DeBoer Presented with Hovde Award

Dr. Larry DeBoer received the 2010 Hovde Award at the Indiana Farm Bureau convention in Fort Wayne, Ind. Named after Purdue's seventh president who served from 1946 to 1971, this award honors Purdue staff with a record of outstanding achievement and service to rural communities. “Larry is the leading state and local government public policy analyst and educator in Indiana,” said Dr. Jay Akridge, Purdue's Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture. “Larry’s outreach program is a tremendous example of Purdue Extension at work, and the Hovde Award reflects the difference he has made across our state.” For more than 24 years Dr. DeBoer has studied state and local fiscal policy. He frequently works with elected officials and school administrators in rural communities on budget and property tax issues. He’s made numerous presentations on fiscal and property tax assessment to government, agricultural, education, business and public groups. Larry DeBoer shares his expertise through a Local Government Information Web site, a monthly “Capital Comments” newspaper column and podcasts. He also consults with the Indiana Legislative Services Agency about tax and finance issues and analyzes the fiscal impacts of riverboat gaming on local governments for the Indiana Gaming Commission. “Larry DeBoer’s impact is felt all across rural Indiana, both directly and indirectly via his contact with public decision makers in Indianapolis and in local government,” said Dr. Ken Foster, head of Purdue’s Department of Agricultural Economics. “His tireless effort to instill sound economics into public choices in a non-advocacy framework epitomizes the mission of the Frederick L. Hovde Award of Excellence in Educational Service to Rural People of Indiana.”

2010 AAEA Honors

Dr. Thomas Hertel was elected President of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA), and is serving a 3-year term. This position was previously held by Purdue's Dr. Otto Doering. At the annual meeting in Denver, Colorado, Dr. Hertel gave a presidential address entitled: “The Global Supply and Demand for Agricultural Land in 2050: A Perfect Storm in the Making?”. http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/pdf/Hertel_AAEA_Presidential_Address_LongVersion.pdf

Realizing that professional success depends on professional recognition, the AAEA takes pride in recognizing the outstanding contributions of its members in a variety of different categories. This year, Dr. Maria Marshall was honored with the Distinguished Individual Extension Award for those with less than 10 years of service for her work in small business development, and research-based decision making tools for entrepreneurs, Extension educators, and small business development practitioners. This is the most prestigious award available for early career Extension professionals in the Agricultural Economics profession. http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/directory/faculty/marshall.asp

Professor and Department Head Ken Foster was named the President-elect of the National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA). The mission of the NAAEA is to improve the leadership and management of agricultural economics programs; to support the acquisition of resources to carry out agricultural economics research, teaching, and extension programs; and to address common needs and concerns of agricultural economics administrators. Membership in the NAAEA includes individuals who administer departments or units in academia, public agencies and foundations offering and supporting agricultural economics, resource economics, agribusiness management and similar research, teaching, and/or Extension programs. http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/directory/faculty/foster.asp

PUCESA Junior Award

Dr. Corinne Alexander was awarded the 2009 Junior Achievement Award by the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service Association (PUCESA). The PUCESA Junior Award recognizes an Extension specialist with less than 10 years of service. Criteria

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The great Albert Einstein said, “Weakness of attitude becomes weakness of character.” There is little doubt in the truth of this. Our attitude on a daily basis affects how we treat others, the choices we make and the response of those around us to those choices and our ideas. The culture among the faculty and staff in the Department of Agricultural Economics is one of mutual respect and responsibility. I credit the success of Agricultural Economics students in assuming campus leadership roles to this “will do” attitude and an attitude of service toward students and stakeholders that our faculty and staff model on a daily basis. If you read this newsletter closely you will see evidence of the leadership assumed by Agricultural Economics students at Purdue. The current student government Vice President, the President of the Purdue Foundation Student Board, and all of the officers of the Ag Council are students in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

What have I also discovered in the past two years as Head of the Department is just how many of our students continue this service to community, society, and industry after they graduate. In this newsletter, you will read about a few that we honored in the past year with awards, but there are so many more - far too many to mention them all - and I meet them where ever I go all over the world. These individuals are giving their time and effort to improve their communities for future generations, including the welfare of the poorest people around the world, and working to craft improved public policy for the benefit of society. Those of us working in the department feel a great sense of pride from the accomplishments of our students and alumni. Thanks to all of our alumni and friends for their continued support. Your support and accomplishments make it easier to come to work with a great attitude each and every day! HAIL PURDUE!

