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AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Keeping Track

APRIL 2006

Calendar of Events:

April 14 Snyder Lecture
May 2 Final Exams Begins
May 7 Semester Ends
May 13-15 Commencement

April 3 – 7 Graduate Appreciation Week

This is the week where we take time out to appreciate all of our wonderful graduate students who work to make the university look so good. The week will be spent holding trivia contests, testing the department's knowledge on our graduate students. Prizes will be awarded and there will be a final celebration on Friday, April 7 at the department's weekly Coffee Hour, which will begin around 8:45am. This week long event has proven to be a great way for everyone in the department to get to know more of the graduate student population, and to show how much the department appreciates the special talents that they bring to the department and the industry.

April 14, 32nd Annual James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture and Celebration.

The day's events will include:

1:45-2:15 Department Dessert and Coffee Reception, Pfendler Building
2:15-3:30 Awards Program (Graduate Posters, Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation Announcements, Outstanding Undergraduates, NAMA Preview Presentation, APEX Awards: Levi Huffman, Norma Huffman, Philip Kimmel, Vicki A. McCracken, and Filipe A. Ravara)
3:30-3:45 Break
3:45-4:45 Snyder Lecture, Dean's Auditorium, Pfendler Building: Dr. Zoltan Acs

Zoltan J. Acs is University Professor in the School of Public Policy, George Mason University, and a Research Scholar at the Max-Planck Institute for Economics, Jena Germany. Previously he was a Research Fellow at the U. S. Bureau of the Census and Chief Economist at the U. S. Small Business Administration. Professor Acs has published more than 75 scholarly articles in leading academic journals including *The American Economic Review* and *The Review of Economics and Statistics*. His primary research interests are entrepreneurship, technological change and economic development. He is the founder and editor of *Small Business Economics*, the leading international journal in entrepreneurship, and the recipient of the 2001 Small Business and Entrepreneurship Research Award given by the Swedish Foundation for Small Business. His most recent publications are *Entrepreneurship, Geography and American Economic Growth* (2006, CUP), *Innovation and the Growth of Cities* (2002), *Entrepreneurship, Small & Medium-Sized Enterprises and the Macroeconomy* (1999, CUP) and *Small Firms and Entrepreneurship: an East-West Perspective* (1993, CUP).

5:00-7:00 Hors d' oeuvres Reception, Rudolph Living Room, Dauch Alumni Building

Thought You Would Like To Know:

The first issue of the 2006 **Purdue Agricultural Economics Report (PAER)** is now available for viewing on our website: <http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/extension/pubs/paer/> This issue features articles about the Indiana poultry market, domestic product activities deductions, and how to make more money and reduce variability. Subscriptions to the Purdue Ag Econ Report via the World Wide Web are free and are available in HTML and PDF formats suitable for printing. Paper copies sent by the U.S. Mail are \$12 per year to help defray the cost of printing and postage. Those who would like to subscribe to receive the paper copy should send a check (made payable to Purdue University) for \$12 to: Ms. Linda Klotz, Purdue University, Dept of Ag Economics, 403 W. State St., West Lafayette, IN 47907-2056. Those who elect only the free electronic version may subscribe at <http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/contact/contact.asp>

ICEE has a new publication available for elementary teachers, [Pint-Size Economics](#).

Beginning an Aquaculture Enterprise Workshop, Thursday, April 13, 2006, 7:00 – 8:30pm, Allen County Extension Office, 4001 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

GTAP

The Center for Global Trade Analysis offered a South Asia Course in Global Trade Analysis, February 18 – 24, 2006, in Mumbai, India. This event was hosted by the Indira Ghandi Institute of Development Research and involved participants from all over South Asia, as well as Australia, South America and Europe.

Scholarships were provided to 16 participants from Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. Support and funding were provided by the Ford Foundation (India) and the Economic Research Service, US Department of Agriculture (USA). For more details, visit the GTAP web site:

https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Short_Courses/2006-SouthAsian/default.asp

Congratulations and Names in the News:

Congratulations to the following graduates:

Outstanding PhD. Dissertation for 2005, Dr. Christiane Schroeter, Major Advisor: Wallace Tyner
“Determining the Impact of Food Price and Income Changes on Body Weight”

Honorable Mention Dissertation for 2005, Dr. Carlos Ludena, Major Advisor: Thomas Hertel
“Productivity Growth in Crops and Livestock and Implications to World Food Trade”

Outstanding M.S. Thesis for 2005, Richard T. Yao, Major Advisor: Gerald Shively
“Impacts of Irrigation Development on Agricultural Productivity, Resource Allocation and Income Distribution: A Longitudinal Analysis from Palawan”

Honorable Mention M.S. Thesis for 2005, Wendi Muir, Major Advisor: Philip Abbott
“The Effects of Fair Trade Premiums on West African Cocoa Farmer Income and Production”

Bob Taylor and Frank Dooley were awarded the Purdue Panhellenic Association Outstanding Professor Awards.

Jessica Perdew received the D. Woods Thomas award for commitment to the advancement of international agriculture (\$1000).

