Keeping Track
August 2014

Calendar
August 8    Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair
August 18   Welcome Back gathering – KRAN 661
August 20   Retirement Party for Penny Pava
August 22   College of Agriculture – New Student Welcome Carnival
August 25   Fall classes begin
August 28   Retirement Party for Neisha Kennedy

August 2014 Photo of the Month:

Retirement Party for Penny Pava

The Agricultural Economics Department would like to congratulate Penny on her retirement and her 20+ years of service to Purdue.

Please plan on joining us for cake and punch to celebrate and wish her well for the future!

Wednesday, August 20, 2014
3:00 - 5:00 PM
Krannert Drawing Room
Congratulations:

On August 18 at 2PM in Krannert Conference Room 661, the department will have a short welcome-back-to-the-department gathering to reconnect with faculty and staff before the academic semester begins. Congratulations to Drs. Maria Marshall and Nicole Widmar on their July faculty promotions and the six administrative professional staff who were promoted in rank by the College: Angel Aguiar, Ginger Batta, Kristyn Childres, Amy Cochran, John Fansler and Shelly Surber. Dr. Foster will introduce new faculty, Michael Wetzstein and Dominque van der Mensbrugghe, as well as new staff, Jessica Eise and Jeremy Douglas. Also, some emeriti will be visiting the department that day and those whose schedule allows will be in attendance.

Congratulations to Nicole Widmar and Benjamin Gramig for winning second place out of 90-some posters at the World Congress of Environmental and Resources Economists in Istanbul. Poster title “Estimating farmers’ willingness to change tillage practices to supply carbon emissions offsets”

Congratulations are in order for Jill Hufford, who was the recent recipient of the College of Agriculture Business Office Service Award. The award was established to recognize the significant efforts of business office staff members who consistently exert effort above and beyond expectations to help accomplish the College’s strategic goals. Please be sure to thank Jill for her efforts on behalf of the department faculty and staff.

Please join me in welcoming Dr. Dominique van der Mensbrugghe to the department. Today is his first day as Research Professor and Director for the Center of Global Trade Analysis. Dominique’s office is in room 563. We are extremely fortunate to have his experience, accomplishments, and leadership in our department. Welcome Dominique – we look forward to years of fruitful collaborations!

Thought you should know:

International Travel Information Resource:
If you are doing any professional or personal international travel, please refer to the Purdue risk management website for current information that affects your travel and provides you with information on health and security while you are traveling. It includes a variety of travel recommendations, state department warnings, and general information on what to do in emergencies when you are travelling.

Recommend you bookmark this one! (This is similar to the travel website info and is actually the source of the latter, as such it may be more up to date.)
In late June, students and faculty from Ag Econ, Civil Engineering, Nursing, and Food Sciences completed a two-year multidisciplinary service learning project in the village of Las Canas, Dominican Republic. The students designed, tested, and constructed a community-based water purification system. Students in Ag Econ (Kevin Camp, Elizabeth Lunik, and Tia McDonald supervised by Dr. Ken Foster) worked with community members to develop a governance board that will operate the system and market water to the community for long term sustainability of the project. The service learning course will start again this fall and focus on a new village leveraging the lessons that were learned in Las Canas.

AAEA Meetings:

Extension Speaker Series:

Mike Boehlje, Purdue University
“Engagement and the Future of the Land Grant University”

Awards:

David Perkis, “Teaching Tips from AAEA Award Winners”
Graduate Teaching Award

Sessions:

Big Data and How We Can Use It in Agribusiness Research
Allan Gray, Purdue University

What Are the Questions We Need to Be Answering?
Michael Gunderson, Purdue University

Consumer Preference for Quality and Safety Attributes of Duck in Restaurant Entrees: Is China a Market for the US Duck Industry? Hong Holly Wang, Purdue University; Rachel Carnegie, Purdue University; Nicole Widmar, Purdue University; David Ortega, Michigan State University

Shale Oil and Gas Booms: Consequences for Agricultural and Biofuel Industries
Farzad Taheripour, Purdue University; Wallace Tyner, Purdue University

A Global Comparison of Economic Development and Natural Resource Use: Evidence from Hierarchical Regressions
Gerald Shively, Purdue University

Profit Maximizing Adaptations to Projected Climate Change in the US Corn Belt
Ben Gramig, Purdue University; E.M. Sajeev, Purdue University; Paul Preckel, Purdue University; Otto Doering, III, Purdue University

Wilson Seeds, Inc. A Period of Transition
David Widmar, Purdue University; Allan Gray, Purdue University; Michael Gunderson, Purdue University

Whom Should Farm Input Subsidy Programs Target? Evidence from Malawi
Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Purdue University; Francis Darko, Purdue University; Talip Klic, The World Bank; Gerald Shively, Purdue University

Small Business Disaster Resilience: The Importance of Informal Insurance
Tia McDonald, Purdue University; Maria Marshall, Purdue University

Cost Effectiveness of Alternative Policies to Induce Investment in Cellulosic Biofuels
Juan Pablo Sesmero, Purdue University; Tanner McCarty, Purdue University

