

# WESTERN FOREST ECONOMISTS

## 2025 Annual Meeting

May 15-16 in Seattle, WA

**Venue:** Maple Hall Great Room  
UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

### This year's theme for special panels:

*Long Rotations and Set-aside Forests: Economic and Environmental Implications*

Day 1: THURSDAY, MAY 15		
11:30 pm – 12:30 pm	Registration and Networking (lunch provided)	
12:30 pm – 12:45 pm	Welcome and Western Forest Economist Group Updates	
12:45 pm – 2:30 pm	<p><b>Plenary Session 1:</b> Industry, NGO, and Policy Makers' perspective on the 2025 WFE conference them of “Long Rotations and Set-aside Forests: Economics and Environmental Implications”</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Indroneil Ganguly, WFE Chair and Associate Professor, University of Washington</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Gareth Waugh, Vice President, Port Blakely</i></li><li>• <i>Jason Spadaro, Executive Director, Washington Forest Protection Association</i></li><li>• <i>Elaine Oneil, Executive Director, Washington Farm Forestry Association</i></li><li>• <i>Duane Emmons, Asst. Deputy Supervisor for State Uplands, WADNR</i></li><li>• <i>Matt Comisky, WA Manager, American Forest Resources Council</i></li></ul>	
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Break	
2:45 pm – 4:45 pm  NOTE: see detailed session information on following pages	<b>Concurrent Session 1</b>	<b>Concurrent Session 2</b>
	Presentation 1.1: Hugh Scolah	Presentation 2.1: Gang Lu
	Presentation 1.2: Jake Barker	Presentation 2.2: Elaine Oneil
	Presentation 1.3: Tim Hawkins	Presentation 2.3: Raju Pokharel
	Presentation 1.4: Kamana Poudel	Presentation 2.4: Kurt Niquidet
	Presentation 1.5: Abdallah Akintola	Presentation 2.5: John Foppert
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Break	
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	<p><b>Special Session:</b> Collaborative Efforts in Resolving Forestry Issues</p> <p><b>Speakers:</b> Tim Hawkins, Research Director and Facilitator, WestCoast Aquatic Society Rajat Panwar, Professor, Oregon State University</p>	
6:00 pm – 8:30 pm	Group Dinner and Social (food and drink provided)	

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### Day 2: FRIDAY, MAY 16

7:30 am – 8:15 am	Coffee and Networking	
8:15 am – 8:30 am	Welcome and Day 2 Overview	
8:30 am – 10:00 am	<p><b>Plenary Session 2:</b> Industry, NGO, and Policy Makers' perspective on the 2025 WFE conference them of “Long Rotations and Set-aside Forests: Economics and Environmental Implications”</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Harry Nelson, Associate Professor, Univ. of British Columbia</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Andres Susaeta, Assistant Professor, Oregon State University</li> <li>• Indroneil Ganguly, Associate Professor, University of Washington</li> <li>• Dr. Hugh Scolah, Faculty of Forestry, University of British Columbia</li> <li>• Raju Pokharel, Assistant Professor, Michigan State University</li> <li>• Seth Zuckerman, Executive Director, NW Natural Resource Group</li> </ul>	
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 am – 12:20 pm	<b>Concurrent Session 3</b>	<b>Concurrent Session 4</b>
	3.1: Chukwuemeka Valentine Okolo	Presentation 4.1: Victoria Diederichs
	3.2: Cade White	Presentation 4.2: Luke Koch
	3.3: Hsu Y. Kyaw	Presentation 4.3: Lily Yang
	3.4: Greg Latta	Presentation 4.4: Anna Maher
	3.5: Seth Zuckerman	Presentation 4.5: Alec Solemslie
12:30 pm – 1:45 pm	<p><b>Luncheon Session</b></p> <p>Please pick up your food and drink and head back into the presentation room for the luncheon discussion</p>	
	<p><b>Discussion:</b> Challenges faced in the discussions around the economic and environmental role of working forests: experience from the <u>Washington Forest Products Round-table</u></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chris Page, Senior Facilitator for Projects &amp; Strategic Initiatives, William D. Ruckelshaus Center / Associate Professor, WA State Univ. Extension C.E.D.</li> <li>• Julie Anderson, Forestry Sector Lead, Agricultural Innovation, Washington State Department of Commerce</li> </ul>	
1:45 pm – 2:00 pm	Wrap-up	
2:15 pm – 3:00 pm	WFE Board Meeting (open to all)	
3:00 pm	2025 Meeting Adjourns	



Thank you for attending the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Western Forest Economists!

We welcome ALL feedback to ensure we provide you with relevant and engaging information. Please fill out the post-event survey to let us know what you thought of this year's program and/or contact [Nicole@westernforestry.org](mailto:Nicole@westernforestry.org) with questions, concerns, or suggestions for additional events and training.