PURDUE AGRICULTURE IN CHINA

On May 21, 2010, Purdue University held the first ever “Purdue Day” at China Agricultural University (CAU) in Beijing, P.R. China. The event was a result of the Global Food Security Summit co-chaired by Drs. Jay Akedige, Dean of the College of Agriculture at Purdue, and Qian Sun, Vice President of CAU. President France Córdova addressed the audience about each university playing leading roles in agricultural education, and how research collaborations between the two on food security issues will have global significance. CAU President, Dr. Qian Sun, emphasized the importance of this collaboration in building the Purdue/CAU Global Food Security Leadership Program.

Another highlight of the trip for Drs. Foster and Wang was meeting with the Associate Dean of the School of Economics and Management to discuss further collaboration between Agricultural Economics at Purdue and the School. Graduate student exchange, faculty exchange, study abroad, online undergrad- uate teaching collaborations, and a faculty training program were discussed.

Tyner Receives Named Chair

Purdue Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name Dr. Daniel S. Tyner the James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics. His research interests are in energy, agricultural, and natural resource policy analysis, and structural and sectoral adjustment in developing economies. His work in energy economics has encompassed oil, natural gas, coal, oil shale, biomass, ethanol from agricultural sources, and solar energy. Most of his recent work has focused on economic and policy analysis for a variety of clean energy projects, including a well-deserved honor recognizing Dr. Tyner’s broad contribution to our department and the university as as director of the full-breadth of the Land Grant ideal. http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/directory/faculty/tyner.asp

Doering Named Director

Dr. Otto Doering, professor of agricultural economics, has been named the director of the Purdue Climate Change Research Center after serving as interim since October 2009. Dr. Doering provides leadership and guidance for PCRC, as well as on new collaborations with the Energy Center and the Center for the Environment to enhance the Global Sustainability Initiative. Dr. Doering has served in numerous capacities offering direction and service regarding policy issues related to agriculture, resources, energy and the environment. He was director of Purdue’s Energy Policy Research and Information Program, and the first director of Indiana’s State Utility Forecasting Group. He also served as an advisor to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the PCCRC, as well as to the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the 77, 90, and 96 farm bills. In addition, Dr. Doering has served on experience working on the economic analysis of environmental issues and shares a part of the Nobel Peace Prize with the many individuals working on climate change and the ongoing effort to create a Global Climate Panel on Climate Change. http://www.
Legacy Award to Lowenberg-Deboer

PrecisionAg has named Dr. David Lowenberg-Deboer a co-recipient of the Legacy Award in the PrecisionAg Awards of Excellence program for 2010. He joined other winners in Denver as this year's honorees at the 10th International Conference on Precision Agriculture. Dr. Lowenberg-Deboer is currently Associate Dean, Director of International Programs, and Professor of Agricultural Economics in the College of Agriculture at Purdue University, but his prior work in precision agriculture economics played an invaluable role in the growth of precision agriculture practices. His contributions included original research into the profitability of every aspect of precision agriculture, including tracking the adoption of technology at the farm and service provider level. Dr. Lowenberg-Deboer has published 55 articles in refereed journals, two books, and chapters in six other books, and his work has taken him to over 40 countries. http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/directory/faculty/lsanders.asp

Distinguished Agricultural Alumni

The College of Agriculture honored distinguished alumni in March 2010. This annual event recognizes mid-career graduates who have made significant contributions to their professions or to society. Honored alumni from agricultural economics were David Anderson and Greg Deason.

David Anderson of Carmel, Ind., is global director of seed operations for Dow AgroSciences in Indianapolis. Anderson leads a company team responsible for developing and producing parent and hybrid seed for alfalfa, canola, corn, sorghum, soybeans and sunflowers. He is responsible for more than $300 million in budgets and 450 full-time employees worldwide. Before joining Dow AgroSciences in 2008, Anderson was vice president of production for AgReliant Genetics in Westfield, Ind. Anderson earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Purdue in 1986.

Gregory W. Deason of West Lafayette, Ind., is vice president of real estate and research park development, and director of Purdue Research Parks, Purdue Research Foundation. Deason leads the foundation’s efforts to maintain a progressive and technology-driven environment that supports Purdue’s four research park facilities in order to recruit and retain high-tech companies. He also interacts with Purdue faculty and staff to enhance and existing research facilities and programs and acquire or lease additional properties. Deason is president of the Association of University Research Parks, based in Tuscon, Deason earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Purdue in 1986.

