

Mr Professor Alan Randall

The honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Agriculture was conferred upon Professor Alan Randall, MScAgr *Sydney* PhD *Oregon*, Chair of the Department of Agriculture, Environmental and Developmental Economics at the Ohio State University, at a conferring of degrees ceremony held in the Great Hall on 26 March 2004.



Professor Alan Randall, *photo*, 'The University of Sydney News', 9 April 2004, University of Sydney Archives.

Citation

Chancellor, I have the honour to present Professor Alan Randall for the conferring of the degree of Doctor of Agricultural Economics *honoris causa*.

Alan Randall is a graduate of the University of Sydney, holding both a Bachelor of Agricultural Science degree (Agricultural Economics) and a Master of Agricultural Science degree (Agricultural Economics). He has a PhD degree in Agricultural Economics from Oregon State University.

Professor Randall's interests in Resource Economics became evident very early in his career with his Master's thesis being in this area. He left Australia in 1968 to pursue a doctoral degree at Oregon State University. Upon completion of this degree, he took up a position at New Mexico University. He has also worked at the University of New England, Armidale, the University of Chicago and more significantly at the University of Kentucky where he became a Professor in 1977 before moving to Ohio in 1985.

In addition to Chairing the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at the Ohio State University, Professor Randall has emerged as an eminent natural resource and environmental economist in the United States. His work includes project evaluation and benefit-cost analysis, incorporating both theory and methods of estimating environmental benefits and assessing the level of environmental damage. His areas of expertise span a diverse range including the theory of market failure, the economics of institutions and welfare economics.

Professor Randall has been a prolific writer, having produced six books, including a widely-used textbook, and many seminal articles published in, among others, *American Economic Review*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Land Economics*, and *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*. These include work on the ethical foundations on policy promoting sustainability and biodiversity. Such is Alan Randall's international reputation that his works are well received not only by economists, but also by ecologists and environmental ethicists.

In 1993, Professor Randall was made a Fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association for making major contributions to 'theory, method, and application'. Among many other academic achievements, he has also been awarded honorary doctorates by the University of Norway and the Ohio State University, the University Distinguished Scholar, the Faculty Award for Distinguished University Service and a Senior Researcher Award.

Chancellor, I present Alan John Randall for admission to the degree of Doctor of Agricultural Economics honoris causa and I invite you to confer the degree upon him.