

Purdue Agricultural Economics Newsletter

Keeping Track

April 2016

Calendar of Events:

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| April 15 | 42 nd Snyder Lecture |
| April 22 | Final Exam Deadline for May Candidates |
| April 27 | Thesis/Dissertation Deposit Deadline for May Candidates |
| April 30 | Classes end |
| May 2-7 | Final Exams |
| May 10 | Deadline for grades to be submitted vis Blackboard/Banner |
| May 13-15 | Commencement |
| June 13 | 8 week Summer Module begins |
| July 30-August 2 | AAEA Conference – Boston, MA |
| August 6 | Commencement |

42nd Annual James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture Friday, April 15, 2016



Dr. ROBERT L. THOMPSON
will present
The Changing Geopolitics of Agriculture

1:30 PM – Purdue University, Krannert Auditorium

Dr. Robert Thompson is Professor Emeritus at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign where he held the Gardner Endowed Chair in Agricultural Policy. He is also Senior Fellow, global agricultural development and food security, with the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and serves on the Land O'Lakes board of directors, the Nestle corporate Creating Shared Value Advisory Council, and the International Food Information Council Foundation board of trustees. Thompson is Chairman Emeritus of the International Food and Agricultural Trade Policy Council and formerly served on the USDA-USTR Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee for Trade.

Previously Dr. Thompson served as Director of Rural Development and Senior Advisor for Agricultural Trade Policy at the World Bank (1998-2002); President and CEO of the Winrock International Institute for Agricultural Development (1993-98); Purdue Dean of Agriculture (1987-93) and Purdue Professor of Agricultural Economics (1974-93); Assistant Secretary for Economics at the U.S. Department of Agriculture (1985-87) and Senior Staff Economist for Food and Agriculture at the President's Council of Economic Advisers (1983-85).

Thompson received his B.S. degree from Cornell University and his M.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University. He is a fellow of the American Agricultural Economics Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a former president of the International Association of Agricultural Economists. In January 2011 the American Farm Bureau Federation presented him with its highest honor, the Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award.

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Congratulations

Juan Sesmero has been named Fellow of the Daugherty Water for Food Institute at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln

News from AGEC Graduate Students

Xin Zhao presented a study “Stochastic techno-economic evaluation of cellulosic biofuel pathways” at Advanced Bioenergy Seminar Series, Integrated Bioprocessing Research Laboratory, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on Feb 29th, 2016

Xin Zhao won the first place at Sigma Xi Poster Competition in behavioral and social sciences section, Mar 2nd, 2016.

Marieke Fenton has been accepted for an internship with the USDA FAS in Bogota, Colombia this summer. She will be studying the Colombian cacao supply chain as part of the USAID-USDA project Cacao for Peace.

News from AGECon Undergraduates

See the success stories of our undergraduates at:

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

News from GTAP

[2016-1 GTAP 101 Course](#)

“Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Modeling”

The [Center for Global Trade Analysis](#) recently held the first 2016 offering of its [GTAP 101 Course](#) from January 25 – March 6, 2016. GTAP 101 is an online course aimed to engage participants in an active, team-based process of learning about the GTAP computable general equilibrium (CGE) model and its use in applied economic policy analysis. During the course, participants:

- reviewed core economic theories from macro, micro, trade and public finance and observe how they are operationalized in an applied general equilibrium model;
- learned to recognize, control and interpret the theoretically consistent behavior of consumers and producers in the model;
- observed the aggregated, macroeconomic impacts of microeconomic behaviors;
- defined model experiments that represent real-world issues and problems; and
- learned to interpret general equilibrium model results by calling on and integrating their knowledge of multiple fields of economic study.

In total, 17 individuals from 13 different countries representing government agencies, international institutions, the private sector and academia participated in this course.

For further information on GTAP 101, please visit: <https://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/>.

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 the Center for Food and Agricultural Business

The Center for Food and Agricultural Business has recently launched a new digital course for sales professionals. “The Value of Evidence-Based Sales Decisions,” is taught by **Scott Downey**. It focuses on effective use of data to drive sales and marketing decisions. Learn more at <http://agribusiness.purdue.edu/eLearning>.

Jennifer Stewart-Burton, content marketing and social media manager for the Center for Food and Agricultural Business, recently traveled to Panama and Colombia as part of Indiana AgrInstute’s Ag Leadership Program Class 16 capstone. During the two-week seminar, the class studied transportation infrastructure, agriculture, trade and culture. Read more on the class blog: <http://www.agriinstitute.org/class-activity/class-blog/>.



Presented papers, seminars and travel

Duncan, Natasha, Ayong, **Kim** and **Brigitte Waldorf**: "High-Skilled Women and Immigration Policies Gendered Immigration Policy and Brain Waste." Presentation at the Annual Convention of the International Studies Association, Atlanta, GA, March 2016.

Juan Sesmero and **Marshall Martin** attended a conference of the Multistate proposal/project NC_TEMP1034, "Impact Analyses and Decision Strategies for Agricultural Research (NC1034)", where they presented results of my research on "Long-Term tradeoffs between private and social objectives in the High Plains aquifer". The conference was 02/26-02/27 in Tampa, Florida.

Jacob Ricker-Gilbert co-authored two papers that were presented at the World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty in Washington DC. March 14-18 2016

"Estimating the Factors Driving Farm Land Rental Prices in sub-Saharan Africa: Evidence from Malawi."
(with Nicole Mason, and Jordan Chamberlin)

"Transactions Costs in Land Rental Markets and Their Impact on Youth Access to Agriculture in Tanzania." (with Jordan Chamberlin)

Wally Tyner testified before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government reform, Subcommittee on the Interior and the Subcommittee on Healthcare, Benefits, and Administrative Rules on the Renewable Fuel Standard, March 16, 2016.

Dominique van der Mensbrugghe participated in the third meeting of the Steering Committee of the joint INRA/CIRAD Agrimonde study of scenarios of the future of agriculture, Paris, 16-17 February.

Dominique van der Mensbrugghe participated at a workshop held by the Global Perspectives Studies Team of the FAO focused on assessing appropriate tools for long-term projections for food and agriculture, Rome, 19 February.

Dominique van der Mensbrugghe was hosted by the Asian Development Bank to discuss projects of mutual interest between the ADB and GTAP, Manila, 21 March. During his visit, he gave a talk in the ADB's *Asia Development Policy Lecture Series* on "Shared Socio-economic Pathways: Implications for Asia".

Dominique van der Mensbrugghe participated at a workshop held by the Korean Environmental Institute on modeling strategies for Top-Down and Bottom-Up Integration, Seoul, 23-23 March.

Publications

Sesmero, J., Jung, J., and Tyner, W. "The effect of current and prospective policies on photovoltaic system economics: an application to the US Midwest", Energy Policy (accepted)

Chamberlin, J, and **J. Ricker-Gilbert**. 2016. "Participation in Rural Land Rental Markets in sub-Saharan Africa: Who benefits and by how much? Evidence from Malawi and Zambia." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (Forthcoming).

Ricker-Gilbert, J., and T.S. Jayne. 2016. "Estimating the Enduring Effects of Fertilizer Subsidies on Commercial Fertilizer Demand and Maize Production: Panel Data Evidence from Malawi." *Journal of Agricultural Economics* (Forthcoming).

Internships

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

Dow AgroSciences

Career and Job Sites on the Internet:

Purdue Extension Service: see website listed below

Career and Job Sites on the Internet

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| 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

