Purdue Agricultural Economics Newsletter

Keeping Track

April 2017

Calendar of Events:

April 29  Classes end
May 1-6  Final exams
May 9  Grades due
May 12-14  Commencement

With Great Sadness:

The Department grieves the loss of a friend and colleague with the passing of Raymond J.G.M. Florax, December 29, 1956 – March 1, 2017.

Raymond J.G.M. Florax, professor of Ag Econ at Purdue University for 11 years, passed away in early March. He researched and taught topics at the interface of economics, space, health and the environment, and had a keen interest in developing and applying new statistical techniques for spatial data. Dr. Florax directed the activities of the SHaPE research group at Purdue University. He was also associated with the Department of Spatial Economics of the VU University in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. His research dealt with topics in regional and urban economics and in environmental economics, and he specialized in quantitative techniques, specifically spatial econometrics and meta-analysis. He taught undergraduate and graduate classes on these topics, and was advisor of numerous graduate students. He served a ten-year tenure as editor-in-chief of the international journal “Papers in Regional Science,” and was a fellow of the Spatial Econometrics Association.

During his time at Purdue, he was awarded the European Investment Bank - European Prize in Regional Science, which is the highest research award of the European Regional Science Association for life-long contributions to regional science and related spatial studies. He taught and advised many students, and has positively influenced many lives. We will miss him as a colleague and friend.

Photo of the Month:
Hira Channa conducting an experimental auction survey of trades in Western Kenya.
Congratulations to Tom Hertel and his team who were selected as one of the winning teams in the Big Ideas Challenge. Read more here: http://www.purdue.edu/newsroom/purduetoday/releases/2017/Q1/discovery-park-announces-big-idea-challenge-winners.html

GRANT:

1. Agency/Title of Grant: USDA-NIFA / "Integrating Theory, Experiments, and Econometrics to Advance the Economics of Competition in Agricultural and Food Markets"
2. Duration of Funding: 2017-2020
3. Amount of Award: $483,495
4. Co-PIs: Juan Sesmero (PI), Steven Wu and Joseph Balagtas (co-PIs)

Thought You Would Like to Know:

April 7, 2017, is the 43rd Annual Snyder Lecture. We will have APEX awards, department awards, and Mr. Don Villwock will be present to introduce our guest speaker, Mr. Dan Sumner from UC, Davis. His title has yet to be determined.

43rd Annual James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture
Friday, April 7, 2017

Krannert Drawing Room

8:30 Graduate Student Poster Competition
posters on display.

9:15 Department continental breakfast reception with
APEX Awardees.

9:45 Presentation of Outstanding theses and
dissertation, and department service awards. Presentation of
the APEX Awards—awardees to be announced soon.

Invited Lunch in the John Purdue Room – Marriott Hall

11:30 Guest speaker, Dr. Daniel Sumner from the University of
California, APEX Awardees, invited faculty and students.

Snyder Lecture – Krannert Auditorium

1:30 Opening Remarks, welcoming of Mrs. Mary Ruth Snyder and
family; presentation of the graduate student poster awards.

2:00 Special introduction by Mr. Don Villwock.
Dr. Sumner presents: Title of the presentation

Department Reception – Krannert Drawing Room

3:30 Reception immediately following the lecture.
News from Graduate Students:

Anton Yang has been awarded a Jim and Neta Hicks Small Grant for the project “Likely impacts of changes in tariff policy on the United States economy using a dynamic general equilibrium approach”. Anton will be traveling to DC this summer for the training while working with the lead economist at the US International Trade Commission.

Congratulations to Natalie Donovan on being selected to receive a $1000 award from the D. Woods Thomas Memorial International Support Fund. PICS research in Colombia to assess possible applicability to green coffee bean to benefit Colombia farmers.

The Graduate School has added a profile page on Nisal Herath on the Spotlight section of our website at: http://bit.ly/2mxVSu5.

News from AGEC Undergraduates:

See the success stories of our undergraduates at:

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

Presented papers, seminars and travel:


John M. Connor. The Role of Economics in U.S. Cartel Enforcement, panel “The Role and Use of Economic Evidence in Cartel Enforcement,” Presentation at the Competition Commission of India’s Economists Conclave. India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India. (March 4, 2017).

John M. Connor. Forensic Economics: Communicating to Judges, panel “The Role and Use of Economic Evidence in Cartel Enforcement,” Presentation at the Competition Commission of India’s Economists Conclave. India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, India. (March 4, 2017).


Hiramatsu, T. and M.I. Marshall. 2017. The Effect of Small Business Administration Disaster Loans on Revenues and Customer Base of Small Businesses in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina. SAEA annual meeting, February 4-7, Mobile, AL.

Publications:

**J Song, BM Gramig, R Cibin, I Chaubey.** "Integrated economic and environmental assessment of cellulosic biofuel production in an agricultural watershed" *BioEnergy Research*, 2017. [http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12155-017-9817-8](http://dx.doi.org/10.1007/s12155-017-9817-8)


Positions, Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

University of Tennessee: Asst/Assoc/Full Professor – Farm and Financial Management

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.academnickeys.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.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1](http://www.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1)
[http://www.fcnl.org/young/intern.htm](http://www.fcnl.org/young/intern.htm)
[http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp;c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=317257](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

“A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new” Albert Einstein