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# *Keeping Track*

APRIL 2008

## **Calendar of Events:**

April 7-11	Graduate Student Appreciation Week
April 11	34 <sup>th</sup> 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:**

David Perkis, PhD candidate received a Purdue University Graduate Student Award for Outstanding Teaching, 2007 – 2008.

Sandy Dottle retired from the Department after many years of clerical service.

Raymond Florax has been appointed as Member of the Scientific Committee of the III World Conference of the Spatial Econometrics Association, in Barcelona (Spain) in 2009.

Otto Doering has been appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency's Farm, Ranch, and Rural Community Advisory Board.

Benoit Delbecq has been awarded the Ludwig J. Kruhe Fellowship for the 2008-09 academic year.

## **Thought You Would Like to Know:**

Otto Doering will be the NSF Evaluator for the Center for Bioprocessing Research and Development and will be attending their first meeting March 25<sup>th</sup>

### **Midwest Student Summit Space, Health and Population Economics**

Department of Agricultural Economics, Purdue University  
Friday and Saturday, April 18–19, 2008

#### **Conference Announcement**

Purdue University will host the first Midwest Student Summit on Space, Health and Population Economics on April 18 and 19, 2008. Organized by graduate students of the *Space, Health and Population Economics (SHaPE)* Group at Purdue University's Department of Agricultural Economics, the summit will bring together young scholars from Michigan State University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Ohio State University, and Purdue University. The conference presentations address a variety of topics of growing

importance to community planning and regional development, including, for example, manufacturing investment, food security, obesity, and immigration. The public is welcome to attend the presentations. For more information visit the conference website at <http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/academic/agec691t/summit.htm>.

### **Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:**

Joe Balagtas organized the Spring 2008 Conference of the NEC-63 (Commodity Promotion Research Committee), held March 14-15, 2008 in Hilton Head, SC. In addition, he presented his paper, co-authored with graduate student Metin Cakir, "Estimating Cross-market Demand Effects of Generic Advertising."

Otto Doering will be speaking to the National Academies' Committee on 21<sup>st</sup> Century Systems Agriculture in Kansas City March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Germaine Ibro, Ramatou Seydou, Kaka Saley, Kira Everhart-Valentin, Joan Fulton and J. Lowenberg-DeBoer, "Testing the Market Potential for a New Value-Added Cowpea Product to Improve the Well Being of Women Entrepreneurs in West Africa," Association for International Agricultural Education and Extension (AIAEE) Conference, EARTH University, Costa Rica, March, 2008.

Hertel, T.W. "Implications of US and EU Biofuels for Global Land Use", based on a joint paper with W.E. Tyner and D. Birur, presented to the Global Bio-Energy Partnership, The United Nations Foundation, Washington, D.C., March 7, 2008.

Hertel, T.W. "Working at the Extensive Margin of CGE Analysis", Plenary paper presented to the EAAE Conference on Modeling Agriculture and Rural Development Policies, Sevilla, Spain, January 29, 2008.

Will Masters, "Accelerating innovation with prize rewards", presented at the [IFPRI Conference on Advancing Agriculture in Developing Countries](#), April 7-9, 2008 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Presentations by Wally Tyner:

February 5 – Farm Foundation Forum, Washington, D.C. "Policy Options for Interpreted Energy and Agricultural Markets and Global Biofuels Imports."

February 12 - Conference on Interpreting Agricultural and Energy Systems at Atlanta, GA., "Policy Options for Interpreted Energy and Agricultural Markets."

February 15 – Presentation at AAAS meetings in Boston, "Policy Options for Interpreted Energy and Agricultural Markets."

February 18 – 19 – Presentation at EAO event meeting in Rome, Italy on "The Impact of Biofuels Policies on Agricultural Markets, Production, Trade, and Prices."

Holly Wang presented "Estimating Farm Level Multivariate Yield Distribution Using Nonparametric Methods" at SCC76 multi-state research conference at Orange Beach, AL, 3/13-15.

