

# Colin A. Carter

## 2000 Fellow

Associate Professor, Professor and Chair, Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California, Davis, 1986-present

Assistant Professor, and Professor, Agricultural Economics and Farm Management, University of Manitoba, 1980-1986

Chair, Giannini Foundation of Agricultural Economics, 1998-99, 2000-01

Editorial Council, *Western Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1983-85, 1991-94

Executive Committee, International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium, 1989-1992

Editorial Council, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 1984-86.

Public Governor, Winnipeg, Commodity Exchange, 1981-83

Visiting Scholar, University of Melbourne, 1993-94

AAEA Distinguished Policy Contribution Award, 1998

AAEA Quality of Communication Award, 1994

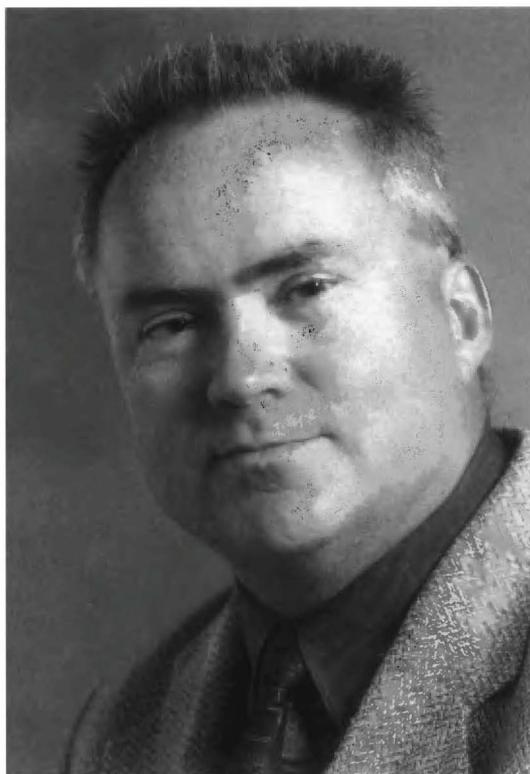
WAEA Outstanding Published Research Award, 1990

Kellogg International Fellow in Food Systems, 1986-89.

University of Manitoba, Annual Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching, 1984-85

CAES Outstanding Journal Article Award, 1984

AAEA Quality of Research Discovery Award, 1981



Consultant, OECD, World Bank, U.S. Congress, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, International Development Research Center, Canadian International Development Agency, Agriculture Canada

Colin Carter was born and raised on a farm in Alberta, Canada. At the University of Alberta he discovered agricultural economics through Michele and Terry Veeman. After completing a BA and an MS from the University of Alberta, Colin received a PhD in agricultural economics from the University of California, Berkeley in 1980.

In twenty years, Colin Carter has published more than one hundred refereed papers, authored or edited fifteen monographs and

books, and contributed dozens of chapters to books.

The scope of Carter's work is impressive. He has made important contributions to applied economic theory in the areas of international trade, futures and commodity markets, imperfectly competitive markets, the economics of China's agriculture, and political economy. He has received awards for Outstanding Research (from the AAEA in 1981, the CAES in 1984, and the WAEA in 1990),

for Quality of Communication (AAEA, 1996), and for Distinguished Policy Contribution (AAEA, 1998).

Carter's work on trade policy, emphasizing trade disputes, export subsidies, and state trading enterprises (STEs), is particularly noteworthy. His research on STEs has been innovative in melding new developments in theory with careful institutional and empirical work. In his work on STEs with Al Loyns, he was one of the first economists to identify the empirical importance of inefficiencies in the handling and marketing operations of STEs that results from political economy incentives to transfer rents. This work has changed the way that growers and policy makers view STEs. In addition, Professor Carter's careful investigation of the welfare implications of export subsidies has helped to redefine the policy agenda of many participants in multi-lateral trade negotiations.

Carter has been working in China and publishing path-breaking work on the economics of China's agriculture for about fifteen years, long before most of his colleagues discovered this area of research. He is recognized as one of the true leaders and experts in this important, emerging field. His 1988 book set new standards and his 1991 paper with Funing Zhong was one of the first attempts to model grain production and consumption in China.

Carter's innovative work on futures markets began with his dissertation, from which grew his influential 1983 papers in the *JPE* and the *Review of Economics and Statistics*.

His 1993 *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* paper on hog futures was the subject of an article in the *Economist*.

Carter has been asked to assume a number of leadership roles in the profession. In the 1980s, he was a Kellogg International Fellow in food systems. In the early 1990s he served as a director of the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium for which he organized several major conferences and edited several books. He also has been chair of a regional research committee that focuses on China's agriculture.

At the University of California, Davis, Carter has chaired about a dozen PhD committees, served on numerous college-wide and university-wide committees, and is the current Chair of his Department. Carter is not only an incredibly prolific scholar, he is also an outstanding teacher and mentor and a dedicated contributor to his profession. Carter's national and international recognition is further demonstrated by the many invitations he receives to present his research to conferences and seminars around the world.

Fellows of the AAEA often demonstrate a commitment not only to the science of economics but also to a better understanding of the problems of agriculture. This is especially true of Colin Carter. Much of his career has been devoted to understanding world grain industries, their institutions and their economics. It is now impossible to carry out research in this area without building on his contributions.