Keeping Track
SEPTEMBER 2007

Calendar of Events:

September 7  Seminar 12-1:30 pm  KRAN 661:  John Connor – A Critique of Cartel Fine Discounting by the U.S. Department of Justice
October 27  Homecoming – Ag Tent on the Memorial Lawn

September 17, Dean Randy Woodson will visit the department for the afternoon. The department will showcase features and programs about which the Dean may be unfamiliar. The schedule is planned to include a lunch between the Dean and our students, discussions with John Connor on his work with international cartels, with Raymond Florax and others on the developments in the SHAPE program, and with the faculty about what is going on in the department. Also featured will be MS-MBA program highlights, and the Kenya project with Maria, Ken, and graduate students. The Dean will discuss Sally's five year review.

Sept 25-26 Dr. Bruce Scherr, CEO of Informa Economics will visit the department. He will be presenting a seminar to the department and meeting with the undergraduate and graduate students.

Mark Partridge will be here on Friday, October 19th to present a departmental seminar. He currently holds the C. William Swank Chair of Rural-Urban Policy in the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at THE Ohio State University. Prior to that, he was the Canada Research Chair in the New Rural Economy at the University of Saskatchewan. He has published over 60 academic and scholarly papers that have appeared in journals such as the American Economic Review, Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Economics, and Review of Economics and Statistics. He received his PH.D. in Economics from the University of Illinois.

Congratulations and Names in the News:

On August 22nd, 2007, Dr. Simeon Ehui was elected to the inaugural group of Fellows of the African Association of Agricultural Economists, at the first major conference of that newly-formed Association. Simeon and his wife Mamou Ehui had been named Distinguished Agricultural Alumni in 2001. Simeon is now leading the World Bank's agriculture programs in Nigeria, and Mamou was recently appointed to the World Bank in Washington, as Advisor to the Executive Director representing West African countries. Congratulations to both of them!

Harlan Day received the John C. Schramm Leadership Award from the National Association of Economic Educators at the National Council of Economic Education's Annual Meeting in October. This award is given to one individual annually whose leadership has had an extraordinary, positive impact at both the state and national levels.

AAEA Awards

Alan Gray – Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Wards, Individual Less than 10 years Experience
Thomas Hertel – Quality of Communication Award
Jenna Smith – Undergraduate Student Section Paper Award  Advisor: Ken Foster

Participation:

Posters:  Limited Resource Families and Child Health Status: A Case Study in Ontario, Bolivia  
Lesley Taulman and Marshall Martin

White Maize, Trade, and Poverty in Mexico: Applying Tests for Market Integration on New Data  
Mesbah Motamed, Wallace Tyner, and Kenneth Foster

Adoption of Transgenic Crops by Smallholder Farmers in Entre Rios, Argentina  
Marshall Martin and Cecilia Paredes

Analyzing Pest Management in Indonesia cocoa Production  
Jessica Perdew, Devendra Canchi, Ian Van Lieu, Jayson Beckman, and Gerald Shively

Geographic and Institutional Determinants of Real Income: A Spatio-temporal Simultaneous  
Equation Approach  
Guyslain Ngeleza, Raymond Florax, and William Masters

Land Competition, Deforestation, and Carbon Sequestration in Forestry  
Suk-Won Choi, Brent Sohngen, Alla Golub, Thomas Hertel and Steven Rose

Presentations:

Wallace Tyner - The U.S. Ethanol Market: Where We Are and Policy Alternatives for the Future
Corrine Alexander, Joe Balagtas and Carlos Mayen – Technical Efficiency of Organic and Conventional  
Dairy Farms in the U.S.
Frank Dooley – Best Practices for Creating and Customizing Your Application Package
Brigitte Waldorf – Brain Drain in Rural America
Thomas Hertel – Global Nutrition Impacts of Rapid Economic Growth in China and India
Will Masters – Incentive Mechanisms for Orphan R&D Products
Val Pede and Raymond Florax – Growth and Technological Leadership in U.S. Industries: A Spatial  
Econometric Analysis at the State Level, 1963-2005
Dayton Lambert and Kevin McNamara – Site-selection Determinants of Food Manufacturing Firms: Are Rural  
Areas Competitive?
Sika Gbegbeleve Dofonsou and James Lowenberg-DeBoer – Ex-ante Economic Impact of Genetically  
Modified (GM) Cowpea in Benin
Joe Balagtas and Kristina Kreutzer – Commodity Policies and Product Differentiation: The California Milk  
Marketing Order and the Organic Dairy Sector
Terry Griffin, Craig Dobbins and James Lowenberg-DeBoer – Spatial analysis of On-farm Experiments and  
Subsequent Farm management Decision Making: A Case Study
Michael Boehlje – Industry Restructuring, Capitalization, and Strategy
William Masters – Africa (Political Economy of Agricultural Distortions in Developing and Transition  
Economies)
Christine Wilson – Technology Adoption, Management Practices, and Profitability of Young and Beginning  
Farmers: Evidence from a National Survey
Alla Golub and Thomas Hertel – Projecting Supply and Demand for Land in the Long Run
Carlos Mayen, Joe Balagtas, Corinne Alexander – Marking Organic Milk
Matt Holt – The Role of Theoretical Restrictions in Price Forecasting with Inverse Demand Models
Jeanne Coulibaly and Joe Balagtas – Determinants of Dairy Market Participation for Agricultural Households  
in Cote d’Ivoire
Alee Lynch, Matthew Holt, and Allan Gray – Modeling Technical change in Midwest Corn Yields, 1895-2005:  
A time-Varying Regression Approach
Roman Keeney and Brigitte Waldorf – Economic Growth, Policy, and Rurality in the United States
Michael Boehlje – Possibilities and Future of E-extension: Changing Roles of CES and Extension Economists
Matthew Holt – Doing the Publishing Two-step: How (and How Not) to Respond to Journal Editors and Referees
Gerald Shively – pay No Attention to That Man behind the Curtain. The Editor’s Role in the Publishing Process
Maria Marshall – How Did They Spend Their Tobacco Buyout Check? An Analysis of Tobacco Farmer’s Expenditure Choices
James Binkley and Alla Golub – Comparison of Grocery Purchase Patterns of Diet Soda Buyers to Thos of Regular Soda Buyers
Raymond Florax and Kathryn Boys – Meta-regression Estimates for CGE Models: A Case Study for Input Substitution Elasticities in Production Agriculture
Allan Gray and Michael Boehlje – Drivers of Change in Farm Business Structure: Implications for Future Policy
Wallace Tyner – Biofuel Policy Issues
Susan Chen and Samantha Snyder – Does Where We Live Matter? Understanding the Link between Obesity and the Market for Food
Priya Bhagowalia, Susan Chen and Gerald Shively – Short-term Investments in Agriculture: Is There a Gender Bias?

