

Response from Professor Boyce

Thank you all: Anna, John, Marco, Kieran and Hillel, for the wonderful session you have created in my honor. And to those who came so far, or for the first time at NARSC, thank you for the extra efforts you have made.

I found points of personal interest and importance in each of the four talks. I won't try to repeat here the points I made at the session. I would just say that these four presentations are highly noteworthy and worth viewing.

Finally, I would like to say a word about mentoring.

First, mentoring is such a pleasure. How could you resist helping a promising student or young colleague flourish?

Second, mentoring is a way to give back to those who mentored you. In my case there were two who helped me immensely when I was unable to make good decisions on my own:

- **Walter Isard, who offered me a job when I needed one, and invited me to join him in the work of the Regional Science Association, which became my lifelong pleasure;**
- **Ben Stevens, who stood by me, and offered advice and support whenever I asked, or when I obviously needed it.**

Whatever I have accomplished is primarily in response to the confidence they had in me.

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