Research in Social Forestry at Auburn University

Over the past 15 years, anthropologists, rural sociologists, and political scientists have been actively involved in the 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.

When Bliss left, Mark Dubois, a forester from the School of Forestry, became engaged in our efforts and has dedicated a significant portion of his efforts to collaborating with social scientists. 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.

Over the last several years John Schelhas, an anthropologist with the USDA Forest Service, 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.

Anthropologist Josh McDaniel worked at the School of Forestry & Wildlife Sciences for approximately three years and encouraged Kelly Alley, an anthropologist in Liberal Arts, to become involved in forestry research.

In short, a number of people have contributed over the past 15 years to expanding discussions of forestry in Alabama and beyond. This report focuses on accomplishments by faculty and students from Auburn University; the listing would be even greater if we were to include our colleagues at Tuskegee and Alabama A&M.

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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.


Bailey, Conner, Mark Dubois, Rory Fraser, John Schelhas, Robert Zabawa, and Ntam Baharanyi. 2005-2006. “Community Capital in Alabama’s Black Belt.” Alabama Agricultural Land Grant Alliance. $80,000.


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)  


Cashore, Ben and James Lawson. 2003. Private Policy Networks and Sustainable Forestry Policy: Comparing Forest Certification Experiences in the US Northeast and the Canadian Maritimes. *Canadian-American Public Policy, (Spring).*


**Book Chapters**


*Newsom, Deanna, Ben Cashore, Graeme Auld* and James Granskog. 2002. Forest Certification in the Heart of Dixie: A Survey Of Alabama Landowners. In Larry Teeter, Ben Cashore, and Daowei


**Experiment Station Bulletins and Technical Reports (*denotes student)**


**Extension Publications**


- 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.


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)


Invited papers and lectures (*denotes a student)


Bailey, Conner. 2001. Biotech Branches Out: A Look at the Opportunities and Impacts of Forest Biotechnology. Pew Initiative on Food and Biotechnology, the Society of American Foresters,
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