Calendar

January 13  Spring classes begin
January 20  Martin Luther King Jr. Day
January 21  Last day for registration without a late fee
January 27  Last day to cancel a course assignment without it appearing on record
February 10  Last day to withdraw a course with a grade of W or to add/modify a course with instructor and advisor signature
February 24  Last day for grade correction for 2013 fall semester
March 10  Second Eight-Week courses Begin
March 17-22  Spring Break
March 24  Last day to withdraw from a course with a W or WF grade
March 24  Last day to add/modify a course with instructor, advisor and dept head signatures
May 3  Classes end
May 5-10  Final Exams
May 13  Grades Due
May 13-18  Commencement

January 2014 Photo of the Month:  Submitted by Akuffo Amankwah and Didier Kadjo
Alumni News:

Dr. Akinwumi (Akin) Adesina, Nigeria’s Minister for Agriculture and Purdue Agriculture alumnus, has been awarded the prestigious Forbes Africa Person of the Year recognition for his reforms in Nigeria’s agriculture sector. Dr. Adesina, who received his MS and PhD in Agricultural Economics from Purdue, was honored for his work on behalf of African farmers, turning agriculture away from a development program and into a business activity that will generate wealth for millions of farmers.

Dr. Adesina received Purdue Agriculture’s Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2008. Through his work first with the Rockefeller Foundation, the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, and now as Nigeria’s Minister for Agriculture, he has dedicated himself to eliminating poverty in Africa through increasing agricultural productivity. Dr. Adesina represents the best of what we in Purdue Agriculture strive to achieve, and we are honored to claim him as one of our own.

Dr. Jay Akridge

Thought you would like to know:

Starting 2014, Raymond Florax has been appointed to the Editorial Board of the journal "Regional Studies, Regional Science", published on behalf of the Regional Studies Association by Taylor & Francis in the UK.

Book of Great Teachers: Sixty-eight Purdue professors were honored Monday (Dec. 2) when they were inducted into the Book of Great Teachers, which honors outstanding teaching faculty who have demonstrated sustained excellence in the classroom.

Held every five years, the induction ceremony took place in Purdue Memorial Union. President Mitch Daniels and Dale Whittaker, vice provost for undergraduate academic affairs, spoke at the event.

Automatically included in the Book of Great Teachers were professors with 10 years of service to the University who previously have been honored with the Charles B. Murphy Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award, recognized as Indiana Professor of the Year or named by the trustees as distinguished professors of teaching. Other inductees had at least 15 years of service to the University and were nominated by students, alumni and colleagues. "The Book of Great Teachers is an important symbol of a greater legacy, which is the tens of the thousands of lives that have been changed by these extraordinary teachers," Whittaker says. "We're honored to add this new class of teachers to the legacy."

Everyone inducted into the Book of Great Teachers is listed on a bronze-and-walnut wall display in the west foyer of the Union. The display was first unveiled in 1999. Including the most recently inducted professors, the book includes 384 names. Congratulations to:

Freddie Barnard
Lawrence DeBoer Jr.
Frank Dooley
Marshall Martin

Graduate Student News:

E.M. Sajeev has been selected for the Cultivators Program at the 2014 Farm Foundation Round Table meeting January 8-10, 2014 in Houston, TX.
Master Thesis 2013:

Broughton, Megan
Joan Fulton and Kwamena Quagrainie
May 2013
Economic Activity Associated with the Aquaculture Industry in the State of Indiana

Giraldo, Juan S.
Paul Preckel
May 2013
An Economic Analysis of the Electricity Generation Potential from Biogas Resources in the State of Indiana

Hao, Jing
Gerald Shively
May 2013
Explaining Patterns of Malnutrition Among Children in Uganda

Celeste Sununtnasuk
Gerald Shively
May 2013

Gautam Kumaraswamy
John Sanders
May 2013
An Evaluation of Improved Dairy Feed Adoption in Nicaragua

Tong Zhang
Scott Downey/Maria Marshall
May 2013
Manager's Perceptions of Categories of Training Needs

Hao Zou
Lawrence DeBoer
May 2013
Why Are College Tuition and Fees Rising So Fast

Hu, Zhihua
Tim Baker
August 2013
Are the U.S. Crop Insurance Premiums Fair Across Regions and Crops?

