

2001 CWSS Award of Excellence – Steven A. Fennimore



Steve has been working as an Extension Specialist and Weed Ecologist in Salinas since 1997. He received his B.A., in Public Affairs, University of Oregon, in 1977 and M.S. Weed Science, University of California at Davis, 1983. Prior to working with the University he was employed in product development with ICI and later Zeneca 1983-1994. During this time he worked in California and later Indiana. While he was in the east he earned his Ph.D. in Weed Science, Purdue University, 1997. Steve is married to Ann and they have two daughters.

Steve Fennimore has made great contributions to the area of vegetable and strawberry weed control in the three years that he has served as Extension Vegetable Crop Weed Scientist with the Department of Vegetable Crops based at the Salinas USDA station. Steve's program has worked aggressively on alternatives to methyl bromide in strawberries. Steve has become the key California researchers looking at alternative fumigants, herbicides and other weed control strategies, such as mulches and biological control of weeds in strawberries. His program in vegetables has screened numerous new herbicides and he has identified materials that show promise as new materials for the local and statewide vegetable industry.

In addition, Steve has an active program in weed biology focusing on the soil seed bank and emergence patterns of weed. He is working to help growers and crop consultants better understand the timing of emergence of weeds and which herbicides are best used at different times of the year. In addition, Steve is active in exploring weed control strategies that may be of use in the future such as genetically modified vegetables as well as precision agriculture. It is an impressive list of contributions to the field of weed science in the short time he has been on the job in Salinas. He is very deserving of the "Award of Excellence".

2001 CWSS Award of Excellence – Wanda Graves

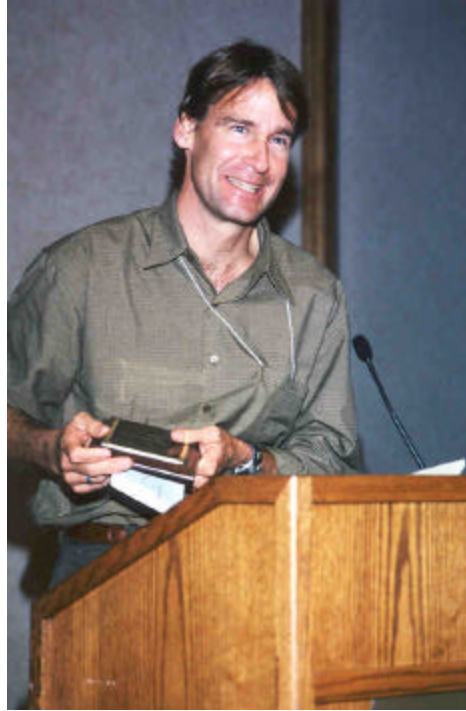


Wanda Graves has been actively involved in weed science activities for 38 years, the last 12 of which were devoted to serving as the very efficient, effective Treasurer / Business Manager for the California Weed Science Society, Western Society of Weed Science, and the Western Plant Growth Regulator Society.

Wanda began her weed science affiliation by joining the Western Region staff of Amchem Products, Inc. in 1962. In recognition of her dedicated attitude and organizational skills, she was appointed Executive Secretary/Administrative Assistant for Western Region Field Research and Development activities when Amchem was acquired by Union Carbide Agricultural Products Company in 1978. Wanda served in this capacity until 1997 when she elected to take early retirement with the acquisition of 'UCAPC by Rhone Poulenc Ag Company and subsequent relocation of regional headquarters to Fresno in 1997.

Serving as secretary to 2 past presidents of WSSW and 5 past presidents of CWSS during her chemical industry tenure (as Ken Dunster put it we *know* who did the work). Wanda had ample opportunity to become familiar with professional society activities since 1962 while helping the conference in several capacities including working with the registration. CWSS was fortunate in acquiring Wanda's positive attitude and skills to effectively serve as our Treasurer / Business Manager since 1988 as witnessed by sound financial condition as we enter the new century. Wanda out of all the people involved with both the CWSS of WSSA puts a face on these organizations. It is with deep appreciation that we give Wanda this award of excellence.

2001 CWSS Award of Excellence – Scott Steinmaus



Scott received his B.S. Plant Sciences/Plant Pathology, UC Davis and Ph.D. Plant Biology/Ecology, UC Davis, 1996. He teaches at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and has 50-60 students each semester in Weed Science. He also teaches Advanced Weed Science and Crop Physiology. Scott supervises several graduate students. According to the Cal Poly office he is extremely well liked by his students and consistently receives the best student ratings in the department.

Scott's research emphasi include invasive weeds, molecular techniques, grape integrated pest management, Pierce's disease in grapes. He is presently working on an invasive weed manual for San Luis Obispo county. He is a Primary Reviewer for the USDA National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program, a very prestigious appointment. He has a good publication record. He has only been at Cal Poly for a couple years but he has made quite a name for himself in the short time he has been there. It is with great pleasure that he is awarded the California Weed Science Society Award of Excellence.