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# *Keeping Track*

January 2014

## 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



Nigerian Agricultural Minister, Dr. **Akinwumi Adesina, Akuffo Amankwah** and **Didier Kadjo** at the World Food Price ceremony in Iowa. See below for the prestigious honor bestowed on Dr. Adesina (MS and PhD, AGEC, Purdue).

## **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 Quagraine  
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  
Child Nutrition, Agricultural Production and Satellite Remotely Sensed Images: Exploring Linkages in Nepal

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 Vandever 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.

**Jing Liu** gave two talks at the Diagnostics and Inter-Model Comparisons PI meeting, Energy Modeling Forum (EMF), Stanford University, December 13-14, 2013. "Water Scarcity and International Agricultural Trade", based on a joint work with T. Hertel, F. Taheripour, T. Zhu and C. Ringler and "Property Damage from Flooding: Sensitivities to Climate Change and Economic Growth", based on a joint work with **T. Hertel**, **M. Delgado**, M. Ashfaq and N. Diffenbaugh

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:

**John M. Connor**. *Is Auto Parts Evolving into a Supercartel?: AAI Working Paper No. 13-06* (November 7, 2013)  
[Available at <http://www.antitrustinstitute.org/~antitrust/sites/default/files/AAI%20Working%20Paper%2013-06.pdf>]

The Birth, Death, and Persistence of Firms: Creative Destruction and the Spatial Distribution of U.S. Manufacturing Establishments, 2000-2006 Author(s): Brown, Jason P.; Lambert, Dayton M.; **Florax, Raymond J. G. M.**  
Source: ECONOMIC GEOGRAPHY Volume: 89 Issue: 3 Pages: 203-226 DOI: 10.1111/ecge.12014 Published: JUL 2013

Obesity and fast food in urban markets: a new approach using geo-referenced micro data  
Author(s): **Chen, Susan Elizabeth; Florax, Raymond 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

**Tyner, Wallace E.** "The Renewable Fuel Standard – Where Do We Go From Here?" *Choices* 28(4), 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2013, 5 pages.

**Tyner, Wallace E.**, and **Farzad Taheripour**. "Advanced Biofuels, Economic Uncertainties, Policy Options, and Land use Impacts." Chapter in *Plants and Bioenergy*, Advances in Plant Biology 4, Springer Science + Business Media (2014), pp. 35 -48.

### 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	<a href="http://www.purdue.edu/jobs">http://www.purdue.edu/jobs</a>
AAEA Job Posting	<a href="http://www.aaea.org/employment.html">http://www.aaea.org/employment.html</a>
Academic Employment Network	<a href="http://www.academploy.com/">http://www.academploy.com/</a>
Agriculture Career Connection	<a href="http://www.ag-biz.com">http://www.ag-biz.com</a>
Ag Careers	<a href="http://www.agcareers.com">http://www.agcareers.com</a>
Academic Position Network	<a href="http://www.apnjobs.com/">http://www.apnjobs.com/</a>
Academic Keys	<a href="http://www.academickeys.com">http://www.academickeys.com</a>
Community Colleges, misc	<a href="http://www.aacc.nche.edu/">http://www.aacc.nche.edu/</a>
ConAgra	<a href="http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/">(http://jobs.conagrafoods.com/</a>
Chronicle of Higher Education	<a href="http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/">http://chronicle.merit.edu/jobs/</a>
Education Jobs Page	<a href="http://www.nationajob.com/education">http://www.nationajob.com/education</a>
Employment/Resume Posting	<a href="http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html">http://galaxy.einet.net/GJ/employment.html</a>
EPA	<a href="http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe">http://jobs.quickhire.com/scripts/epa.exe</a>
Foreign Ag Service	<a href="http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm">http://www.fao.org/VA/vac_en.htm</a>
Government Career	<a href="http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/">http://www.jobsearch.usajobs.opm.gov/</a>
National Job Bank	<a href="http://www.jobs.joe.org">http://www.jobs.joe.org</a>
USDA, Ag Research Service	<a href="http://ars.usda.gov">http://ars.usda.gov</a>
	<a href="http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lisjobs.htm">http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lisjobs.htm</a>
U.S. International Trade Commission	<a href="http://usitc.gov">http://usitc.gov</a>

<http://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/323686300>

[http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern\\_research.htm](http://www.federalreserve.gov/careers/intern_research.htm)

<http://www.fsdinternational.org/intlopps/programs/internships1>

<http://www.fcni.org/young/intern.htm>

<http://www.uschamber.com/careers/internships/default>

<http://www.unausa.org/site/pp.asp?c=fvKRI8MPJpF&b=317257>

<http://web.worldbank.org/WBSITE/EXTERNAL/EXTHRJOBS/0,,contentMDK:20515785~menuPK:1477648~pagePK:64262408~piPK:64262191~theSitePK:1058433,00.html>

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

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