Aaron Cook
Ricker-Gilbert Sesmero
August 2013
Climate Change in Malawi: Household Level Impacts and Adaptations

Kadjo Didier Kadjo
Ricker-Gilbert/Lowenberg-DeBoer
August 2013
Effects of Pest Damage and Grain Management Practices on Storage Behavior and Market Prices: Insights from Benin

Emily Lord
Nicole Olynk Widmar
August 2013
Expected Value of Beef Reproduction Strategies: Sexed Semen AI, Conventional Semen AI, and Natural Breeding

Melissa Short McKendree
Nicole Olynk Widmar
August 2013
Exploring Consumer Preferences for Animal Care and Rearing Practices Across Species and Products
Haley Wendler  
Joan Fulton  
August 2013  
The Impact of Identity Preservation of Specialty Soybeans as Measured by Additional Costs Along the Value Chain

Anna Josephson  
Ricker-Gilbert  
August 2013  
How Population Density Influences Agricultural Intensification and Productivity: Evidence from Ethiopia

Jingyu Song  
Benjamin Gramig  
December 2013  
A Spatially Explicit Watershed Scale Optimization of Cellulosic Biofuels Production

Doctor of Philosophy Dissertations 2013:

Clay D. Davis  
Paul V. Preckel  
May 2013  
Three Essays on the Effect of Wind Generation on Power System Planning and Operations

Daniel Sanders  
Timothy Baker  
May 2013  
Essays on Basis

Shellye A. Clark  
Gerald Shively  
August 2013  
Measuring the Economic Tradeoffs Between Forest Carbon Sequestration and Forest Bioenergy Production

Alicia English  
Wallace Tyner  
December 2013  
Environmental Tradeoffs in Bioenergy Production and Agricultural Practices

Zeynep Burcu Irfanoglu  
Thomas Hertel and Juan Sesmero  
December 2013  
Three Essays on the Interaction Between Global Trade and Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Agreements

Azza Mohamed Kamal Mohamed  
Philip Paarlberg  
December 2013  
Welfare Impacts of False Codling Moth Threatening California Oranges

Krissana Treesilvattanakul  
Wallace Tyner  
December 2013  
Impacts and Feasibility of the US and the EU Sustainability Criteria on Existing Land-Use Practices

News from the Center for Food and Agricultural Business:

CPS Employees Visit Purdue for Opportunity University

In December, 30 top salespeople from Crop Production Services (CPS) came to Purdue for the third session of Opportunity University. The year-long program prepares participants to take the next step in their careers at CPS and become branch managers. During the residency, Dave Downey, Scott Downey and Rodney Vandeveer presented sessions on marketing, human resources, leadership dynamics, motivation, goal setting, conducting performance reviews, dealing with difficult employees and managing your sales force.
One participant said, “As a result of this training, I will become a better leader and be able to create an atmosphere that provides motivation to the people around me. This seminar has given me the keys to do so.”

**Presented papers, seminars, travel:**

David Boussios and Paul Preckel traveled to Amman, Jordan December 6-13 to attend an informational workshop for farmers sponsored by the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA).

Otto Doering participated in EPA’s Science Advisory Board meeting in early December which focused on Climate Change issues.


Dr. Holly Wang will present the paper “Contract farming as a Transition to Modern Agriculture in Developing Countries: the Case of China”, coauthored with Yanbing Wang and Michael Delgado at the ASSA annual meetings in Philadelphia, Jan 3-5, 2014.

**Publications:**


Obesity and fast food in urban markets: a new approach using geo-referenced micro data
Author(s): Chen, Susan Elizabeth; Florax, Raymond J. J.; Snyder, Samantha D.
Source: HEALTH ECONOMICS Volume: 22 Issue: 7 Pages: 835-856 DOI: 10.1002/hec.2863 Published: JUL 2013

Living and working in ethnic enclaves: English Language proficiency of immigrants in US metropolitan areas
Author(s): Beckhusen, Julia; Florax, Raymond J. G. M.; de Graaff, Thomas; et al.
Source: PAPERS IN REGIONAL SCIENCE Volume: 92 Issue: 2 Special Issue: SI Pages: 305-328 DOI: 10.1111/pirs.12023 Published: JUN 2013

Regional clusters of innovative activity in Europe: are social capital and geographical proximity key determinants?
Author(s): de Dominicis, Laura; Florax, Raymond J. G. M.; de Groot, Henri L. F.
Source: APPLIED ECONOMICS Volume: 45 Issue: 17 Pages: 2325-2335 DOI: 10.1080/00036846.2012.663474 Published: 2013


**Jobs:**

Agriculture Opportunities with Catholic Relief Services: Senior Technical Advisor
Mount Olive College: teach Agribusiness
University of Tennessee: Livestock Marketing Economics
Western Kentucky: Agricultural Entrepreneurship/Marketing/Sales
Cornell University: Finance position
Internships:

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

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.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.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