Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. Award Reception & Dinner Program

April 20 2022 Statler Hotel, Ithaca NY





6:30 - 9:00

Wharton Award Dinner

- Welcome
- Recognition of SMART 2021-22 cohort
- Presentation of the Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. Emerging Markets Award

The Whorton award was created in 2007 to honor the outstanding work of Dr. Clifton R. Wharton, Jr. in the areas of philanthropy, higher education, business, and public policy. Dr. Wharton has been a Black pioneer in four different fields - philanthropy, foreign economic development, higher education, and business. The award is conferred each year by the SMART Program at Cornell University to a person who has distinguished him- or herself with "Outstanding Service, Leadership and Contribution to Economic Progress in Emerging Markets."

Iwan is a Professor of Emerging Markets within the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management and was the Director of Graduate Studies, Regional Science program (2005-2010), Cornell University where he has taught since 1992. Prior to that, he was the Chair of the Department of Economics and the Director of the Inter-University Center for Economics at the University of Indonesia. Iwan has served as a consultant to several governments and organizations in Asia and taught as a visiting professor in Japan, Australia, Singapore, and Indonesia. He previously served as the appointed Head of the Office of Regional Economic Integration at the Asian Development Bank (ADB), during which he became the Interim Chair of the Board of Directors of the Trust Fund-Credit Guarantee Investment Facility (CGIF), and member of the International Policy Advisory Group. He is currently advising the Indonesian Central Bank and the Deposit Insurance Corporation, and a member of the International Advisory Panel of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB).

Iwan is a "Distinguished Scholar in Regional Science, Financial Economics, and Economic Modeling." His research focuses on the interlink between macro-financial economics, social institutions, and spatial inequalities in emerging markets. He has published several books, the latest ones are "Regional Economics: Fundamental Concepts, Policies, and Institutions," World Scientific (2021), and *Periphery and Small Ones Matter: Interplay of Policy and Social Capital" (Springer, 2022). Among his latest articles are "Financial Spillover in Emerging Asia" Asian Economic Papers (MIT Press, 2021), and Indonesia: A Tale of Three Crises" in Trauma to Triumph: Rising from the Ashes of the Asian Financial Crisis (World Scientific, 2022). He is currently leading a major research program that entails interviewing hundreds of micro-small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) throughout Indonesia, emphasizing the role of social capital and mechanism design approach to improve the effectiveness of policies.

2022 Recipient



Dr. Iwan J. Azis

2018

Dr. Uma Lele has been driven by a desire to inform public-policies based on rigorous empirical evidence. A renowned development economist and scholar, she completed her postgraduate studies in Applied Economics at the University of Chicago and Cornell University. Uma has made enduring contributions to policy and international development strategies from the World Bank, US universities and many international organizations. Her work has impacted millions of lives, especially women, in developing countries. Uma has received numerous awards including the Distinguished Alumnus - Cornell University (2007). More information about her distinguished career is available at http://www.umalele.org/.



2017

Dr. Randolph Barker is Professor Emeritus in the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University. He served as Director of the Southeast Asia Program (1989 to 1994) and was an International Professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (1978 to 1994), Cornell. He served for thirteen years as head of the Economics/Social Science Division at the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) in Los Banos, Philippines (1966-78 and 2007-2008), and he was on the Board of Trustees of the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Nigeria (1987-1993) serving as chairman the last two years. He then spent nine years at the International Water Management Institute in Colombo, Sri Lanka (1995-2005). Randy began his academic career at Princeton, received his BS from Cornell University in 1953, MS from Oregon State University in 1957 and PhD from Iowa State University in 1960.



2016

Ambassador James Joseph has served four U.S. Presidents, beginning with President Jimmy Carter who appointed him Deputy Secretary of the Department of Interior in 1978, and including President Bill Clinton who appointed him the United States Ambassador to South Africa in 1996. He was also appointed to national commissions under President Ronald Reagan and the first President George Bush. In South Africa, he was the first and only American Ambassador to present his credentials to President Nelson Mandela. From 1982-1995, he was President and Chief Executive Officer of the Council on Foundations, an international organization of more than 2000 foundations and corporate giving programs. He is currently Professor of the Practice of Public Policy Studies and Executive Director of the United States – Southern Africa Center for Leadership and Public Values at Duke University.



2015

Dr. Norman Uphoff, Professor Emeritus in the Department of Government and a former director of the Cornell International Institute for Food, Agriculture, and Development (CIIFAD) and the Cornell Institute for Public Affairs (CIPA), joined the Cornell faculty in 1970 after completing his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley. His work has focused on local institutions and participatory development, and agroecology and the system of rice intensification (SRI) developed in Madagascar. His publications include The Political Economy of Development (1972); Puzzles of Productivity in Public Organizations (1994); and Reasons for Hope: Instructive Experiences in Rural Development (1997) and Reasons for Success: Learning from Instructive Experiences in Rural Development (1998). In March 2015, he received the first international Olam Prize for Innovation in Food Security for his work with SRI.



2014

Malden C. Nesheim is Professor of Nutrition Emeritus and Provost Emeritus at Cornell. In 1974 he was named Director of the Division of Nutritional Sciences, a post which he held until 1987, when he became Vice President for Planning and Budgeting. He was named Provost of Cornell University in September 1989, a position he held until 1995. Dr. Nesheim has served on numerous NIH, USDA and DHHS advisory committees and was the Chair of the 1990 US Dietary Guidelines Committee and was appointed by President Clinton to Chair a Commission on Dietary Supplements. He has served as President of the American Institute of Nutrition a group that awarded him the Conrad A. Elvehjem Award for public service. In 1995 he was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He was elected a fellow of the American Society of Nutritional Sciences in 1997.



2013

Brady J. Deaton became the 21st chief executive officer of the University of Missouri on Oct. 4, 2004. Prior to his time at the University of Missouri, he taught at the University of Tennessee, where he was appointed as staff director of the Special Task Force on Food for Peace for the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and Virginia Tech. In 2011 President Barack Obama appointed Dr. Deaton chairman of the Board for International Food and Agriculture Development (BIFAD). He also chairs the Missouri Council on Public Higher



Education (COPHE), and served as chair of the Academic Affairs Council of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities (APLU). Dr. Deaton participates in advisory roles with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and maintains active membership in the American and International Agricultural Economics Associations.

2012

Per Pinstrup-Andersen is a Danish economist and policy-maker who won the 2001 World Food Prize for having personally initiated the research effort which enabled several governments to reform their food subsidy programs and dramatically increase food availability to the severely impoverished. This research laid the foundation for the establishment of "Food for Education" programs, in which families receive food subsidies when their children stay in school. Driven by a deep desire to alleviate the suffering of malnourished and starving children, Dr. Pinstrup-Andersen initiated a global effort to uplift those most at risk by formulating IFPRI's 2020 Vision Initiative, which helped reverse the trend of decreasing global developmental assistance, and led contributed to significant decreases in hunger and poverty levels in many countries.



2011

Willene A. Johnson worked for twenty years in the Federal Reserve System, where her assignments included research and operational responsibilities in foreign exchange and international financial markets. She currently designs and facilitates courses in conflict management and peace building, including ones on economics and conflict at the U.S. Institute of Peace and others on security issues at the Africa Center for Strategic Studies. Reflecting a strong interest in microfinance and financial sector development, she also serves as the Vice Chair of the Africa Advisory Council of the Grameen Foundation. Dr. Johnson has worked extensively in Africa, starting as a volunteer teacher and, more recently, as the U.S. Executive Director of the African Development Bank. She holds degrees in social studies (Radcliffe College, Harvard University) and African History (St. John's University) as well as a doctorate in Development Economics (Columbia University).



2010

Robert W. Herdt is International Professor of Applied Economics and Management, Adjunct, at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York. For 17 years he worked at the Rockefeller Foundation in New York as Director of Agriculture and later as Vice President. His career has focused on improving the well-being of poor, agriculturally-dependent people in developing countries through increasing the productivity of their farming systems. Before joining the Rockefeller Foundation he worked in agricultural research institutions in India and the Philippines, at the University of Illinois, and the CGIAR Secretariat at the World Bank. His current work on research management, intellectual property rights, and the economics of technological change is designed to foster understanding of the role of new technology as an important force generating agricultural productivity and income gains over the past century.



2009

Frank Pedraza is an International Management Consultant, specializing in the solution of marketing and strategic planning issues in emerging countries. Pedraza has extensive experience resolving marketing and management challenges in Asia, Latin-America, and the USA as Vice-President or Divisional CEO for leading consumer companies including Procter & Gamble, Kraft Foods and Chiquita Brands. Pedraza grew up in Colombia, S.A. and his education includes a B.S. in Agricultural Economics and an MBA from Cornell University and an AMP from the Harvard Business School. Frank is a member of the Cornell University Council and of the International Board of Advisors of Zamorano University, Honduras.



2008

Peter Matlon has led a distinguished career in international development. In his most recent position as Managing Director of the Africa Regional Office of The Rockefeller Foundation (Kenya), and he also served as Interim President for Programs for the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa. In addition, he has served as a member of the United Nations' Millennium Program Hunger Task Force, the InterAcademy Council Panel on African Agriculture, and the editorial boards of several international journals. He has been a consultant to the World Bank and other international organizations and serves on the advisory committees of numerous scientific cooperation arrangements in agriculture. Matlon holds a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Cornell University, a MPA in development economics from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs at Princeton University, and a BSFS from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University.



PHOTO OF AWARDEES PRESENT AT THE 2014 CEREMONY

2014 recipient Professor Malden Nesheim (3rd from left), accompanied to the award ceremony by his granddaughter and photographed here with Prof. Ralph Christy (4th from left) along with previous awardees Per Pinstrup-Andersen, Robert Herdt, and Frank Pedraza (left-right).