Panelist:
Sarahelen Thompson – Exploring Advancement to Administration and Management
Christine Wilson – Teaching Tips from Top Teachers: 2006 AAEA Award Recipients

Moderator:
Sam Cordes – Roundtable on Shared and Focused Research Initiatives for Institutional and Behavioral Economics
Christine Wilson – Credit Scoring, Market Power, and Credit Risk in Agricultural Lending
Christine Wilson – Effectively Communicating Research Results with a Poster: Opportunities and Challenges
Jeanne Coulibaly – Current Issue in Animal Agriculture
Maria Marshall – Topics in Agribusiness Research
Joe Balagtas – Implications of Policies in Asia, Australia, and African Continents

Organizers:
Creating an Outstanding Job Application Package – Alee Lynch
Globization, Trade and Nutrition – Thomas Hertel
Guidelines on Writing and Submitting Journal Articles – Alee Lynch

Thought You Would Like to Know:

Will Masters travelled to Accra, Ghana in August to participate in the first major conference of the African Association of Agricultural Economists. Purdue was prominently represented at that meeting: alumnus Dr. Simeon Ehui was named a Fellow of the Association, and other alumni featured on the program included Dr. Ousmane Coulibaly from the IITA station in Cotonou, Benin; Dr. Diakalia Sanogo from IITA headquarters in Ibadan, Nigeria; and Dr. Augustine Langyintuo of CIMMYT in Harare, Zimbabwe. Will Masters was also able to visit with Tomo Ishigawa, a recent M.S. graduate working in Accra for JICA, the Japanese foreign aid agency, who was very happy to send greetings to Dr. Abbott and his friends at Purdue.

Homecoming will take place October 27th as Purdue takes on the Northwestern Wildcats at a noon kickoff. We will again have faculty trading cards and the honorees are: Luc Valentin, Scott Downey, Holly Wang, and Dave Petritz. The College of Agriculture will host a tent on the Memorial Lawn and there will be a buffet from 9
to 11. Meal ticket TBA. The deadline for ordering meal tickets: Monday, October 15th. Football tickets will be available at a group rate of $32 per ticket (everyone entering the stadium must have a ticket, regardless of age). The deadline for ordering is Monday, Sept. 10th. For game ticket and buffet ticket information contact the Ag Alumni Office at 765 494 8593.

News from GTAP:

The Center for Global Trade Analysis recently held the Fifteenth Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis here on the campus of Purdue University from August 4-10, 2007.

The course consisted of two main parts:

Part I was a series of weekly, online modules aimed at increasing the familiarity of the course participants with the theory behind GTAP, the standard GTAP notation, and the course software. Part II was an intensive, week-long course consisting of a mix of daily lectures, lab assignments, and informal discussions designed to introduce participants to the basic features of the model and GTAP Data Base. In total, 33 individuals from 20 different countries participated in this course; all contributing to its astounding success.

Travel, Speeches, Presented Papers:


John M. Connor, “Global Antitrust Prosecutions of International Cartels: Focus on Asia,” Department of Business Administration, National Taipei University, Taipei, Taiwan (August 16, 2007).

John M. Connor, “Thoughts on Research and Academic Publishing”, Department of Business Administration, National Taipei University, Taipei, Taiwan (August 16, 2007).


Marshall Martin presented the MBA/MS program at Austral University in Rosario, Argentina giving presentations on the future of agribusiness and value-added agriculture from August 13-17, 2007.

Wally Tyner presented a paper at the USDA Global Biofuels Conference in Minneapolis August 20-21. He will present a paper at the US Energy Economics Association meetings in Houston September 16-19.

In July 2007, Brigitte Waldorf presented a paper, co-authored with Dr. Susan Chen and Eda Unal at the First World Congress of the Spatial Econometrics Association (SEA) in Cambridge, UK. The paper analyzed the impact of health care accessibility on infant mortality, elderly mortality, and health behaviors.

Publications:


Job Announcements:

North Dakota State University – Assist/Assoc Professor, Extension/Research in Bioproducts and Bioenergy Dept of Ag Development, Bureau of Farm and Rural Services: Economic Development Consultant
USDA-ERS: Resource and Rural Economics Division http://ers.usda.gov/AboutERS/Employment
University of Connecticut: Assist Professor – agro-food marketing, industrial organization and demand analysis
Institute of Economic Advancement, University of Arkansas: Four positions http://www.iea.ualr.edu/
Texas Tech University – two positions
Texas A&M University – Applied Economics Demand

Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below
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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/G/J/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/lsjobs.htm

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