

Agenda

- 11:45 a.m. -12:45 a.m. **Lunch & Farm and Community Reports**
- 12:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Break**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **Land-Grant Universities and the Future of Higher Education**
Dr. Jay Akridge, Department of Agricultural Economics
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. **Break**
- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. **Trade Policy Impact on Agriculture and Beyond**
Dr. Channing Arndt and Dr. Erwin Corong, Center for Global Trade Analysis &
Department of Agricultural Economics
- 3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **Future Meeting Planning and Feedback**
- 3:30 p.m. **Adjourn**
- 4:00 p.m. **Master Farmer Reception and Awards Program**

Speaker Bio

Dr. Jay Akridge, Professor of Agricultural Economics and Trustee Chair in Teaching and Learning Excellence

Dr. Akridge is the Trustee Chair in Teaching and Learning Excellence and Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. He served from 2017-2022 as Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Diversity at Purdue. As Chief Academic Officer, he led the office responsible for the University's overall academic strategy with a total budget of approximately \$2 billion, student enrollment of more than 50,000, 2,700 faculty members, and 8,000 staff.

Jay previously served for 8+ years as the Glenn W. Sample Dean of Agriculture. He served as Director of the Purdue Center for Food and Agricultural Business from 2000-2007, as Interim Vice Provost for Engagement at Purdue in 2007-08, and as Interim Dean of Agriculture in 2008-09.

He has held a variety of leadership positions with the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. Jay served as Chair of the Executive Steering Committee for AgriNovus Indiana and on the Board of Directors of Agriculture Future of America. He is a member of the Farm Foundation Round Table where he has held a number of leadership roles.

Jay currently teaches courses in leadership and strategic management and is co-leading the development of the new College of Agriculture leadership development and career preparation program, AgLeadPro. He is the recipient of the Charles Murphy Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching (1996) and is listed in Purdue's Book of Great Teachers (2003). Jay was named a University Faculty Scholar in 2000 and was the James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics at Purdue before moving into administration.

One focus of his research and engagement activities is the future of higher education. Jay and David Hummels, former Dean of the Daniels School of Business, co-authored a Substack, *Finding Equilibrium*, which explores key issues in higher education. Other research interests include human capital and the changing work world and the strategic management of food and agribusiness firms. Jay has worked with agribusiness managers in the areas of strategy and marketing in more than 20 countries. He received his master's degree and doctorate in agricultural economics from Purdue University and his bachelor's degree from Murray State University in Murray, Kentucky.

Dr. Channing Arndt, Research Professor of Agricultural Economics and Director of the Purdue Center for Global Trade Analysis

Channing Arndt directs the [Global Trade Analysis Project](#), which is housed in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University. GTAP supports a network of more than 30,000 individuals engaged in quantitative analysis of 21st century challenges. A [consortium](#) of 31 leading national, international, and private institutions provides baseline financial support and strategic advice. GTAP aims to advance high-quality quantitative analysis of global issues and facilitate deliberate decision-making. To this end, GTAP (i) lowers barriers to the conduct of high-quality quantitative analysis of global issues through the provision of data, models/tools, and training; (ii) conducts research on pressing issues with global ramifications; and (iii) serves as a platform for discussion and dissemination of novel approaches and new ideas.

Prior to directing GTAP, he directed the Transformation Strategies Department at IFPRI/CGIAR overseeing a research budget of about \$65 million and about 350 staff. Arndt has more than 30 years of experience in analytics for economic

policy, with emphasis on large-scale global trends and their implications for country level-strategy and policy. He has published more than 95 articles in leading academic journals. His books include *Growth and Poverty in Sub-Saharan Africa*, *Measuring Poverty and Wellbeing in Developing Countries*, and *The Political Economy of Clean Energy Transitions*, all published by Oxford University Press. His program of research has focused on growth, trade, economic development, poverty measurement and welfare, poverty alleviation, market integration, nutrition, gender and discrimination, health-related shocks such as Covid-19 and HIV/AIDS, technological change, aid effectiveness, energy, bioenergy, climate variability, and climate change.

Dr. Erwin Corong, Principal Research Economist and Associate Director of the Purdue Center for Global Trade Analysis Dr. Erwin Corong is a Principal Research Economist and Associate Director with the Center for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP) at Purdue University, where he applies his expertise in international trade, agriculture, poverty analysis, and climate change economics. His work at Purdue combines sophisticated economic modeling with policy-relevant research as he helps advance the widely-used GTAP framework for global economic analysis. Dr. Corong has played a pivotal role in developing key models including the GTAP Integrated Assessment Model (GTAP-IAM), which connects economic systems with environmental outcomes and climate change impacts. His recent research examines critical global challenges including border carbon adjustment mechanisms, recursive dynamic modeling approaches, and climate policy implications across international markets. With over 2,300 academic citations, Dr. Corong has established himself as a leading authority in computable general equilibrium modeling that bridges economic theory with real-world policy applications.

Erwin manages the construction programs for a number of GTAP databases including standard GTAP, MRIO (Multi-Region Input Output), labor, domestic margins, and contributes to the construction of the land use and land cover data. Since joining GTAP in 2015, Erwin refreshed the standard GTAP model code and converted other GTAP suite of (GTAP-E, Power, AEZ, GMig) models to the current version 7 structure. During the last five years, he developed the GTAP-MRIO, GTAP-DM (Domestic Margins), GTAP-DS (Domestic Support) and the GTAP-RD (recursive dynamic) suite of economic models. He also co-developed models such as GTAP-HS (Harmonized System), standard GTAP-RD and the World Trade Organization (WTO) Global Trade Model. Erwin is currently working on the GTAP Integrated Assessment Model (IAM) for climate policy analyses. His research focuses on agricultural domestic support, international trade, non-tariff measures, domestic trade and transport margins, dynamic baselines and validation, economy-energy-environment interaction, poverty, inequality, and linking GTAP-RD with the InVEST model to analyze sustainable development issues.