Faculty Research Interests

Conner Bailey, 303 Comer, cbailey@ag.auburn.edu

My research focus is on the sociology of natural resources and the environment, with special interests in forestry, fisheries, aquaculture and, generally, the impact of science and technology on social relations of production, poverty, and the distribution of power in society. Recent publications include:


Patricia A. Duffy, 302 Comer Hall, pduffy@ag.auburn.edu

Professor Duffy’s research centers on two areas: food policy and farm management. She is interested in the impacts of nutritional programs on health and welfare of low-income families. Also, she is interested in costs and returns of farm enterprises. Examples of recent publications include:


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Professor Field’s areas of research are agribusiness, horticultural crops, and farm analysis. For recent publications, see his online resume at http://www.ag.auburn.edu/agec/Faculty/dfields/dfields.pdf

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My main areas of research are financial markets and institutions, agricultural finance and microfinance, and economic development. I have studied efficiency and governance of nontraditional financial institutions (e.g. MFIs), microfinance impact, gender and financial decision making, as well as real estate finance issues. Examples of my publications include:


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My research interests are broadly in the area of applied policy modeling. The main focus is on environmental, urban/regional, and public economics in addition to some research in optimal farming practices. I mainly use microeconometric models, but am also involved in bioeconomic modeling, which uses simulation and mathematical programming. Examples of recent publications include:


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Professor Jolly’s areas of research are development, trade, and fisheries economics. For recent publications see his online vita at http://www.ag.auburn.edu/agec/Faculty/cjolly/CV.pdf

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My main areas of research are agricultural prices, marketing, and trade. In recent years I have also done some research on what might be termed “rural development.” Examples of recent publications include:


**Joseph J. Molnar**, 301 Comer, jmolnar@acesag.auburn.edu

A central theme of my research is the adoption of technology on farms, constraints, barriers, and enabling conditions. I have a half-time appointment as Coordinator, Office of International Agriculture. I teach courses in Rural Sociology, Research Methods, Statistics, Agriculture and Society, and Extension Programs and Methods. I have edited four books and authored more than 65 articles, 35 chapters, and 65 other publications. These include seven articles in Rural Sociology. Recently, I was a PI or co-PI on projects funded by USDA-NRI, NOAA, AQUAFISH CRSP, and the Alabama Land Grant Alliance. Recent publications include:


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My main areas of research are environmental and resource economics, risk analysis, public Economics and policy analysis, computational economics, economics of GMOs, development economics, applied econometrics. Examples of recent publications include:


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**Robert G. Nelson**, 305 Comer Hall, nelsorg@auburn.edu

Dr. Bob Nelson is a Professor of Agricultural Economics with more than 30 years of experience in the economics and marketing of novel agribusiness products and services. His primary commodities of interest have been fish, shellfish, fruits, vegetables, peanuts, and cotton, as well as agribusiness inputs and services. His interests in the area of agribusiness focus on enterprise decision analysis, supply chain management, issues in agricultural organization, and the role of agricultural development agencies in commercializing new agricultural products and processes. In the area of marketing, his research focuses primarily on consumer preferences, product positioning and the formulation of marketing plans. Examples of recent publications related to the research topics above include:


**C. Robert Taylor**, Alabama Crop Improvement Building, taylocr@auburn.edu

Professor Taylor’s main research interests are agricultural and resource policy, and agribusiness structure and competition. Examples of recent publications include:


**Norbert Wilson**, Cornell University (on sabbatical), wilsonl@auburn.edu

Dr. Norbert Wilson has focused on the international trade of food and agricultural products. He has published articles on the effect of food safety and quality standards on the trade of food products, especially seafood. He has also published in the area of agribusiness. While these are still active areas of interest for Dr. Wilson, he is branching out to issues of food security, obesity and food choice. Examples of recently published articles include:


Tran, Nhuong, Norbert L. W. Wilson, and Sven Anders. “Standard Harmonization as Chasing Zero (Tolerance Limits): The Impact of Veterinary Drug Residue Standards on Crustacean
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I am a sociologist of food and agriculture with an interest in agrifood system governance. My work focuses on the effects of formal statutes and regulations and informal rules and habits on values-based supply chains, particularly in the context of food safety. More recent efforts have centered on food security including a community food assessment of Macon County and surveys of Alabamians’ opinions about access and availability of food, as well as consumer attitudes toward local foods. My past work centered on grades and standards related to sustainable farming systems, various forms of pest management, and specialty crop production. Recent publications include:


