Rosson’s Roundup

First, I want to say farewell and give a hearty thank you to Adam Burch, Program Coordinator for our MAB program. Adam has taken a position with Briaud Financial in College Station, so we expect to see him around a good bit for both personal and professional reasons. Thanks again Adam for your stellar work and dedication to our programs.

I also want to congratulate the MAB program on an excellent Food and Agribusiness Symposium. It was a great program with representatives from the companies that bring us Pom Wonderful and Cuties mandarins (Roll Global and its subsidiary Paramount Citrus), and Dairy Farmers of America, the largest dairy cooperative in the USA. Former student Damon Miller, ’04 and MAB ’06 was back on campus representing DFA. Thanks to Vicky Salin and Adam Burch for organizing and to Ashley Stover and Juliette Kibodeaus for coordinating the day’s events.

Wednesday I met with a representative of the Texas citrus industry to discuss issues related to lime marketing and the possible need for some revamp of the marketing order. Flynn Adcock, Marco Palma and I will be looking closer at this in the weeks to come.

Today kicks off the beginning of International Week, or I–Week in Aggieland. Most of the activities are centered around the MSC and Rudder Tower area, but the event culminates with a buffet dinner in the Garden Room of the Rec Center Friday, April 12 from 6 to 9 pm. You can get tickets for $10/person either at the MSC Box Office or at the door. Enjoy some great, and often, very different foods at this event!! A full schedule is available at http://isa-aggies.tamu.edu/node/104

Closer to home, AFPC and AFCERC’s contributions to I-Week include a week of hosting international experts in agricultural policy. Please join in the all-day conference on Tuesday in the AgriLife Center and the seminar on Friday.

Sunday I’m headed up to Washington, DC to help conduct a workshop on Exporting to Cuba with the Texas-Cuba Trade Alliance, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Grain Sorghum Producers and the Texas ports. We already have 40 people signed up, so should be an interesting event. After that, I’ll be visiting with the Agricultural Marketing Service, our Federal Relations Office and some former students. Have a great weekend!!

Ron Griffin

I teach applied welfare economics (Ph.D.), water resource economics (Masters), and one of the four segments of the frontiers in environmental economics course (two segments per year, rotating, Ph.D.). My research program emphasizes water resource policy, particularly relating to water rate design, water markets (for unprocessed water), and cost-benefit analysis. The interface between diversionary, human demands and in-place environmental demands for water is also interesting. Integrating the collective achievements of water economics and improving the accessibility of this knowledge to interdisciplinary practitioners is a self-appointed task. During 2013 I will complete a 3-year term as an Editor of Water Resources Research (an interdisciplinary journal). A much less taxing activity is my role on the editorial board of a new journal, Water Resources and Economics – the first journal dedicated to my field. An observation: interest in all of this seems to be growing quickly.
Position Announcements

Associate or Assistant Professor, University of Missouri-Columbia, Regional Economics  This position is a joint appointment between the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in DASS/CAFNR and the Harry S. Truman School of Public Affairs. Tenure home will be in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. The two units have a long history of collaboration and share several joint appointments. The position will be filled at the Associate (preferred) or Assistant Professor level. A PhD in a relevant discipline or interdisciplinary program is required. There is particular interest in candidates who will contribute to the development of greater understanding among students, faculty and the general public about the challenges and opportunities presented by climate change. Applicants should provide: An application letter highlighting key areas of strength in the applicant’s background and summarizing the fit of applicant with the position, a current CV, contact information for at least four professional references, examples of scholarly work (eg, publications, papers presented at professional meetings, etc.), and if applicable, experience related to teaching (eg, courses taught, statement of teaching philosophy, summary of student evaluations, etc.). Please visit http://hrs.missouri.edu/find-a-job/academic/index.php to submit an application. Questions regarding this position should be directed to: Dr. Judith Stallmann, Chair, Regional Economics Search Committee, 231 Gentry Hall, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO 65211, stallmannj@missouri.edu, 573-882-6455.

Assistant Professor, International Development, Michigan State University, Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. 100% research. The Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics at Michigan State University is seeking an Assistant Professor to join the Food Security Group (FSG) under the project titled “Strengthening Impact Assessment of the CGIAR” (SIAC). Candidates are expected to have a Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, or related field. Research experience in Africa, Asia, or Latin America is also highly desirable. Foreign language skills are an asset. Review of applications begins on April 29, 2013 and will continue until the position is filled. To apply, please refer to Posting #7559 and complete an electronic submission at the Michigan State University Employment Opportunities website https://jobs.msu.edu. Applicants must submit the following materials electronically: (1) a cover letter summarizing qualifications for the position and a statement of interest; (2) a current curriculum vitae; and (3) three reference letters. Review of applications will begin April 1, 2013, and continue until the position is filled. If you have any questions prior to submitting an electronic application, please contact Mywish Maredia, Chair of the Search Committee, AFRE at maredia@msu.edu. For information about the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics click on http://www.aec.msu.edu/.

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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 valnoyes@tamu.edu