Ag Alumni Certificate of Distinction

The Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association honored 10 agricultural leaders with its Certificate of Distinction during the Ag Alumni Fish Fry. The award recognized those who make significant contributions that enhance the agricultural profession. Raymond L. “Mick” Ortman of Kokomo, Ind. Ortman is chairman of the board of Kokomo Grain Co., where he retired as the company’s president and CEO in 2003. Under Ortman’s leadership, Kokomo Grain grew from a single feed mill with 12,000 bushels of storage to one of the largest privately held companies in Indiana, with seven locations in the state and three in Tennessee. Ortman is the role owner of Winamac Southern Railway Co., a 52-mile short-line railroad serving Howard, Cass and Carroll counties, primarily for agricultural clients. He has worked closely with Purdue Agriculture on research to improve grain drying and storage. This past December Ortman was honored with the Distinguished Hoosier Award by Gov. Mitch Daniels. Ortman earned a bachelor’s degree in agricultural economics from Purdue in 1951. http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/general/2010/100210LesterCertificate.html

Back into the Fold

Purdue Agriculture alumnus Dr. James R. Mintert was reconnected to his alma mater, but this time he’s a faculty member, not a student. Dr. Mintert is assistant director of Purdue Extension, responsible for agricultural and natural resources programming. The Hoosier state is familiar terrain to Dr. Mintert, who managed grain and livestock farms in Indiana and earned bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Purdue in agricultural economics at Purdue in 1978 and 1982, respectively. After receiving a doctoral degree in agricultural economics from the University of Minnesota, Dr. Mintert joined the agricultural economics faculty at Kansas State University, where he specialized in livestock and development. He was named Kansas State’s Extension state leader for agricultural economics in 2004. http://www.ag.purdue.edu/extension/Pages/mintert.aspx

35th Annual Snyder Lecture & Awards

Established in 1975 as a memorial to a deceased distinguished faculty member, the James R. Snyder Memorial Lecture is the Department of Agricultural Economics’ signature event. Funds for the support of the memorial are contributed by friends and corporations who wish to encourage the continuation of the professional efforts of Jim Snyder during his brief but brilliant career. The 2010 event was attended by Dr. Snyder’s spouse, Mary Ruth Snyder. The Snyder guest lecturer was Dr. Ian Sheldon, Andersons Professor of International Trade, Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics, The Ohio State University.

We are excited to announce that the 2011 Snyder Lecture will feature Dr. Thomas Hoenig. Dr. Hoenig is the President of the Kansas City Federal Reserve Bank and a member of Federal Reserve’s Open Market Committee that votes on national monetary policy. The 36th Annual Snyder Lecture is scheduled for the afternoon of April 15, 2011. Facebook, Twitter, and the Snyder Lecture’s Facebook Page will provide updates on how to RSVP for events and to plan your trip to Fowler Hall for the event.

Dr. James Mintert

Outstanding Thesis and Dissertation

Jason Paul Brown, PhD – “Spatial Dynamics of Capital Formation in U.S. Manufacturing” – Outstanding PhD Dissertation for 2009 (Dr. Raymond Florax)


Outstanding Undergraduates


Outstanding Service Award

Congratulations to Brenda Pearl as the recipient of the inaugural Outstanding Service Award presented at the Snyder Lecture. This award recognized Brenda for her service and devotion to the department of Agricultural Economics. Brenda has been with the department since 1987, and has served as main office manager and administrative and financial support for three department heads, as the Department of Agricultural Economics’ Marketing Coordinator, and many faculty and staff.

APEX Awards

In recognition of those individuals with a strong connection to the Department of Agricultural Economics who have made outstanding contributions in their fields, Ken Foster presented Apex Awards to four individuals, representing the convergence of accomplishment in the lives of our honorees. “These four outstanding individuals are great examples of the impact that graduates from our department have on society, the agricultural economy and their communities,” said Dr. Ken Foster, head of the Department. “Their influence runs the gamut from providing educational opportunities for our students, improving the livelihoods of rural stake-holders, and framing policy that makes U.S. agriculture more competitive.”

Jason Henderson is vice president and Omega, Nebraska branch executive for the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. His duties include leading the bank in agricultural research, representing the bank as a regional economist, recruiting and working with the board of directors. He holds masters and doctoral degrees in agricultural economics from Purdue and a bachelor’s degree in economics from Central College in Pella, Iowa.

