Rosson’s Roundup

John Penson and I returned from Guatemala safe and sound, and we head back down there Thursday night for another round of classes. I have 15 students in my class and I think he has 12, so two good groups. Most of our students there work full-time and attend our courses on Friday night and all day Saturday, so it presents some challenges in terms of continual engagement, but we try.

Patrick Williams, Texas A&M Foundation, Ed Rister and I had lunch Monday with former student Ben Novosad of Capital Farm Credit. We had a great discussion about increasing his role, along with that of his organization, in departmental activities. Class involvement and internships were the two most likely outcomes of our meeting, but there are prospects for more participation in all of our programs, including Extension.

Monday afternoon, David Bessler, James Richardson, Bruce McCarl (via phone) and I met with Drs. Hussey and Sams to discuss the pool of applicants we have for the Energy and Industrial Organization positions. We ended up with 37 applicants for the former position and 21 for the latter, and both pools are strong. We received the ‘go ahead’ and are now awaiting letters on a number of applicants. Expect to see more on this as we move the process forward over the next few weeks.

Tuesday and Wednesday I spent much of my time putting together the Research Strategic Plan Report for Dr. Nessler. Thanks to all of you who provided such great information about your projects and their results. We have an excellent program and it’s always a pleasure to highlight it to others.

Thursday was the Grand Challenge Town Hall meeting where we discussed our vision and goals for the future direction of the College. I hope we garner additional resources as a result of this and look forward to follow up this fall.

Finally, happy summer to those of you who will be gone over the next couple of months! To all, enjoy Monday, Memorial Day, and try not to set anything on fire during that barbecue adventure. Please remember those who have given their ‘last full measure’ in service to our nation, and those, too, who continue to serve. All the best.
**Position Announcements**

**Lecturer**, University of Florida, Food and Resource Economics Department. This is a 12-month non-tenure-accruing position that will be 100% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences). Duties will include teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses in one or more of the following areas: finance, applied statistics and data analysis, microeconomics and other relevant fields of agricultural economics. Duties will also include undergraduate student advising and possible supervision of extra-curricular student activities (e.g. NAMA Marketing Team, Academic Quiz Bowl, Departmental student club). An M.S or M.A. (foreign equivalent acceptable) in Agricultural Economics, Economics or Finance or a closely related discipline is required. Candidates with a Ph.D in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Finance or a closely related field are invited to apply. Previous teaching experience is required. Individuals wishing to apply should go online to [http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/41503](http://jobs.ufl.edu/postings/41503) and submit: Application, Cover letter that states applicant’s interest in the position and qualifications relative to the credentials listed above, Curriculum vitae. Unofficial transcripts showing receipt of the M.S. or M.A. degree and three letters of recommendation should be sent to: Kelly Grogan, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, University of Florida, Food and Resource Economics Department, PO Box 110240, Gainesville, FL 32611-0240, Phone: 352-294-7633, Fax: 352-846-0988, Email: kellyagrogan@ufl.edu Please refer to Requisition # 0903120.

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at the LSU Agricultural Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana has the two following position announcements:

**Water Policy/Economist**

**Instructor/Assistant/Associate Professor**

To view job descriptions and for application instructions go to:

The Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Texas A&M University in College Station, Texas has the following positions open:

**Assistant/Associate Professor** – *Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems*

**Assistant Professor** – *Industrial Organization, Markets and Quantitative Analysis*

**Lecturer**

To view the position descriptions and for application instructions, go to: [http://www.agecon.tamu.edu/department/dePARTMENT_faculty_positions_announcement.html](http://www.agecon.tamu.edu/department/dePARTMENT_faculty_positions_announcement.html)

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**AAEA Elections**

Congratulations to Dr. Gene Nelson elected to the Chair-Elect of the AAEA Senior Section.

Congratulations to Dr. Ximing Wu elected to the next Leader in the AAEA Econometrics Section.

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**New Publications**

Zhang, Jin; Bessler, David; Leatham, David. 


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**Friday Coffee**

During the summer months, we will continue to have Friday coffee at 10 a.m. However, we will not have designated hosts providing goodies. If you get the urge to bring something to share, please do so!

**Upcoming Birthdays**

Mark Waller 6/5
Kerry Litzenberg 6/10
Joe Outlaw 6/11
Ashley Stover 6/11
Richard Conner 6/22

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**Click here for more position announcements**

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