

ARE Faculty Profile

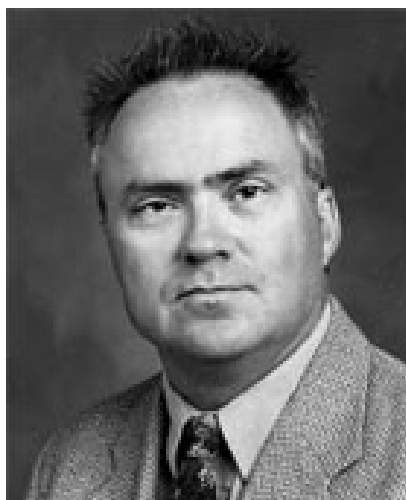
Professor Colin Carter has been selected to serve as the new chair of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics beginning July 1, 1998. On the ARE faculty at UC Davis since 1986, Dr. Carter was previously at the University of Manitoba. A native of Alberta, Canada, Colin was raised on a grain and oilseed farm. He received both his Master's in Economics and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics (in 1980) from UC Berkeley.

Carter's research and teaching interests focus on commodity markets and international trade. He teaches an undergraduate course on futures and options markets and a graduate course on international agricultural trade. He has co-authored several books, including one on futures markets, two on China's agricultural markets, and one on U.S. agricultural policy. Throughout his academic career, Colin's research work has investigated problems related to agricultural markets and trade policy, with a focus on the Pacific Rim. He is a leading authority on global "state trading" in agriculture and a renowned expert on the agricultural economy of China. He has studied state trading behavior in Australia, Canada, and China and the consequences of state trading for international markets.

Colin's work on China began in the mid 1980s when he was awarded a three year fellowship in international food systems from the Kellogg Foundation. Carter has also received numerous research awards from professional associations for his published research. In 1994, the American Agricultural Economics Association presented him with their annual award for "Quality of Communication" for his co-authored book entitled *The Political Economy of U.S. Agriculture*.

Colin has been active in national and international professional societies and committee service on the UC Davis campus. He also serves as Associate Director (for international trade) of the UC Agricultural Issues Center.

When asked about his plans as the new ARE Chair, Colin responded, "I plan to ensure the department plays a key role in servicing the projected 25 percent growth in UCD student enrollment over the next decade." He added, "At the same time, the department's academic excellence must be upheld.



*Colin A. Carter
New ARE Department Chair*

High quality research and high quality teaching complement one another."

The ARE department at UC Davis ranks in the top two or three Agricultural Economics departments nationwide, based on research output and student placement. As a top priority in his new role as chair, Colin intends to foster continued growth in the department's research productivity. At the minimum, he has to work to maintain this national ranking. "Even better," he states, "we can move into becoming clearly the number one Agricultural and Resource Economics department in the nation."

When he is not in his office, Colin is spending time with his wife Noreen, and their 7-year-old son, Dakota. The golf course also beckons about once a week and Colin hopes that service as department chair will not have negative consequences for his golf handicap.

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