Research in Social Forestry at Auburn University

Starting in 1992, anthropologists, rural sociologists, and political scientists at Auburn have been actively involved in examination of forestry and related issues in Alabama, the South, and beyond. To these efforts must be included those of our colleagues in Forestry Economics, whose program has a far longer history (not included here).

Research on social aspects of forestry at Auburn can be dated from the hiring of John Bliss by the School of Forestry. John is now at Oregon State University. A team of researchers involving Bliss, Conner Bailey (Rural Sociology), Larry Teeter (Forest Economics), and Glenn Howze (Rural Sociology) won a series of grants, attracted good students, and began the systematic examination of the forest products industry of Alabama and the South.

Ben Cashore, a political scientist now at Yale University, added a strong international dimension to the program during his all-too-brief stay at Auburn. When Bliss left, anthropologist Josh McDaniel was hired by the School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences. During the three years he was here he encouraged Kelly Alley, an anthropologist in Liberal Arts, to become involved in forestry research. When Josh left, Wayde Morse was hired as our most recent social forester.

John Schelhas, an anthropologist with the USDA Forest Service has an adjunct appointment in Forestry at Auburn and has been instrumental in building a consortium of social scientists in Alabama working on forestry issues. This consortium includes colleagues at Alabama A&M University and Tuskegee University. John moved to the USDA Forest Service unit based in Athens, Georgia in mid-2010.

Social scientists working on forestry at Auburn have found colleagues receptive to collaboration. Mark Dubois, a forester from the School of Forestry, became engaged in our efforts, particularly as they related to working with limited resource forestland owners. Mark has now retired but is ably replaced by Becky Barlow.

Summary

Competitive Research Grants: 39 totaling $2,896,346
Books: 7
Refereed journal articles published: 78
Book chapters published: 19
AAES & ACES publications, tech reports: 28
Doctoral Dissertations completed: 6
Masters theses completed: 22
Proceedings: 19
Other publications: 16
Invited lectures presented: 11
Papers presented at professional meetings: 110
Competitive Research Grants ($2,896,346)


Wayde Morse. 2009-2011. The provision of environmental services on private land: permanence as a factor in conservation incentive program participation. Hatch. $47,480

Wayde Morse. 2010-2012. Influence of ecotourism on local community environmental values. USDA Forest Service. $30,000.

Wayde Morse. 2010-2011. Tourism, the Gulf oil spill, and community resiliency. USDA Forest Service. $54,250.

Wayde Morse. 2010-2014. Identifying complexity and risk in NEPA. USDA Forest Service with Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. $18,820.


Wayde Morse. 2009-2011. Identifying and mapping places of social and environmental importance in Franklin and Gulf counties, Florida. USDA Forest Service. $25,000.

Wayde Morse, Becky Barlow, Mark Smith, Larry Teeter. 2007-2010. Demand for and participation in natural resource recreation on private lands in Alabama, Georgia, Mississippi, and southern Tennessee. McIntire Stennis. $110,821.


Bailey, Conner, Mark Dubois, Rory Fraser, John Schelhas, Robert Zabawa, and Ntam Baharanyi. 2005-2006. “Promoting Community Development in Rural Alabama.” *Alabama Agricultural Land Grant Alliance*. $75,000.


Forest Health. $31,000.


Cashore, Ben. 2001. Government of Germany. Faculty Research Study on sustainable forest management/certification issues. German Government DAAD fellowship (faculty research study visit) for three months of research on German sustainable forest management/certification issues, DM 10200 (~$5,000 US).


**Books**


**Journal Articles (*denotes student*)**


**Book Chapters**


**Experiment Station Bulletins, Extension Publications, and Technical Reports (*denotes student)**


Maureen McDonough, Wayde C. Morse, Terry Sharik, Jim Finley, Laurie Schoonhoven. 2010. Indicator 6.44: The Importance of Forests to People for the “National Report on Sustainable Forests - 2010.”


