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# *Keeping Track*

September 2009

## **Calendar of Events:**

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 August: Stash a pitcher of water in your fridge. BECAUSE: A faucet releases a gallon a minute. Letting the tap run while the water cools wastes a resource that's often in limited supply.

## **Congratulations and Names in the News**

Congratulations and best wishes to our August 2009 graduates:

Bhawna Bista	PhD
Uris Baldos	MS
Tanya Hadley Hall	MS
Tani Lee	MS
Knowledge Mupanda	MS
Joe Suttles	MS
Dulani Woods	MS

Purdue University – Indiana University 2007 – 2009 MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management Graduates:

Jolene Berg, John Deere, Pennsylvania  
Krys Bush, Roman Meal, Washington  
Tom Drake, Pioneer, Iowa  
Leon Duchene, BASF, North Carolina  
Chad Gross, Five Rivers Cattle, Texas  
Tom Hooper, Beck's Superior Hybrids, Inc., Indiana  
Matt Lange, North Carolina Dairy Advantage, North Carolina  
Kate Manns, John Deere Credit, Tennessee  
Jeff Memmer, Kraft Foods, Inc., Missouri  
Brett Nightingale, Trademark Nitrogen, Florida  
Luisa Perez, C.I. Agromonte S.A., Colombia  
Greg Presseau, Barclays Capital, New York  
Nate Sparks, Fremont Co-op Produce, Michigan  
Aaron Stegemann, John Deere, Minnesota

Joe Terrible, Western Milling, LLC, California  
 Daryl Theis, Elanco Animal Health, North Carolina  
 Tony Utsuno, ITOCHU Corporation, Japan  
 Erin Wallace, John Deere Credit, North Carolina  
 Justin Wrage, Syngenta Crop Protection AG, Nebraska

Otto Doering has been appointed for a three year term to the National Academy of Sciences' Water Science and Technology Board.

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) hired new staff to further the environmental stewardship focus of the ISDA Strategic Plan. On September 21, **Rosalind R. Leeck** will begin as ISDA's new Program Coordinator for the Environmental Stewardship in Agriculture Initiative. She will serve the department by enhancing the stewardship of natural resources on agricultural land in a manner that creates value-added opportunity for producers and assists agricultural stakeholders with current and future regulatory challenges. Ms. Leeck comes to ISDA after six years with Demeter L.P. in Fowler, Ind. as the Warehouse Division Manager/Farm Manager. "Roz's diverse background in agriculture economics as well as farm management will be a tremendous asset to our efforts in Environmental Stewardship," said Jerod Chew, director of the Division of Soil Conservation. "She understands the challenges that our producers face and she will bring an excellent perspective to this new focus." In 2003 Ms. Leeck earned a master's degree from Butler University in Business Administration and is currently pursuing another master's degree in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University. She is expected to graduate in August 2010. Ms. Leeck received her Bachelor of Science degree from the Tabor School of Business from Millikin University in 1999.

Bruce Erickson, Director of Cropping Systems Management, will be teaching Fundamentals in Applied Agronomy this fall, a distance education course offered nationally in cooperation with the American Society of Agronomy and the Certified Crop Adviser Program.

The 42<sup>nd</sup> Top Farmer Crop Workshop was held July 19-22, with over 100 attendees from Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Wisconsin, and Argentina and media present from DTN, Farm Journal, Indiana Agri-News, Successful Farming, Progressive Farmer, and Purdue Agricultural Communications. The program included over 50 presenters from production agriculture, industry, and academic backgrounds, panel discussions, field demonstrations, and an interactive distance learning session. The team that plans and implements the workshop includes Bruce Erickson, Corinne Alexander, Alan Miller, George Patrick, Chris Hurt, Craig Dobbins, representatives from other departments, and two farmers. Session details can be found at <http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/topfarmer/conference2009.asp>.

## Thought You Would Like to Know

Welcome to the new graduate students for Fall 2009

### Master of Science

Allen, Benjamin	Wheaton	Policy
Becker, Jessa*	Univ Illinois	Policy
Borchers, Bryce	Rose-Hulman	Finance
Burgert, Gloria	Univ BuenosAires	Agribusiness
Clark, Samuel	Purdue	3+2
Darko, Francis	Ghana	Com Dev
Dobis, Elizabeth	Minnesota	Spatial
Flesher, Jenna	Purdue	Trade
Gars, Jared	Univ Florida	Development
Gvillo, Rejeana	Auburn	Trade

Hudson, Christopher	Butler	Farm Mgmt
Legan, Elizabeth	Purdue	Farm MGM
Malapi, Fernando	Peru	Trade
Mazunda, John	Malawi/Purdue	Com Development
Mitchell, Peter	VPI	Policy
Reeling, Carson	Un San Diego	Resources
Sowell, Andrew	VPI	Development
Villacis, Alexis	Ecuador	Finance
Widmar, David	KSU	Farm Mgmt

#### Doctor of Philosophy

Clark, Shellye	Purdue	
Baldos, Uris	Purdue	Trade
Davis, Clay	KSU	Resources
Huang, Han-hsu	Natl Taiwan	Trade
Ibrahim, Abdoulaye	Abdelhamid/OK	Finance
Li, Liang	Wuhan/Arizona	Resources
Lu, Liwei	Beijing N/Purdue	Agribusiness
Ortega, David	Purdue	
Raghunathan, Uthra	Texas/Georgia	Development
Sanders, Daniel	Ohio State	Agribusiness

## News from GTAP

The Center for Global Trade Analysis recently held the Seventeenth Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis at the [United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific](#) in Bangkok, Thailand from August 8-14, 2009.

This course was attended by 23 individuals from 14 different countries and was a great success. More information on this event can be found on the GTAP website at:

[http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Short\\_Courses/2009/default.asp](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Short_Courses/2009/default.asp)

GTAP website at: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2009/default.asp>.

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## News from Center for Food and Agricultural Business

### MS-MBA Program Featured in *Agricultures*

After spending several days with MS-MBA faculty and staff and visiting with students via phone and in person, award-winning author Olivia Maddox crafted a story for Purdue's College of Agriculture magazine, *Agricultures*. Featured were Matt Bechdol, Stephanie Young, Matt McMillan, and Carl Peterson.

### MS-MBA Students and Faculty Travel to Argentina

Nineteen students from the MS-MBA class of 2007-2009 travelled to South America in late May to participate in the final face-to-face residency to earn their master's degree from the Department of Agricultural Economics. Faculty Dr. Marshall Martin and Dr. Larry Lad (Butler University), along with staff members Luanna DeMay, program manager, and Jane Anderson, project manager, visited with Argentine based companies such as Pioneer, Agro Uranga, Biogenesis Bago, Paladini, and Louis Dreyfus for on-site visits. While there, the MS-MBA program discussed the

strategies of each company as part of their final course, Strategic Food and Agribusiness Management.

### **MS-MBA Graduation Celebration Held August 8**

The MS-MBA class of 2007-2009 closed out their Master of Science experience with Purdue University by attending the Purdue August commencement ceremony on August 8 and then joining family and friends at a dinner in the Purdue Memorial Union. More than 75 students and family members, along with faculty and staff from the MS-MBA program, attended the dinner and a short program.

### **Introducing the MS-MBA Class of 2009-2011**

The new MS-MBA class began its experience with a residency session at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business on Saturday, August 8. Sixteen food and agribusiness professionals from companies such as Pioneer, Conagra, 1st Farm Credit, and the USDA APHIS began their 27-month journey with a dinner that kicked off their 1.5 credit human resource class offered by Kelley. Faculty and staff from Purdue's agricultural economics department hosted the group for dinner on Tuesday evening at IU and offered a short orientation to the program. Participants begin Purdue coursework on September 8. They will attend a Purdue residency the second week of November.

### **National Oilwell Varco Managers Complete Center Program**

Forty employees from National Oilwell Varco (NOV) completed their final session of the eight-month NOV-Purdue Sales Management Program: Building World-Class Capabilities. With three on-site sessions, distance-delivered coursework and assignments, and one-on-one coaching from Purdue experts, the NOV sales and sales management professionals enhanced their advanced management skills. Participants traveled from across the globe to attend their final session on Purdue's campus. The week culminated with a program completion celebration, attended by NOV CEO Pete Miller; Jerry Gauche, Senior Vice President of Sales; and the company's six global account vice presidents. The center collaborates with the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing to develop and deliver the program.

### **Graduate Student Opportunities**

Network with potential employers and gain experience in the classroom by volunteering at one of the center's programs. To learn more about opportunities throughout the year, contact Michelle Query, office manager, at [mquery@purdue.edu](mailto:mquery@purdue.edu) or 494-4247.

### **Upcoming Programs**

Sept. 15-17 Structuring Decision: Innovating through Turbulence

Oct. 12-16 Strategic Agrimarketing

To learn more or refer a colleague to one of our seminars, visit [www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab](http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab).

## **News from Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE)**

### ICEE Annual Awards Program

September 25, 2009, 10:30 -12:00 PM

Time is drawing near for our Annual Awards program, which will be held this year at the Indiana State House Rotunda and North Atrium. Classroom Exhibits at 10:30 AM followed by the awards presentations at 11:00 AM. We will recognize 5 outstanding teachers who have excelled in the teaching of economics. The teachers will also bring school displays and students. Everyone is welcome!

Purdue Conference on Indiana P-12 Energy Education, Raising the Energy Level: Beyond Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

The program will be held on September 18, 2009 from 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM. Conference brochure (<https://www.cec.purdue.edu/regforms/EEconfBrochure.pdf>).

#### [Conference information](#)

Indiana teachers and administrators looking for ways to teach their students about energy issues can benefit from a Sept. 18 conference at Purdue University. The conference will give participants a problem-based platform for teaching math, science, economics, citizenship and critical thinking. The conference is geared for those involved in preschool through 12th-grade education.

Wally Tyner, a professor of agricultural economics and co-director of the Purdue Center for Energy Systems and Policy, will be the conference keynote speaker. Breakout sessions - including ones on Energy and Climate; Energy Enigma; Introduction to Solar Energy in the K-5 Classroom; and Energy, Economics and the Environment - will be conducted by the **Indiana Council on Economic Education**, the National Energy Education Development Project, the Purdue Standards-Based Integration Project, Purdue's Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and the National Science Foundation Climate Change Project.

#### **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:**

Ben Gramig on September 22 will travel to the Farm Science Review held at Ohio State University to be part of the Question the Authorities Panel on “Climate Change...Economics and Policy.”

Hertel, T.W. “Key Issues in Analyzing the Global Poverty Impacts of Biofuel Mandates”, presented in a Mini-Symposium on Biofuels and the Poor, IAAE meetings, Beijing, August 18, 2009.

Hertel, T.W. and F. Taheripour. “Analyzing the Poverty Impacts of Biofuel Mandates”, presented in an Invited Panel Session on Biofuels, IAAE meetings, Beijing, August 21, 2009.

Roman Keeney will serve on an expert panel at the World Poverty, World Trade Conference – A Critical Phenomenology of World Trade Regulations, September 18-19 at IU/PU Fort Wayne.

Jim Eales will travel to Washington DC, September 16-18, to visit ERS about a project on meat demand.

Wally Tyner will be speaking on food-fuel issues at the Biofuels for Aviation Summit in Washington, D.C. on September 1-2.

Wally Tyner will be presenting the keynote address at the Indiana Council Conference on P-12 Energy and Climate Change Education at Purdue on September 18.

## Publications

Ahmed, A., N. Diffenbaugh and T. Hertel, (2009) "Climate Volatility Deepens Poverty Vulnerability in Developing Countries", Environmental Research Letters (4) doi:10.1088/1748-9326/4/3/034004

## Internship Opportunities

[http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern\\_research.htm](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:

USDA-ERS-FED: Food Safety Economist

APHIS: Economist position on Policy Analysis [www.usajobs.opm.gov](http://www.usajobs.opm.gov)

University of Illinois: <http://www.ace.illinois.edu/employment.aspx?typeid=1>

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

## 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