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AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Keeping Track

January 2009

Calendar of Events:

January 12	Spring 2009 classes begin
January 16	Last day for late registration
January 19	No classes – Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 26	Last day to cancel a course assignment without it appearing on record
February 7	Purdue Ag Fish Fry
March 6	Distinguished Agricultural Alumni
March 16-20	Student Spring Break
March 23	Last day to cancel a course
April 13-17	Graduate Student Appreciation Week
April 14	Deadline for pending incomplete grades to become failing grades
April 17	Annual James c. Snyder Memorial Lecture
April 18-19	Springfest
May 4	Final Exam Week
May 10	Spring 2009 semester Commencement

The Purdue University Agricultural Alumni Fish Fry on Feb. 7 will give attendees an inside look at the national political scene from the perspective of a broadcast news veteran. **Andrea Mitchell**, the anchor of MSNBC's "The Andrea Mitchell Hour" and chief foreign affairs correspondent for NBC News, will be the guest speaker during the luncheon that begins at 11:30 a.m. in the Toyota Blue Ribbon Pavilion at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

Congratulations and Names in the News

Todd Kuethe and Valerien Pede won the runner-up prize for best student paper at the 55th Annual North American meetings of the Regional Science Association International for their paper "Regional Housing Price Cycles: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis Using US State Level Data".

Susan Chen, Raymond Florax, and Samantha Snyder received a grant from the National Poverty Center at the University of Michigan through a cooperative grant with the US Department of Agriculture for their work on obesity and access to food markets.

Samantha Snyder was chosen to represent the College of Agriculture for the Best Thesis from Purdue contest at the Midwest Conference.

Sustainable Agriculture Outreach Award from the Hoosier Environmental Council was awarded to Maria Marshall for her innovative work in fostering the development of "MarketMaker," a web tool that connects consumers, agricultural businesses and farmers, providing a one-stop shop to locate locally grown food products.

Thought You Would Like to Know

The Commander of the Delphi American Legion contacted **Dr. Janet Ayres** with an invitation to attend their annual dinner. Dr. Ayres was presented with a beautiful award as "Outstanding Citizen" for the leadership programs she has fostered in Carroll County. Several American Legion members have participated in the various programs. A requirement of one of the programs is to identify how you can make a difference in the community. As an organization, they identified their role to sponsor political debates prior to local elections – something that hadn't been done in Carroll County. These veterans have really gotten into this over the past few years and have done a wonderful job of organizing the debates and bringing out critical issues. They show up in their uniforms, greet people at the door, and sponsor a reception afterwards. The debates have been well attended, often with several hundred people. Their goal was to focus more on issues and how the candidates will deal with the issues, less on personality. When the Commander made the award presentation, he choked up as he thanked Dr. Ayres for helping them to realize that they still had something to offer by serving the community. A heartwarming thanks from our Veterans who served in WW II, Korea, Vietnam to Dr. Ayres.

Dr. Dayton Lambert visited the department for one week in early December. Dr. Lambert is a Ph.D. graduate from Purdue and is currently an assistant professor at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. During his visit, he presented his current research in spatial econometric modeling.

Luke Brander from the Institute for Environmental Studies (IVM) at the VU University in Amsterdam, The Netherlands, is visiting the department in November through the middle of December. Mr. Brander is currently working on his dissertation dealing with the valuation of landscape fragmentation using stated and revealed preference methods, such as a choice experiment model and a hedonic pricing model.

The Purdue Income Tax School program, directed by George Patrick, held two-day programs in 11 locations in November and early December. The programs had an attendance of about 900 tax professionals.

News from Center for Food and Agricultural Business

The Center for Food and Agricultural Business is gearing up for another exciting year of offering management education for agribusinesses. Below is the 2009 open enrollment program schedule.

February 3-5	ARA Leadership Academy
March 3-6	ASTA Management Academy
May 28-29	Sales Management and Leadership
June 11-12	Precision Selling
October 12-16	Strategic Agrimarketing

For more information about each program, please visit www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab.

