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Keeping Track

April 2015

Calendar

April 3	Distinguished Ag Alumni
April 8-17	College of Ag Food Finders Charity Fund Raiser
April 10	Snyder Lecture
April 22	Celebration of Named/Distinguished Ag Faculty: Dr. Wally Tyner
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:

Dr. Joan Fulton and Dr. Ken Foster announcing in AGEC 21700, **Dr. Larry DeBoer**, 2015 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award – the Murphy Award.



Photo taken by a student with caption: “**Professor DeBoer**, wondering what happened to his sock puppet.”

Larry DeBoer, professor of agricultural economics, has been named a recipient of the 2015 Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Awards in Memory of Charles B. Murphy. **Dr. DeBoer** was surprised with the news Tuesday (March 24) during his AGECE 217 class.

The University's highest undergraduate teaching honor, the Murphy Award is accompanied by a \$10,000 cash award and induction into Purdue's Teaching Academy, which provides leadership for the improvement of undergraduate, graduate and outreach teaching. Murphy was a history professor at Purdue from 1927 to 1970.

Thought you would like to know:

Celebration of Named and Distinguished Ag Faculty for Dr. Wally Tyner,

Dr. Tyner, James and Lois Ackerman Professor of Agricultural Economics celebration, Wednesday, April 22, 2015.
Seminar – 10 a.m. in Deans Auditorium, Pfendler Hall
Reception at 11:00 a.m. in Leopold's Landing, Pfendler Hall.

2015 Distinguished Agriculture Alumni Awards, Friday, April 3, 2015

Reception 2:30 p.m. North Ballroom, Union
Awards Convocation 3:30 p.m. North Ballroom, Union

Award Recipients

Victoria L. Finkenstand, Food Science

Dale Griffin, YDAE

Issoufou Kapran, Agronomy

Vicki McCracken, Professor, Washington State University, Agricultural Economics

Craig Newman, President and CEO, AgReliant Genetics, LLC Agricultural Economics and Agronomy

Christopher Novak, CEO, National Pork Board Agricultural Economics

Michael Pape, Biochemistry

Raghavan Srinivasan, Agricultural & Biological Engineering



Dr. Raymond Florax named as a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International

A leading researcher and teacher of regional and urban economics in our Department has been elected a Fellow of the Regional Science Association International (RSAI) in recognition of his lifetime contributions to the scholarship of regional science.

Raymond Florax is professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University in the US. He is also associated with the Department of Spatial Economics at the VU University Amsterdam as well as with the Tinbergen Institute in Amsterdam, The Netherlands. The focus of his research and teaching has been urban and regional economics, and the econometrics of spatial data analysis. He has played an influential role in the introduction and proliferation of new statistical methods, in particular spatial econometrics and meta-analysis. He has published widely in international journals, and has co-authored well known edited volumes that have found their way to (early) adopters in

these fields. **Prof. Florax** ranks among the top-5% authors in economics on RePEc. His work has received 1,200+ citations on the Social Sciences Citation Index and over 7,000 Google Scholar citations.

The Regional Science Association International (RSAI), founded in 1954, is an international community of scholars in economics, geography, planning and engineering, interested in the spatial impacts of economic and social change at local, regional and global scales. The RSAI Fellows are distinguished scholars, selected in recognition of a proven and recognized research record in the field of Regional Science during a considerable part of their scientific career. Prof. Florax is one of three scholars from around the globe who have been selected for this honor this year.

Further information on RSAI is online at <http://www.regionalscience.org>.

Faculty and staff are invited to 2nd Annual Helping Hands Awards

Faculty and staff are invited to attend the 2nd Annual Helping Hands Awards, which will honor five Purdue faculty and staff members for their mentoring of Purdue students and children within the community.

The event, presented by the [College Mentors for Kids](#) student group and Zeta Beta Tau Fraternity, will be held 6-9:30 p.m. April 8 at Purdue Memorial Union, East and West Faculty Lounges. Tickets are \$50, which covers the cost of a meal at the event as well as provides transportation for an area child to one of College Mentors for Kids' weekly activities. Registration is available [here](#), and the registration deadline is Thursday (April 2).

Those being honored are:

- * Jennifer Groh, associate director, Women in Engineering Program.
- * Levon Esters, associate professor of youth development and agricultural education and director of Mentoring at Purdue.
- * Christine Jackson, associate professor of management.
- * **Gerald Harrison, professor of agricultural economics.**
- * Monica Miller, clinical assistant professor of pharmacy practice.

College Mentors for Kids pairs first- through sixth-grade students with college student mentors in one-on-one mentoring relationships. Kids from local schools visit the college campus weekly, and together with their mentors, they participate in structured group activities that focus on higher education and careers, culture and diversity, community service and financial literacy. The Purdue chapter of College Mentors for Kids serves more than 240 kids at Glen Acres, Miller, Miami, and Vinton elementary schools as well as Sunnyside Middle School.

For more information, contact collegementorshelpinghands@gmail.com.

Visiting Scholars:

Shumin Zhang from Shandong University of Finance and Economics will be arriving 4/2/15 for one year duration, and will be working with Dr. Otto Doering on research to analyze environmental and resource use problems in China.

Hai Lin from China Agricultural University will be arriving 4/25/15 for one year duration and will be working with Dr. Holly Wang and Dr. Allan Gray on assessing the impact of increasing imports of fruits and nuts in China.

News from ICEE:

ICEE announced the winners of the Indiana Personal Finance Challenge for high school students on March 2nd. The **Personal Finance Challenge** is a competition that tests students' knowledge on earning, protecting, and insuring income; using credit; buying goods and services; saving and financial investing. The first place team of students was from **Carmel High School**. Second place went to Hamilton Southeastern and third place to Oldenburg Academy. The team from Carmel will represent Indiana at the national Personal Finance Challenge Competition in Kansas City in May. The Personal Finance Challenge is part of ICEE's [Smart Indiana project](#) to promote and enhance learning opportunities in personal finance for youth.

News from GTAP:

2015-1 GTAP 101 Course "Introduction to Computable General Equilibrium Modeling"

The Center for Global Trade Analysis recently held the first 2015 offering of its GTAP 101 Course from January 26 – March 8, 2015. 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, 23 individuals from 11 different countries representing government agencies, international institutions, the private sector and academia participated in this course.

For further information on GTAP 101, please visit: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/events/GTAP101/2015-1/>.

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:

Congratulations to **Luis Moises Pena-Levano** who has been awarded the Ludwig Kruhe Fellowship.

Congratulations to **Shanxia Sun** being selected to receive a Bilsland Dissertation Fellowship.

The 8th Annual Midwest Graduate Student Summit on Applied Economics, Regional, and Urban Studies (AERUS) is being held on **April 11-12, 2015**. AERUS provides a peer-oriented open forum for the presentation and discussion of research by graduate students and post-docs. Events further opportunities to gather and share ideas, seek and provide feedback, and foster collaboration and networking among graduate students across the region and will include parallel sessions, faculty panels on big data and communities envisioned, keynote speeches by Carmen Carrion-Flores and Sergio Rey, and a post-summit workshop on PySAL.

Registration is currently open. For more information about the summit or registration, please visit our website: <https://sites.google.com/site/midwestgradsummit>.

Publications:

Hertel, T., W. (2015) "The Challenges of Sustainably Feeding a Growing Planet", Food Security http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12571-015-0440-2?sa_campaign=email/event/articleAuthor/onlineFirst

U.L.C. Baldos and T. W. Hertel (2015) "The Role of International Trade in Managing Food Security Risks from Climate Change", Food Security <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s12571-015-0435-z#page-1>

Plevin, R.J., Beckman J., **Golub, A. A.**, J. Witcover, and M. O'Hare. "Carbon Accounting and Economic Model Uncertainty of Emissions from Biofuels-Induced Land Use Change". *Environmental Science and Technology*, 2015, 49 (5), pp 2656–2664, DOI: 10.1021/es505481d

Presented papers, seminars, travel:

Otto Doering was keynote speaker at the Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio Tri State Conservation Farming Expo on March 24th.

Ben Gramig and Indrajeet Chaubey (EAPS, ABE) presented research findings from the project "Watershed Scale Optimization to Meet Sustainable Cellulosic Energy Crop Demands" at the Dept. of Energy/Bioenergy Technology Office's Analysis and Sustainability Program 2015 Peer Review. Alexandria, VA. March 23, 2015.

Hertel, T.W. “Global Change and the Challenges of Sustainably Feeding a Growing Planet”, Filley-Geary Annual Lecture, Department of Agricultural Economics, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, March 6, 2015.

Wally Tyner presented a seminar at the Eighth Annual Berkeley Conference on Biofuels: The Future of Biofuels on April 1, 2015. His topic was “Corn Stover Sustainability for Biofuels with and without Cover Crops”

Nelson Villoria presented “Effects of agricultural technological progress on deforestation: What do we really know?” at the Conference on Agricultural Productivity and the Environment co-sponsored by Farm Foundation, Global Harvest Initiative, and USDA Economic Research Service. USDA Economic Research Service. Washington D.C., March 12, 2015.

Dominique Y. van der Mensbrugge attended the 5th Ag MIP Global Workshop on February 25-27th. The workshop was hosted by the University of Florida. The Agricultural Model Intercomparison and Improvement Project (AgMIP) convenes both crop modelers and global economic modelers to improve the analysis of scenarios of the future of agriculture and food security.

On March 9, 2015, Dr. **Dominique van der Mensbrugge** was invited to give a talk by Iowa State University’s Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) on “Land-use changes through 2050: Highlights from a global agro-economic model comparison”

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

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

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.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