Warren Preston, of Alexandria, Va., is associate deputy administrator and chief economist for the Livestock and Seed Program in the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Marketing Service. He advises the agency on policies and programs that affect livestock, meat, fish, grain and seed industries. He earned masters and doctoral degrees in agricultural economics from Purdue and a
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ICEE Receives Adam Smith Award
In September 2009, the Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE), under the direction of Dr. Harlan Day, received the national Adam Smith Award from the Council for Economic Education for their achievement in the development of household production theory, hedonic price systems, and survey and experimental techniques to elicit preferences, definitions of poverty thresholds, complete demand studies in order to understand determinants of farm prices and incomes. The shift to a demand perspective and the use of experimental methods to elicit preferences have been a major transformation in the economic analysis of household behavior. The ICEE program is visible. A team of students from St. Joseph High School in South Bend was crowned National Champion in the annual Federal Challenge Competition, and a team of high school economics students from Carmel High School was named third in the nation in the Economics Challenge Competition, sponsored by the Council for Economic Education (CEE). http://www.econed-is.org/

Agribusiness Economics and Management
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Farm, Inc., Jack and Rita Maloney, Starkey Farms Partnership—Dave, Mike and Jeff Starkey, and Hessien Farms, Inc. — Anthony and Matt Hession. Joe Kehay, Director of the Indiana Department of Agriculture Economic Analysis and Development Center at the Purdue Center for Research and Education.

"The Purdue Top Farmer Crop Workshop aims to help commercial producers achieve their goals through improved management," said Bruce Erickson, Purdue Extension Director of Cropping Systems. "The center's open enrollment programs focus on transformational learning. We believe that today's challenges require an industry with leaders capable of discovering new solutions that may be far removed from the solutions of the past," says Allen Gray, the center's director. "By striving for transformational learning experiences, we can contribute to the development of these leaders." Over more than 110 days of programming, the center facilitated learning activities that exposed participants to different points of view, allowing them to gain new perspectives. The center's open enrollment programs drew 214 agribusiness managers from 28 states, and its custom programs reached 408 professionals from 34 states and countries spanning the globe. Key partners throughout the year included companies such as Syngenta, Bayer CropScience, Land O' Lakes, John Deere, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, and Old National Vanco. For more information about the center, visit www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab.

Center for Food and Agricultural Business
During fiscal year 2010, the department's Center for Food and Agricultural Business continued its tradition of developing and delivering high-quality management education programs for agribusiness professionals from all sectors of agribusiness. The center's faculty and staff also took on a challenging—find new and creative ways to provide their participants with opportunities to transform their thinking, beliefs, and assumptions. The center is transitioning away from a traditional informative-learning model to one that focuses on transformational learning. "We believe that today's challenges require an industry with leaders capable of discovering new solutions that may be far removed from the solutions of the past," says Allen Gray, the center's director. "By striving for transformational learning experiences, we can contribute to the development of these leaders." Over more than 110 days of programming, the center facilitated learning activities that exposed participants to different points of view, allowing them to gain new perspectives. The center's open enrollment programs drew 214 agribusiness managers from 28 states, and its custom programs reached 408 professionals from 34 states and countries spanning the globe. Key partners throughout the year included companies such as Syngenta, Bayer CropScience, Land O' Lakes, John Deere, Farm Credit Services of Mid-America, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, and Old National Vanco. For more information about the center, visit www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab.

The Eighteenth Annual Short Course in Global Trade Analysis, "Introduction to Applied General Equilibrium Analysis in a Multi-Region Framework," was held from August 7-13. The course introduced participants to a standardized framework for conducting global trade analysis in an applied general equilibrium setting, and provided participants hands-on training with software tailored to global trade analysis. The course also gave participants the opportunity to interact with economists working on global trade and resource economics. The center's annual training program is an important component of its international network. Thirty-three individuals from 14 different countries participated in this course. https://www.agecon.purdue.edu/.

Center for Global Trade Analysis
The Center for Global Trade Analysis held their Thirteenth Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis in Penang, Malaysia from June 5-11. Hosted by the United Nations Economics and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, the conference centered on the theme, "Trade for Shared Growth and Inclusive Development" and was attended by 185 participants from 37 different countries. The Department of Agricultural Economics was well represented at the conference with ten staff members and graduate students making presentations including Dr. Thomas Herdt, Executive Director. The Annual GTAP Advisory Board Meeting preceded the conference and was attended by 30 leading econo­mists and policy advisors representing institutions in Asia, Africa, Europe, Latin America and the United States.

