Welcome! The intent of this newsletter is to provide a summary of recent accomplishments of the School of Economic Sciences Faculty. The newsletter will be issued three times per year, and each issue will contain publications, presentations, and other materials available since the last newsletter edition.

Journal Articles Accepted or Published


Professional Presentations


Faculty News

Other Publications—Book Chapters, Bulletins, Grant Reports

ports” Washington State University Extension fact sheet FS114E, Aug., http://cru.cahe.wsu.edu/
CEPublications/FS114E/FS114E.pdf.


New Service Positions / Responsibilities Outside of SES

PULLMAN, Wash. – The Washington State Department of Commerce recently announced the appointment of Ken Casavant, professor of economics at Washington State University, to the Community Economic Revitalization Board (CERB).

“I’m excited about the opportunity to help direct resources to areas where they are most needed and prioritize deci-
sions based on cost and benefit analysis,” Casavant said.

“CERB will benefit from the deep knowledge and expertise Ken brings in economics, as well as his relationships and accomplishments with local and regional economic development officials,” said Brian Bonlender, director of the commerce department.

Appointed to a three-year term as the board economist, Casavant will bring an analytical eye to decisions about funding priorities for limited budgets. His long and distinguished academic career as an agriculture and rural econom-
ist at WSU has focused on transportation issues and impacts to rural communities in Washington.

“Transportation means access,” he said. “Good transportation and infrastructure create access to business, markets and facilities. It is vital to the economic livelihood of rural communities.”

Casavant has served on the Pacific Northwest Power Planning and Conservation Council, the Washington Trans-
portation Planning Committee and the Washington State Air Transportation Commission. He directs the Freight Policy Transportation Institute at WSU.

CERB partners with local governments and communities to fund public infrastructure improvements that encour-
age private business development and expansion and promote job creation with a particular focus on rural areas. Projects have ranged from stormwater infrastructure, telecommunications, port facilities and food processing and distribution centers to community microgrants for enhancements like bike racks, community gardens and street lighting.
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Jonathan Yoder, Chair, WSU Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee.

Jonathan Yoder, Scientific Advisory Council to the Washington State Commissioner of Public Lands: Effects of climate and other environmental change in Washington State Department of Natural Resources.

Miscellaneous News

Andrew Cassey received Census Bureau Special Sworn Status, which allows him to access Census Bureau micro-data from Nov 2013- Nov 2016.

Anna Espinola-Arreredondo, Member of the panel for the Economics, Markets and Trade, and Environment foundational grant USDA’s NIFA/AFRI program, September 2013, Washington DC