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## Upcoming Events

### January

- 14<sup>th</sup>**- First Day of Spring Semester Classes
- 16<sup>th</sup>**- Staff Professional Development Seminar, 9 a.m. to noon, Blocker 448

## Award Winners

The new year has certainly started off on an exciting, positive note. Many of our faculty, professional staff, and students were recognized at the **Texas A&M AgriLife Conference** this week. Congratulations to all those listed below who represent yet another chapter in the excellence that is characteristic of so many of our programs and people. Their work and that of the many other award winners over the past year reflects well on our already strong reputation in the College, Agencies, University, and profession. The theme of the conference was “Coming Together to Tell Our Story” and no one does it better than our faculty, staff, and students. The idea of “coming together” is exemplified in the new logo illustrated here and fits my own belief that we must continue to work together to create the positive collective goods that benefit each of us in the Department. I hope that each of you will share in celebrating the successes of so many of our colleagues and students. JPN



### Vice Chancellor’s Awards in Excellence:

- Graduate Teaching: **James W. Richardson**
- Research Team: North American Studies Research Team
  - **Parr Rosson**
  - **Flynn J. Adcock**
  - **Dwi Susanto**
  - **Jackie Michelle Niemeyer**
  - **Yan “Doris” Xia**
  - **Georgia Clark**
- Support Personnel, Research, On-Campus: **George M. Knapek**
- Support Personnel, Technical/Extension, Off-Campus: **Allen W. Sturdivant**

### Superior Service Awards, Texas AgriLife Extension Service:

- Extension Associate/Assistant/Technician: **Allen Sturdivant**
- Teams: Cotton Stalk Destruction, **Dean McCorkle**
- Unit: Financial And Risk Management (FARM) Assistance
 

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Steven Klose</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Joe Outlaw</b></li> <li>▪ <b>DeDe Jones</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Patrick Warminski</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Greg Kaase</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Jason Morris</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Mac Young</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Jay Yates</b></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Jeff Pate</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Wade Polk</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Natalie Outlaw</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Candice Foster</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Tracy Davis</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Christy Knight</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Mark Waller</b></li> <li>▪ <b>Melissa Jupe</b></li> </ul>
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### Student Research Poster Competition:

(Advised by **Drs. Rister & Lacewell**)

- Undergraduate Students: First Place, **Emily Seawright**
- Graduate Students: First Place, **Andrew Leidner**

### Epsilon Sigma Phi Awards, Alpha Zeta Chapter:

- Early Career Award: **Diana “DeDe” Jones**

Also recognized at the conference were **Dr. David Bessler** for his Regents Professor Award and **Dr. Bruce McCarl** for his share in the Nobel Peace Prize.

## New Publications

Hwa Kim, W. Douglass Shaw, and Richard T. Woodward. "The Distributional Impacts of Recreational Fees: A Discrete Choice Model with Incomplete Data," *Land Economics*, 2007, Vol. 83 (4/November):561-74. To read this article, click [here](#).

W. D. Shaw and R.T. Woodward. "Why Environmental and Resource Economists Should Care about Non-Expected Utility Models," *Resource and Energy Economics*, 2008, Vol. 30 (1/January): 66-89. To read this article, click [here](#).

## Birthdays

Wade Griffin	1/3
David Ernstes	1/12
Sandra Norman	1/24
Melissa Moore	1/31



**Thank you to Dr. Wayne Hayenga for providing Friday Coffee last week!!!**



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## Position Announcements

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**Assistant/Associate Professor/Professor and Extension Economist, Community Economic Development**, Texas A&M University. 75% TCE, 25% TAES. Responsibilities include coordination of extension educational programs and applied research in community development; developing grant and contract proposals; planning, developing, implementing, and evaluating extension education programs, curricula and applied research; and other duties. A PhD and nationally recognized experience are required. To apply, send a letter of application, current curriculum vitae, reprints, transcripts, and the names, addresses, email addresses, and phone numbers of three references to: John P. Nichols, Professor and Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-2124. Closing date is January 2, 2008 or until filled.

**Extension Program Specialist, Farm Management and Risk Management**, Texas A&M University System. 100% Extension. Responsibilities include providing statewide leadership and coordination for education program activities by providing technical expertise and computerized data analysis, maintaining client relationships, meeting with clientele, and other duties. A Master's degree in Agricultural Economics or Agribusiness is required; Ph.D. preferred. Experience in agricultural finance or accounting is necessary. To apply, send a letter of application, CV, transcripts, and three references to: Tracy Davis, Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2124 and include reference to NOV#03047. Deadline is January 15, 2008 or until filled.

**Assistant Professor of Agricultural Business and Economics**, West Texas A&M University. Tenure Track - 100% teaching. Responsibilities include developing a strong teaching program in the agriculture economics/agribusiness area with emphasis in business and risk management which may include futures, options, and commodity trading. To apply, send a letter of interest, official transcripts, resume and arrange for at least three letters of reference to: Dr. Lal K. Almas, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural Sciences, WTAMU Box 60998, Canyon, TX 79016-0001. Review of applications will begin December 15, 2007 and the search will continue until the position is filled.

**Faculty Position, Agriculture**, Dickinson State University. Tenure Track. Teaching responsibilities include undergraduate coursework in agribusiness and farm management. Expertise and experience in the application of GIS and remote sensing technologies to agriculture, business, and/or natural resource management preferred. PhD required. To apply, submit a letter of application, resume, copies of transcripts, names of five references, and a Dickinson State University Faculty employment application (<http://www.dickinsonstate.com/Jobs.asp>) to: Dr. Chip Poland, Chair, Department of Agriculture and Technical Studies, Dickinson State University, 291 Campus Dr, Dickinson, ND 58601.

**Assistant Professor-Marketing and Agribusiness**, University of Manitoba. Tenure Track. 45% Teaching/45% Research/10 % Outreach. The successful candidate will teach at the diploma, undergraduate, and/or graduate levels, and will be expected to develop an internationally-recognized research program. Applicants for position 07131 should submit a curriculum vitae, teaching dossier (or summary of evaluations), transcripts of graduate work and a cover letter that includes a statement of research interests to Dr. Brian T. Oleson, Chair of the Search Committee, Department of Agribusiness & Agricultural Economics, University of Manitoba, 353-66 Dafoe Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3T 2N2. Candidates should also arrange for three professional letters of reference to be sent directly to the Chair of the Search Committee.

**Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events. Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday. Please send your information to [MSMoore@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:MSMoore@ag.tamu.edu).**