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Faculty Chosen for Centennial AJAE
Ag Econ faculty members were among the authors chosen to write papers in the recently released Centennial Issue of the American Journal of Agricultural Economics. Below is a link to the abstract of each article.

Food and Consumer Economics
Coauthors: Laurian Unnevehr, James Eales, Helen Jensen, Christopher Plummer, and Jean Kinsey. Agricultural economists first carried out demand studies in order to understand determinants of farm output and incomes. The shift to a focus on consumer welfare began with studies of the role of food and food assistance in standards of living. Now the profession is more concerned with how information and quality attributes influence consumer behavior. Agricultural economists’ empirical work in this field has informed the development of household production theory, hedonic price theory, definitions of poverty thresholds, complete demand systems, and survey and experimental techniques to elicit preferences. http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/directory/faculty/eales.asp

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Dr. Michael Boehlje

bachelor’s degree in dairy science from Ohio State University.

Dr. James Eales

Mini Farming Only

Eden Ott

Dr. James Eales

Evelyn Ott of Jeffersonville, Ind., has pledged a gift to the matching Presidential and Trustee Scholarship program that will ultimately create a $1 million dollar endowment. The Dr. Leland E. Riley Memorial Scholarship will provide 4 – 5 full ride scholarships annually for undergraduate students studying agriculture at Purdue. Dr. Ott’s husband, Dr. Leland Ott, who earned a doctoral degree in agricultural economics from Purdue and served on the faculty of Cornell University.
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OUTSTANDING STUDENTS

Students in the Department of Agricultural Economics are leading the College of Agriculture as they were elected to all five executive positions on the College of Agriculture Council. The 2010 Ag Council Executive Committee includes: Kelly Clark – Public Relations, Leslie Byers – Secretary, Emily Hirsch - President, Benjamin Stoller - Treasurer, and Ben Wolff – Vice President.

Students were recognized at the Undergraduate Awards Program for either their leadership in the Agribusiness Club, Farm Management Club or Agricultural Economics Envoy organizations; participation in the National Agri-Marketing Association Team and AAEA Quiz Bowl Team; completion of the Undergraduate Honors Program; and recognition for Fall 2009 Semester Honors. Several students also received scholarships and awards for their performance in the classroom and their involvement with extracurricular activities. The 2010-11 scholarship recipients are:

R. Dean Dyson Scholarship – Nelin Stumler
Gerald and Joan Gentry Scholarship – Eric Johnson and Michelle Steinbarger

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Dr. Roman Keeney

2010 Homecoming

The Boilermakers will host Minnesota on October 16, 2010. The kickoff will be preceded by activities, stage performances, food vendors, and individual college/school tents, including the College of Agriculture tent located on the Memorial Mall across from the Ag Administration Building. A buffet will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. Prof. Emeritus Jake Atkinson, and recently hired Professors Nicole Olynk, Brent Gloy and Juan Sesmero will be among the faculty in attendance. Contact the Agricultural Alumni Association for information at (765) 494-8593 and check their website for meal and ticket ordering information: http://www.ag.purdue.edu/agalumni

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10/3 – 10/16: Purdue President’s Roundtable and is the Purdue Student Government

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10/11: Jamie Steiner was elected Vice President of the Purdue Foundation Student Board

10/11: Kim Hoeing was elected President of the Minority in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Science (MANRRS) conference. Kendra’s presentation was entitled “An Evaluation of Consumer Segments for Farmers’ Markets in Indiana and Illinois”. Kendra’s major professor was Dr. Jennifer Dennis. Kendra joined the Foreign Agricultural Service of USDA in 2009, where she handled various assignments from developing the seed dealer network to conducting a phone survey. Hirsch is the daughter of Michael and Beverly Hirsch.

10/11: Dr. Otto Doering has been made Chair of the Environmental Policy Program in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Dr. David Oster was made Chair of the Economics Program in the Department of Agricultural Economics.

10/11: Dr. Joseph V. Balagtas was promoted to Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics and Commerce. He is also the Director of the Agricultural Economics and Commerce Program.

10/11: Dr. Janet Ayres was inducted into the Carroll County Agriculture Hall of Fame.

