Calendar of Events:

- October 13-14: October Break
- October 17: GSO Brownbag Seminar Series: 1:30 pm KRAN 661
  Ben Gramig “On Growing a Research Program in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics”
- October 24: Seminar: David Just “Food, Behavior Economics, and Food Policy” KRAN 661, 3:30
- November 18-19: National Conference for Agribusiness (CAB)
- December 5: Seminar: Steve Boucher “Are land titles the constraint to enhanced Agricultural performance? Complementary policies to crowd-in credit Supply and demand in risk-constrained rural credit markets” KRAN 661 3:30
- December 20: Fall semester ends
- December 21: Fall Commencement

Homecoming

The College of Agriculture will host Ag Alumni and the Department of Agricultural Economics in a homecoming tent outside of Stewart Center in Memorial Mall on Saturday, October 25. For the fifth year, AGEC will feature some key faculty and former faculty on their own personalized trading cards. The featured “players” this year are Lee Schrader, Chris Hurt, Jerry Shively, and Ben Gramig. Please come out and enjoy the Ag Alumni’s pre-game tailgate brunch from 9-11am and get an autographed trading card from your own AGEC team. Kickoff against the Minnesota Gophers is currently scheduled for 12 noon. For brunch tickets or football tickets in the Purdue Ag Block, contact Donya Lester in the Ag Alumni office at 494-8593 or lesterd@purdue.edu

Dr. Bob Taylor has been chosen as a Homecoming Parade Judge! The parade starts at 8 pm at the intersection of State Street and Airport Road.

Congratulations and Names in the News:

Otto Doering has been appointed to the EPA’s Science Advisory Board and the Department of Interior’s National Invasive Species Advisory Council
Steven Y. Wu has joined the department as an Associate Professor. Dr. Wu has been an associate professor at The Ohio State University. His research and teaching interests are in the areas of Applied Contract Theory and Incentive Systems, Applied Microeconomics, Experimental Economics, Regulation and Public Policy related to Agricultural Contracting. He earned his Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley in Agricultural and Resource Economics in December 2001.

Congratulations to the following for receiving a Purdue Extension Award, presented by the Indiana Extension Educators Association and the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Specialists Association along with Epsilon Sigma Phi. These awards were presented on September 16th in Indianapolis.

- 2008 PUCESA Early Career Award – Maria Marshall
- 2008 PUCESA Mid-Career Award – Alan Miller
- 2008 PUCESA Career Award – Chris Hurt

The following graduate students in the Space Health and Population Economics (SHaPE) Group are presenting an organized session at the 45th Annual Meeting of the Missouri Valley Economics Association in St. Louis, Missouri, October 23–25. The session will focus on the use of spatial econometric methods in applied economic research. Papers address such topics as housing prices, technology diffusion, manufacturing investment, and heterogeneous firm competition.

Chair: Todd Kuethe, Purdue University

- An Exploration of Regional Housing Price Cycles Using U.S. State Level Data
  Todd H. Kuethe and Valerien Pede, Purdue University
- Directional Effects in Spatial Process Models: The Case of Technology Diffusion
  Benoit Delbecq, Raymond J.G.M. Florax, and William A. Masters, Purdue University
- Evolution of Location Determinants in U.S. Manufacturing Investment
  Jason P. Brown, Raymond J.G.M. Florax and Kevin T. McNamara, Purdue University
- Heterogeneous Firm Competition: A Spatial Analysis of Texas Hotels
  Gustav Helmers, John M. Connor, Raymond J.G.M. Florax, and Govert Vroom, Purdue University

Thought you would like to know

Former Department Head, Charles Ezra French, 85, of Williamsburg died peacefully in his sleep April 16, 2008.

He was a loving husband and father, devoted educator and committed public servant. Born near Edgerton, Missouri, in 1923, the son of Charley and Ruth French, Charles French grew up as one of seven children on a farm near Smithville, Missouri. After graduating from Smithville High School, he entered the University of Missouri but left during his second year to join the Army Air Corps, where he became a fighter pilot and rose to the rank of Captain. He flew numerous combat missions in P-47s in the European theater and was one of the pilots chosen to escort President Truman’s plane to the Potsdam Peace Conference.

After the war he returned to the University of Missouri, where he completed his bachelor’s degree and earned an M.S., before moving to Purdue University, where he earned a Ph. D. He stayed at Purdue and rose to rank of Full Professor, serving as the head of the Agricultural Economics Department from 1966 to 1973. He left Purdue in 1974 to pursue government service, working for the U. S. Agency for International Development and the National Academy of Science. During the Carter Administration he served as Study Director for Food and Nutrition in the Executive Office of the President. He then returned to university teaching and administration as Director of the
Institute of Agribusiness in the Leavey School of Business and Administration, Santa Clara University, in Santa Clara, California.

During his long and rich career he inspired and mentored hundreds of students, helped develop many new courses and programs, wrote scores of articles for popular magazines such as Farm Journal and scholarly journals such as the American Journal of Farm Economics, and co-authored two books, World Food and Nutrition Study: The Potential Contributions of Research and Survival Strategies for Agricultural Cooperatives. He was deeply involved in international educational and agricultural development and the battle against world hunger. His travels took him to every continent except Antarctica, and he taught in Brazil, Australia and New Zealand. He was also a Fulbright Scholar and represented the United States at the U.N. World Food Conference in Rome.

