1994 Award Recipients

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The Benton H. Box Award

The Award is named in appreciation of Dr. Box's distinguished career as an educator/administrator, especially as Dean of the College of Forest and Recreation Resources at Clemson University, which he led to national and international recognition for academic excellence and for leadership in fostering private innovation in resource management. The Award recognizes the teacher who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge; or the administrator who fosters a learning environment and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as the rule of conduct involving resource management, development and utilization; or the private practitioner whose management over a sustained period demonstrates leadership in preserving, enhancing, renewing and restoring a livable environment.

The Benton H. Box Award was awarded to Dr. David W. Orr for management in the private sphere, over a sustained period, that has demonstrated leadership in preserving, enhancing, renewing and restoring a liveable environment.

Dr. David W. Orr, Professor of Environmental Studies and Politics, and Chair of the Environmental Studies Program at Oberlin College in Ohio, has been involved in environmental education activities for many years. Dr. Orr is the author or co-author of four books, *Earth in Mind*, *Ecological Literacy*, *The Campus and the Biosphere*, and the *Global Predicament*. 
He was the co-founder and director of the Meadowbrook Project, a non-profit environmental education organization located in northern central Arkansas, where his primary responsibilities included development of educational programs and fund raising.

He has published numerous articles on conservation education, environmental topics and ecological concerns. These articles have appeared in over twenty different journals and periodicals.

Dr. Orr serves on the editorial board of at least three environmentally related periodicals and as a trustee of two educational foundations.

Dr. Orr's many and varied activities in the broad field of environmental education have developed for him a national reputation for helping bring about meaningful environmental change.

The William C. Everhart Award

The Award is named in appreciation of the distinguished career of Bill Everhart as field interpreter, researcher, administrator, author, and creator of the National Park Service's Harpers Ferry Center for creative design and communication, which has received national and international recognition for excellence. The Award recognizes sustained achievements during a career or in a specific episode that illuminate, provide creative insights to, and that foster an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.

The William C. Everhart Award was awarded to Ms. Pat Rose for sustained achievements during a career that illuminates, provides creative insights to, and that fosters an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.

Ms. Pat Rose, Recreation Technician on the Santa Barbara Ranger District of Los Padres National Forest, continues to make a series of outstanding and remarkable contributions in the field of interpretation, graphic arts, and
written publications.

She has taken on the role of interpretive planner for the forest and for the district in accepting numerous details that expand her normal duties. She developed an Interpretive Plan for the Lower Santa Ynez Recreation Site, including a component for educating visitors about the Wilderness.

She is bilingual and able to integrate the concepts and ideas of conservation, ecosystems and environment into understandable formats for a broad array of groups within the visiting public. She has delivered major projects in record time, giving freely of her personal time to realize the objectives to which she is dedicated.

Ms. Rose has produced several displays with cultural themes for the Supervisor's office. Pat Rose turns up wherever the Forest Service is making an important public presentation, frequently giving up her days off to make public presentations.

Ms. Pat Rose's contributions to all of the arts of communication at this nexus point, sustained over many years, reflects a career of dedication to natural and cultural heritage, an ethic of ecosystems and an explanation of complex resource decisions translated to public programs at the point where they are most meaningful.

**The Dwight A. Holder Award**

The Award is named in honor of Mr. Holder's illustrious career as an entrepreneur and public servant. As Chairman of the South Carolina Parks, Recreation and Tourism Commission he led South Carolina's parks into a new era of service to the people of South Carolina and the nation. The Award recognizes outstanding work by doctoral candidates in the Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management; a member of the Department faculty for original research, scholarly writing, and innovative and inspired teaching; the faculty adviser and graduate student as a team, for initiatives
that foster understanding of and provide new insights into the promotion, management, wise use and enjoyment of South Carolina's natural and cultural heritage in perpetuity; and distinguished academic leadership by a member of the Department faculty. (Mr. Holder passed away in Spring 2006).

The Dwight A. Holder Award was awarded to Dr. C. Scott Shafer for initiatives undertaken by a Graduate Student and Faculty Advisor team that foster understanding of and provide new insights into the management and enjoyment of our natural heritage.

Dr. C. Scott Shafer, Assistant Professor at James Cook University in Australia, is teaching and conducting research in the Department of Tropical Environment Studies and Geography. Scott is teaching advanced recreation planning at James Cook University and is a member of a research team investigating the social impacts of tourism on the resources of the Great Barrier Coral Reef.

Before reporting to Australia in February 1994, Scott completed a Ph.D. in Recreation Resource Management in our Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management Department. His dissertation topic was, "The Relationships Among Wilderness Experience Dimensions, Conditions of Concern, and Coping Behaviors: Applying Descriptors of Designated Wilderness." Dr. Shafer's dissertation research was outstanding and has already led to several scientific publications. His research has also led to implementation of wilderness management practices on the two wildernesses where the research was conducted.

While a doctoral student at Clemson, Scott was an innovative and inspiring teaching assistant in several classes/lectures concerning the conservation, management, and wise use of South Carolina's recreation resources. He served as a visiting assistant professor for one semester in the PRTM Department, a testimony to his teaching abilities.
The Walter T. Cox Award

The Award is so named in appreciation of Dr. Cox's distinguished career in education and public service, especially his tenure as President of Clemson University and as the Director of the Santee-Cooper Authority. The Award recognizes sustained achievement in public service on the firing line, where the public interest meets the private interest in public policy formulation and administration; distinguished leadership and support of innovation in conflict resolution of policy initiatives that enhance the quality of life; personal achievements during a career or in a specific episode that provides inspiration and leadership to others in serving the above purposes.

The Walter T. Cox Award was awarded to Dr. Mario Boza for sustained achievement in public service on the firing line, where the public interest meets the private interest in public policy formulation and administration, and for careers of service in the protection of our natural heritage that have provided inspiration and leadership to others.

Dr. Mario Boza serves as the newly appointed director of the Mesoamerican Biological Corridor Project at the Caribbean Conservation Corporation and is the founder of the National Park System of Costa Rica. He graduated from the Universidad de Costa Rica as an Agronomist Engineer in 1964 and received his Master of Science in Forestry in 1969 from the Instituto Interamericano de Ciencias Agricolas. Dr. Boza received his Doctor of Science from Drexel University, USA, in 1992.

Dr. Boza was the first director of the Costa Rican National Park Service. Dr. Boza has also served as the director of the Environmental Sciences School at the Universidad Nacional in Costa Rica. He was the President of the Costa Rica National Parks Foundation from 1979-1987. In addition, during 1985-1990 he served as Vice President of the Costa Rican Environmental Education Foundation.

In 1983, Dr. Boza received the "J. Paul Getty Wildlife Conservation Prize,"
presented by President Ronald Reagan for the "...founding director of Costa Rica's National Park Service who helped Costa Rica to achieve in conservation the leadership it has in so many other ways. The outstanding educator whose vision has lifted that of his countrymen to recognize that the riches of his nation's natural resources constitute the wealth for which his country is named." The award was presented in the name of the World Wildlife Fund in a White House ceremony.

Dr. Mario Boza is among the presenters of the George B. Hartzog, Jr. Lecture Series.

Past Award Recipients

Past Lecturers