10/11: Dr. Roman Keeney (Agricultural Economics) was awarded the 2010 Kinley Award by the University Tax Education Foundation.

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Dr. Brent Gloy is an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. He teaches and conducts research and Extension programs in the areas of agricultural finance and agribusiness management. The majority of his research has focused on issues related to the supply and demand for credit. Dr. Gloy currently serves as the Director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture and an Associate Director of the Center for Food and Agricultural Business. He teaches an undergraduate course in Agricultural and Food Business Strategy. Prior to arriving at Purdue, Dr. Gloy was an associate professor in the Department of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University. There he taught undergraduate courses in Agribusiness Strategy and Agricultural Finance and a graduate course in Agricultural Finance. In addition to his traditional classroom teaching, Dr. Gloy participated and led classes on a number of international and domestic farm and agribusiness field studies. These have included trips to Hungary, Slovakia, Poland, Holland, and Australia. Domestic farm management field study destinations have included California, Texas, Florida, and Georgia. In the past he has also directed the Cornell Farm Credit Fellows program where students are paired with a lender and borrower in order to complete an intensive investment analysis and credit committee report. The Fellows then travel to New York City where they visit with several key financial market participants. An Agricultural Economist, Brent received his M.S. and Ph.D. from Purdue University. In addition to his activities at Purdue, Brent remains involved in the family farm business located in Southwestern Nebraska.

Juan Sesmero joins the department as an assistant professor on August 16 after completing his Ph.D. in agricultural economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Juan’s teaching and research activities are focused primarily on natural resource and environmental economics. He has a strong interest in the identification and measurement of trade-offs between economic efficiency and distributional equity in the context of energy, climate, and water policy. Juan is also interested in the role of technological progress in resource extraction and the resulting ecological sustainability of production systems. His research also includes measurement of environmental and marketing efficiency in the biofuels industry and agricultural productivity growth in China.

Dr. Angela Gloy joined the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue in August as a Farm Business Planning Specialist. Her emphasis is farm family succession planning, including retirement and estate planning issues that accompany the transfer process. Beginning in 2011, Angela will assume responsibility for teaching the undergraduate estate planning course in the department. Previously, Angela worked with the New York FarmNet and FarmLink Programs at Cornell University. The New York program business model serves as a springboard for her work with developing a one-on-one farm family assistance program in Indiana. Efforts to develop a state-wide Extension-based team that can facilitate individual families’ succession planning process are a priority. She will be working closely with the farm community on programming, developing written planning tools for farmers, and promoting all of the planning processes (e.g., business, marketing, estate, retirement, and succession) relevant to farm businesses. Angela’s work with farm families complements existing departmental programs offered by Farm business management faculty. Prior to working on farm succession issues, Angela worked with the Cornell Program on Dairy Markets and Policy, focusing primarily on market development opportunities for the industry. Her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees are from Texas A&M University and Purdue University, respectively.

OBITUARIES

Dr. Wilford H. Morris

Wilford “Bill” H.M. Morris, 88, of West Lafayette, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 2010, at his residence in Westminster Village. Born July 25, 1921, in London, England, he was the son of the late Harry John Morris and Leslie Helen Wade Morris. While living in England, he served in the Royal Army of Great Britain. His first marriage was to Shirley Hawthorn on June 4, 1952, in Logan, Utah, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 19, 1992. His second marriage was to Rachel Stark in 1997, and she preceded him in death in 2008. Dr. Morris received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Cambridge University and earned his Ph.D. from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. He came to West Lafayette in 1955 and was a professor of agricultural economics at Purdue University until retiring in 1989. He was a leader in the interdisciplinary study of hog production facilities, and was internationally recognized for his work in farm labor science. He owned Morris Rentals and formerly owned Walscott Weavers, Weavers Three, Old Abingdon Weavers and Churchill Weavers. He was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church. He was an avid collector of various types of art and had spoken on various occasions at St. Meinrad Monastery about textiles. Surviving are a son, Edward Morris of Covington, Ky.; four daughters, Lesley Hill (husband: Garrie) of Geavelville, Ohio, Penny Schmicker and Audrey Conpere (husband: Ken), both of Elgin, Ill., and Susan Johnson of West Lafayette; and one sister, Rosemary Morris of Leicester, England, and 10 grandchildren.

