



PURDUE
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AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS

Keeping Track

May 2009

Calendar of Events:

May 1	Last day to electronically submit MS/PhD thesis/dissertations
May 3	Lumpy Rug Day & National Two Different Colored Shoes Day
May 4	Final Exam Week
May 4	GTAP Seminar: Marinos Tsigas 11:30 am KRAM 661
May 15	National Bike to Work Day & National Chocolate Chip Day
May 16	Spring 2009 semester Commencement
May 21	Spring Fling
May 25	Memorial Day & National Tap Dance Day
June 15	Summer Session Begins
July 10	Last day for exam/degree only registrants to deposit for Summer grads
July 31	Last day for electronic deposit of thesis/dissertation for Summer grads
July 26-27	AAEA Annual Meeting – Milwaukee, WI
August 20-21	New Graduate Student Orientation
August 24	Fall semester begins
October 16	Last day for exam/degree only registrants to deposit for Fall grads
December 11	Last day for electronic deposit of thesis/dissertation for Fall grads

Going Green Tip for May: Stow a reusable bag in your car for errands. BECAUSE: if every American stuck with cloth totes, we'd waste 380 billion fewer plastic bags this year.

Congratulations and Names in the News

Dean Akridge has announced the following promotions:

Promoted to Associate Professor with tenure

Corinne Alexander

Jennifer Dennis

Maria Marshall

Promoted to Associate Professional Rank 4

Ginger Batta

Maud Roucan-Kane

Apex Award Winners for 2009 were announced at the Snyder Lecture Program.

Michael Boland

**John Demerly
Gerald and Joan Gentry
Patricia Stroup**

Other Awards Winners:

Kathryn Boys' dissertation "Investment, Trade, and Economic Development: Lessons From Vietnam" has been designated as the Department's Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation for 2008. Major Professors: **Phil Abbott** and **Wallace Tyner**

Samantha Snyder's thesis "Does Access to Food Impact Health? A Study of Body Mass Index in Marion County, Indiana" has been designated as the Department's Outstanding Master of Science Thesis for 2008. Major Professor: **Susan Chen**

Graduate Poster Competition

Judges: Lee Schrader, Steven Wu, Jim Binkley

3rd Place prize Winner – Certificate, will receive \$100 from the department

Name: **David Ortega**

Name of Poster: *Meat Demand in China: An Application of the LA/AIDS Model on New Time Series Data*

2nd Place prize Winner – Certificate, will receive \$150 from the department

Name: **Uris Baldos, Tani Lee, Delphine Simon**

Name of Poster: *Immigrants in Indiana: Where they live, Who they are, and What they do*

1st Place Prize Winner – Certificate, will receive \$200 from the department

Name: **David Ortega**

Name of Poster: *Exploring Urban Markets for U.S. Pork in China*

As part of this year's Purdue Iron Key class project, faculty, staff, students, and alumni were asked to nominate uncelebrated heroes in the "Purdue Family." These heroes were defined as people "who have acted with persistence, selflessness, and integrity to overcome adversity, achieve an ambitious goal, or positively influence those around them." We are pleased to inform you that someone from within the Purdue community nominated **Bob Taylor** for this honor.

Dr. Taylor was a Distinguished Guest at the Mortar Board Awards and Initiation Breakfast held April 18 and 19.

Frank Dooley was one of four that won the 2009 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards in Memory of Charles B. Murphy. The university's highest undergraduate teaching honor, the Murphy is given annually in recognition of outstanding teaching in all phases of undergraduate instruction at the West Lafayette campus.

Dr. Dooley also received the College of Agriculture - Richard L. Kohls Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.

Graduate Student News

Each college at Purdue nominates two graduate student instructors to be considered for the university-wide "Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award." This year, **David Perkis** was one of the students receiving this honor from the College of Agriculture.

Accepted positions

Andres Garcia, PhD, World Bank Young Professionals Program

Mesbah Motamed, PhD candidate, has accepted a position with ERS, Markets and Trade Economics Division.

Yuanlong Ge, PhD candidate, Regulatory Economist with the Washington State Department of Labor & Industries.

Dulani Woods, MS, Project Associate, RAND Corporation, Arlington, VA

Phil Blomeke, MS, Topco Associates, Skokie, IL.

