

## **A. Stephen Weithman Award for Best Student Paper in the Field of Socioeconomics**

Missouri Chapter of the AFS

Socioeconomics Section of the AFS

The Missouri Chapter and the Socioeconomics Section of the AFS are proud to announce the establishment of the A. Stephen Weithman Best Paper Award in Socioeconomics. These two subunits of AFS are cooperating to promote communication and interest in the field of socioeconomics by sponsoring an annual award for the best student paper in the field. The award will be presented for the best platform or poster paper presented by a student at the annual AFS meeting. Completed papers will be judged on content, originality, organization, contribution to the field of fisheries science, and overall presentation of the study. The award winner will be announced on the Socioeconomic Section's webpage ([www.fisheries.org/socioecon](http://www.fisheries.org/socioecon)) and receive \$150 and an award certificate following the annual AFS meeting.

The Socioeconomics Section and Missouri Chapter are proud to sponsor this award in honor of Steve Weithman. To be considered for this award, interested applicants should complete the form available at <http://www.fisheries.org/socioecon/Awards/> and deliver it to the President of the Socioeconomics Section by August 10 (via e-mail).

This award was established in honor of Steve Weithman. Steve was 47 and an AFS member since 1974. He died 13 July 2000 in Columbia, Missouri, after a valiant five-month battle against pancreatic cancer. He received his B.A. (1974), M.S. (1975), and Ph.D. (1978) from the University of Missouri. He had been employed by the Missouri Department of Conservation since 1978.

Steve began his career as a fisheries research biologist, later became environmental services supervisor, and most recently was fisheries research supervisor at the Conservation Science Center in Columbia. He conducted research on a variety of topics, but was best known for his economic evaluation of fisheries and statewide surveys of anglers.

Steve understood the importance of communicating research results to his fellow scientists and to the public. He published 28 scientific and popular articles. He presented his findings at over 30 scientific meetings, including seven AFS annual meetings or symposia and a dozen state or regional conferences. Recognized as an expert in his field, he authored the chapter on socioeconomic benefits of fisheries in *Inland Fisheries Management in North America* (second edition, 1999), a best-selling AFS publication. In addition Steve served as financial advisor to AFS.

Steve was a Certified Fisheries Scientist and a Life Member of AFS. He served on various committees of the Missouri Chapter, served two terms as chapter president, and acted as financial advisor to the chapter. He co-chaired the 1993 Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. Steve was the first recipient of the Missouri Chapter's A. Stephen Weithman, Jr. Leadership Award in recognition and appreciation of his outstanding leadership in protecting Missouri's aquatic resources. The chapter's proclamation stated, "His leadership efforts are notable not only for their positive outcomes but are remembered for the professional and caring manner in which they were delivered."

### **2020**

Kelsi Furman, Northeastern University, "Social Equity in Shore-Based Recreational Fisheries in Key West, Florida"

### **2019**

So-Jung Youn, Michigan State University, "The changing nature of the Great Lakes Lake Whitefish (*Coregonus clupeaformis*) supply chain and implications for their value"

## 2018

Aaron Sundmark, South Dakota State University, "Factors shaping the social value of small lakes to local communities in South Dakota"

## 2015

Sarah Calhoun, Oregon State University, "Oregon's Fishing Community, adapting to change in policy, management, and markets: Documenting women's roles and adaptive capacity in an evolving industry"

*Honorable Mention:* So-Jung Youn, Michigan State University, "Use of household dynamics to estimate inland fisheries harvest"

*Honorable Mention:* Vic DiCenzo, Virginia Tech University, "Why do Virginia's trout anglers lapse?"

## 2014

Ingrid S. Biedron, Cornell University, "Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management: Perspectives of fishery management councils and stakeholders in New England and the Mid-Atlantic"

*Honorable Mention:* Scott Knoche, Michigan State University, "A Mixed Logit Model Approach to Investigate Trout Angler Preferences for Fishing Site Attributes"

## 2013

Ed Camp, University of Florida, "Socioeconomic Dynamics and System-Level Evaluation of Enhancement Outcomes" [[presentation](#)]

*Honorable Mention:* Ingrid Biedron, Cornell University "Stakeholder Communication and the Transition to Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management for the Mid-Atlantic and New England Fishery Management Councils"

*Honorable Mention:* Julia Beaty, University of Maine "Combining Fisherman's Knowledge and Statistical Analysis to Understand Habitat Usage of Atlantic Halibut in the Gulf of Maine"

## 2008

Jody Simoes, Michigan State University, "Status of Human Dimensions Information Collection and Utilization by Fisheries Management Agencies" [[presentation](#)]

## 2007

Tom Lang, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, "Implications of Reduced Stocking Frequencies on Fishing Quality in the Arkansas Urban Fishing Program" [[presentation](#)]

*Honorable Mention:* Emilie Springer, University of Washington, "Through a Cod's Eye: Exploring the Social Context of the Bering Sea Aleutian Islands Groundfish Industry" [[presentation](#)]

## 2006

Kathy Mills, Cornell University, "Confronting Trade-Offs Associated with Ecosystem-Based Management: An Evaluation of Alternative Governance Arrangements" [[presentation](#)]

*Honorable Mention:* Sara Hughes, Michigan State University, "Filling the Holes in Water Management: Groundwater, Values and Trout" [[presentation](#)]

*Honorable Mention:* Tom Lang, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, "Use of Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) for Collecting Angler Survey Data" [[poster](#)]

## **2005**

Courtney Carothers, University of Washington, "Fishing Quotas and Communities: A Case Study from the Gulf of Alaska"

## **2004**

Chris Updike, Northern Arizona University, "Confronting Social Impediments to Adaptive Management: Lessons from the Grand Canyon Ecosystem?" [[presentation](#)]