Dr. Cliff Hardin

Dr. Clifford M. Hardin, the first secretary of agriculture in the Nixon administration, died April 4, 2010, at his home in Lincoln, Neb. He was 94. Clifford Morris Hardin was born on Oct. 9, 1915, near Knightsown, Ind. While his father worked on agricultural ventures in Florida to supplement the family income, Clifford managed the family farm. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin and his Ph.D. from Purdue University in 1942. He was an economist for the U.S. Forest Service and the agricultural director for the U.S. National Park Service. After serving in the Navy during World War II, he returned to Purdue as a professor and became associate dean for research and development. Dr. Hardin served as the first secretary of agriculture from 1969 to 1970. He was succeeded by Secretary Dean R.裡 among the nation’s leading agricultural economists and political leaders. After leaving his post in 1971, Dr. Hardin returned to the faculty at Purdue and served as director of the Agricultural Economics Program. He was a professor of agriculture economics at Purdue University until retiring in 1989. He was a leader in the interdisciplinary study of hog production facilities, and was internationally recognized for his work in farm labor science. He owned Morris Rentals and formerly owned Walscott Weavers, Weavers Three, Old Abingdon Weavers and Churchill Weavers. He was a member of St. John’s Episcopal Church. He was an avid collector of various types of art and had spoken on various occasions at St. Meinrad Monastery about textiles. Surviving are his wife of 70 years, the former Martha Love Wood; his daughter, Sarah Wood; Cynthia Milligan and Nancy Rogers; his sister, Clifford Wood and James Hardin; his sister, Phyllis Walls, 15 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.

Dr. Angela Gloy

Dr. Angela Gloy is an associate professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Her emphasis is farm family succession planning, including retirement and estate planning issues that accompany the transfer process. Beginning in 2011, Angela will assume responsibility for teaching the undergraduate estate planning course in the department. Previously, Angela worked with the New York FarmNet and FarmLink Programs at Cornell University. The New York program business model serves as a springboard for her work with developing a one-on-one farm family assistance program in Indiana. Efforts to develop a state-wide Extension-based team that can facilitate individual families’ succession planning process are a priority. She will be working closely with the farm community on programming, developing written planning tools for farmers, and promoting all of the planning processes (e.g., business, marketing, estate, retirement, and succession) relevant to farm businesses. Angela’s work with farm families complements existing departmental programs offered by Farm business management faculty. Prior to working on farm succession issues, Angela worked with the Cornell Program on Dairy Markets and Policy, focusing primarily on market development opportunities for the industry. Her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees are from Texas A&M University and Purdue University, respectively.

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Sustainably meeting the world’s increasing demands for agricultural products will require increasingly complex and sophisticated farming businesses. The purpose of the Center for Commercial Agriculture is to provide the knowledge and education necessary to enable these farms to thrive. The Center accomplishes this by conducting applied research on issues important to the business of commercial agriculture, developing educational programs for farm managers and employees, and creating unique educational opportunities for undergraduate students who will manage the farms and agribusinesses of the future.

Our Vision: To be the leading source of management education and knowledge generation for the farmers in the business of producing the world’s agricultural products. Our research, education, and delivery will be world class. Our perspective will be global and science-based but with impact for stakeholders in their local setting.

The Center is committed to providing unique, highly-experiential educational opportunities to the undergraduate students that will manage the farms and agribusinesses of the future. Our educational enrichment opportunities are designed to add to the traditional educational experience by giving students the ability to participate in high-impact activities not found in traditional educational programs. One of our core educational philosophies is that exposure to real-world businesses opportunities and situations significantly broadens the student experience and cements class room lessons.

The Center conducts focused, applied, and practical research programs designed to address issues most relevant to the commercial agricultural sector. The Center’s faculty are engaged in continuing foundational research in the areas of farm management, agricultural finance, agricultural marketing, and agricultural production systems. Additionally, the Center undertakes research projects on high-priority research projects designed to specifically address important issues facing commercial agriculture. These projects are identified through active engagement with stakeholders and are meant to provide timely, relevant answers to important issues currently facing commercial agriculture.

The Center designs, develops, and delivers educational programming and events to assist commercial operations in building their management knowledge and systems. The educational offerings include a wide range of activities from topical conferences to in-depth curricular based educational programs. These events include several long-standing, traditional programs such as the Purdue Top Farmer Crop workshop and Purdue Farm Management Tour. Additionally, the Center is working to develop new, innovative programs that meet the evolving needs of today’s commercial farms and to develop customized educational programs designed to meet specific educational goals and objectives of sponsoring organizations.