Session	Time	Title of Presentation	Speaker (in bold), all Authors Listed
Session 1: Policy, Governance, and Economics Chair: Harry Nelson May 15 2:45 - 4:45 pm	2:50-3:00pm	Matching Auctions for Cut Blocks	<b>Hugh Scolah</b>
	3:05-3:25pm	Up in Smoke: Costs and Constraints of Pile Burning in Western Forests	<b>Jake Barker</b> , Jimmy Voorhis, Sinead Crotty
	3:30-3:50pm	The Costs of Public Good Provision are Too High: Structural Limits to Collaborative Climate Change Mitigation in the the Somass River Watershed	<b>Tim Hawkins</b>
	3:55-4:15pm	Does Contracting for Labor-intensive Forestry Work Advance Economic Equity in the Pacific West, USA?	<b>Kamana Poudel</b> , Mindy Crandall, Heidi Huber-Stearns, Emily Jane Davis
	4:20-4:40pm	US Proposed Tariff: A glance at the Wood Sector	<b>Abdallah Akintola</b> , Indroneil Ganguly, Badrinarayan Gopalakrishnan, Kent Wheeler
Session 2: Forest Management and Carbon Sequestration Chair: Greg Latta May 15 2:45 - 4:45 pm	2:50-3:00pm	Forest Management Efficiency in Western and Eastern Oregon: A Stochastic Frontier Approach	<b>Gang Lu</b> , Andres Susaeta
	3:05-3:25pm	Harvest or Set-aside? A Comparative Carbon Analysis Grounded in Real World Data	<b>Elaine Oneil</b> , Maureen Puettmann, Lieke Drooge
	3:30-3:50pm	Assessing the Economic Tradeoffs of Various Forest Management Activities to Enhance Carbon Sequestration Efforts in Pennsylvania and Maryland	<b>Raju Pokharel</b> , Shivan Gc
	3:55-4:15pm	Competitiveness and Sustainability in the Forest Sector: A Comparison Across International Forest Jurisdictions	<b>Kurt Niquidet</b>
	4:20-4:40pm	The Economic Logic of Thinning Illustrated by a Sierra Mixed-conifer Field Trial	<b>John Foppert</b> , Rob York, Emily Cieslewitz

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Session 3: Managing Forests for Fire or Products?  Chair: Mindy Crandall  May 16 10:15 am - 12:20 pm	10:20-10:40am	Evaluating the Costs and Outcomes of Oregon's Clean Fuels Program: Advancing Carbon Intensity Goals for Sustainable Development	<b>Chukwuemeka Valentine Okolo</b> , Andres Susaeta, Mindy Crandall, John Sessions
	10:45-11:05am	An Econometric Analysis of Wildfire Risk on Forest Management Decisions	<b>Cade White</b> , Christopher Mihiar, David J. Lewis
	11:10-11:30am	Optimal Forest Management of Douglas-fir in Western Oregon: Stochastic Prices, Carbon Sequestration and Wildfire Risk	<b>Hsu Y. Kyaw</b> , Andres L. Susaeta, Mindy S. Crandall
	11:30-11:50am	Evaluating Harvested Wood Products as a Climate Mitigation Strategy	<b>Greg Latta</b>
	11:55am-12:15pm	Timber Yield Decline, Recovery, and Augmentation in Transition from Short- to Long-rotation Tree Farm Management in Western Washington	<b>Seth Zuckerman</b> , Jaal Mann
Session 4: Market Dynamics and Forestry  Chair: Ted Helvoigt  May 16 10:15 am - 12:20 pm	10:20-10:40am	Examining Information Sharing Dynamics through Network Analysis in the Western Hardwood Manufacturing Sector	<b>Victoria Diederichs</b> , Mindy Crandall, and Eric Hansen
	10:45-11:05am	The Resource Curse and U.S. Timber Harvest in Western Rural Economies	<b>Luke Koch</b> , Samuel Scott
	11:10-11:30am	Enhancing CLT Production Proficiency through Supply Chain Optimization	<b>Lily Yang</b>
	11:30-11:50am	Historical Context and Contemporary Snapshots of Pacific Northwest Forest Industries – Highlights from the Production, Prices, Employment, and Trade Report, 1958-2023	<b>Anna Maher</b>
	11:55am-12:15pm	Future Frost Regime Impacts on the Evergreen Bough Industry of the Pacific Northwest	<b>Alec Solemslie</b>

