Calendar of Events:

December 11  Last day for electronic deposit of thesis/dissertation for Fall grads
December 12  Fall classes end
December 14-19 Final exams
December 20  Fall Commencement
January 11  Spring classes begin
January 15  Last day for late registration
January 18  Martin Luther King Jr. Day – no classes
January 25  Last day to cancel a course assignment without it appearing on record
February 8  Last day to cancel a course without a grade, for course additions, change of level or change of pass/no-pass option
March 15-20  Spring break

Going Green Tip: Purify Your Air – place potted plants (like Boston ferns, peace lilies, or English ivy) on windowsills and tables. BECAUSE: Fifteen plants can absorb most of the average home’s airborne toxins within 24 hours.

December trivia: A typical lightning bolt is two to four inches wide and two miles long.

Congratulations and Names in the News

A Purdue University agricultural economist who has helped countless Hoosiers better understand tax and government budgeting issues is the 2009 recipient of the Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to Rural People of Indiana.

Larry DeBoer of West Lafayette received the award Friday (Nov. 20) at the Indiana Farm Bureau convention in Fort Wayne, Ind. The award honors Purdue staff with a record of outstanding achievement and service to rural communities. "Larry is the leading state and local government public policy analyst and educator in Indiana," said Jay Akridge, Purdue's Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture. "On the Web, in print and in meetings across the state, he works to bring sound economics to public choices using a non-advocacy approach. The result is a more informed public debate, and, ultimately, more efficient and equitable policy decisions at the local and state levels. Larry's outreach program is a tremendous example of Purdue Extension at work, and the Hovde Award reflects the difference he has made across our state."

For more than 24 years DeBoer has studied state and local fiscal policy. He frequently works with elected officials and school administrators in rural communities on budget and property tax
issues. He's made numerous presentations on fiscal and property tax assessment to government, agricultural, education, business and public groups.

DeBoer shares his expertise through a Local Government Information Web site, a monthly "Capital Comments" newspaper column and podcasts. He also consults with the Indiana Legislative Services Agency about tax and finance issues and analyzes the fiscal impacts of riverboat gaming on local governments for the Indiana Gaming Commission.

DeBoer developed a tax impact model that was used extensively during the state's 2002-03 reassessment and tax restructuring. In 1997-98 he directed the staff work for the Citizen's Commission on Taxation, a group established by the governor to study tax reform in Indiana. DeBoer also directed a study on market value property tax assessment for the Indiana State Board of Tax Commissioners between 1995 and 1999.

"Larry DeBoer's impact is felt all across rural Indiana, both directly and indirectly via his contact with public decision makers in Indianapolis and in local government," said Ken Foster, head of Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics. "His tireless effort to instill sound economics into public choices in a non-advocacy framework epitomizes the mission of the Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to Rural People of Indiana."

The Hovde Award is sponsored by Indiana Farm Bureau and carries with it a monetary prize. The award is named after Purdue's seventh president, who served from 1946 to 1971.

Dr. Janet Ayres, Dr. Michael Boehlje, Dr. Lawrence DeBoer, and Dr. Roman Keeney, members of the Purdue Confined Animal Feeding Operation Team received the PUCESA Team Award.

Dr. Corinne Alexander received the PUCESA Junior Ward.

**Thought You Would Like to Know**

At the North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International held in San Francisco in November, faculty and Ph.D. students of the department were represented in large numbers. They served as discussants and session chairs, and presented many research papers on a variety of topics:

Raymond J.G.M. Florax: *Regional and sectoral differences in population-employment dynamics in the Netherlands* (with Thomas De Graaff, VU University Amsterdam; Frank Van Oort, Utrecht University)

Benoit Delbecq and Brigitte Waldorf: *Going West in the European Union: Migration and EU Enlargement.*


Raymond J.G.M. Florax: *Strategic Interaction Among Dutch Municipalities: The Case of Industrial Site Provision.* (with Friso De Vor, VU University; Henri Lf De Groot, VU University Amsterdam)
Raymond J.G.M. Florax, Valerien Olivier Pede and Matthew T. Holt: Spatial Econometric STAR Models: LM tests and Monte Carlo Simulations. (with Dayton M. Lambert, Univ. of Tennessee)

Jason P. Brown: Factors Influencing Manufacturing Establishment Transitions Into and Out-of Local Economies: A Spatial Multinomial Logit Approach with Sample Selection (with Dayton M. Lambert, Univ. of Tennessee)

Julia Beckhusen, Raymond J.G.M. Florax and Brigitte Waldorf: Impacts of Residential and Occupational Segregation on Language Acquisition of Immigrants in US Metropolitan Areas (with Thomas De Graaff, VU University Amsterdam)

Gustav Helmers, John M. Connor and Raymond J.G.M. Florax: The relevance of ownership for establishment survival of hotels: An analysis using spatial hazard models (with Govert Vroom, University of Navarra)


As part of the Leadership Certificate program, the following AGEC undergraduate students were invited as guests to Pioneer’s Corporate Headquarters in Iowa. The group thoroughly enjoyed their trip and one of the students received an internship offer from the visit!

