about property taxes and local government through Extension Home Study lessons on these subjects. Many thousand more have received the facts about 19 important ballot measures affecting Oregon's tax system since 1978 through Extension publications.

Revitalizing Rural Economies. This program helps community leaders and state and local policymakers and analysts understand the economic structure and potential of rural communities and organize to improve local economies. Working with the Governor’s Office of Rural Policy and faculty across the Oregon University System, this effort has provided an informed foundation for Oregon policymakers in the

on-going design of state policy affecting rural communities, Through publications, consulting with legislative staff and invited testimony before legislative committees, legislative and agency leadership and business leaders are kept informed about current economic research on forces affecting the rural Oregon economy, economic impacts of change, the interdependence of rural and urban Oregon, and impacts of state policies.

Selected Professional Service

President, Western Agricultural Economics Association, 1997-98
Member, National Rural Studies Committee, 1988-97
Editorial Council, *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 2004 -2006
National Advisory Board, West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington (2005- present)
National Advisory Board, National Research Center for Rural Educational Support, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill (2004-present)
Social Science Subcommittee, Experiment Station Committee on Organization and Policy; U.S. Department of Agriculture (2006-present)
Reviewer, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, *Land Economics*, *Growth and Change*, *Journal of Regional Science*, *Rural Sociology*, *International Regional Science Review*.
Research Proposal Review Panels: USDA National Research Initiative, USDA Fund for Rural America.
Review teams for CSREES Departmental Reviews: University of Minnesota, Purdue University, University of Idaho, University of Wyoming
Chair, Multistate Research Project NE-162 “Rural Economic Development: Alternatives in the New Competitive Environment” 2001-2002 (member of project 1997-present)
Chair, Rural Policy Research Institute Welfare Reform Research Panel, (1999-present)
Member and Founding Co-coordinator (1982-83) of the 150-member National Community Economics Network (1982-present)
Member, National Extension Task Force on "Revitalizing Rural America," 1986

Selected Professional Development Conferences

Principal Organizer, “Fundamentals of Spatial Economics”, pre-conference workshop sponsored by Community Economics Section, American Agricultural Economics Association, Portland OR, July 28, 2007
Principal Organizer, “New Growth Theory and Applications in Agricultural and Rural Economics” Learning Workshop sponsored by the Professional Activities Committee, American Agricultural Economics Association, Nashville TN, August 11, 1999, 45 economists
Co-organizer with Andrew Barkley, “Achieving Professional and Personal Success in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness”, a national conference for new academic professionals in agricultural economics and agribusiness sponsored by the Western Agricultural Economics Association, Colorado Springs CO, June 8-10, 1998, 25 new faculty in agricultural economics.
Co-organizer with Emery Castle, “New Growth Theory and the New Institutional Economics Workshop with Paul Krugman and Gary Libecap”, sponsored by the National Rural Studies Committee, Kansas City MO, September 23-25, 1996, 45 economists.

Selected Public Service

Member, House Interim Revenue Committee Tax Reform Work Group, Oregon Legislature, 2001-2002
Member, Governor’s Tax Review Technical Advisory Committee, State of Oregon, 1998.
Invited testimony before Revenue Committees of Oregon Legislature, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002

Selected Oregon State University Service

Director, Sustainable Rural Communities Initiative (2005-2009), one of six initiatives selected by the OSU Provost to advance the OSU Strategic Plan
Member, Oregon State University Faculty Senate, 2001-2003
Member, Search and Screen Committee, Oregon State University Provost, Spring 2000
Member, Oregon State University Community Resource Education Consortium Task Force (1994-95)
Member, Oregon State University Extended Education Transition Committee (1993-94).
Chair, University Timber Dependent Families and Communities Task Force (1990-91).
Member, Oregon State University Extension Service Futuring Committee (1990-91).
Member, Oregon State University Press Board of Governors (1980-84).

Selected Honors and Awards

Fellow, American Agricultural Economics Association (2007)
Visionary Leadership Award, Epsilon Sigma Phi (2006)
Distinguished Scholar, Western Agricultural Economics Association (2005)
Senior Research Affiliate, National Poverty Center, University of Michigan
Research Fellow, Rural Development Research Consortium, University of California-Berkeley
American Agricultural Economics Association Distinguished Extension Program Award (1995)
Oregon State University Extended Education Faculty Achievement Award (1995)
Ferguson Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Science, College of Agricultural Sciences, Oregon State University (1994)

Selected Publications

Books

Wu, Junjie, Paul, W. Barkley, and Bruce A. Weber, editors, *Frontiers in Resource and Rural Economics*, Washington DC: Resources for the Future Press, 2007 (in press).
Weber, Bruce A., Greg J. Duncan, and Leslie A. Whitener, editors, *Rural Dimensions of Welfare Reform*. Kalamazoo MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute, 2002.
Weber, Bruce A. and Robert E. Howell (eds.) *Coping With Rapid Growth in Rural Communities*. Boulder CO: Westview Press, 1982.

Book Chapters

Weber, Bruce A., "People and Places at the Ragged Edge: Place-based Policy for Reducing Rural Poverty", Chapter 8 in *Frontiers in Resource and Rural Economics*, Junjie Wu, Paul, W. Barkley, and Bruce A. Weber, editors, Washington DC: Resources for the Future Press, 2007 (in press).
Weber, Bruce A., "Extractive Industries and Rural-Urban Economic Interdependence," Chapter 8 (pp. 159-179) in *The American Countryside: Rural People and Places*, Emery N. Castle, editor, Lawrence: University Press of Kansas 1995
Deaton, Brady J. and Bruce A. Weber, "Economics of Rural Areas" Chapter 14 in R.J. Hildreth, K.L. Lipton, K.C. Clayton and C.C. O'Connor (eds.), *Agriculture and Rural Areas Approaching the 21st Century: Challenges for Agricultural Economists*, Ames: Iowa State University Press, 1988, pp. 403-439.