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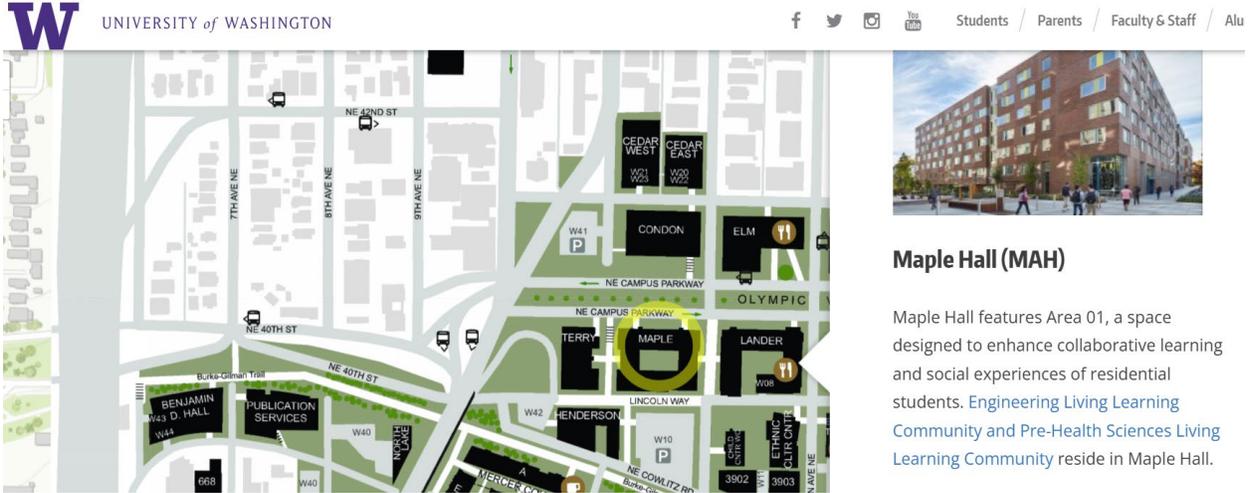
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### Venue Information from University of Washington

Maple Hall is a residence hall located on NE Campus Parkway and the pedestrian-only 12th Ave NE

UW Campus map link <https://www.washington.edu/maps/#!/mah>

Screenshot



The screenshot shows the University of Washington website header with the logo and navigation links for Students, Parents, Faculty & Staff, and Alumni. Below the header is a map of the NE Campus Parkway area, with Maple Hall highlighted in yellow. To the right of the map is a photograph of the Maple Hall building, a modern multi-story brick structure.

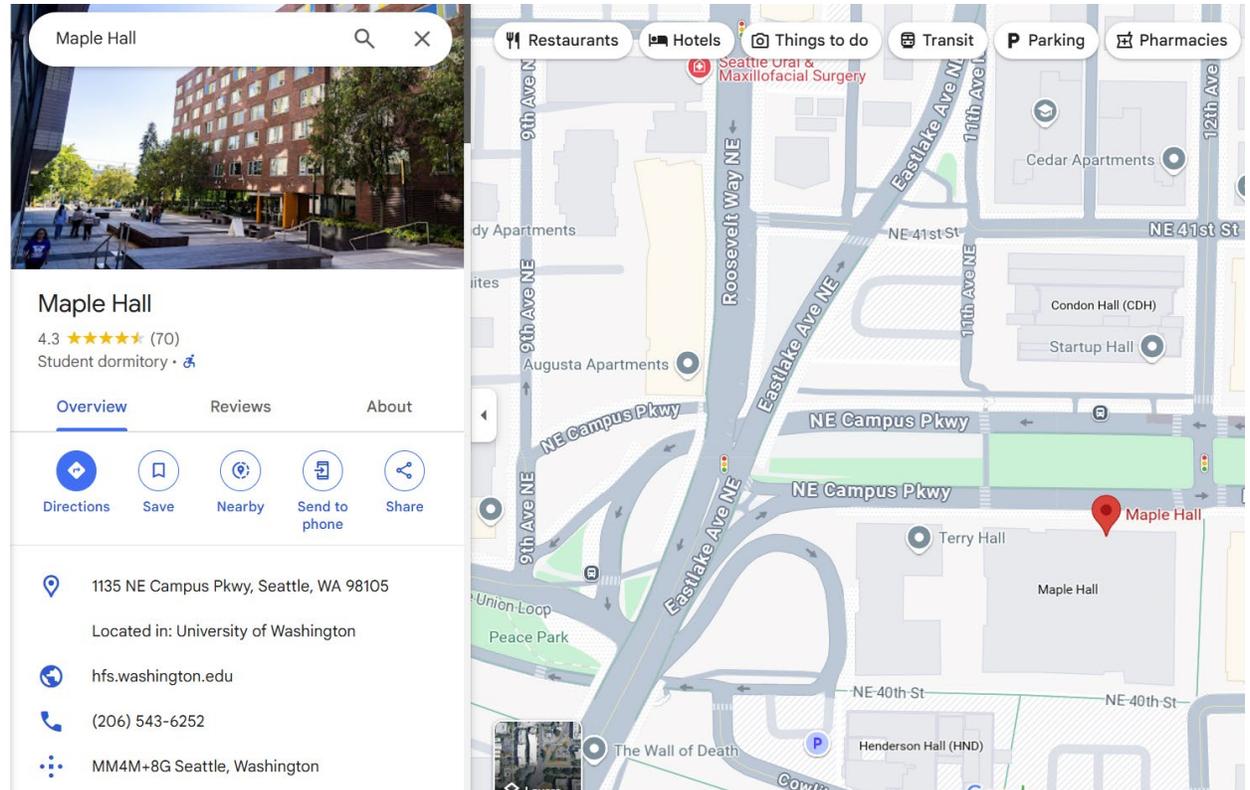
### Maple Hall (MAH)

