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# *Keeping Track*

MAY 2008

## Calendar of Events:

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| May 3         | Semester ends  |
| May 8         | GTAP Seminar Series: "Biofuels for all? Understanding the Global Impacts of Multinational Mandates" 3:30 pm Kran 661 Thomas Hertel |
| May 9-11      | Commencement exercises   |
| May 12        | Maymester begins   |
| June 9        | Regular Summer Session begins  |
| July 27-29    | AAEA & ACCI Joint Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL  |
| August 2      | Summer Commencement  |
| August 21- 22 | Fall Graduate Student Orientation  |
| August 25     | Fall classes begin   |
| October 13-14 | October Break  |
| December 20   | Fall semester ends   |
| December 21   | Fall Commencement  |

College of Agriculture's Commencement Reception will be immediately following agriculture's graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 10. Graduating undergraduate and graduate students, their families, and department faculty are invited to attend. For further details, please contact Debbie Bible in the Ag Alumni Office at [debby@purdue.edu](mailto:debby@purdue.edu) or 494-8593.

## Congratulations and Names in the News:

**Dr. Christine Wilson**, associate professor of Agricultural Economics, received the Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award at the University Honors Convocation on April 12. The Murphy Award honors faculty members for outstanding teaching in all phases of the university's undergraduate instruction on the West Lafayette campus. It is Purdue's highest undergraduate teaching award and has been awarded since 1967.

Congratulations to **Guyslain Ngeleza** who wrote the Department's Outstanding PhD Dissertation for 2007 entitled "Determinants of Real Income: New Tests Using Meta-analysis and Spatial Econometrics". Dr. Raymond Florax and Dr. William Masters were co-advisors.

**Aaron Reimer's** Master of Science thesis, "Market Segmentation Practices of Crop Input Retailers" was designated as the Department's Outstanding Master of Science Thesis for 2007. Jay Akridge served as advisor.

Congratulations to **LeeAnn Williams** being named 2008 Purdue University Student Government Outstanding Academic Advisor.

**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.

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

Purdue University hosted 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 brought together young scholars from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Ohio State University, Michigan State University, and Purdue University. The presentations addressed topics of growing importance to community planning and regional development, including health, nutrition, and obesity; locational decision making; migration; housing; agricultural production and the environment; and manufacturing, patents and innovations. Abstracts and presentations are available at:

<http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/academic/agec691t/summitsoe.htm>. The summit had a remarkable multidisciplinary focus with presenters from departments of agricultural economics, urban and regional planning, and health and kinesiology. The presentations also provided remarkable international perspective with research situated not just in the U.S. but also in Africa, Asia and South America. The keynote speech by Raymond Florax (Purdue University) and the subsequent panel discussion featuring Paul McNamara (University of Illinois), Mark Partridge (Ohio State University), and Phil Troped (Purdue University) took a distinctly global outlook, challenging the popular notions of *The Death of Distance* and *The Earth is Flat*, coined by Frances Cairncross and Thomas Friedman, respectively. The discussion suggested a promising and challenging perspective for the future of the research outlined at the summit. At the end of the conference, the participants unanimously agreed to make the graduate student summit an annual forum for the exchange of ideas and formation of a network of interested scholars. We are already looking forward to the development of the second annual Midwest Student Summit on Space, Health, and Population Economics, and invite you to contact us at [shape@purdue.edu](mailto:shape@purdue.edu) if you are interested. We gratefully acknowledge the co-sponsoring of Purdue's Department of Agricultural Economics.

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

Former Department Head, Charles Ezra French, 85, of Williamsburg died peacefully in his sleep April 16, 2008.

He was a loving husband and father, devoted educator and committed public servant. Born near Edgerton, Missouri, in 1923, the son of Charley and Ruth French, Charles French grew up as one of seven children on a farm near Smithville, Missouri. After graduating from Smithville High School, he entered the University of Missouri but left during his second year to join the Army Air Corps, where he became a fighter pilot and rose to the rank of Captain. He flew numerous combat missions in P-47s in the European theater and was one of the pilots chosen to escort President Truman's plane to the Potsdam Peace Conference.

After the war he returned to the University of Missouri, where he completed his bachelor's degree and earned an M. S., before moving to Purdue University, where he earned a Ph. D. He stayed at Purdue and rose to rank of Full Professor, serving as the head of the Agricultural Economics Department from 1966 to 1973. He left Purdue in 1974 to pursue government service, working for the U. S. Agency for International Development and the National Academy of Science. During the Carter Administration he served as Study Director for Food and Nutrition in the Executive Office of the President. He then returned to university teaching and administration as Director of the Institute of Agribusiness in the Leavey School of Business and Administration, Santa Clara University, in Santa Clara, California.

During his long and rich career he inspired and mentored hundreds of students, helped develop many new courses and programs, wrote scores of articles for popular magazines such as *Farm Journal* and scholarly journals such as the *American Journal of Farm Economics*, and co-authored two books, *World Food and Nutrition Study: The Potential Contributions of Research* and *Survival Strategies for Agricultural Cooperatives*. He was deeply involved in international educational and agricultural development and the battle against world hunger. His travels took him to every continent except Antarctica, and he taught in Brazil, Australia and New Zealand. He was also a Fulbright Scholar and represented the United States at the U.N. World Food Conference in Rome.

He married Dolores Albers of Dundas, Minnesota, in 1948, and they had three children, Ned Carleton, Hugh Nathan and Sarasue. He and Dolores divorced in 1976, and three years later he married (Lovina) Jeanne Blair and became the stepfather of her daughter, Paulette.

