

AFRE Presentation to MSU Graduate School

These historical photos of Chittenden Hall are a gift to the MSU Graduate School from the Robert D. Stevens family, and the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics. These are given in memory of hundreds of Agricultural Economics graduate students and selected faculty who benefited from office locations and rich personal learning experiences in Chittenden Hall from 1966 through 1999. Farmer and Consumer Marketing Programs, joint initiatives of the Department of Agricultural Economics and the MSU Cooperative Extension Service also had offices for many years in Chittenden Hall.

These photos are from archival materials of Professor Emeritus Robert D. Stevens, which after his passing in July of 2014, were processed by the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics (AFRE) at Michigan State University. Professor Stevens worked in the Department for over 26 years (1964 -1990) mentoring and teaching many of the graduate students who long remember and cherish the memories of the deep-rooted intellectual and friendship environments arising from sharing office space in Chittenden Hall. The photo matting and framing was done by AFRE Professor Emeritus Michael T. Weber using Zambian rosewood. Nov. - 2014.



- Program -

Symposium on AFRE's History

Atrium – Morrill Hall of Agriculture

May 15, 2015 (1:15 pm – 2:30 pm)



Farm Lane looking North over Red Cedar River Bridge - 1920

Program – Symposium on AFRE’s History

1:15 pm – Welcome/ Introduction – Lindy Robison

1:20 pm – AFRE Presentation by Lindy Robison to Dr. Karen Klomparens, Dean MSU Graduate School

1:25 pm - Kickoff historical review process - Mike Weber

- Building Emeritus faculty profiles and research project descriptions on the AFRE website.
- Conducting selected historical reviews to help remember the past.
- How to keep such a reflection process going to help inform strategies for future AFRE program options?

1:35 pm - Institutional Economics - Allan Schmid

1:45 pm - Marketing Programs – Jake Ferris/Jim Hilker

1:55 pm - MSU Product Center – Chris Peterson

2:00 pm - International Activities – Mike Weber

2:10 pm – Others in process

- Fruit Marketing Programs – Don Ricks
- Farm Management – Steve Harsh
- Extension – Mike Kelsey
- Local Government/Rural Development – Lynn Harvey
- Policy – David Schweikhardt

2:15 pm – Discussion/Questions

2:30 pm – Scott Swinton - A thank-you for AFRE Emeritus Faculty enduring gifts



Farmers Week, 1946 – Econ/AEC Professor Emeritus Art Mauch, crystal ball gazer foreseeing outlook for Michigan farmers.