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Keeping Track

MARCH 2008

Calendar of Events:

March 6-7	Seminar by Matthew Rousu, 10:30-11:30, KRAN 661
March 10-12	Spring break
March 21	2008 Distinguished Agricultural Alumni Awards: Reception, 2:30 pm, Memorial Union North Ballroom Awards Convocation, 3:30 pm, Memorial Union North Ballroom
April 7-11	Graduate Student Appreciation Week
April 11	34 th Annual James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture
April 12-13	Springfest 2008
April 25, 2008	Seminar: Ron Mittelhammer 3:30 pm KRAN 661
April 25	AGEC Spring Barbeque
April 26	Classes end
April 28	Exam schedule begins
May 3	Semester ends
May 9-11	Commencement exercises

Congratulations and Names in the News:

Otto Doering receives a share of the Nobel Prize. On December 10, 2007, The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), along with former Vice President Al Gore, was presented with the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize for its investigation and scientific reports regarding the correlation between human activities and climate change over the last 20 years. The IPCC was formed in 1988 by the World Meteorological Organization and by the United Nations Environment Programme as an objective conglomeration of government and science. To provide the most complete and accurate policy-neutral information, the IPCC collects and examines contributions from 2,500 expert researchers and scientists from over 130 nations in all regions of the world, in a diverse range of scientific disciplines. This collaboration includes a substantial pool of the world's scientific leaders, including several members of American Agricultural Economics Association (AAEA).



Recently, the chair of the IPCC contacted a number of agricultural economists involved as lead authors in the IPCC 2007. A letter from that chair read, in part, "I have been stunned in a pleasant way with the news of the award of the Nobel Peace Prize for the IPCC. This makes each of you a Nobel Laureate and it is my privilege to acknowledge this honour on your behalf." Follow up correspondence indicated that the IPCC extended the designation to authors of previous Assessment and Special Reports. Among several other agricultural economists who contributed to these reports, Otto Doering was a lead author of the chapter on the agricultural sector in [*Methodological and Technological Issues in Technology Transfer: A Special Report of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change*](#) (2000).

Across these reports, agricultural economists contributed material on the economic consequences of climate change effects, greenhouse gas emission reduction actions, and adaptation identifying damages opportunities and needed adjustments. [This information was originally reported in the January/February issue of the AAEA Newsletter, *The Exchange*.]

Marshall Martin receives the Certificate of Distinction from the Purdue Ag Alumni Association. Marshall, along with seven other Hoosiers, was honored at this year's Fish Fry for his work in the areas of agricultural policy and the economic assessment of agricultural biotechnology and integrated pest management. He was also recognized for his work in his capacity as Associate Director of Agricultural Research Programs with Indiana agricultural organizations such as the Indiana Pork Board. For more information about Marshall and the other individuals honored see: <http://news.uns.purdue.edu/x/2008a/080204LesterDistinction.html>.

LeeAnn Williams receives 2007-2008 Outstanding Advisor Award from the Purdue Academic Advising Association. LeeAnn received this award from her peers February 12. The Awards Selection Committee chair noted in her letter to me that "Although we had a number of outstanding nominations, the Awards Committee felt that LeeAnn was the strongest nominee...We were amazed and inspired by the hard work, time, and dedication that LeeAnn brings to our campus, and are delighted to have someone with such notable achievements as a colleague." Our students and our entire department benefit greatly from LeeAnn's work.

Akinwumi A. Adesina, Vice President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, The Rockefeller Foundation, New York, NY. MS '85, PhD '88 named 2008 Distinguished Agricultural Alumni for the Department.

Otto Doering has been appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency's Farm, Ranch, and Rural Communities Advisory Committee and will be making a presentation at their first meeting March 12th.

Janet Ayres was recently awarded the "Friend of Conservation" award by the National Association of Conservation Districts in Reno, Nevada. The Indiana Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts nominated her for this award for her leadership development programs such as the Indiana Ag Leadership program, the Natural Resources Leadership Development program and, most recently, the Indiana Conservation Partnership program. The awards dinner on February was attended by 1000 people.

Gerald Shively has been selected to be a University Faculty Scholar.