Jason Brown was initiation into two Honorary Societies: Gamma Sigma Delta and Phi Kappa Phi

Bobby Martens was honored as the Outstanding Teaching Assistant by the Department.

Students who have accepted positions:

Joshua Detre, Assistant Professor, Louisiana State University

Audrey Muhlenkamp, NASS

Michael Wilcox – Assistant Professor, University of Tennessee

Bobby Martens – accepted a tenure-track assistant professor position in the College of Business, Department of Logistics, Operations Management and Information Systems (LOMIS) and Center for Food Safety and Security, Iowa State University.

Jake AcMoody accepted a job with CoBank, a Denver-based agricultural lender that services the Farm Credit System. He will be working as a Credit Analyst in the Sacramento, California regional office beginning in June.

Travel, Speeches and Presented Papers:

Jake AcMoody will present a selected paper at the Western Agricultural Economics Association (WAEA) annual meetings in Anchorage, Alaska on June 28-30.

Terrie Walmsley was interviewed on Radio Australia (Sunday March 26) on "The impact of Liberalizing Labour Mobility in the Pacific Region"

Otto Doering presented a paper on competition for feed grains between ethanol and livestock that he and Chris Hurt wrote to the Mid Atlantic Nutrition Conference March 29th in Maryland.

Zack Cain presented a poster at the Ohio Conservation Partnership Conference on his thesis work entitled "Examining the Environmental and Economic Impacts of Land Use Change in the Matson Ditch Watershed". Steve Lovejoy was a co-author. The poster will also be presented at the Snyder Lecture and the Center for the Environment poster contest next month.

Kwamena K. Quagraine, Ph.D., W1004: "Marketing, Trade, and Management of Fisheries & Aquaculture Resources," 3rd Annual Meeting, April 19-21, 2006, Cedar Key, Florida.

Kwamena K. Quagraine, "Growing Your Community Food System from the Ground Up" – Aquaculture/Aquaponics Workshop, April 22-23, 2006, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

John M. Connor, "The Great Global Vitamins Cartels of 1989-1999," International Industrial Organization Conference 4, Boston, Mass. (April 8, 2006).

Carlos Ludena traveled to Asuncion, Paraguay from March 25 until April 9 to train government officials in general equilibrium modeling. This is a joint project between the government of Paraguay and the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Yuliya Bolotova, John Connor and Douglas Miller, "Cartel Stability: An Empirical Analysis", to be presented at the 4th International Industrial Organization Conference, April 7-9, Boston, MA.

Bob Taylor:

The Maryland and Delaware Farm Bureau Young Farmers invited me to speak at their annual convention last weekend in Dover, Delaware, March 6& 7 on the topic, Farming with Family and Staying Friends.

Brazil with the Purdue Farm Management Club on their Club organized trip to study soybean production, March 12 – 20, 2006.

Egypt to give a workshop on how to teach farm management and an extension presentation on farm management, as a part of MUCIA, from May 11 – 29.

Publications:

M.T. Holt and L.A. Craig, "Nonlinear Dynamics and Structural Change in the U.S. Hog-Corn Cycle: A Time-Varying STAR Approach." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, 88(February 2006):215-233.

Lambert, D.M., J. Lowenberg-DeBoer and G. L. Mazer, "Economic Analysis of Spatial-Temporal Patterns in Corn and Soybean Response to Nitrogen and Phosphorous," *Agronomy Journal*, 98 (2006), p. 43-54.

Zack Cain had an article published on 'The Woodland Steward', the Indiana woodlands information website <http://www.inwoodlands.org/> about the "evolution of conservation programs in United States farm legislation". Steven Lovejoy was a co-author

Quagraine, K.K. "Analysis of U.S. Catfish Fillet Market Share Using a Flexible Logistic Model." *Marine Resource Economics*, 21(1) 2006: 33-45.

Grant, J.H. and K.D. Meilke. "The World Trade Organization Special Safeguard Mechanism: A Case Study of Wheat," *Review of Agricultural Economics*, 28(2006):24-47.

Economics of Agricultural Development by G.W. Norton, J. Alwang, and W.A. Masters (Routledge Press, 2006). Details are at <http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/staff/masters/textbook.htm>

Hertel, T. W., A. Golub, C. Ludena, H. Lee, N. Ramankutty and R. Thompson. "Economic Growth and Structural Change: Implications for Food, Agriculture and Poverty", presented at the Asian Development Bank, Manila, Philippines, February 13, 2006.

Hertel, T.W. "Poverty Impacts of a WTO Agreement", presented at a seminar organized by UNCTAD-India, New Delhi, India, February 15, 2006.

Job Announcements:

http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm

The RMA Regional Offices have vacant entry-level positions for a career intern. Please share this website address with anyone that might be interested in employment with USDA-RMA.

RMA Employment Opportunities:
<http://jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/a9agrma.asp>

Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below

Career and Job Sites on the Internet

Purdue

AAEA Job Posting

Academic Employment Network

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

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

<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

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