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AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

# *Keeping Track*

MAY 2006

## Calendar of Events:

May 2            Final Exams Begins  
May 7            Semester Ends  
May 13-15       Commencement

The College of Agriculture's Ag Alumni office will host a commencement reception for our graduating undergraduates on Saturday, May 13 in the Ross Ade Pavilion. The attendees to this invitation-only event will be the undergraduates, their families, and some college faculty and staff. The Agricultural Economics department will bid farewell and best wishes to 62 graduating undergraduates this semester. If you are interested in attending this event, please contact Debby Bible or Donya Lester in the Ag Alumni Office 765-494-8593 for specific details. Advance reservations are required to attend this event.

July 23-26      AAEA Annual Meeting, Long Beach, California

## Congratulations and Names in the News:

Five Apex Award recipients were honored April 14 in Purdue University's Pfendler Hall by the Department of Agricultural Economics during the 32nd annual James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture. The Apex Award recognizes individuals with outstanding contributions to their field and a strong connection to the department. The lecture featured guest speaker Zoltan Acs, professor at the George Mason School of Public Policy and a research scholar at the Max-Planck Institute for Economics in Jena, Germany. Topics covered emphasized entrepreneurship and innovation.

Apex Award recipients are Norma and Levi Huffman of Lafayette, Ind.; Phil Kimmel of Louisville; Vicki McCracken of Pullman, Wash.; and Filipe Ravara of Lisbon, Portugal. For more information, go to:

<http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/news/> - click on Press Releases

### Graduate Poster Competition Winners –

**Judges: Joe Uhl, Lee Schrader, Phil Paarlberg**

4<sup>th</sup> Prize Winner – (certificate and \$50)

Name: Zachary Cain and Stephen B. Lovejoy

Title of Poster: "Examining the Economic and Environmental Impacts of Land Use Changes in the Matson Ditch Watershed"

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Winner – (certificate and \$100, check coming later from Beth)

Name: Anetra Harbor

Title of Poster: "Determinants of Brand and Dealer Loyalty for Agricultural Inputs: Results of Three Analytical Approaches"

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Winner - (certificate and \$150, check coming later from Beth)

Name: Blondel Brinkman

Title of Poster: "Farmland Preservation and Conversion: Implications for the Northeastern United States"

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Winner - (certificate and \$200 check coming later from Beth)

Name: Nam Anh Tran

Title: "Commercial Collection of NTFPs and Households Living In or Near The Forests Case study in Que- Con Cuong and Ma – Tuong Duong, Nghe An, Vietnam

### **Outstanding Undergraduates -**

- Outstanding Students:
  - Outstanding Freshman (Department and College level) - Ryan Crane
  - Outstanding Sophomore – Jessica Geisler
  - Outstanding Junior – Anne Marie Diener (Department and College level)
  - Outstanding Senior and recipient of Chappelle Fellowship - Ben Arjomandi
  
- University Flora Roberts Award: Tanya Hadley
  
- Undergraduate Posters in Social Science Division of the University Undergraduate Research and Poster Symposium – AgEcon undergrad presenters:
  - Tanya Hadley "Case study analysis of marketing strategies utilized by agritourism firms" Project Advisor – Maria Marshall
  - Heather Lawyer "Profitability of Ethanol Plants" Project Advisor – Frank Dooley
  
  - Ben Arjomandi – 2<sup>nd</sup> place "Producers' Willingness to Pay for an Indiana State-Sponsored Produce Program" Project Advisor – Jennifer Dennis
  
  - Justin Quear – 1<sup>st</sup> place "Development and Analysis of a Variable Ethanol Subsidy" – Project Advisor – Wally Tyner

Christine Wilson received the Gamma Sigma Delta Award of Merit for Teaching, College of Agriculture, Purdue University, March 2006 and the R. L. Kohls Outstanding Teacher for the Department of Agricultural Economics, 2005-2006.

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

Otto Doering will be meeting with the National Academies' Committee on the Mississippi River and the Clean Water Act mid-May in Baton Rouge, LA

Kwamena K. Quagrainie will travel on May 8-12 to the USAID Aquaculture CRSP Annual Meeting / World Aquaculture Society Meeting, Florence, Italy.

Angel Lara and Corinne Alexander presented "The Effects of Hurricane Katrina and Rita on Corn, Wheat and Soybean Futures Prices" at the 2006 NCR-134 Conference on Applied Commodity Price Analysis, Forecasting and Market Risk Management, St. Louis Missouri, April 18-19, 2006.

Bob Taylor will travel to Egypt May 11-28 with a MUCIA project to seminar with Egyptian faculty on how to teach farm management.

Wally Tyner and Rhys Dale, April 3-4, presentation on globalization at the Global Pet Food Forum, and April 9-12, at Bio2006 conference, both in Chicago, IL.

Wally Tyner, May 10<sup>th</sup>, in Knoxville, TN, meeting of the Sun Grant Consortium on Bio-Fuels, Bio-Products, and Bio-Power. May 12-30, Montpellier, France to participate in an EU project on trade liberalization with Mediterranean countries and June 6-7, Dallas, Texas, the National Corn Growers Corn Utilization conference with a presentation on energy.

March 25 until April 9, Carlos Ludena was in Paraguay, giving training on Input-Output tables to economists from the Central Bank and Ministry of Finance of Paraguay. In June, he will be returning to Paraguay for one month, to provide training in General Equilibrium Models to these same officials. This project is financed by the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

### **AAEA Annual Meeting:**

Jane Howell, Christopher D. Clark, Assistant Professor and William Park, Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, at The University of Tennessee. "Tracking Farmland Loss and Fragmentation Using Tax Parcel Data", has been tentatively scheduled for Sunday, Jul 23 2006 8:00AM - Wednesday, Jul 26 2006 12:00PM Long Beach Convention and Entertainment Center, Promenade 204

### **Publications:**

Anderson, Kym and Ernesto Valenzuela, 2006. "Do Global Trade Distortions Still Harm Developing Countries?" Forthcoming in Review of World Economics 143(1), 2007. World Bank, Policy Research Working Paper No. 3901. April, 2006

Anderson, Kym, Will Martin, and Ernesto Valenzuela, 2006. "The relative importance of global agricultural subsidies and market access." Forthcoming in the World Trade Review 5 (3), November. World Bank, Policy Research Working Paper No. 3900. April, 2006.

Anderson, Kym, Ernesto Valenzuela, and Lee Jackson, 2006. "GM Cotton Adoption, Recent and Prospective: A Global CGE Analysis of Economic Impacts". Centre for Economic Policy Research, Discussion Paper Series No. 5568. March, 2006.

Anderson, Kym and Ernesto Valenzuela, 2006. "WTO's Doha Cotton Initiative: A Tale of Two Issues". Centre for Economic Policy Research, Discussion Paper Series No. 5567. March, 2006.

Anderson, Kym and Ernesto Valenzuela, 2006. "WTO's Doha Cotton Initiative: How Will It Affect Developing Countries?" Trade Note 27. The World Bank, DRG. March, 2006

### **Job Announcements:**

Cornell University: Research Associate

[http://www.fao.org/VA/vac\\_en.htm](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	<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.academploy.com/">http://www.academploy.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>

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