Keeping Track
July 2014

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**July 2014 Photo of the Month:** Patrick Hatzenbuehler and Dr. Akin Adesina, Ibadan, Nigeria

Patrick’s Blog:

This morning at IITA, I was fortunate to have the opportunity to listen to a speech by the Honorable Minister of Agriculture of Nigeria, and Purdue Ag Econ alumnus, Dr. Akin Adesina on youth entrepreneurship in agriculture in Nigeria and the efforts of his ministry to address the issue. He was at IITA as part of a [workshop on Engagement of Youth Entrepreneurship for Agricultural Transformation in Africa](#).

In the speech, Minister Adesina mentioned Dean Akridge and the Center for Food and Agricultural Business at Purdue as an important model that should be examined by universities in Nigeria in designing curricula and programs that will help students successfully transition toward being professionals active in growing the Nigerian agribusiness sector.

Minister Adesina was nice to spend a few minutes with me after the speech, and we got a photo together, which is attached.
I thought you would enjoy hearing that the important role of the Purdue Ag Econ Department in moving Nigerian agriculture forward was well recognized today.

I hope all have a good day,

Pat

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Congratulations:

Dr. Hong (Holly) Wang was elected to the AAEA Executive Board.

Congratulations to the following PhD students who pass the Economic Theory Prelim:

Jingyu Song
Didier Kadjo
George Omiat
Juan Giraldo
Anna Josephson
Oluwatoba Omotilewa

Juan Sesmero was awarded the C-FARE early career professional leadership award. As a result, traveled to Washington DC for a two-day agenda which includes meetings with program directors from USDA-NIFA and NSF in the first day. The second day, he met with Congress members and/or their staff. The idea is to enhance communication of science to policymakers.

Thought you would like to know:

Dr. Michael Wetzstein will be joining the Department in July. His primary research focus centers on applied microeconomic theory with emphasis on natural resource and environmental impacts upon agricultural production systems. Objectives are to employ microeconomic theory in conjunction with biological systems to increase the understanding of natural resource and environmental impacts on optimal production input mixes. The Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities recently honored him with the National Teaching Award for Food and Agriculture Science. The APLU award honors university faculty for the use of innovative teaching methods and service to students.

Dr. Dominque van der Mensbrugghe will be joining the Department in July as Director and Research Professor, Center for Global Trade Analysis.

Dr. Janet Ayres accompanied Abigail Borron and seven students on a Study Abroad trip to Romania in May. The trip was sponsored by Heifer Romania. Members of the group stayed with farm families that had received a heifer in the Transylvania area. The students documented the families’ stories through video for Heifer Romania.

News from our Graduate Students:

John Lai won an award for best graduate student poster at the IFAMA conference in South Africa.

Shanxia Sun has been awarded a 2014 AAEA Travel Grant.
Congratulations to the team of Purdue graduate students who won the international case study competition at the IFAMA conference in South Africa, beating out 20 teams from all over the world. The winning team (see top photo) was David Boussios, Brian Bourquard, Rachel Carnegie, John Tobin, Jacquie Holland (not shown) and John Lai coached by Professor Mike Gunderson.

News from the Undergraduates:

Cargill and the Institute of International Education (IIE) announced that the independent external selection committees have met and chosen the recipients of the Cargill Global Scholars Program in the United States for the 2013-2014 academic year. We are pleased to learn that Cameron Mann (double major: Agriculture Communication Major/Agricultural Economics) Purdue University has been selected as a Cargill Global Scholars this year. As Cargill Global Scholars, Cameron will join a global network of high performing undergraduate students, who through this program will be given the opportunity to develop leadership competencies through training modules, mentoring and coaching by Cargill employees, as well as learning and networking opportunities with Cargill businesses.

News from the Center for Food and Agricultural Business:

Managers Learn Sales Leadership Techniques at Center Program

Sales Management and Leadership, held May 28-29, at Purdue's Beck Agricultural Center, focused on preparing new sales managers for success. The program gave participants, 35 managers from across the United States and Canada, an opportunity to interact with one another and industry experts to learn advanced sales management and coaching techniques.
Dave Downey and Scott Downey led sessions including creating and managing culture and big data. Tom Dukes of Rhode Island College shared his perspective on sales psychology in a presentation entitled “Why Some People Achieve and Others Leave.”

Marj Shymske of RTP Consulting spoke to the group about her career in sales leadership, and Dave Kucik, Purdue’s crew coach, demonstrated successful coaching techniques in a presentation with student crew team members.

During an interactive “speed coaching” exercise, the group had a chance to practice the concepts they had discussed in the classroom. In a case study, participants looked at a company report and gave suggestions as to how the manager in the case study could improve his leadership. Participants were then greeted by a surprise guest, Sam Faggetti of WinField Solutions — Sam had been the manager in the case study all along.

MS-MBA Class of 2014 Travels to Brazil

In mid-May, the MS-MBA in Food and Agribusiness Management Class of 2014 traveled to Brazil, escorted by center faculty and staff. Some highlights from the trip were visits to a sugar cane mill, an orange juice farm and factory, a John Deere dealership and a coffee plant. The residency in Brazil exposed students to the international business climate, developed in partnership with Professor Marcos Fava Neves at the University of São Paulo, allowing them to think broadly about the diverse factors that drive agribusiness in other countries. Click here to view John Lai’s photos from the trip.