Maple Hall features Area 01, a space designed to enhance collaborative learning and social experiences of residential students. [Engineering Living Learning Community](#) and [Pre-Health Sciences Living Learning Community](#) reside in Maple Hall.

### Venue Location Info from Google

Maps link <https://maps.app.goo.gl/K3r6p85igV3RTq7M8>

Screenshot



The screenshot shows a Google Maps interface. On the left, a search bar contains 'Maple Hall' and a card displays a photo of the building, a 4.3-star rating from 70 reviews, and the address '1135 NE Campus Pkwy, Seattle, WA 98105'. The main map area shows the location of Maple Hall (marked with a red pin) at the intersection of NE Campus Parkway and Eastlake Avenue NE. Other nearby landmarks like Terry Hall, Henderson Hall, and Cedar Apartments are also visible.

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### Hotel Location, Information, and Directions to Event Venue



Hotel website

<https://www.staypineapple.com/watertown-hotel-seattle-wa>

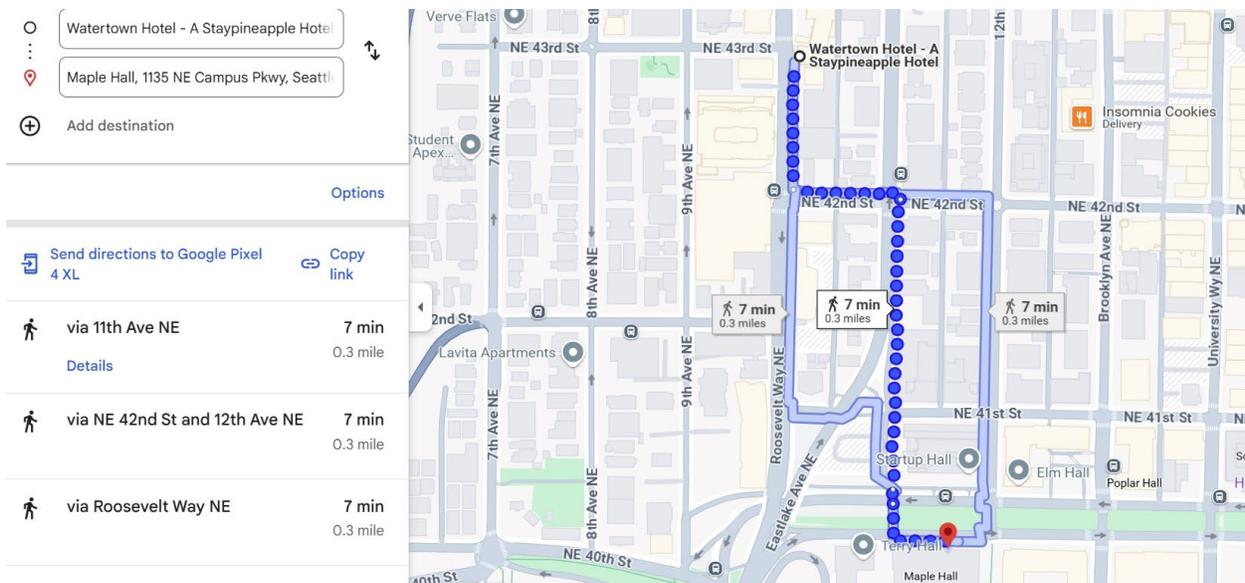
Google Maps link

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/CCkoWedo8VJ81kDLA>

**The hotel is located less than half a mile and a 10-minute walk from the event venue, Maple Hall**

Google Directions link <https://maps.app.goo.gl/WtoTs8PkTRvGYULP9>

Screenshot of walking directions from hotel to meeting venue



### Parking Information

- **UW lot W10 is the closest** lot to Maple Hall. Visitor Parking is allowed for \$5/hr through the PayByPhone app or at [PayByPhone.com](https://www.paybyphone.com). Campus parking questions should be directed to [UW Transportation Services](#).
- **Street parking is sometimes available**, also through PayByPhone. More information is available through the [City of Seattle](#).
- **Parking is available at the hotel for a fee.**