The center welcomed April Sauer as its new managing director in December. April comes to the center from a career in healthcare operations and most recently opened a medi-spa in Chicago. Prior to that, she was a practice administrator for a large multi-specialty physician practice, Arnett Clinic, for 12 years. April is off to a great start and quickly learning all there is to know about the center, the department and Purdue. Her office is located in the KRAN 781 suite.

News from Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE)

The Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE) continues to promote Financial Literacy throughout Indiana, and even the United States. ICEE is offering its new Interest Posters to K-12 teachers in training programs and workshops. The posters tell how interest can work for you with regular saving and investing, and can work against you if you have too much high-interest debt. View posters at <http://www.kidseconposters.com/interest.html>.

Resources at Purdue

PURE—Purdue University Research Expertise database—has evolved into INDURE—Indiana Database for University Research Expertise. PURE is outdated and will soon be retired. INDURE is supported through the state and Purdue. Plans are to continue INDURE upgrade and maintenance.

<https://www.indure.org/index.cfm?InstitutionFilter=1>

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:

Jason Brown will present a paper co-authored with Dayton Lambert (University of Tennessee) at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association annual meetings in Atlanta, GA. The title of the paper is, "Creative Destruction of U.S. Manufacturing Firms: From Birth to Death."

Brigitte Waldorf, Raymond Florax, Julia Beckhusen, and Thomas De Graaff (VU University Amsterdam) presented a paper entitled *Immigrant Enclaves and Language Acquisition in U.S. Metropolitan Areas* at the North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association in Brooklyn, NY in November 2008. The presentation was part of a special session on U.S. IMMIGRATION : SPATIAL PATTERNS OF SETTLEMENT AND ASSIMILATION, organized by John I. Carruthers, US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Natasha Duncan and Brigitte Waldorf presented a paper entitled *Immigrant Assimilation in Urban Neighborhoods* at the North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association in Brooklyn, NY in November 2008. The presentation was part of a special session on U.S. IMMIGRATION: HOUSING AND LOCATION CHOICE, organized by John I. Carruthers, US Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Wally Tyner will do a presentation entitled "The Role of Biofuels in our Energy Future" at the South Dakota Ag Business Association meeting in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, January 13, 2009.

Val Pede will present an invited paper at Omicron Delta Epsilon Graduate Student Paper Session at the American Economics Association in San Francisco, CA, January 3 – 5. The paper is titled "Regional Housing Price Cycles: A Spatio-Temporal Analysis Using US State Level Data",

coauthored by Todd H. Kuethe. The paper was also recently selected as a Finalist for the Graduate Student Paper Contest of the North American Regional Science Council.

Publications

Tyner W. and F. Taheripour. "Biofuels, Policy Options, and Their Implications: Analyses Using Partial and General Equilibrium Approaches," *Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization*, 2008, 6 (9):1-17.

Gahvari F. and F. Taheripour. "The welfare cost of price subsidies in Iran: A general equilibrium approach," Presented at the *Conference on Iran's Economy, December 11-13 2008*, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Illini Union, Urbana, IL.

Brigitte Waldorf, Raymond Florax and Julia Beckhusen published an article entitled "Spatial sorting of immigrants across urban and rural areas in the United States: changing patterns of human capital accumulation since the 1990s" in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, vol. 90(5): 1312–18.

Narayanan, Badri G. and Walmsley, Terrie L., Editors (2008). *Global Trade, Assistance, and Production: The GTAP 7 Data Base*, Center for Global Trade Analysis, Purdue University.

Internship Opportunities

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>

Job Announcements:

Texas A&M – Assistant Lecturer

West Virginia University – Energy Markets and related public policy

Oregon State University: Assist Prof, Rural Econ

ERS: <http://www.ers.usda.gov/AboutERS/Employment/OpportunitiesPage.htm>

Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below

Career and Job Sites on the Internet

Purdue

<http://www.purdue.edu/jobs>

AAEA Job Posting

<http://www.aaea.org/employment.html>

Academic Employment Network

<http://www.academply.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
	http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsgjobs.htm
U.S. International Trade Commission	http://usitc.gov

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