

2001 Award Recipients

The Benton H. Box Award - Dr. Donald Field

The William C. Everhart Award - Rudy Mancke

The Dwight A. Holder Award - Dr. Colmore S. Christian

The Walter T. Cox Award - not awarded this year

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 is awarded to Dr. Donald Field for recognition as a teacher who by precept and example inspires in students the quest for knowledge and encourages curriculum innovation to inculcate an "environmental ethic" as the rule of conduct.

Dr. Donald Field is a professor in the Departments of Forest Ecology and Management and Rural Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. From 1988 to 1997 he was the Associate Dean in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, Associate Director of the Wisconsin Agricultural Experiment Station and Director, School of Natural Resources--all at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Field came to Wisconsin from Oregon State University,

where he was Senior Scientist, National Park Service and Professor of Forest Resources Management (1984-1988). Field was Associate Regional Director for Science and Technology and Regional Chief Scientist, Pacific Northwest Region, National Park Service in Seattle. After graduating from Penn State University in 1968, with a Ph.D. in rural sociology, he was Assistant Professor of Rural Sociology at South Dakota State University.

Field's research interests and experience focus on rural demography, the rural community, social ecology and natural resource systems--particularly parks and protected areas. Included in the latter are human ecological patterns associated with natural resources in community, regional, or landscape systems. His research is particularly focused on the relationship of parks/protected areas to adjacent land use patterns.

Field's career interests have formed the basis of his instructional program, where, at the University of Wisconsin, he teaches Social Policy and Management of Parks and Social Policy and Recreation Resource Management.

Field has been a leader in demonstrating the relationship between the social and biological sciences and their connections within interdisciplinary research projects.

Field has received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 2000 International Symposium on Society and Resource Management for his initiation and visionary leadership of the biennial symposium of social scientists and managers. Field is a 1996 recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship to Griffith University, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia. He also received the Department of Interior's Meritorious Service Award, the Rural Sociological Society's Natural Resources Research Group Outstanding Scientist Award, and the Theodore and Franklin Roosevelt Research Award presented by the National Recreation and Parks Association. He was elected to the Academy of Leisure Sciences in 1983.

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 Rudolph E. (Rudy) Mancke for sustained achievements in interpretation that have illuminated, created insights to, and fostered an appreciation of our cultural and historic heritage.

Rudy Mancke has been with NatureScene since its inception in 1978. His field trips, broadcast nationwide, have earned him a legion of dedicated viewers. Rudy's knowledge of the complex inner-workings of different ecosystems and his great admiration for the natural world make him the perfect guide. In fact, the National Wildlife Federation and the Garden Club of America honored his commitment to resource conservation with special awards. Along with his duties as South Carolina Educational Television's director of science and nature programming, Rudy somehow finds the time to author articles and pamphlets about the environment as well as maintain a demanding schedule as a public speaker. Before coming to television, Rudy served as the natural history curator at the South Carolina State Museum for 10 years, and was a high school biology and geology teacher. He earned a degree at Wofford College, attended graduate school at the University of South Carolina, and received honorary doctorate degrees from the College of Charleston, Winthrop College, and Wofford College.

Following are the awards that Mancke has received:

Southern Education Communications Association Award for NatureScene

(1980, 1982)

Environmental Education Association Award for NatureScene (1982)

Special Achievement Award, National Wildlife Federation (1987)

Daughters of the American Revolution Medal of Honor (1989)

Phi Delta Kappa Friend of Education Award (1990)

Governor's Award for Excellence in Science (1991)

South Carolina Environmental Awareness Award (1992)

Order of the Palmetto (1993)

Margaret Douglas Award, The Garden Club of America (1995)

South Carolina Hall of Science and Technology Inductee (1997)

Best Friend of Libraries (1998)

Lucy Hampton Bostick Award, Richland County Library (1999)

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.

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 is awarded for sustained achievement in public service providing leadership in administration of public lands and for policy formation affecting our natural and cultural resources.

This was not awarded this year.

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