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Keeping Track

May 2015

Calendar

May 1	Last day to deposit thesis for May graduation
May 2	Classes end
May 4-9	Final Exams
May 15-17	Commencement - College Agriculture is Friday, May 15 th at 8 pm
May 18	Summer Module 1 begins
May 25	Memorial Day
June 15	Summer Module 2 begins
August 8	Commencement

Photo of the Month:

Ben Gramig and Yigezu Yigezu at the 2015 Agricultural Society annual meeting at the University of Warwick, English, April 13-



Thought you would like to know:

Congratulations to the Department for winning the pitchfork for top donation to the College of Agriculture Food Finders Challenge for 2015.

Corinne Alexander, Associate Professor to Professor

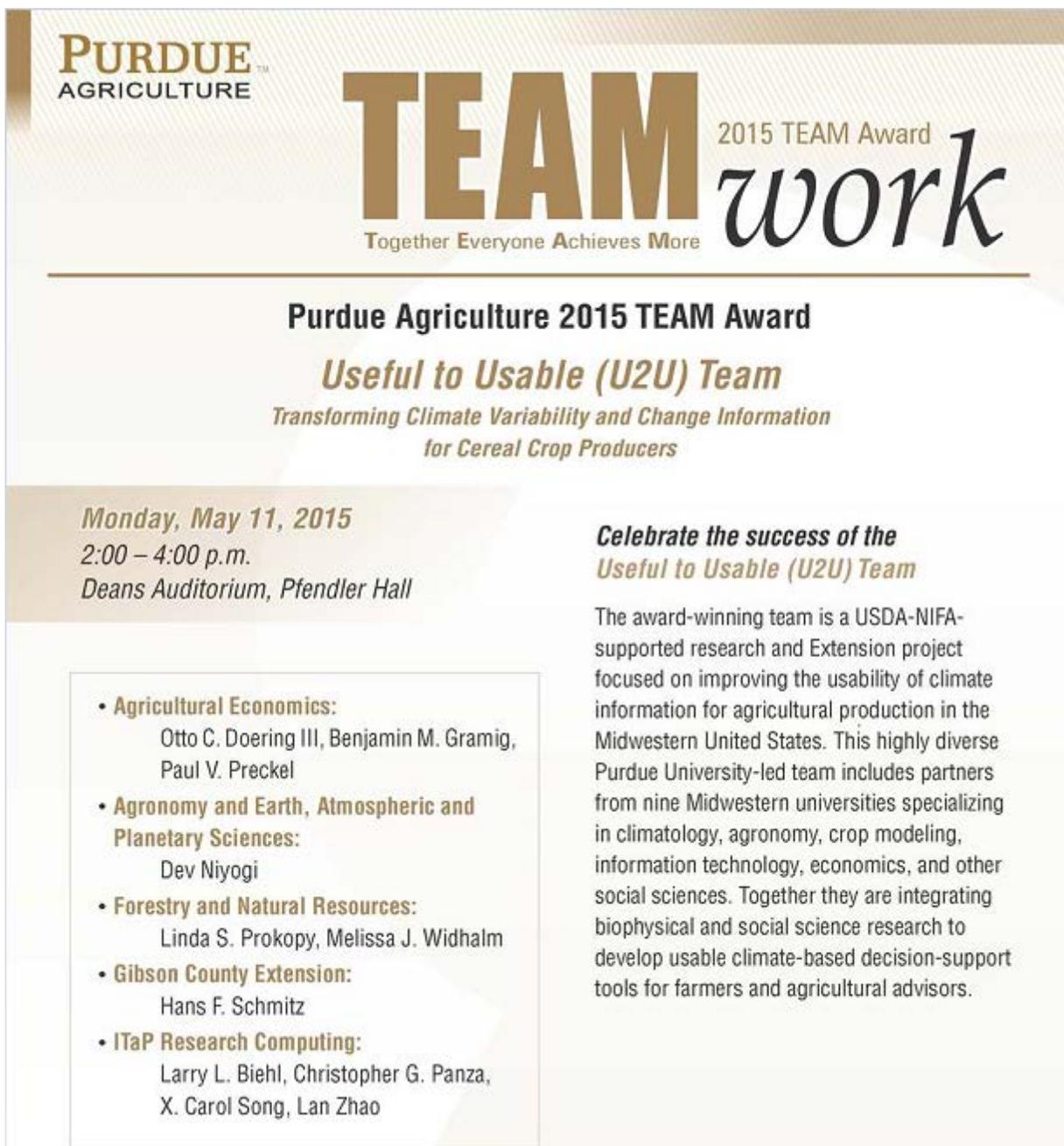
Kwamena Quagraine, Clinical Engagement Assistant to Clinical Engagement Associate Professor

Farzad Taheripour, Research Assistant to Research Associate Professor

Lee Stanish, Rank 3 to Rank 4

David Widmar, Rank 3 to Rank 4

Adriela Fernandez has been selected for a Fulbright Specialist grant to work in the design and implementation of a new academic program in North American Studies at the Rafael Landívar University, in Guatemala City, Guatemala. The new program will be interdisciplinary and technology intensive with emphasis on learning about the United States, its economic, political, and cultural infrastructure, especially the role of knowledge producing institutions in shaping public policy in the 21st Century. Her in-country work will take place in June and part of July 2015.



