Keeping Track

July 2015

Calendar

July 25-27  AAEA Annual Meeting – San Francisco
August 8  Commencement
August 19-21  Incoming Graduate Student Orientation
August 24  Fall 2015 classes begin

Photo of the month:  Farm Management Tour by John Lai.  Great turnout!

Thought you would like to know:
Dr. Holly Wang is traveling with Indiana 2015 China Trade Mission led by Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann to Hangzhou, Chengdu, and Beijing, from June 23 to July 4. The delegation includes Director of Indiana State Department of Agriculture Ted McKinney, Director of IN Office of Community and Rural Affairs Bill Konyha, staff from Lt. Governor’s office, and eleven executives of agribusiness firms. Dr. Wang represents Purdue Agriculture as a delegate. They will visit several Chinese provinces and sign MOU with those provincial governments about collaboration in economic, business and trade between our state and them. They will also visit US Embassy in China Grain Council, and Purdue Ag Econ partner, Southwest University of Finance and Economics.

Join us in congratulating Chris Hurt for being named an Indiana Master Farmer by Prairie Farmer Magazine.

News from the Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE)

The Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE) is hosting $mart Indiana Economic Education and Financial Literacy Conference for teachers on July 8th in Carmel Indiana. This conference will feature a diverse selection of professional development workshops on economic and financial education topics suitable for elementary, middle and high school levels. Attendees of the conference will learn about effective teaching methods, best practices, curriculum integration strategies, and instructional resources. In addition, outstanding speakers address current economic and financial topics to enable educators to bring these perspectives back to their classrooms. For more details, visit http://www.econedin.org/smartIndiana-smr2015-agenda.asp.

News from the Center for Global Trade Analysis

The Center for Global Trade Analysis recently held two important events in Melbourne, Australia.

2015 GTAP Advisory Board Meeting

The 2015 GTAP Advisory Board Meeting was held June 15-16 at the Australian Government Productivity Commission. The purpose of this annual meeting of GTAP Consortium Members was to advise the Center on matters of policy, research agenda and funding. The meeting was attended by nearly 30 leading economists and policy advisors representing government agencies, international institutions, the private sector and academia in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East and the United States.

For further information on this meeting, please visit: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/Board_Meetings/2015/
For further information on the GTAP Consortium, please visit: http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/about/consortium.asp

18th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis

The 18th Annual Conference on Global Economic Analysis was held from June 17-19 at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The overall theme of the conference was “Information for the Policy Maker: Practical Economic Modelling for Tomorrow”. 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, 213 individuals from 36 different countries participated in this conference which was co-organized by the Center for Global Trade Analysis and the Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University.

Purdue University was well-represented at the conference with the following presentations. Presenters denoted in bold.

*The database-modeling nexus in integrated assessment modeling of electric power generation*
by Peters, Jeffrey C. and Thomas Hertel

*Analyzing Future Water Scarcity in Computable General Equilibrium Models*
by Liu, Jing, Thomas Hertel and Farzad Taheri-pour

*The economic benefits and costs of mitigating climate change on agriculture*
by Pena-Levano, Luis Moises, Farzad Taheri-pour and Wally Tyner

*Theoretically-Consistent Parameterization of a Multi-sector Global Model with Heterogeneous Firms*
by Akkul, Zeynep, Nelson Villoria and Thomas Hertel

*Shared Socio-economic pathways and global income distribution*
by van der Mensbrugghe, Dominique
Public procurement data base extension and modelling modifications for analysis purposes
by Aguiar, Angel, Caitlyn Carrico, Thomas Hertel, Zekarias Hussein and Robert McDougall

Water Scarcity in South Asia: A Dynamic Computable General Equilibrium Analysis
by Narayanan, Badri, Farzad Taheripour, Thomas Hertel, Sebnem Sahin and Jorge Escurra

For further information as well as the complete program for this conference, please visit:
http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/conferences/2015/

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

News from our Graduate Students:

David Boussios, Kim Ha, Yangxuan Liu, and Brian Bourquard placed second out of twenty teams at the IFAMA case study competition in June. They were coached by Mike Gunderson.

Shanxia Sun presented a poster “Adjustments in Agricultural Practices from Policies Aiming to Decrease Water Pollution” at the AERE summer conference held June 2-5, 2015. Authors of the paper/poster: Shanxia Sun, Michael Delgado and Juan Sesmero.

Jeffrey Michler presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for Organization and Institutional Economics and the ICAE in Milan.

Jeffrey Michler has accepted a joint Post-doc appointment with the University of Illinois and ICRISAT.

Ariana Torres was selected to participate in the 2015 US Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security from June 7-20th. This is a 2-week learning program for graduate students attending US institutions. Through lectures, field trips, and small group project, the summer institute provides participants with a holistic cross-disciplinary understanding of the challenges of global food security.

Presented papers, seminars, travel:


Michael Gunderson attended the IFAMA Meetings held in June in Minneapolis (http://www.ifama.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=3584):

Mergers and Acquisitions in US Agribusiness by Carlos Omar Trejo-Pech, Universidad Panamericana at Guadalajara (Mexico), Michael A. Gunderson, Michael Boehlje, and Allan W. Gray, Purdue University (USA)

Copersucar: A World Leader in Sugar and Ethanol by Marcos Fava Neves, University of Sao Paulo (Brazil); Allan W. Gray and Brian Bourqard, Purdue University (USA)

Economic Analysis of Using Cornell Decision Support System for Tomato Production by Yangxuan Liu, Michael R Langemeier, Purdue University; Ian M. Small, Laura Joseph and William Earl Fry, Cornell University (USA)

Farzad Taheripour, Mike Ladisch and Nick Carpita served as panelists on Biofuels at the Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security held June 7 - 20, 2015 by the Purdue Center for Global Food Security.

Wally Tyner attended the 2015 conference of the International Consortium on Applied Bioeconomy Research in Ravello, Italy, June 16-19, and presented a paper entitled “Evaluation of economic and land use and emission impacts of substituting Non-GMO crops for GMO in the US” by Farzad Taheripour, Harry Mahaffey, and Wallace E. Tyner.

Dr. Holly Wang will conduct field surveys in Guangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing, China, during three weeks in mid June and early July for Chinese consumers’ preference on US salmon funded by University of Alaska. She also visited Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, Purdue’s sister University, in the first week of June, discussed about the possible joint 4+1 BS and MS degrees between our two agribusiness programs.


Jobs:

Western Kentucky University – Assist Prof – entrepreneurship/marketing/sales
Texas A & M: Assist Prof – Energy Market Analysis and Decision Making
American University Beirut: Faculty member – Food Security Program
University of Nebraska: Faculty – Ag and rural Cooperatives
University of Saskatchewan: 2 positions – Management/Finance and Marketing and Risk

Internships:

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

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