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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 Applied Economics (formerly Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics)**. (Assistant Professor 1974-79; Associate Professor 1979-84; Professor 1984-2015; Professor Emeritus 2015-present). 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

Oregon State University Rural Studies Program Director (February 2003- October 2015; Associate Director (July 2001-January 2003)

RUPRI Rural Poverty Research Center (October 2002-2005) Co-Director

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

Resident Instruction:

AREc 454/554 Rural Development Economics and Policy (14 times since 1978) plus fourteen other innovative, often-experiential AREc and cross-listed courses including the multi-disciplinary *Poverty in Oregon* (campus and distance education)

AEC 421/521 Rural Poverty and the Social Safety Net (online, taught 3 times since 2014)

Rural Studies Graduate Minor Serve as Director of the Rural Studies Minor, the only multidisciplinary graduate rural studies program in the U.S., which started accepting students in Fall 2011. Teach two required courses **RS 512 Introduction to Rural Studies** and **RS513 Contemporary Rural Issues**

Major Professor to 23 graduate students who have completed MS, MPP and PhD degrees at OSU

Selected Research Projects (last 4 years)

Has the 2007-2009 Recession Changed the Relationship between SNAP and Employment? This cooperative agreement with USDA Economic Research Service explores the impact of the Great Recession on the entry and exit of low-income Oregonians with linked administrative data on SNAP use and on employment and wages and unemployment insurance (\$100,000) (September 2014-March 2017)

Rural Wealth, Inequality and Community Economic Resilience (Co-PI) This USDA AFRI Foundation Grant explores the links between county-level income inequality and community economic resilience in the face of the largest national recession since the Great Depression of the 1930s. (\$499,655) (January 2015- December 2017)

An Integrated Engineering-Economic Vulnerability Tool to Increase Tsunami Preparedness in Rural Coastal Communities (Co-PI) This project combines engineering and economics data to create a multi-regional inoperability input-output model to identify infrastructure and economic impacts of a tsunami generated by a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake. The model demonstrates how businesses not directly damaged by a tsunami also would be affected because of the interconnected nature of local and regional economies. (\$179,883) (February 2012-January 2014)

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.

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.

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.

Selected Publications

Books

- Pender, John L, Bruce A. Weber, Thomas G. Johnson and J. Matthew Fannin, editors. *Rural Wealth Creation*. London and New York: Routledge. 2014.
- Hibbard, Michael, Ethan Seltzer, Bruce Weber and Beth Emshoff, editors. *Toward One Oregon: Rural-Urban Interdependence and the Evolution of a State*. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press. 2011.
- Wu, Junjie, Paul W. Barkley, and Bruce A. Weber, editors, *Frontiers in Resource and Rural Economics: Human-Nature, Rural-Urban Interdependencies*, Washington DC: RFF Press, 2008
- Weber, Bruce A., Greg J. Duncan, and Leslie A. Whitener, editors, *Rural Dimensions of Welfare Reform*. Kalamazoo MI: W.E. Upjohn Institute, 2002.

Book Chapters

- Weber, Bruce and Kathleen Miller. Poverty in Rural America Then and Now. Chapter 2 in *Rural Poverty in the U.S.A.* edited by Jennifer Sherman, Ann Tickamyer, and Jennifer Warlick. Columbia University Press. (in press)
- Weber, Bruce A. and David Freshwater. The Death of Distance? Networks, The Costs of Distance and Urban-Rural Interdependence. Chapter 13 in *International Handbook of Rural Studies*. Mark Shucksmith and David L. Brown, co-editors. New York: Taylor and Francis. 2016.
- Chen, Yong and Bruce A. Weber, "Natural capital and rural wealth creation: a case study of Federal forest policy and community vitality in the Pacific Northwest" Chapter 12 in Pender, John L, Bruce A. Weber, Thomas G. Johnson and J. Matthew Fannin, editors. *Rural Wealth Creation*. London and New York: Routledge. 2014.
- Holland, David, Paul Lewin, Bruce Sorte, and Bruce Weber, "The Declining Economic Interdependence of the Portland Metropolitan Core and its Periphery" Chapter 5 in Michael Hibbard, Ethan Seltzer, Bruce Weber, and Beth Emshoff, editors. *Toward One Oregon: Rural-Urban Interdependence and the Evolution of a State*. Corvallis: Oregon State University Press. 2011.
- Weber, Bruce and Mindy Crandall, "Impacts of Welfare Reform on Rural People and Places in the United States," Chapter 2 in *Welfare Reform in Rural Places*, Paul Milbourne, editor, Bingley UK: Emerald Group Publishing Limited, 2010.
- 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, 2008.

Journal Articles (last 12 years)

- Weber, Bruce A., J. Matthew Fannin , Sam M. Cordes and Thomas G. Johnson. "Upward Mobility of Low-income Youth in Metropolitan, Micropolitan and Rural America." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. Forthcoming.

- Wu, Junjie, Bruce A. Weber and Mark D. Partridge. "Rural-Urban Interdependence: A Framework Integrating Regional, Urban and Environmental Economic Insights." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, November 2016.
- Yong Chen, David J. Lewis and Bruce Weber. "Conservation Land Amenities and Regional Economies: A Post-Matching Difference-in-Differences Analysis of the Northwest Forest Plan." *Journal of Regional Science* 56(3): 373-394. 2016.
- Edwards, Mark, Colleen Heflin, Peter Mueser, Suzanne Porter, and Bruce Weber. The Great Recession and SNAP Caseloads: A Tale of Two States. *Journal of Poverty* DOI: 10.1080/10875549.2015.1094770 20(3): 261-277. 2016
- Lewin, Paul, David Holland and Bruce Weber. "Core-periphery dynamics in the Portland Oregon Region: 1982-2006." *Annals of Regional Science*. DOI 10.1007/s00168-013-0552-6. Published online: January 2013.
- Chen, Yong, Lena Etuk and Bruce Weber. "Are small communities at risk of population loss?" *Annals of Regional Science*. DOI 10.1007/s00168-012-0541-1 Published online: 17 October 2012.
- Lewin, Paul, Monica Fisher and Bruce Weber. "Do Rainfall Conditions Push or Pull Rural Migrants? Evidence from Malawi" *Agricultural Economics* 43 (2): 191–204 March 2012
- Chen, Yong and Bruce Weber, "Federal Policy, Rural Community Growth, and Wealth Creation: The Impact of the Federal Forest Policy and Rural Development Spending in the Pacific Northwest" *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. First published online November 15, 2011 doi:10.1093/ajae/aar065
- Castle, Emery N., Junjie Wu and Bruce A. Weber, "Place Orientation and Rural-urban Interdependence," *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy* 33 (2): 179-204. Summer 2011 doi:10.1093/aep/ppr009
- Marre, Alexander and Bruce Weber, "Assessing Community Capacity and Social Capital in Rural America: Lessons from Two Rural Observatories," *Community Development*, 41(1): 92-107, Winter 2010.
- 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*, 37(1): 48-52, 2007.
<http://www.jrap-journal.org/pastvolumes/2000/v37/F37-1-weber.pdf>
- 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]

- 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