Holly Wang will travel to Tianjin, China on April 16, to participate in the Annual International Conference of The Chinese Economist Society (CES) in the capacity of President. She will moderate a plenary session, "Left Behind? Rural Economic Development, Food Security and Migration.", moderate another organized symposia "Agricultural Risks and Rural Income Security in China", present a paper, "Evaluating Chinese Farm Level Yield Risks with Nonparametric Methods", and will address at the closing ceremony. She will be accompanied by David Ortega who will conduct a marketing survey in Beijing in collaboration with faculty at China Agriculture University. Also on this trip, Dr. Wang will prepare for a new study abroad in China course for Purdue student beginning in 2009.

### **Publications:**

Craig, L.A. and Holt, M.T. 2008. "Mechanical Refrigeration, Seasonality, and the Hog-Corn Cycle in the United States: 1870-1940." *Explorations in Economic History*. 45, 30-50.

De Dominicis, Laura, Raymond J.G.M. Florax and Henri L.F. de Groot, A Meta-Analysis of the Relationship between Income Inequality and Economic Growth, *Scottish Journal of Political Economy* **55**, 2008.

Koetse, Mark J.J., Henri L.F. de Groot and Raymond J.G.M. Florax, Capital-Energy Substitution and Shifts in Factor Demand: A Meta-Analysis, *Energy Economics*, 2007 (available online).

Withagen, Cees A., Raymond J.G.M. Florax and Abay Mulatu, Optimal Environmental Policy Differentials in Open Economies under Emission Constraints, *Journal of Economics* **91**(2), 2007, 129–149.

Poomthan Rangkakulnuwat, Sung K. Ahn, H. Holly Wang, and Susan He. "Extended Generalized Purchasing Power Parity and Optimum Currency Area in East Asian Countries." *Applied Economics*, 40 (March 2008):816-832.

## Job Announcements:

University of Copenhagen: Associate/Assistant Professor in Applied Microeconomics

North Carolina State: Ag Law position

Colorado State University: Environmental Econ Position

North Dakota State University: Research Assistant Professor in Agricultural Trade and Marketing

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

University of the West Indies – St. Augustine: Professor – Health Economics and Natural Resource Mgmt

University of Hawaii – Associate/Assistant Professor of Economics

Chinese University of Hong Kong: Positions in Economics

## Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below

### Career and Job Sites on the Internet

Purdue	<a href="http://www.purdue.edu/jobs">http://www.purdue.edu/jobs</a>
AAEA Job Posting	<a href="http://www.aaea.org/employment.html">http://www.aaea.org/employment.html</a>
Academic Employment Network	<a href="http://www.academply.com/">http://www.academply.com/</a>
Agriculture Career Connection	<a href="http://www.ag-biz.com">http://www.ag-biz.com</a>
Academic Position Network	<a href="http://www.apnjobs.com/">http://www.apnjobs.com/</a>
Community Colleges, misc	<a href="http://www.aacc.nche.edu/">http://www.aacc.nche.edu/</a>
Chronicle of Higher Education	<a href="http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/">http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/</a>
Congressional Budget Office	<a href="http://www.cbo.gov">http://www.cbo.gov</a>
Education Jobs Page	<a href="http://www.nationajob.com/education">http://www.nationajob.com/education</a>
Employment/Resume Posting	<a href="http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html">http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html</a>
EPA	<a href="http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe">http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe</a>
Foreign Ag Service	<a href="http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm">http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm</a>
Government Career	<a href="http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/">http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/</a>
National Job Bank	<a href="http://www.jobs.joe.org">http://www.jobs.joe.org</a>
USDA, Ag Research Service	<a href="http://ars.usda.gov">http://ars.usda.gov</a>
	<a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsgjobs.htm">http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsgjobs.htm</a>
U.S. International Trade Commission	<a href="http://usitc.gov">http://usitc.gov</a>

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