His family was a great delight to him, and he especially enjoyed teasing them with his dry humor and taking them on travels throughout the country and the world. He was a handy carpenter who built everything from extra rooms to tree houses; an avid sportsman who loved to fish, hunt, bowl and golf; and a sports fan who followed the Purdue Boilermakers and St. Louis Cardinals. He and Jeanne retired first to the Shenandoah Valley, where she had grown up, and later to Williamsburg to be near Paulette and her family.

Charles French was preceded in death by his parents Charley and Ruth and his brothers John Leonard and Howard Wayne. He is survived by his wife, (Lovina) Jeanne French, of Williamsburg, VA; sisters Mildred Lucille Holtzclaw of Leavenworth, KS, Mary Martha Taylor of Columbia, MO, and Margaret Ruth Little of Winston-Salem, NC; brother Donald Ray French of Smithville, MO; sons Ned Carleton Stuckey-French of Tallahassee, FL, and Hugh Nathan French of Portland, OR; daughter, Sarasue French, of New York, NY; stepdaughter, Paulette Murphy, of Williamsburg, VA; and grandchildren, Flannery and Phoebe French and Brianna, Kennan and Ryan Murphy.

### **Indiana Council for Economic Education:**

On May 9, the Indiana Council for Economic Education will honor the winning teams in the spring 2008 Stock Market Game Competition. (See <http://www.econed-in.org/stockmarket.asp>). K-12 student teams compete to see which team can increase the value of their portfolios the most in a ten week period. Students study financial markets as they buy and sell stocks and mutual funds. Students on the winning regional teams win modest cash prizes. The 24 students on the top six teams (fall and spring competitions) are eligible to receive a \$400 CollegeChoice scholarship account courtesy of the Office of the Indiana State Treasurer and the Indiana CollegeChoice 529 Investment Plan.

The SMG program is generously funded/sponsored by the Securities Division of the Indiana Secretary of State's Office. Interested schools should consider registering for the Fall 2008 SMG competition. Information will be posted on the web site of the Indiana Council. ([www.econed-in.org](http://www.econed-in.org))

### **News from GTAP – The Center for Global Trade Analysis**

The Center for Global Trade Analysis will hold two important events in the month of June in Helsinki, Finland: the GTAP Advisory Board Meeting and the Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis.

#### **GTAP Advisory Board Meeting**

The annual GTAP Advisory Board Meeting will be held at the House of the Estates (Säätytalo) in Helsinki, Finland from June 9-10, 2008. The purpose of this meeting of GTAP Consortium members is to advise the Center on matters of policy, research agenda, and funding.

More information on the Advisory Board Meeting can be found on the GTAP website at: [https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Board\\_Meetings/default.asp](https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Board_Meetings/default.asp).

## **Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis**

[The Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis](#) will be held at the Marina Congress Center in Helsinki, Finland from June 12-14, 2008. The goal of the conference was to promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis of global economic issues.

Purdue University will be represented at the conference with the following presentations:

**Economic Analysis of U.S. Immigration Reforms** by Aguiar, Angel

**Biofuels for all? Understanding the Global Impacts of Multinational Mandates**

by Birur, Dileep

**Meta-Regression Estimates for CGE Models: Input Substitution Elasticities in Production Agriculture** by Boys, Kathryn

**The Non-MFN Effects of US MFN Specific Tariffs** by Chowdhury, Sohini

**Modeling Endogenous Trade Facilitation** by Mirza, Tasneem

**A Nested PE/GE Model for GTAP: Simulating the Disaggregated Impacts of Tariff-Liberalization on Automotive Industry in India** by Narayanan, Badri

**Biofuels and their By-Products: Global Economic and Environmental Implications**

by Taheripour, Farzad

**Estimation of Missing intra-African trade** by Villoria, Nelson

More information on the Eleventh Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis can be found on the GTAP website at: <https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2008/default.asp>

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

John M. Connor, A Critique of Cartel Fine Discounting by the U.S. Department of Justice: Revised Version, presented at the International Industrial Organization Conference, Alexandria, Virginia, May 16-17, 2008.

John M. Connor, Invited Participant: Comments on papers presented at the Consumer Antitrust Symposium, Loyola University Law School, Chicago, IL, April 25, 2008.

John M. Connor, Effectiveness of EU Hard-Core International Cartel Enforcement, workshop presentation, University of Copenhagen Centre for Industrial Economics, Copenhagen, June 5-6, 2008.

Otto Doering Spoke at the Great Plains Water Law Policy and Science Conference April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Lincoln Nebraska on water quality impacts of biofuels.

Tom Hertel, Chris Hurt, and Wally Tyner will make presentations at the Purdue Biofuels Symposium, May 19-20.

Tom Hertel and Wally Tyner will present papers at the University of Illinois Sustainable Biofuels and Human Security Workshop, May 12.

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:**

John M. Connor. Forensic Economics: An introduction with Special Emphasis on Price Fixing. *J. Competition Law and Economics* 4 (March 2008): 31-60.

John M. Connor. Forensic Economics Applied to Price-Fixing Overcharges. *Journal of Competition Law & Economics* Vol. 4, No. 1 (October 2007): 31-59.

Whisler, R., B. Waldorf, G. Mulligan, and D. Plane 2008. "Quality-of-life and the Migration of the College-educated: A Life-course Approach." *Growth and Change* **39**(1): 58-94.

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 New England: Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Agricultural Economics

Cornell University: Assist Professor/Dake Family Professorship of Marketing

University of New Hampshire: Tenure Track Position in Organic Dairy Agriculture

Kansas State University: <http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/DesktopDefault.aspx?tabid=31>

Agricultural Marketing Service: : <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/ftva.asp?seeker=1&JobID=70148255>

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

<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](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

