Calendar of Events:

December 5  MS/PhD Final Examination deadline for graduation  
December 9  MS thesis/PhD dissertation deposit deadline  
December 20  Commencement  
December 24-25  Christmas Holiday  
Dec. 31 & Jan. 1  New Year’s Holiday

Photo of the Month: Yangxuan Liu attending the World Food Prize Borlaug Dialogue

Yangxuan Liu participated as one of the panelist, “Precision Agriculture: Technologies for Productivity and Resilience”, at the Borlaug Dialogue and World Food Prize in Des Moines, Iowa. Her role in the panel was to raise the need of vegetable farmers, specifically those who produce potatoes and tomatoes, and to discuss solutions that help farmers of all scales with site-specific tools and technologies.

With Sadness
It is with sadness that we learned of the passing of our esteemed colleague, Professor Emeritus, Earl W. Kehrberg. Words are never adequate in moments like these.

**Professor Earl W. Kehrberg, 97**

Professor Earl W. Kehrberg, Ph.D., 97, of Otterbein, died, Wednesday, November 18, 2015. He was born September 30, 1918, in Aberdeen, SD, to the late Herman & Gladys (Weinheimer) Kehrberg. He married Norma (Hanson) Kehrberg, in 1945; she died, October 17, 1996. He graduated from Ortonville Minnesota Public Schools, in 1937, received his Teacher Training from St. Cloud State College, & received his B.S. from Iowa State University, in 1949 & his Ph.D. from Iowa State University, in 1953. He joined the Purdue Agricultural Economics staff in July, 1953 and retired in June, 1984. He taught courses and counseled students and faculty in the areas of production economics, statistics, and research methodology. He is remembered by his colleagues as a scholar's scholar. His research was concentrated in the area of production economics. He became assistant head for research in June, 1974, a position he held until February, 1983. He was a Visiting Professor, Universitat Hohenheim, Germany, July, 1961 -June, 1962; Visiting Professor, Universidade Rural do Estado de Minas Gerais (Now Universidade Federal de Vicoso), Brazil, South America., July, 1966 -July, 1968. Throughout his career he authored & contributed to numerous books & research papers on Agriculture Economics worldwide. Earl was a WWII Veteran, with the United States Marine Corp., serving as an Airborne Radar Technician & was Honorably Discharged as a Technical Sergeant. He was a member of the American Agricultural Economics Association, American Statistical Association, Society of Sigma Xi, Phi Kappa Phi, Gamma Sigma Delta, Otterbein [Rotary Club](#) & Otterbein United Methodist Church, where he was active with the Men's Fellowship.

He is survived by 2 Sons, Lynn Kehrberg, Otterbein & Karl (Wife, Debi) Kehrberg, Miltona, MN, 5 Grandchildren & 11 Great-Grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held at the Otterbein United Methodist Church, 405 East Oxford Street, Otterbein, Friday, November 27, 2015 at 2:30 PM, with Pastor John Randall officiating.

**Congratulations**

Freddie Barnard was honored with the 2015 Hovde Award. A well-deserved honor for his service and impact on the lives of people in Indiana.


**Jeffrey Peters** will receive a James S. McDonnell Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship Award in Studying Complex Systems. The postdoctoral fellowship provides $200,000 over 2-3 years to study complex systems science at the university or research center best suited for his needs. The Studying Complex Systems program supports scholarship and research directed toward the development of theoretical and mathematical tools contributing to the science of complex, adaptive, nonlinear systems. Peters’ proposal was titled “Interdependencies in infrastructure and economic systems.”


**Thought you would like to know:**

Roberto Max Protil, from Federal University of Vicoso, BRAZIL, will be working with Michael Langemeier from Dec 2015 to Dec 2016 conducting research into agricultural enterprises, teaching and extension methodologies and the use of distance learning tools.

Adriela Fernandez has been invited by the Inter- American Organization for Higher Education and its International Program for Evaluation and Certification, to participate as an external evaluator in the international accreditation of two academic programs, Economics and Business, at the University of Guadalajara, in Mexico. The work started in November and will be ongoing through the end of February of the spring term, including a field visit to the University with the International Evaluation Committee in February of 2016.
Sabrina Soldavini and Wally Tyner will attend a launch meeting of their “Landscape Design” project in Ames, Iowa, Dec. 1-3.

News from AGEC Graduate Students:


The SHaPE group attended the 62nd Annual Meetings of the North American Regional Science Council (NARSC) Portland, OR, November 11-14.