Caleb Neier
Brad Crohn
Henry Reed-Schertz
Alicia Keller
Jeff Parry
Brooke Pence
Mindy Fordice

Bryant Wiley
Renee Foltz
Darren Wiatt
Tyler Wilson
Joey Tempel
Bailey Perry

Dr. Jason Brown has reported to his new job as a research agricultural economist with the Economic Research Service, USDA in Washington D.C. Jason recently completed all requirements for the PhD.

News from Center for Food and Agricultural Business

Agri-marketers take home strategic tools from center program
Twenty-two agribusiness professionals from 11 states learned new ways to analyze marketing problems at Strategic AgriMarketing, delivered by the center October 12-16 at the Krannert Center for Executive Education and Research. Instructors Dave Downey, executive director of the center, and Tom Funk, professor emeritus of agricultural marketing at the University of Guelph, led participants through the use of cutting-edge marketing tools that were demonstrated through case studies based on actual agribusiness situations. The agri-marketers tested their strategic plans and assumptions by learning how to model marketing decisions using popular software that is easily transferred back to the work environment. The next offering of Strategic AgriMarketing is set for October 11-15, 2010.

New Zealand food and agribusiness leaders look to Purdue for expertise
Center faculty and staff delivered Module 3: Overseas Markets to a group of 28 food and agribusiness leaders from New Zealand November 8-13 as part of the Food and Agribusiness Market Experience (FAME). The program is an intense professional development opportunity offered jointly by three leading New Zealand University’s—Otago, Lincoln, and Massey—that exposes participants to the food value chain in Europe, Japan, China, and the United States.
The group’s U.S. visit started at Santa Clara University in California and included site visits to Whole Foods, Safeway, and Costco. They then traveled to West Lafayette, where they explored the heartland of commodity agriculture at a farm visit and learned about U.S. agricultural policy, the global impact of biofuels, and developments in the soya industry from Purdue University agricultural economists. The group also spent part of an afternoon working through a case study with students enrolled in the MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management program. The FAME participants spent their last morning at Fontera in Chicago before leaving for Europe.

Syngenta leaders travel to Switzerland for center program
Agribusiness Leadership Plus at Purdue (ALPs) participants traveled to Basel, Switzerland, home of Syngenta’s global headquarters, for their fifth session, held October 25-29. The main objective of the trip was for the class, consisting of 33 Syngenta employees, to present their team projects to the company’s executives. The team projects are a key part of the participants’ ALPs experience and allow them to define, develop, complete, and communicate an investigation into an opportunity or challenge to the company. Project topics ranged from liberating potential in reputation management in Mexico to realizing successful change. The final session of the 16-month program will take place in Sao Paulo, Brazil, starting January 29, 2010.

MS-MBA students attend residencies at Purdue
Students in the distance-delivered MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management program met their professors face-to-face for a weeklong residency session during the beginning of November. While the program is delivered primarily online, the five one-week residency sessions allow faculty to cover course material that is more difficult to teach in an online environment. Gathering in a classroom also allows students to network and build relationships that typically last a lifetime. The Class of 2008-2010 met at the Dauch Alumni Center November 1-6 to study advanced quantitative methods, trade, and policy. The following week, the Class of 2009-2011 made their first trip to Purdue’s campus to study applied quantitative methods for decision making and economics for food and agribusiness managers.

Upcoming Programs
February 2-4, 2010 ARA Management Academy
March 2-5, 2010 ASTA Management Academy

To learn more or refer a colleague to one of our seminars, visit www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab.

News from Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE)
Resources at Purdue
In November, Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE) Executive Director, Harlan Day, presented three workshops on Indiana-developed curriculum materials to K-12 teachers in New York City and Atlanta. These popular materials are Trading Around the World (middle school), Play Dough Economics (K-12), and Herschel’s World of Economics (K-5). ICEE continues to have a significant national impact on K-12 economic education.

ICEE also just published its new 2010 Economics Calendar, full of student art that illustrates key economics concepts. If you want one, contact ICEE.

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:

Wally Tyner is speaking at the Indiana CCA Conference, Dec. 15 in Indianapolis on “Current Status and Future Outlook for Biofuels.”
Wally Tyner and Steven Wu are speaking at the Bio-Econference: Solutions for Sustainability on December 1, 2009.


Hertel, T.W. “Global Economic and Environmental Impacts of Biofuels”, Fanning Memorial Lecture, College of Agriculture, University of Georgia, November 13, 2009.

Hertel, T.W. “Global Data Base Infrastructure for Long Run Analysis of Agriculture, Climate and the Environment”, Session organized for the second meeting of the UK Science Advisor’s Foresight Project, ERS/USDA, Washington, DC, November 9, 2009.

Publications


Internship Opportunities
http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern_research.htm

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

http://www.fcnl.org/young/intern.htm

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


Job Announcements:

Michigan State University: Assist/Assoc Professor in international economic development
University of Florida: Environmental economist – https://jobs.ufl.edu


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.academploy.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.nationajob.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


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