

# 2000 Award Recipients

The Benton H. Box Award - Dr. Beverly Driver

The William C. Everhart Award - Gerald Coutant

The Dwight A. Holder Award - not awarded this year

The Walter T. Cox Award - Roger Hamilton

## **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. Beverly Driver for sustained achievement in research that provides a sound basis for development and utilization of our nation's natural environments.**

**Dr. Beverly Driver** retired from a research position with the USDA Forest Service in 1997, but remains active professionally. His most recent research interests have centered on identifying and quantifying consequences of leisure activities deemed desirable and beneficial by individual participants and by society. His previous research focused upon developing psychometric instruments, such as the Recreation Experience Preference scales, to evaluate motivational bases of leisure choices. He has devoted

much attention to the practical application of research results, and in the process has either lead, or played a lead role in the development of three of the four amenity resource management systems now used by the USDA Forest Service and by many other agencies in the United States and several foreign countries.

Driver served on the faculty of Michigan's School of Natural Resources for six years; as a lecturer in Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies of Yale for 18 months and at Colorado State University, and the University of Wyoming. He has chaired or co-chaired at least 20 doctoral and 20 master's level committees and served actively on many more. He has worked collaboratively with over 100 different scientists in at least 50 different universities, and through extramural research contracts has helped fund over 60 graduate students since joining the Rocky Mountain Forest and Range Experiment Station in 1973. He has visited 36 different countries to share his professional expertise.

He has received the National Recreation and Park Association's Roosevelt Award for his research, the US Department of Agriculture's Superior Service Award, the USDA Forest Service's Superior and Distinguished Science Awards, awards from five universities, the Outstanding Leadership Award from the National Association of Recreation Resource Planners, and many other yearly performance awards from the USDA Forest Service. He is a past President of the Academy of Leisure Sciences, and has authored over 140 scientific publications.

## **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 presented to Gerald Coutant for sustained achievements in interpretation and visitor services that have illuminated, created insights to, and fostered an appreciation of our natural and cultural heritage.**

**Gerald Coutant** is a native of Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1959 with a B.S. degree in Landscape Architecture and from Michigan State University in 1964 with a M.S. degree in Resource Development, majoring in Recreation Administration and Land Use Planning.

Mr. Coutant worked for the U.S. Forest Service since 1964. He has served as a landscape architect as Branch Chief of Landscape Architecture in the Northern Region. During this period he was instrumental in developing and training personnel in landscape management techniques and in bringing the amenity values of forest lands into sharper focus. Mr. Coutant was a regional planner in the Land Use Planning and Programming Unit of the Northern Region Forest Service and as Director, Recreation Staff Unit, Southern Region Forest Service. This position was responsible for the coordination of the recreation, wilderness, trails, wild rivers, cultural resources, interpretive services, and landscape management activities on the 15 National Forest of the Southeastern United States. He then became Special Assistant to the Director, Recreation Management, Washington Office. In 1984 Mr. Coutant became Branch Chief for Interpretive Services in the Washington Office of the Forest Service where he gave leadership to matters involving interpretation, interpretive associations and volunteer activities related to recreation management. This helped to bring Interpretation into the mainstream of resource management activities throughout the National Forest System.

He has been a lecturer and speaker at conferences, universities and symposiums on resource planning, environmental concerns and

interpretation throughout the country. He was past president of the Pacific Northwest Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects, past president of the Alaska Chapter of the Society, a founding member of The National Association of Interpretation, and a Director of the National Society of Park Resources. He has received the Superior Service Award from the US Department of Agriculture and the Distinguished Service Award from the University of Michigan, Natural Resources Alumni Association.

## **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 is awarded for outstanding work as a doctoral student in PRTM and sustained achievement after graduation, management, wise use, and conservation of natural and cultural resources.**

This was not awarded this year

## **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 Roger Hamilton for sustained achievement in public service providing leadership in administration of public lands and for policy formation affecting our natural and cultural resources.**

**Roger Hamilton** has served thirty-two years with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers. He has served as Chief of Natural Resources Management in Washington, DC, and as Chief of Environmental Planning in Ft. Worth, Texas where he authored legislation and policy suggestions for the Civil Works branch of the Corps of Engineers. He is now Chief of Resource Analysis at the Waterways Experiment Station in Vicksburg, Mississippi.

In this current capacity, he is responsible for research in outdoor recreation, cultural resources, and human dimensions of natural resources at Corps water resources projects. Based on the outcomes of his research unit policy recommendations are made that affect all of us in our water based outdoor recreation pursuits.

Roger began his career as a fire fighter on the Deschutes National Forest in Oregon, then served six years with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as field biologist and park manager followed by three years with the Fairfax County Park Authority, Virginia as district park manager.

Hamilton is an adjunct professor of biology at Mississippi College and adjunct professor of geography at Louisiana State University. He has

authored over 80 professional papers, articles and book chapters, and has lectured at approximately twenty universities. He continues to be an active member of the Association of American Geographers, The Wildlife Society, the National Military Fish and Wildlife Association, the Mississippi Association of Biologists, and Sigma Xi, The Scientific Research Society.

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