Using Case Studies to Illustrate Extension Risk Management Concepts
Michael Langemeier, Purdue University
Life-Long Learning through Disruptive Innovation
Michael Boehlje, Purdue University; Dave King, Oregon State University

The Impact of Spatial Flexibility on Unemployment Duration in Young College-educated Workers
Kevin Camp, Purdue University; Brigitte Waldorf, Purdue University

Competition between Private Labels and National Brands: A Simple Econometric Test and Application to Dairy Markets
Jeffrey Young, Purdue University; Joseph Balagtas, Purdue University; James Binkley, Purdue University; Richard Volpe, III, USDA Economic Research Service

The Effectiveness of Spatial Flexibility on Unemployment Duration in Young College-educated Workers
Kevin Camp, Purdue University; Brigitte Waldorf, Purdue University

Tips for Entering the Industry Job Market
Allan Gray, Purdue University

Tips for Entering the Academic Job Market
Kenneth Foster, Purdue University

Property Damage from Flooding: Sensitivities to Climate Change and Economic Growth
Jing Liu, Purdue University; Thomas Hertel, Purdue University; Michael Delgado, Purdue University; Moetasim Ashfaq, Oak Ridge National Laboratory; Thomas Hertel, Stanford University

Does Agricultural Intensification Spare Land? Revisiting History and Exploring the Future
Thomas Hertel, Purdue University; Uris Lantz Baldos, Purdue University; Navin Ramankutty, McGill University

International Trade Patterns, Land Cover Change and Crop Productivity
Nelson Villoria, Purdue University

Where and Why is Fertilizer (Un)Profitable in Sub-Saharan Africa? A Spatial Econometric Analysis of Fertilizer Use in Malawi
Francis Darko, Purdue University; Jacob Ricker-Gilbert, Purdue University; Gerald Shively, Purdue University; Raymond Florax, Purdue University; Talip Kilic, The World Bank

Market Power and Economic Consequences of Storage Pest Damage in Rwandan Dry Bean Markets
Michael Jones, University of Florida; Corinne Alexander, Purdue University; Bruce Smith, Consultant

Global Land Use Impacts of US Ethanol: Static vs. Dynamic Economic Modeling
Alla Golub, Purdue University; Thomas Hertel, Purdue University; Steven Rose, Electric Power Research Institute

Producer Perceptions of Risk and Time
Kendra Hedge, Purdue University; Elizabeth Yeager, Purdue University

Spatial Competition and Economics of Biofuels from Corn Stover
Juan Pablo Sesmero, Purdue University; Joseph Balagtas, Purdue University

Posters:

The Economic Competitiveness and Carbon Dioxide Emission of Electric Vehicle in China
Xin Zhao, Purdue University; Otto Doering, Purdue University

Estimated Returns for Improved Quality of Raisins from Afghanistan
Stacy McCoy, Purdue University; Kevin McNamara, Purdue University

An Italian Food Experience in the Tuscany Region: Insights and Perspectives from a Study Abroad
Elizabeth Yeager, Purdue University
News from our Graduate Students:

Congratulations to the following PhD students on their passing of the Economic Theory Prelim:

Beth Byrd

August Graduates:

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Congratulations to Beth Byrd and advisor, Dr. Nicole Widmar. This is also a project that will contribute nicely to the Extension efforts in the department and building stakeholder relations as they are officially partnering on this with The Farm at Prophetstown.

2014 NCR SARE Review Proposal #:GSP14-032
Project Title: Economic Based Decision Support for Sustainable Horse Drawn Farming Enterprises
Project Coordinator: Elizabeth Byrd
Coordinator Organization: Purdue University
SARE request: $9,538
Approved Amount: $9,538

Jeff Peters will be traveling to Lindau, Germany to attend the Lindau Meetings of the Nobel Laureates in Economic Sciences from Aug 17 to Aug 23rd.
Ken Foster a talk entitled: “Why Your Family Farm Needs a Succession Plan” at the Indiana Ag Law Foundation’s program on Estate and Succession Planning for the Family Farm on July 17th.

Publications:


Jobs:

Texas A&M University:  Assist Prof – Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems
University of Florida:  Post-Doc in Natural Resource and Environmental Economics
Economist Position at APHIS/USDA

Internships:

http://crs.org/about/careers/fellowships/

GIC, a 35 year old international agribusiness company based in DC, hosts internships all year round. Our slots are for students—preferably graduate students—interested in agribusiness with an academic background in economics, ag econ, and, or finance. All our interns are research associates with responsibilities in research, analysis, and marketing. We have approximately 30 applicants per semester for four unpaid slots. If interested, please send resume to my attention at this email address. www.gicgroup.com

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Academic Employment Network http://www.academemploy.com/
Agriculture Career Connection http://www.ag-biz.com
Ag Careers http://www.agcareers.com
Academic Position Network http://www.apnjobs.com/
Academic Keys http://www.academickeys.com
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
ConAgra (http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/
Chronicle of Higher Education http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/
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
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

http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/323686300
http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern_research.htm
http://www.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1
http://www.fcnl.org/young/intern.htm
http://www.uschamber.com/careers/internships/default
http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=317257

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