News from the Center for Global Trade Analysis:

The 2014 GTAP Advisory Board Meeting was held June 16-17. The purpose of this meeting of GTAP Consortium members was to advise the Center on matters of policy, research agenda and funding. The meeting was attended by economists and policy advisors representing many of the following GTAP Consortium agencies.

- Agricultural Economics Research Institute - The Hague, The Netherlands
- Asian Development Bank - Mandaluyong City, Philippines
- Centre d'Etudes Prospectives et d'Information Internationales - Paris, France
- Department of Food and Resource Economics - Frederiksborg, Denmark
- Economic and Social Research Institute, Cabinet Office - Tokyo, Japan
- Economic Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture - Washington DC, United States
- Electric Power Research Institute - Palo Alto, United States
- European Commission - Brussels, Belgium
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - Rome, Italy
- Inter-American Development Bank - Washington DC, United States
- International Food Policy Research Institute - Washington DC, United States
- International Trade Centre - Geneva, Switzerland
- KPMG Australia - Canberra, Australia
- Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development - Paris, France
- Productivity Commission - Melbourne, Australia
- Research Institute of Economy, Trade and Industry - Tokyo, Japan
- The MIT Joint Program on the Science and Policy of Global Change - Cambridge, United States
- The World Bank - Washington DC, United States
- Thünen Institute of Market Analysis - Braunschweig, Germany
- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development - Geneva, Switzerland
- United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia - Beirut, Lebanon
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa - Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- University of Hohenheim - Stuttgart, Germany
- US Department of Energy - Washington DC, United States
- US Environmental Protection Agency - Washington DC, United States
- US International Trade Commission - Washington DC, United States
- World Trade Organization - Geneva, Switzerland

For further information on this meeting, please visit:
http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Board_Meetings/2014/
17th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis

The 17th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis was held from June 18-20. The main theme of the conference was “New Challenges in Food Policy, Trade and Economic Vulnerability”.

The annual conferences on global economic analysis are long-standing offerings of the Center for Global Trade Analysis which strive to promote the exchange of ideas among economists conducting quantitative analysis of global economic issues while becoming part of the international GTAP Network.

In total, 204 individuals from 47 different countries participated in this conference which was co-organized by the Center for Global Trade Analysis and AGRODEP, facilitated by IFPRI. Sponsorship and partnership for this event was provided by CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions and Markets, Food Security Portal Facilitated by IFPRI, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, The World Bank and the World Trade Organization. Through sponsorship provided by these institutions, 40 scholarships were awarded to African scholars to attend and present at the conference.

Purdue University was also well-represented at the conference with the following presentations:

- **Towards a disaggregated electric power sector in the GTAP data base**
  by Peters, Jeffrey C. and Thomas Hertel

- **Shale Oil and Gas: Modeling Economic and Environmental Impacts in a Computational General Equilibrium Modeling Framework**
  by Taheripour, Farzad and Wally Tyner

- **Could Free Trade Alleviate Effects of Climate Change: A Global Analysis with Emphasis on Morocco and Turkey**
  by Ouraich, Ismail, Hasan Dudu, Wally Tyner and Erol Çakmak

- **Improving the Representation of Public Procurement in the GTAP Framework**
  by Aguiar, Angel

- **Compound Tariffs in EU Agriculture: Linking partial and general equilibrium models to get more insights**
  by Narayanan, Badri and Janine Pelikan

- **Improving the Representation of the U.S. in the MyGTAP Model with the Disaggregation of Labor and Households**
  by Aguiar, Angel, Terrie Walmsley and Caitlyn Carrico

- **FOREST CARBON SEQUESTRATION INCENTIVE AND POVERTY: EVIDENCE FROM ETHIOPIA**
  by Hussein, Zekarias and Terrie Walmsley

- **Introducing Firm Heterogeneity into the GTAP Model with an Illustration in the Context of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement**
  by Akgul, Zeynep, Nelson Villoria and Thomas Hertel

For further information as well as the complete program for this conference, please visit: [http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2014/](http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2014/)

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

**Presented papers, seminars, travel:**

Raymond Florax delivered a keynote lecture at the VIIIth World Conference of the Spatial Econometrics Association in Zurich, Switzerland, entitled "Model Uncertainty in Spatial Econometrics: A Few Marginalia", on June 13, 2014.


Hertel, T.W., written with Urïs Baldos, "Bursting the Bubble: A Long Run Perspective on Food Prices", presented at the Center for Food Security and the Environment, April 29, 2014.


Paul Preckel travelled to Amman, Jordan May 24-June 2 to meet with scientists at the International Center for Agricultural Research in Dry Areas (ICARDA), as well as Ph.D. student David Boussios who is currently visiting ICARDA to do field work related to developing farming systems models for Jordan.


Publications:


Tyner W. and Taheripour W. (2014) "Unconventional shale oil and gas production and greenhouse gas reduction: Can we have both?,” Policy Brief, National Agricultural & Rural Development Policy Center, May 2104. Available at: http://www.nardep.info/Publications_2.html


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

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