- Received the Award for Excellence of the Southern Extension Forest Resource Specialists for exceptional programming in the area of Extension Publication or Series - 1999.


- The conference was viewed live in 7 Alabama locations and 9 other locations in 7 other states. Seventy-three (75) requests for videotapes of the program have been received from Alabama and 29 other states and 5 foreign countries.
- This program received the Award for Excellence of the Southern Extension Forest Resource Specialists for exceptional programming in the area of Mass Media - Video, April 29, 1998.

- Received the Outstanding Forestry Communications Award for Best Video – 1997, presented by the National Woodland Owners Association and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, CSREES in recognition of excellence in technology transfer promoting good forestry and renewable resource management, October 4, 1997.

Doctoral Dissertations


Brousard, Shorna. 2000. Sustainability, Awareness and Commitment: Examining Natural Resource Extension Programs in the United States. Ph.D., College of Forestry, Oregon State University. (Began work at Auburn under NRI grant and moved to OSU when John Bliss took a faculty position there.) Chair: John Bliss.

Joshi, Mahendra Lal. 1997. Industrial Recruitment Policy and Rural Development: A Case Study of


Masters Theses


Auld, Graeme. 2001. Explaining certification legitimacy: an examination of forest sector support for forest certification programs in the United Kingdom, the United States Pacific Coast, and British Columbia, Canada. MS thesis in Forestry. Chair: Ben Cashore.

Newsom, Deanna. 2001. Achieving legitimacy?: exploring competing forest certification programs’ efforts to gain forest manager support in the U.S. Southeast, Germany, and British Columbia, Canada. MS thesis in Forestry. Chair: Ben Cashore.


Jenkins, Christine Marie. 1997, Auburn University. Oracles of the swamp: A Delphi approach to integrating the knowledge base of management of southern bottomland hardwood ecosystems. MS thesis in Forestry. Chair: John Bliss.

Proceedings


**Other Publications (*denotes student*)**


Barlow, Rebecca and Mark Dubois. 2010. Longleaf Pine placemat. Auburn University School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences and Alabama Cooperative Extension System.


Barlow, Rebecca, Greg Ruark, Richard Straight, and Bruce Wight. 2009. Silvopasture –
experience, innovation, and research. Video. 40 min.

Barlow, Rebecca J. and John S. Kush. 2008. 60 years on the “Farm 40”: longleaf pine management for the private landowner. Video. 15 min.


http://www.partnershipresourcetrust.org/resources/pubs/social_network_analysis.php


Invited papers and lectures (*denotes a student)


Papers presented at professional meetings (*denotes a student)

Wayde Morse. 2010. Integrating ecosystem services with recreation theory. Presented at the Southeastern Recreation Research (SERR) Conference; Greenville, SC.

Wayde Morse. 2010. Partnering with international study abroad vendors for mutual benefits. Presented at the 8th Biennial conference on university education in natural resources; Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, Virginia.


Wayde Morse. 2010. Moving Beyond Language: Integration of Theoretical Frameworks across Disciplines for Effective Cross-Disciplinary Research. Presented at Enhancing communication in cross-disciplinary research. Coeur d'Alene, ID.


Morse, Wayde C., McLaughlin, Bill. 2009. Linking social and ecological systems; lessons from


Texas, February 2002.


Cashore, Ben, Graeme Auld,* Jamie Lawson, and Deanna Newsom.* 2001. Forest Certification (Eco-labeling) Programs and their Policy-Making Authority: Explaining Divergence Among North American and European Case Studies. International Seminar on Political Consumerism, convened by Michele Micheletti, City University, Stockholm and Department of Political Science, Stockholm University, May 31 B June 3


Cashore, Ben and Jamie Lawson. 2001. Forest Certification Experiences in Maine and the Canadian Maritimes: A Comparative Institutional Study. Auburn Forest Policy Center’s conference on
Globalization and Private Forestry, Atlanta, March 25-27.


in Ottawa, ON, May 31-June 2.


