

## Agenda

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- 10:00 a.m. -10:45 a.m.    **Introduction and information sharing**
- 10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.    **How to Make Happiness and Well-Being the Purpose of Your Government**  
Dr. Rhonda Phillips, Professor in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University  
and Dean of the John Martinson Honors College
- 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.    **Lunch Break**
- 12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.    **Procedures and Expectations for a 2023 Farm Bill**  
Matt Erickson, Economic and Policy Advisor for Farm Credit Services of Mid  
America
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.    **Economic and Agricultural Impacts of Decarbonizing the US Economy**  
Dr. Farzad Taheripour, Research Professor and member of the Purdue Center  
for Global Trade Analysis
- 2:45 p.m. – 3:00 pm    **Wrap up, explore topics and dates for future meetings**

## Speaker Bios

**Rhonda Phillips** is a Professor in Agricultural Economics at Purdue University and Dean of the John Martinson Honors College. She provides interdisciplinary teaching and research experience across a range of diverse topics, including sustainability, community well-being, economic development and planning, and world urbanism. Rhonda joined Purdue in 2013, the inaugural year of the Honors College, from Arizona State University where she served as Associate Dean for Barrett, The Honors College. Recognition includes induction into the College of Fellows of the American Institute of Certified Planners (FAICP) and recipient of the 2012 International Society for Quality-of-Life Studies' Distinguished Research Fellow. She is author or editor of 24 academic books, including *The Happiness Policy Handbook: How to Make Happiness and Well-being the Purpose of Your Government*, *Sustainable Communities: Creating a Durable Local Economy*, and *An Introduction to Community Development*. Rhonda holds a Ph.D. in city and regional planning and a M.S. in economics from the Georgia Institute of Technology, as well as a M.S. in economic development and B.S. in geography from the University of Southern Mississippi. Links to a few of Dr. Phillips' books: <https://rb.gy/sivv9z>, <https://rb.gy/d6vw1t>, and <https://rb.gy/r2x9t3>.

**Matt Erickson** is the Economic and Policy Advisor for Farm Credit Services of America. He was previously the Chief Economist for the US Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Matt holds BS and MS degrees in Agricultural Economics from Purdue in addition to his years of practical experience in the policy formulation and legislation arena.

**Farzad Taheripour** is a Research Professor in Agricultural Economics at Purdue and member of Purdue Center for Global Trade Analysis. Farzad's research interests are in the area of energy, natural resource, macro and micro economic modeling. He has published numerous papers and book chapters in these areas. His current research focuses on developing macro and micro economic models to analyze and quantify economic and environmental consequences of energy production and policy. He is a key person in developing GTAP-BIO model and its database which have been frequently used by independent researchers, governmental agencies, and international organizations to evaluate the economic and environmental impacts of biofuels. He has received many research grants from national and international organization. He received his Ph.D. degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.