Refereed Journal Articles (last 10 years)

Weber, Bruce, Alexander Marre, Monica Fisher, Robert Gibbs and John Cromartie, "Education's Effect on Poverty: The Role of Migration," *Review of Agricultural Economics*, 29(3):437-445 Fall 2007.
Weber, Bruce A., "Rural Poverty: Why Should States Care and What Can State Policy Do?" *Journal of Regional Analysis and Policy*, Vol. 37(1): 48-52, 2007.
<http://www.jrap-journal.org/pastvolumes/2000/v37/F37-1-weber.pdf>
Allen, John C. and Bruce A. Weber, guest editors, "Introduction: Special Issue on Poverty and Community Development", *Community Development*, 38(1):1-5, Spring 2007.

- Bernell, Stephanie, Mark Edwards and Bruce Weber, "Restricted Opportunities, Unfortunate Personal Choices, Ineffective Policies? What Explains Food Insecurity in Oregon" *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 31(2): 193-211, August 2006.
- Edwards, Mark, Stephanie Bernell, and Bruce Weber, "Identifying Factors That Influence State-Specific Hunger Rates in the U.S.: A Simple Analytic Method for Understanding a Persistent Problem", *Social Indicators Research*, 81:579-595 (2007) [DOI: 10.1007/s1/205-006-0026-7]
- Weber, Bruce, Leif Jensen, Kathleen Miller, Jane Mosley, and Monica Fisher. "A Critical Review of Rural Poverty Literature: Is There Truly a Rural Effect?" *International Regional Science Review* 28: 381-414. 2005
- Crandall, Mindy S. and Bruce A. Weber, "Local Social and Economic Conditions, Spatial Concentrations of Poverty and Poverty Dynamics", *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 86(5):1276-1281, December 2004
- Fisher, Monica G., and Bruce A. Weber, "Does Economic Vulnerability Depend on Place of Residence? Asset Poverty across Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Areas", *The Review of Regional Studies*, 34(2):127-155, 2004
- Weber, Bruce, Mark Edwards and Greg Duncan, "Single Mother Work and Poverty Under Welfare Reform: Are Policy Impacts Different In Rural Areas?" *Eastern Economic Journal*, 30(1):31-51, Winter 2004
- Davis, Elizabeth E., Laura S. Connolly and Bruce A. Weber, "Local Labor Market Conditions and the Jobless Poor: How Much Does Local Job Growth Help in Rural Areas?" *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 28(3):503-518, December 2003
- Davis, Elizabeth E., and Bruce A. Weber, "How Much Does Local Job Growth Improve Employment Outcomes of the Rural Working Poor?" *Review of Regional Studies*, 32(2):255-274, Fall 2002
- Kraybill, David S. and Bruce A. Weber, "Workforce Investments and Poverty Dynamics," *Review of Regional Studies*, 31(3):237-254, Winter 2001
- Weber, Bruce A., Greg J. Duncan and Leslie A. Whitener, "Welfare Reform in Rural America: What Have We Learned?" *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 83(5):1280-1290, December 2001.
- Waters, Edward C., Bruce A. Weber and David W. Holland, "The Role of Agriculture in Oregon's Economic Base: Findings from a Social Accounting Matrix" *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 24(1):266-280, July 1999.
- Davis, Elizabeth E. and Bruce A. Weber, "Linking Policy and Outcomes: A Dynamic Simulation of State Policy and Poverty Incidence" *Growth and Change*, 29 (Fall 1998):423-444.
- Weber, Bruce A., "Crossing the Next Meridian: The Economics of Rural-Urban Interdependence, Institutions, and Income Distribution in the American West," *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, 23(1):1-11, July 1998.
- Waters, Edward C., David W. Holland and Bruce A. Weber. Economic Impacts of a Property Tax Limitation: A Computable General Equilibrium Analysis of Oregon's Measure 5. *Land Economics* 73(1):72-89. February 1997.
- Since 1974, published 24 journal articles and 10 chapters in books, edited 2 books and 2 special issues of academic journals (*International Regional Science Review* and *Community Development*).

Selected Peer-reviewed Extension Publications (Last 5 years)

- Bowman, Sally, Ellen Schuster, and Bruce Weber, *Poverty and Food Assistance in Oregon*, Oregon State University Extension Service EM8842-E, November 2003.
- Weber, Bruce and Bruce Sorte, *Economic Diversity in Benton County: An Input-Output Analysis*, Oregon State University Extension Service Special Report 1034, January 2002.
- Since 1974, over 50 peer-reviewed Extension and Experiment Station publications

Selected Other Relevant Publications (Last 5 years)

Miller, Kathleen and Bruce Weber, *How Do Persistent Poverty Dynamics and Demographics Vary Across the Rural-Urban Continuum*, Measuring Rural Diversity Series Vol. 1 (1), Southern Rural Development Center, Mississippi State University, January 2004.

Fisher, Monica G. and Bruce A. Weber, *The Importance of Place in Welfare Reform: Common Challenges for Central Cities and Remote-Rural Areas*, Research Brief 1, Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy, The Brookings Institution, June 2002.

Since 1974, more than 75 non-peer-reviewed articles and reports for nonprofessional audiences.