

ARE Faculty Profiles

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Warren Johnston and Alex McCalla, professors emeriti in Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE) at UC Davis, are among the world's leading scholars and commentators on agricultural issues in California, the U.S. and the world. Johnston and McCalla agreed to put their more than 80 years in combined experience to work in assessing the future of California agriculture as we move forward in the new millennium. Their analysis and conclusions are available in the new Giannini Foundation publication, "Whither California Agriculture: Up, Down, or Out? Some Thoughts about the Future."

A short summary of their work is featured as the lead article in this issue of *ARE Update*.

Warren Johnston was raised on a diversified crop and livestock ranch just 15 miles from the UC Davis campus, where he completed his B.S. degree in 1959. Following completion of his Ph.D. degree at North Carolina State University, Johnston returned to Davis in 1963 as a member of the faculty and has served with distinction ever since. Professor Johnston served as chair of ARE from 1981-87, a time when its prominence as one of the leading agricultural and resource economics programs in the world was established and solidified. Although Warren retired officially in 1994, he has continued to serve on a recall basis, teaching a graduate seminar and pursuing research and professional interests.

Johnston's wide-ranging research program has emphasized issues relating to the structure of commercial agriculture and has often emphasized issues at the interface between agriculture and resource policy and management. Specific examples include his work on land markets and farm real estate appraisal, economies of farm size, energy use in agriculture and the economics of aquaculture. The American Agricultural

Economics Association (AAEA) recognized Johnston's career accomplishments when it bestowed upon him its highest honor, the designation of Fellow.

Alex McCalla received both his bachelors and masters degrees from the University of Alberta. After completing a Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, he accepted a faculty appointment in 1966 at UC Davis, serving until early retirement in 1994. At Davis, he was Dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and Associate Director of the Agricultural Experiment Station (1970-1975), as well as founding Dean of the Graduate School of Management (1979-1981). His administrative contributions extended to the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), where he was chair of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), and to the International Agricultural Trade Research Consortium (IATRC), where he was a founding co-convenor and served three times as its chair.



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A leading authority on international agricultural trade, rural development and world food policy, McCalla joined the World Bank in 1994 as Director of Agriculture and Natural Resources, its most senior agricultural position. During his term, McCalla worked to revitalize the Bank's agricultural lending portfolio by leading the development of a new Rural Strategy. Alex returned to UC Davis in 2000 bringing his extensive international experience and expertise back to the classroom for the benefit of a new generation of students.

McCalla is also a Fellow of the AAEA and of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society. He was one of the 60 individuals honored by the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture for contributions to the progress of agriculture in the Americas during the last 60 years.