Craig Rismiller, MS, Analyst, Capital One Financial, Richmond, VA

Todd Kuethe, PhD candidate, ERS, Farm and Rural Business Branch

Fulgence Mishilli, PhD, Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, Sokaine University of Agriculture, Tanzania

Jason Brown, PhD candidate, Research Agricultural Economist, ERS, USDA, Washington DC

The MS-MBA Class of 2007 – 2009 will finish up their Purdue portion of the program with an international residency session in Buenos Aires and Rosario, Argentina. Purdue partners with Universidad of Austral in Rosario to help the students examine agribusiness and management ideas/concepts in an international context. The goal of the residency is to compare topics covered in their last course, Strategy, with companies such as Biogenesis Bago, AgroUranga, Paladini, John Deere and Walmart and find how these firms respond to changing consumer needs, competitive pressures, etc. Faculty members, Dr. Marshall Martin and Dr. Larry Lad (Butler University) and staff, Luanna DeMay, program manager and Jane Anderson, project manager will accompany the group which is made up of middle and senior level managers from food and agribusiness companies across the world.

Information on the MS-MBA program can be found at: www.agecon.purdue.edu/agribusiness

Undergraduate News

Purdue students were recognized for their academic achievements and leadership on Sunday (April 19) during the university's annual **Honor Convocation at Elliott Hall of Music**.

Eric Michael Barnard, an agricultural finance major from Flora, Ind., received the \$500 G.A. Ross Award for the outstanding graduating man. Barnard has been a dean's list student and was a teaching assistant for an agriculture course in addition to serving the past year as president of Purdue Student Government. His activities also included being an executive officer for the Purdue Greek Intersarsity Youth Fellowship and a member of Mortar Board and FarmHouse Fraternity, where he was on officeholder. He also has been involved in many philanthropic and service projects such as Boiler Blast and Martin Luther King Service Day. The G.A. Ross Award is made possible through a gift from Ross, a 1916 alumnus.

Eight students received the Charles O. McGaughey Leadership awards, which were established by McGaughey, a 1939 Purdue graduate, to honor students with leadership potential. To be eligible for these awards, students must have completed at least two years of full-time study at Purdue with at least a 3.0 GPA. They are selected on the basis of their contributions to the university and community. A Recipient of the McGaughey Awards was **Jill Steiner** of West

Berne, Ind. The honorees each received \$3,250 and a crystal paperweight commemorating the award.

Jill Steiner is a senior majoring in agricultural economics and agricultural communication. She is currently the student representative on the Purdue board of trustees, president of the Purdue Foundation Student Board, and president and treasurer of Glenwood Cooperative. She also has been the social chair with Mortar Board National Honorary Society, day scheduling co-chair with Old Masters Central Committee, secretary with Agriculture Student Council and publicity chair with Agriculture Communicators of Tomorrow. Steiner has been an Indiana FFA foundation intern and country market manager and was an agriculture coalition intern for Indiana Gov. Mitch Daniels.

John Mazunda received the Martin C. Jischke Outstanding International Student Award, which includes a cash prize of \$1,900. He was born in Malawi, completed high school in France and earned an associate degree from Danville Area Community College in Illinois. He is currently pursuing a degree in agricultural economics and has taken on leadership roles in Ag Ambassadors and Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences. Mazunda serves as both the social and scholastic chairman of Marwood Cooperative and as ag adviser and translator for the Engineers for a Sustainable World. In addition, he volunteers to help with the orientation of transfer students.

Emily Hirsch received the honor of College of Agriculture Outstanding Freshman and Department of Agricultural Economics Outstanding Freshman.

Brianne Stauffer, Department of Agricultural Economics, Outstanding Sophomore

Katie Bartlett, Department of Agricultural Economics, Outstanding Junior

Ryan Crane, Department of Agricultural Economics, Outstanding Senior

Tamara Truax, Department of Agricultural Economics, Highest Scholar

Thought You Would Like to Know

Jill Hufford has joined the Department in the Business Office.

Kate Mane and **Devin Roberson** were selected as recipients of the D. Woods Thomas Memorial Fund Award to Support International Activities. Kate will travel to Albania and Devin will be completing research in Africa.

David Ubilava, **David Perkis** and **Dileep Birur** received AAEA Travel Grants to attend the meetings in Milwaukee, WI, July 26-28, 2009.

News from Center for Food and Agricultural Business

New class coming together for MS-MBA

Applications are now being accepted for the MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this dual-degree, distance-delivered program, contact Luanna DeMay, program manager, at Luanna@purdue.edu or 494-4270. To learn more about the program, visit www.agecon.purdue.edu/agribusiness.

Upcoming 2009 programs

May 28-29 Sales Management and Leadership

June 11-12 Precision Selling

Sept. 15-17 Structuring Decision: Innovating through Turbulence

To learn more or refer a colleague to one of our seminars, visit www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab.