Presentations:

Seong Do Yun and Brigitte Waldorf
A Migration Model of Loss-Aversion: The Role of Economic Prospect and Spatial Referencing

Elizabeth Dobis, Michael Delgado, Raymond Florax and Peter Mulder
Population Growth in American Cities between 1990 and 2010: True Contagion and Urban Hierarchy

Francisco Scott and Raymond Florax
Markov-Chain Approaches to Modeling the Dynamics of Firm Location and Formation in the United States

Michael Delgado and Raymond Florax
Difference-in-Difference Regression with Spatial Data

Natasha Duncan, Ayoung Kim and Brigitte Waldorf
Immigration Policy, High Skilled Dependents, and Brain Waste in the U.S.

V. Dimitra Pyrialakou and Konstantina Gkritza
Public Transportation in U.S. Rural and Small Urban Areas: Towards a Comprehensive Accessibility-Based, People-Oriented Systems Evaluation

Xiaofei Li and Raymond Florax
The Impact of Urbanization on China’s Regional Agricultural Production

Ayoung Kim, Michael Delgado and Raymond Florax
A Quasi-Experimental Approach to Measuring Industrial Agglomeration and Regional Productivity in U.S. Manufacturing, 2010

Discussants:
Brigitte Waldorf: 7. Migration and 68. Immigration Policy and Destination Choice
Elizabeth Dobis: 27. Population Distribution and Growth
Francisco Scott: 36. Firm Formation and Location
Raymond Florax: 59. Spatial Econometrics IV
V. Dimitra Pyrialakou: 70. Public Transit
Xiaofei Li: 129. Agricultural Production and Trade II
Ayoung Kim: 147. Urban and Regional Economic Development

Chairs:
Brigitte Waldorf: 7. Migration

Awards:
Dr. Raymond Florax was named as a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International.

Events:
The SHaPE group had a reunion dinner on Friday, November 13 for members attending the NARSC 2015 meetings. The dinner was held at the Yard House in Portland and was attended by three former members: Jason Brown, Xiaofei Li, and Jorge Diaz-Lanchas. The rest of the group included Eleni Bardaka, Elizabeth Dobis, Ayoung Kim, V. Dimitra Pyrialakou, and Francisco Scott as well as Professors Delgado, Florax, and Waldorf. It was a wonderful opportunity to catch up on the life and research of former members and make some new connections.
News from AGEC Undergraduates:

See the success stories of our undergraduates at:

https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Undergraduate-Success-Stories.aspx

News from the Center for Global Trade Analysis:

2015-2 GTAP 101 Course
“Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Modeling”

The Center for Global Trade Analysis recently held the second 2015 offering of its GTAP 101 Course from September 14 – October 30, 2015. GTAP 101 is an online course aimed to engage participants in an active, team-based process of learning about the GTAP computable general equilibrium (CGE) model and its use in applied economic policy analysis. During the course, participants:

- reviewed core economic theories from macro, micro, trade and public finance and observe how they are operationalized in an applied general equilibrium model;
- learned to recognize, control and interpret the theoretically consistent behavior of consumers and producers in the model;
- observed the aggregated, macroeconomic impacts of microeconomic behaviors;
- defined model experiments that represent real-world issues and problems; and
- learned to interpret general equilibrium model results by calling on and integrating their knowledge of multiple fields of economic study.

In total, 23 individuals from 16 different countries representing government agencies, international institutions, the private sector and academia participated in this course.

For further information on GTAP 101, please visit: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/.

For further information on the Center for Global Trade Analysis or the Global Trade Analysis Project, please visit: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/.

Presented papers, seminars, travel:

Otto Doering gave a talk at the Agronomy/Crop Science meetings November 17th in Minneapolis on the economic content of the U2U project decision tools. Ben Gramig was one of the co-authors.

Jingyu Song, Michael Delgado and Paul Preckel presented a workshop at the International Food Policy Research Institute’s offices in Washington titled “Fine-Scale Land Use Allocation Using Quasi-maximum Likelihood” on October 30.


Dr. Wang also attended CAER-IFPRI 7th Annual Conference in Lin’An, China, October 16, 2015 as an invited guest and session chair.

Publications:


Sesmero, J., Perrin, R., and Fulginiti, L. “A Variable Cost Function for Corn Ethanol Plants in the Midwest”. Accepted for publication at the Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics.


Jobs:

UC-Davis: Ag and Resource Econ
University of Idaho: Four positions open

Internships:

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

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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.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.academickeyes.com
Community Colleges, misc http://www.aacc.nche.edu/
ConAgra (http://jobs.conagafoods.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.jobssearch.usajobs.opm.gov/
National Job Bank http://www.jobs.joe.org
USDA, Ag Research Service http://ars.usda.gov

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


For further information, see the Job Posting File in Room 651

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