His family was a great delight to him, and he especially enjoyed teasing them with his dry humor and taking them on travels throughout the country and the world. He was a handy carpenter who built everything from extra rooms to tree houses; an avid sportsman who loved to fish, hunt, bowl and golf; and a sports fan who followed the Purdue Boilermakers and St. Louis Cardinals.

The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made to:

The Carter Center
One Copenhill
453 Freedom Parkway
Atlanta, GA 30307
http://www.cartercenter.org

The United States Fund for UNICEF
125 Maiden Lane
New York, NY 10038
http://www.unicefusa.org

News from Center for Food and Agricultural Business

Oct. 27-31, 2008 Strategic Agrimarketing
Nov. 18-19, 2008 National Conference for Agribusiness
Feb. 3-5, 2009 ARA Leadership Academy
March 3-6, 2009 ASTA Management Academy

Center to offer Strategic Agrimarketing
The Center for Food and Agricultural Business will offer Strategic Agrimarketing on Oct. 27-31, 2008, at Krannert Center. Professor Emeritus Dave Downey and Thomas Funk, adjunct professor of marketing at the University of Guelph, will lead the seminar, which gives marketing professionals the tools to evaluate old marketing problems in new ways. Find out more about the program.

Opportunities for graduate students at National Conference for Agribusiness
Agricultural economics graduate students can network with industry professionals by helping at the National Conference for Agribusiness, set for Nov. 18-19, 2008, at the Purdue Memorial Union. This year’s conference features results from the Large Commercial Producer Survey, which gives insight to trends and issues shaping the industry and allows agribusiness to better understand commercial farming operations. For
information on how you can get involved, contact Aissa Good at aissa@purdue.edu or stop by KRAN 781.

Refer colleagues and friends to center programs
The Center for Food and Agricultural business is always looking for professionals who will benefit from our programs. If you know someone who may be interested in attending one of our offerings, feel free to refer them to the program by going to the program’s page on the center’s Web site and clicking the “Refer a Colleague” link. Or, e-mail Megan Sheridan at msheridan@purdue.edu and she’ll add them to our mailing list.

www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab/index.html

News from GTAP

The Center for Global Trade Analysis recently held a Short Course in Dynamic Global Trade Analysis here on the campus of Purdue University from October 10-15, 2008. This course consisted of a mix of daily lectures, lab assignments, and informal discussions designed to introduce participants to the basic features of the Dynamic GTAP Model. These activities culminated in a major application undertaken by small groups and presented on the final day of the course. The Center’s goal was for participants to leave with the capability to conduct and analyze their own GTAP-Dyn simulations.

The aim of the course was to:

1. Introduce participants to a dynamic model designed for conducting global trade analysis in an applied general equilibrium setting;

2. Provide participants with ample hands-on training with software that has been tailored for undertaking analysis using a dynamic recursive model; and

3. Give participants the opportunity to interact with economists working on global trade and resource use issues using a dynamic modeling framework.

In total, 16 individuals from 10 different countries participated in this course; all contributing to its astounding success.

More information on the Short Course in Dynamic Global Trade Analysis can be found on the GTAP website at: https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Dynamic_Courses/2008/default.asp

News from ICEE

The Indiana Council for Economic Education recently published its Hoosier Economist on-line newsletter, which outlines current programs and activities in K-12 economic and financial education. Check it out! (http://www.econed-in.org/PDF/HEFall08.pdf)

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:

Wally Tyner will present a seminar at SupAgro in Montpellier, France, on Friday, 10 October 2008. The seminar title is Enjeux économiques et politiques des agrocarburants pour les USA et l’Union européenne (US and EU Economic and Policy Issues Relevant to Biofuels).
Holly Wang taught a short course on Risk Analysis and Agricultural Risk Management to Ph.D students at University of Helsinki, Finland in July. Dr. Wang also participated in a conference at University of Regina in August, “The Right Policy for China’s Continued Development”, as an invited panelist on a plenary session focusing on Agricultural Policy.


Publications


Job Announcements:

Mississippi State University:  Assist Professor in Environmental and/or Natural Resource Economics
Michigan State University:  position – international marketing
University of Guelph:  Post doc position in risk analysis for food safety
University of Wyoming – Assist Prof – Water Resource Economics


Career and Job Sites on the Internet:
Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below
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Purdue http://www.purdue.edu/jobs
AAEA Job Posting http://www.aaea.org/employment.html
Academic Employment Network http://www.academemploy.com/
Agriculture Career Connection http://www.ag-biz.com
Academic Position Network http://www.apnjobs.com/
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
Chronicle of Higher Education http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/
Congressional Budget Office http://www.cbo.gov
Education Jobs Page http://www.nationjob.com/education
Employment/Resume Posting http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html
EPA http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe
Foreign Ag Service http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm
Government Career http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/
National Job Bank http://www.jobs.joe.org
USDA, Ag Research Service  http://ars.usda.gov
http://www.ams.usda.gov/hr/hrjobs.htm

For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651
Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT