Calendar of Events:

February 2  Seminar: Jean-Paul Chavas, Univ of Wisconsin, Topic TBA
February 16  Seminar: Dr. Sugato Chakravarty, Dept of Consumer Economics, Purdue, TBA
March 2  Seminar: GianCarlo Moschini, Dept of Economics, Iowa State University, TBA
March 12-16  Spring Break
March 30  Elena Irwin, The Ohio State University, Topic TBA
April 13  Snyder Lecture: Jason Shogren, University of Wyoming, Topic TBA
April 27  Seminar: Dr. David A. Dickey, Department of Statistics, NC State University

FISH FRY: On February 3, Astronaut Jim Lovell and NASA flight director Gene Kranz, aviation pioneers, will share the stage as guest speakers at Purdue University's Agricultural Alumni Fish Fry. The annual event at the Indiana State Fairgrounds Blue Ribbon Pavilion in Indianapolis will start at 11:30 a.m. Prior to this, Wally Tyner, will deliver the Ag Forecast on energy. Tickets are $20, and seating will be at tables of 10. Seating assignments will be based on the date the order is received. Free on-site child care is available, with reservations required in advance. Special parking permits may be purchased for nearby lots and for inside the swine barn. Without prepaid permits, parking is $3 per car on the grounds.

Congratulations and Names in the News:

Dr. Thompson announced that Scott Downey accepted our offer as an Assistant Professor in Selling and Sales Management, a joint position with Consumer and Family Sciences. He will be joining us as a member of the faculty after completing his dissertation sometime this spring.

Whitney Peake received the Best Doctoral Student Paper Award from the Small Business Administration at the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship Conference in Orlando, FL on January 12, 2007.

John Dillard has accepted a position as a Business Analyst with ABC, an agribusiness consulting firm located in Indianapolis.

Maxime Caffe has accepted a position with Bunge North America as manager trainee. He will be located in Saint Louis, MO.

Thought You Would Like to Know:

Farzad Taheripour joined the department as a Post-doctoral Research Associate in Energy Economics. Farzad will be working under the direction of Wally Tyner. He obtained his Ph.D. in applied economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

The Indiana Council for Economic Education has developed an Entrepreneurship Poster which is being printed courtesy of CS Kern Printing, Muncie. It will soon be available to schools in Indiana and across the nation through our national network, and will be used during Entrepreneurship Week USA here at Purdue.
Youth Entrepreneurship Week USA: Purdue New Ventures Team is offering this wonderful opportunity as part of Purdue's involvement in Entrepreneurship Week USA. Do you know a young ENTREPRENEUR with an idea for his/her own business? Or an Independent Sales Consultant (Mary Kay, Cutco Knives, for example?) Whether he/she is an entrepreneur who’s ready to take a product to the marketplace or a small business owner who wants to improve his/her marketing and sales skills, this workshop is for him/her. Participants will “roll up their shirtsleeves” and get busy! Each participant will leave the workshop with a personalized marketing plan and sales strategy to use immediately in his/her business. Registrations are now being accepted for the one-day, hands-on workshop, “BIGGER PROFITS THROUGH TARGETED SALES” Wednesday, February 28, 2007 at the Dauch Alumni Center, Purdue University. Participants can register today at: http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/newventures/programs/ or Joy May at joy@purdue.edu or 494-4231 Pre-Registration is required, and space is limited. Through special arrangements with The Kauffman Foundation and Burton D. Morgan Entrepreneurship Center, the $100 registration fee is covered as a scholarship. Seating is limited.

Travel, Speeches and Presented Papers:

David Ubilava will present “Targeting Consumers by Store- The Basis of Increased Sales with Less Advertising” co-authored with Ken Foster, at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting held in Mobile, Alabama, February 4-7, 2007.


Betina Dimaranan presented “Competing with Giants – Who Wins, Who Loses?”, by Betina Dimaranan, Elena Ianchovichina and Will Martin, at the All China Economics (ACE) International Conference, organized by the APEC Study Center, City University of Hong Kong, December 18-20, 2006.

Wally Tyner traveled to Sweden in January for an international conference on biofuels. He also will be going to Washington, DC, twice in February for biofuels meetings and presentations.

In November, Brigitte Waldorf attended the North American Meetings of the Regional Science Association International in Toronto and presented three papers:


Publications:


Job Announcements:

Kansas Farm Management Association: http://www.oznet.ksu.edu/operations/jobs/FarmMgmtNW.htm
IIASA: http://academic.cahe.wsu.edu/employers.html
Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City – PhD level economist
University of Florida: Food and Resource Economics Department
Mississippi State University: Assist/Assoc Prof Natural Resource/Environmental Economics/Ag Policy
Virginia Tech: International Trade Position

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.academicjob.com/
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