News from Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE)

The Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE) continues to promote Financial Literacy throughout Indiana, and even the United States. ICEE is offering its new Interest Posters to K-12 teachers in training programs and workshops. The posters tell how interest can work for you with regular saving and investing, and can work against you if you have too much high-interest debt. View posters at <http://www.kidseconposters.com/interest.html>.

Resources at Purdue

PURE—Purdue University Research Expertise database—has evolved into INDURE—Indiana Database for University Research Expertise. PURE is outdated and will soon be retired. INDURE is supported through the state and Purdue. Plans are to continue INDURE upgrade and maintenance.

<https://www.indure.org/index.cfm?InstitutionFilter=1>

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:

John Connor, *International Cartels and Antitrust Enforcement*, presentation at the 10th Annual Meeting of the American Antitrust Institute, “Antitrust in a World without a Center: Global Competition Policy in Perspective,” Washington, DC, June 18, 2009.

John Connor, *Deterrence Power of Penalties on International Cartels*, paper to be presented at the 3rd Conference on “The Economics of Competition Law,” sponsored by LEAR (Laboratorio di Economia, Antitrust, Reglomentazione), Rome, June 25-26, 2009.

Otto Doering gave a talk to the USDA Economists Group April 12th on “Serving a NEW Administration: an Outsider’s View from the Inside”.

Otto Doering will be meeting with the Department of Interior’s National Invasive Species Advisory Committee May 5-7.

Professors **Holly Wang** and **Freddie Barnard** are teaching a Study Abroad summer course. They will take students to China during May 13 to May 29. With the help of our alumni, they will visit Chinese universities, firms, markets, US Embassy and US firms in China.

Holly Wang will deliver her presidential address to the Chinese Economists Society’s 2009 Annual Meetings in Nanning, China, June 12 to 15, where more than 200 papers have been submitted from the US, China, and other countries in the world, focusing on China’s Economic Growth in a Global and Regional Context. Graduate student, **David Ortega** will also go to the conference to present a paper coauthored with Dr. Wang

Publications

Whitney O. Peake and **Maria I. Marshall**. 2009. “Uncovering What Helps Entrepreneurs Start Businesses: Lessons from Indiana” (April) found at <http://www.joe.org/joe/2009april/a7.php>

John M. Connor. *Global Price Fixing*: Kindle Edition. Berlin and Heidelberg, Germany: Springer Verlag (2009), 503 + xxv pp. [http://www.amazon.com/Global-Price-Fixing/dp/B001CN7B38/ref=ed_oe_o]

In perhaps a first for our Department, a faculty member’s book was released by Amazon’s new electronic Kindle Book format. Amazon has rated this book as high as 43rd in the Microeconomics category in April 2009.

John Connor. Anti-Cartel Enforcement by the DOJ: An Appraisal. Competition Law Review Vol. 5, Issue 1 (December 2008): 89-122.
[<http://www.clarf.org/CompLRev/Issues/CompLRevVol5Issue1.pdf>]

Cartels and Antitrust Portrayed: Numbers, Size, Location: SSRN Working Paper (March 2009).
[<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1367843>]

Cartels and Antitrust Portrayed: Detection: SSRN Working Paper (March 2009).
[<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1372866>]

Cartels and Antitrust Portrayed: Internal Structures: SSRN Working Paper (March 2009).
[<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1372849>]

Cartels and Antitrust Portrayed: Corporate Penalties: SSRN Working Paper (March 2009).
[<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1372852>]

Cartels and Antitrust Portrayed: Individual Penalties: SSRN Working Paper (March 2009).
[<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1372854>]

Cartels and Antitrust Portrayed: Market Effects and Damages: SSRN Working Paper (March 2009). [<http://ssrn.com/abstract=1372850>]

Internship Opportunities

http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern_research.htm

<http://www.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1>

<http://www.fcni.org/young/intern.htm>

<http://www.uschamber.com/careers/internships/default>

<http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=317257>

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0,,contentMDK:20515785~menuPK:1477648~pagePK:64262408~piPK:64262191~theSitePK:1058433,00.html>

Job Announcements:

University of Alberta: Assistant Professor – Agribusiness Management
USDA-ERS-FED: Food Safety Economist
APHIS: Economist position on Policy Analysis www.usajobs.opm.gov

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

Job Vacancies at ERS -

[Social Science Analyst GS-0101-09/11](#)

[GS-0110-09/11 Economist/Ag Economist](#)

The next 3 are different positions -

[Public Affairs Specialist GS-1035-12/13](#)

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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