Thought You Would Like to Know:

Ben Gramig joins the department as a new assistant professor. Ben joined us February 1 after just completing his Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University. Ben's teaching and research activities are focused primarily on environmental and natural resource economics. He has a strong interest in the interface between agriculture and the environment, and his work is motivated by public policy and the role of human activity in environmental change. Ben has a strong interest in applied micro-economic theory and interdisciplinary research that integrates economics with natural or physical sciences to analyze applied problems. For more information about Ben, see his website at: <http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/directory/details.asp?username=bgramig>

Andy Oppy joins the department as new undergraduate academic advisor. He will be working with LeeAnn Williams advising undergraduate students in academic, career, and personal planning. He will also recruit incoming student and assists with scholarship distribution. Andy graduated from Purdue in 2003 "with highest distinction" in agricultural economics. While a student at Purdue, he was the department's Outstanding Freshman, Junior, and Senior, and also was the top seller in the Cutco project in AGEC 431. Since graduation, Andy worked as a Commercial/Agricultural Lender for Regions Bank in Frankfort, IN. While working in Frankfort, he was involved with the County Extension Learning to Lead program, as well as Clinton County 4-H. Andy remains an active member of the Frankfort Jaycees and is a member of the Indiana Junior Miss board of directors currently serving as First Vice-Chairman.

Harlan Day, Bev Brewer, and Jeff Sanson will be promoting the Indiana Council for Economic Education's popular *KidsEcon Posters* economic education materials at the regional meetings of the National Council for the Social Studies and the national Catholic Educators Conference, both of which will be held in Indianapolis.

The Purdue New Ventures Team in collaboration with the Indiana State Department of Agriculture and the Indiana Cooperative Development Center launched *Indiana MarketMaker* which can be found at

www.inmarketmaker.com. *Indiana MarketMaker* is a free, online interactive mapping system that helps consumers locate businesses and markets of agricultural products in Indiana. It also allows producers to research customer demographics by income, ethnicity, household characteristics and education.

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:

Janet Ayres presented a keynote address at the Indiana Soil and Water Conservation District annual meeting held January 15 in Indianapolis. Her presentation titled, "The Power of Conservation: Leadership in the 21st Century", launched the new state-wide Indiana Conservation Partnership Leadership Institute. The conference was attended by approximately 500 people.

Janet Ayres conducted two workshops at the National Telephone Cooperative Association annual meeting in New Orleans, February 10 and 11. The conference was attended by 2500 people who serve rural telephone companies. Her workshop was titled, "Building the Capacity of Rural Communities for Economic Development".

Bhawna Bista, Todd Hubbs, Brian T. Richert, Wallace E. Tyner and Paul V. Preckel authors of "Economic Value of Ethanol Co-Products in Swine Diets: Evaluating Profitability of Corn Fractionation Techniques" which was presented by Bhawna Bista at the Transition to a Bioeconomy: Integration of Agricultural and Energy Systems Conference, held Feb 12-13, 2008 in Atlanta, Georgia.

John M Connor. Latin America and the Control of International Cartels, Latin American Competition Policy Conference, Latin American and Caribbean Law and Economics Association, Sao Paulo, Brazil (March 21, 2008)

Will Masters will be presenting his work on innovation incentives at the [IFPRI Conference on Advancing Agriculture in Developing Countries through Knowledge and Innovation](#), April 7-9 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Publications:

Hertel, Thomas W., 2007. Review of Kimberly Elliott, Delivering on Doha: Farm Trade and the Poor, in Journal of Economic Literature, 45(4):1085-1087.

Hertel, T.W. "The Biofuels Boom: Implications for World Food Markets", based on a joint paper with D. Birur and W.E. Tyner, presented at the IATRC meetings, Washington, D.C., January 9, 2008.

Job Announcements:

Bismark State College: Assistant Professor of Agriculture, Technology and Natural Resources

Purdue Extension: Warrick County and Vevay County

University of Tennessee-Martin: Assist/Assoc Professor of Agricultural Economics

APHIS/USDA: Economist Position

Colorado State University: Assist Prof in Ag and Resource Econ – specialization Environmental Economics

Texas Tech University: Assist Prof in agribusiness/marketing

Oregon State University: Instructor, Extension Community Economist

Kansas Farm Management Position: <http://www.kmar105.com/kfma>

<http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=31#bachelor>

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.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
	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
Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT