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# Keeping Track

October 2014

## Calendar

Graduate Student Calendar:

October 7 <sup>th</sup>	College of Agriculture, Fall 2014 Career Fair, 9:30-3:30, Memorial Union Ballrooms
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Defense/Deposit Deadline for Exam or Degree Only registrants
December 1	Last day for candidates to indicate participation in Dec. Commencement
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last day to schedule final exam (see LouAnn)
December 9	Last day to deposit thesis/dissertation electronically (see LouAnn)

**October 2014 Photo of the Month:** Ag Econers at the Farmers Market 5K  
Submitted by Sharon Raszap



Ken Foster, Sofia Vielma, Juan Giraldo, Tanner McCarty, Kevin Camp

**Congratulations:**

Please congratulate **Raymond Florax** for being awarded the 2014 European Investment Bank (EIB)-European Prize in Regional Science. The EIB-ERSA Prize in Regional Science recognizes the outstanding contributions of scholars to the advancement in regional science and in related spatial area studies. Recipients are chosen on the recommendation of an independent jury of six eminent regional scientists, four from Europe, one from the Americas and one from the rest of the world.

AAEA Annual Awards Recap:

- **Joan Fulton** received the **Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award** for 10 or more years of service.
- **Chris Hurt** was a member of the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign and Purdue University team that received the **AAEA Group Award for their "farmdocDaily" program**.
- The winning team of Sam Ebenkamp, Josh Miller and Andrew Johnson **won the AAEA Academic Quiz Bowl**. They did not lose a single round throughout the tournament. They were coached by doctoral student John Lai, and Dr. Michael Gunderson. Others who participated include: Elizabeth Blinn, Austin Gantzert, Daniel Gongwer, Alex Lamb, and Kaitlyn Winters

**Luis Pena-Levano** and Grace Melo (University of Georgia) received 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the AAEA Graduate Student Case Study Competition. Their advisors were Gerald Shively and Michael Wetzstein

### Thought you would like to know:

**Ben Gramig** served on a USDA-Ag and Food Research Initiative Review Panel in Washington, DC, September 2014.

**Malissa Allen** has joined the Department as the new Schedule Deputy and Administrative Assistant for Undergraduate Counseling Office.

Travel Plans??? If you are doing any professional or personal international, please refer to the Purdue risk management website for current information that affects your travel and provides you with information on health and security while you are traveling. It includes a variety of travel recommendations, state department warnings, and general information on what to do in emergencies when you are travelling.

Recommend you bookmark this one! (This is similar to the travel website info and is actually the source of the latter, as such it may be more up to date.)

[http://www.purdue.edu/business/risk\\_mgmt/](http://www.purdue.edu/business/risk_mgmt/) (click on the gold box at the bottom left)

### News from our Graduate Students:

**Jeffrey Michler** received a Young Rice Scientist Award from the International Rice Congress. Jeff will also be presenting a paper at the Congress in Bangkok in late October and will also present his work at a seminar at the International Rice Research Institute in Los Banos, Philippines.

**James Flock** traveled to Nepal to complete research on hermetic storage. His travels covered 7 districts and interviewing 273 farmers.



## **News from the Undergraduates:**

**Enrollment Stats:** 588 students are enrolled in AgEcon this year. In December of 2013 there were 552 students, so it is clear that we continue to grow. We have 100+ new freshman, plus 30 transfer students, and 18 new Pathway to Purdue students.

**Placement Stats:** As of May 2014 with 115 students reporting, 93% are either employed or continuing their education. Of these 93%, 7% are continuing their education, 9% went to merchandising, 24% went into crop inputs, 17% returned to the family farm, and 7% went into finance. This information will continue to be collected till the end of the year to finalize placement results.

## **News from the Center for Food and Agricultural Business:**

### **Managers Sharpen Decision-Making Skills at Purdue Workshop**

Agribusiness managers from across the country attended Structuring Decisions: Innovating Through Turbulence, offered in mid-September at Purdue's Beck Agricultural Center. The program gave them a structured approach to making strategic decisions that helps foster innovation while managing uncertainty. Professors Mike Boehlje, Allan Gray and Nicole Widmar led sessions on market scanning, scenario analysis, risk scorecarding, decision trees and managerial flexibility. Using tools and illustrations introduced in the workshop, participants learned to analyze problems in their companies and industries, recognize new opportunities, clarify various alternatives, capitalize on time delay and manage the downside risk in business decisions. This year's program included a new case study featuring Loftus Ranches, a hops farm in Washington.

### **Select Sires Leaders Learn Management Skills**

Thirty-six sales and marketing leaders and service specialists came to Purdue's Beck Agricultural Center on September 17 and 18 for Key Account Management, a program developed specifically for Select Sires. Dave Downey spoke to the group about farmer buying behavior, the discovery process, identifying high-potential prospects, building a key account strategy and creating value through teams, and Nicole Widmar gave a presentation about the agricultural marketplace.