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TEAM 2015 TEAM Award
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Purdue Agriculture 2015 TEAM Award

Useful to Usable (U2U) Team
*Transforming Climate Variability and Change Information
for Cereal Crop Producers*

Monday, May 11, 2015
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Deans Auditorium, Pfendler Hall

***Celebrate the success of the
Useful to Usable (U2U) Team***

The award-winning team is a USDA-NIFA-supported research and Extension project focused on improving the usability of climate information for agricultural production in the Midwestern United States. This highly diverse Purdue University-led team includes partners from nine Midwestern universities specializing in climatology, agronomy, crop modeling, information technology, economics, and other social sciences. Together they are integrating biophysical and social science research to develop usable climate-based decision-support tools for farmers and agricultural advisors.

- **Agricultural Economics:**
Otto C. Doering III, Benjamin M. Gramig,
Paul V. Preckel
- **Agronomy and Earth, Atmospheric and
Planetary Sciences:**
Dev Niyogi
- **Forestry and Natural Resources:**
Linda S. Prokopy, Melissa J. Widhalm
- **Gibson County Extension:**
Hans F. Schmitz
- **ITaP Research Computing:**
Larry L. Biehl, Christopher G. Panza,
X. Carol Song, Lan Zhao

News from our Graduate Students:

Poster winners –

1st place: **Xin Zhao** , Stochastic techno-economic evaluation of cellulosic biofuel pathways

2nd place: **Liz Dobis** The evolution of community development in the United States

3rd place: **Yangxuan Liu** Risk management strategies using potato precision farming technology

Jeff Michler presented the paper “Risk, Agricultural Production, and Weather Index Insurance in Village South Asia” at the Midwest International Economic Development Conference held in Madison, WI.

Work by **Jeff Michler** and Dr. **Gerald Shively** has been highlighted in the Yale Environmental Review.

Carissa McCay has been selected as a Byron Fellow. This is an opportunity for emerging leaders to engage in conversation and critical thinking activities relevant to each's own discipline. She will participate in a conference August 1-6, 2015 at Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC.



Yangxuan Liu was awarded the Honorable Mention for Most Outstanding Interdisciplinary Project for 2015 by the Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs. Project “Risk management strategies using potato precision farming technology”

The 8th Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Applied Economics, Regional, and Urban Studies (AERUS) was held April 11-12, 2015 in Krannert Building here at Purdue University. The event was a success, with 68 registered attendees consisting of 54 graduate students and 14 faculty members from universities throughout the Midwest. Events included keynote speeches by Carmen Carrion-Flores and Sergio Rey, faculty panels on communities envisioned and big data, three parallel presentation sessions, a conference dinner hosted by Dr. **Florax and Waldorf**, and a post-summit workshop on PySAL.

Publications:

Liu, Jianguo, Harold Mooney, Vanessa Hull, Steven J. Davis, Joanne Gaskell, **Thomas Hertel**, Jane Lubchenco, et al. 2015. “Systems Integration for Global Sustainability.” *Science* 347 (6225): 1258832. doi:10.1126/science.1258832.

Sesmero, Juan and Sun, Xin. “The Influence of Feedstock Supply Risk on Location of Stover-Based Biofuel Plants”, *forthcoming in GCB Bioenergy*.

Presented papers, seminars, travel:

Gramig, Benjamin. "Climate Change Adaptation: Interdisciplinary Research & Outreach." LUKE-Natural Resources Institute Finland, Seinajoki, Finland. April 10, 2015.

Gramig and Widmar. "Farmers' Willingness to Change Tillage Practices to Supply Carbon Offsets." Agricultural Economics Society annual meeting, University of Warwick, Coventry, England. April 15, 2015.

Dr. Gramig spent one week in residence at LUKE (formerly MTT-Agrifood Research) in Finland working with researchers there on stochastic-dynamic, spatially-explicit economic-epidemiological modeling and indemnity design to minimize societal costs of Foot-and-Mouth disease outbreak.

Hertel, T.W., "Market Integration, Teleconnections and Global Land Use Change", presented to the workshop *Operationalization of telecoupling concepts for land system science*, Aeschi Park, Switzerland, December 2, 2014.

Hertel, T.W., based on work with Uris Baldos, Noah Diffenbaugh and Monika Verma, "Climate Change, Global Markets and Food Security", Presentation to the RNR Congress on *Adapting Food Production to a Changing Climate*, December 9-10, 2014, hosted by the AGU in Washington, DC.

Wally Tyner is participating as a US delegate in a meeting of the International Civil Aviation Organization Alternative Fuels Task Force in Brasilia, Brazil, May 4-8, 2015.

Brigitte Waldorf and **Ayoung Kim** presented "Defining Rurality in the US: Alternatives to the ERS classifications" at the workshop on Rationalizing Rural Area Classification hosted by the National Academy of Sciences, Committee on National Statistics. Washington D.C., April 16-17, 2015.

Jobs:

University of Georgia: Assistant Professor in Agribusiness

ERS – Chief, Farm Economy Branch

University of Connecticut: Lecturer – Agricultural and resource economics

Saint Joseph's University: Department of Food Marketing

University of Wisconsin-Extension: Local Government Specialist

Auburn University: Assistant Professor – Agribusiness & Entrepreneurship

Centre for Management in Agriculture, Ahmedabad, India: Faculty positions

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.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.ams.usda.gov/lsg/hr/lsgjobs.htm>

U.S. International Trade Commission <http://usitc.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.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
Contact Lou Ann Baugh concerning information to be included in future issues of KT