## **News from the Center for Global Trade Analysis:**

2014-2 GTAP 101 Course *"Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Modeling"*

The [Center for Global Trade Analysis](#) recently held the second 2014 offering of its [GTAP 101 Course](#) from September 15 – October 25, 2014. GTAP 101 is an online course aimed to engage participants in an active, team-based process of learning about the GTAP computable general equilibrium (CGE) model and its use in applied economic policy analysis. During the course, participants:

- reviewed core economic theories from macro, micro, trade and public finance and observe how they are operationalized in an applied general equilibrium model;
- learned to recognize, control and interpret the theoretically consistent behavior of consumers and producers in the model;
- observed the aggregated, macroeconomic impacts of microeconomic behaviors;
- defined model experiments that represent real-world issues and problems; and
- learned to interpret general equilibrium model results by calling on and integrating their knowledge of multiple fields of economic study.

In total, 23 individuals from 15 different countries representing government offices, the private sector and academia participated in this course.

For further information on this course, please visit: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/2014-2/>.

For further information on the Center for Global Trade Analysis or the Global Trade Analysis Project, please visit: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/>.

## Presented papers, seminars, travel:

**Ben Gramig** presented a talk (remotely delivered) entitled “Nitrogen Fertilizer Management for Profitability and Water Quality” to the Nutrient Sensor Technology Workshop, Whitehouse Office of Science and Technology Policy and Mississippi River Gulf of Mexico Watershed Nutrient Task Force. USDA-Beltsville, Maryland. September 9, 2014.

**Dr. Holly Wang** will travel to China during October 14- 21 with her graduate research assistant, **John Lai**, to present a paper at an international conference on Food Security and Rural Development held at Nanjing Agricultural University, and she will also participate at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual CAER-IFPRI conference held at Northwestern University of Agricultural and Forestry Science and Technology as an invited speaker.

## Publications:

**Liu, Jing, Thomas W. Hertel, Farzad Taheripour, Tingju Zhu, and Claudia Ringler.** "International trade buffers the impact of future irrigation shortfalls." *Global Environmental Change* 29 (2014): 22-31.

**Wang, H. H., Y. Wang and M. Delgado.** “The Transition to Modern Agriculture: Contract Farming in Developing Countries.” *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 96(2014), 1257-1271.

**Ortega, D. L., H. H. Wang, and N. J. Olynk Widmar.** “Aquaculture Imports from Asia: An Analysis of U.S. Consumer Demand for Select Food Quality Attributes.” *Agricultural Economics*, 45(2014): 625-634.

Zheng, Q., **H. H. Wang**, and Q. Shi. “Estimating Bivariate Yield Distributions and Crop Insurance Premiums Using Nonparametric Methods.” *Applied Economics*, 46(2014):2108-2118.

Ortega, D. L., C. G. Brown, S. A. Waldron, and **H. H. Wang.** “Agricultural Marketing and Food Safety in China: A Utility Perspective.” *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies*, 4(2014):23-31.

Ortega, D. L., **H. H. Wang**, and **N. J. Olynk Widmar.** “Welfare and Market Impacts of Food Safety Measures in China: Results from Urban Consumers’ Valuation of Product Attributes.” *Journal of Integrative Agriculture*, 13 (2014):1404-1411.

## Jobs:

Louisiana State University: <https://lsusystemcateers.lsu.edu>

Southern Illinois University: <http://affact.siu.edu/jobs/ag219.html>

APHIS/USDA: [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov) Economist – Policy Analysis and Development Staff  
Mississippi State Extension position

University of Maryland <https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/29966>  
University of Idaho: Assist Prof – food and agricultural marketing

## Internships:

<http://crs.org/about/careers/fellowships/>

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## Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below

Career and Job Sites on the Internet

Purdue	<a href="http://www.purdue.edu/jobs">http://www.purdue.edu/jobs</a>
AAEA Job Posting	<a href="http://www.aaea.org/employment.html">http://www.aaea.org/employment.html</a>
Academic Employment Network	<a href="http://www.academemploy.com/">http://www.academemploy.com/</a>
Agriculture Career Connection	<a href="http://www.ag-biz.com">http://www.ag-biz.com</a>
Ag Careers	<a href="http://www.agcareers.com">http://www.agcareers.com</a>
Academic Position Network	<a href="http://www.apnjobs.com/">http://www.apnjobs.com/</a>
Academic Keys	<a href="http://www.academickeys.com">http://www.academickeys.com</a>
Community Colleges, misc	<a href="http://www.aacc.nche.edu/">http://www.aacc.nche.edu/</a>
ConAgra	<a href="http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/">(http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/</a>
Chronicle of Higher Education	<a href="http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/">http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/</a>
Education Jobs Page	<a href="http://www.nationajob.com/education">http://www.nationajob.com/education</a>
Employment/Resume Posting	<a href="http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html">http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html</a>
EPA	<a href="http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe">http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe</a>
Foreign Ag Service	<a href="http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm">http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm</a>
Government Career	<a href="http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/">http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/</a>
National Job Bank	<a href="http://www.jobs.joe.org">http://www.jobs.joe.org</a>
USDA, Ag Research Service	<a href="http://ars.usda.gov">http://ars.usda.gov</a>
	<a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsgjobs.htm">http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsgjobs.htm</a>
U.S. International Trade Commission	<a href="http://usitc.gov">http://usitc.gov</a>

<http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/323686300>

[http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern\\_research.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern_research.htm)

<http://www.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1>

<http://www.fcni.org/young/intern.htm>

<http://www.uschamber.com/careers/internships/default>

<http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=317257>

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0,,contentMDK:20515785~menuPK:1477648~pagePK:64262408~piPK:64262191~theSitePK:1058433,00.html>

For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651  
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