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Upcoming Events

August

15th Graduation

September

1st—Fall Semester Starts

10th-COALS Awards Ceremony

Rosson's Roundup

Congratulations to all of our students who are graduating!! Today we have twelve undergraduate students graduating with degrees from the department. There are seven receiving degrees in Agricultural Economics and five receiving degrees in Agribusiness. We have five grad students receiving the Masters and five receiving their PhDs. Congratulations to all of them and all the best in future endeavors.

Congratulations also to Pam Vernon who has been selected to receive a 2014 College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Dean's Outstanding Achievement Award for Advising and Student Relations. Congratulations Pam!

Earlier this week, Mark Waller, Sandra Pierce and I met with Jim Hill, General Manager of Southwest Dairy Farmers (a major funder of our agriculture literacy programs). He was here meeting with Jug Capps and AFCERC as well. We had an excellent session with him, discussing how to develop more effecting educational programs across the tri-state area of New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma. It's a challenge developing and delivering curricula to thousands of school children. Sandra coordinates most of this educational work, and provides a critical liaison to Cooperative Extension offices in all three states. Her primary educational program is Kids and Cows and More, and it really helps educate the public, not only about the dairy industry, but agriculture and agribusiness in general.

I spent most of Thursday in Corpus Christi visiting with Andrew Ropicki, Levi Russell and Mac Young. We had excellent discussions about their programs, the potentials for South Texas and the very good crops that have developed in that part of the state. Andrew started just last week, and has settled into his role as the Marine Economist very well. He's already made contact with most of the agents and other specialists in the Sea Grant Program and has several ideas for collaboration with our faculty on shrimp and fisheries issues affecting the state. Levi has been with us nearly a year and is getting involved in conducting and analyzing auction pricing for cattle breeds. This has proven very useful to the agents and many of the ranchers in the area, with extremely positive feedback. Mac continues to do a great job with the farmers across all of South Texas, and is a wealth of information on cotton and grain sorghum production, marketing and economics. Thanks to all of you for taking the time to fill me in on your work and plans for the future.

Ed Rister and I are heading to Fredericksburg Friday to meet with Ivan (Doc) Schemedemann and his wife LuAnn for a brief visit, then heading to Junction to meet with Paul and Justin Bierschwale, Ty Timm Registry members. This should be a great reunion of former faculty and students, as well as an interesting time to meet with some of the original Junction Boys of Aggie lore who are being honored Friday afternoon. We hope to be back home some time Sunday morning, if all goes as planned.

Please welcome Luis Ribera to College Station. He's in room 327 AGLS. Welcome Luis!

Have a great weekend and stay cool!! Don't feel too bad, though I think the temperature may have hit 100 degrees as I was leaving Corpus on Thursday -pretty unusual for them.



MAB 15th Anniversary celebration event that was held in Houston at Brio Tuscan Grille

New Publication



Norton R.D. Policy Frameworks for International Agricultural and Rural Development. In: Neal Van Alfen, editor--in--chief. Encyclopedia of Agriculture and Food Systems, Vol. 4, San Diego: Elsevier;; 2014. pp. 489--503.

Upcoming Birthdays

Desmond Ng	8/16
Connie Smotek	8/22
Greg Kaase	8/25
Debbie Childs	8/31



*Friday coffee
returns
September 5th!!*



Position Announcements

Assistant Professor of AgriBusiness, Texas A&M University-Commerce, The assistant professor of agribusiness is a tenure track position and will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in agribusiness, agricultural economics, and general agriculture. The assistant professor will serve as advisor for undergraduate agribusiness majors. Ph.D. or DBA in agribusiness, ag economics, or closely related discipline, with at least 18 semester hours of graduate coursework in agribusiness or agricultural economics. Contact Person: Dr. Jose Lopez Phone: 903-886-5623 Email Address: Jose.Lopez@tamuc.edu Apply URL: <https://jobpath.tamu.edu/postings/74612>

Assistant Professor, Mississippi State University, Agricultural Marketing, Agribusiness, Production. This is a 12-month, 85% Extension, 15% teaching tenured track appointment in the Department of Agricultural Economics. A Ph.D. in agricultural economics or economics with specific training in agricultural marketing, agribusiness management, production economics, farm management, and/or related topics. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all college and university work, and have three professional letters of reference sent to: Mrs. Debra Price, Department of Agricultural Economics, Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762 (or by email to Price@agecon.msstate.edu). Applicants must complete the Personal Data Information form found at www.jobs.msstate.edu. (Search postings for PARF# 7880). For more information about this position and the Department of Agricultural Economics contact Steve Turner (turner@agecon.msstate.edu, 662-325-2049). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled with initial screening and interview arrangements to begin on October 15, 2014.

Prosperity Bancshares Inc. (NYSE: PB), has an immediate opening for a **Financial Modeler/Statistician** to assist us with analyzing and developing a variety of financial models that are now required of banks our size. This individual would work directly with our chief financial officer and other members of the bank's executive team. An advanced degree (MS or PhD) in statistics, econometrics, quantitative finance, decision science, or operations research, 2-3+ years of experience developing statistical models with previous exposure to advanced time-series econometric modeling. Qualified interested parties should contact: Asylbek Osmonov, Chief Accounting Officer, Risk Management and Business Development, Prosperity Bank, (281) 269-2446, Asylbek.Osmonov@prosperitybankusa.com

The College of Agriculture at California State University, Chico is looking for a new Tenure Track **Assistant Professor**, California State University-Chico, College of Agriculture, Agricultural Business Program, Tenure Track position. For more information and application instructions, go to: http://careers.aaea.org/jobseeker/job/18942999/Assistant%20Professor%20of%20Agricultural%20Business/_company_/?vnet=0&str=26

Associate or Full Professor, The University of Georgia, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Full time, Tenure Track, 9 month appointment at the associate or full professor level, teaching/research split negotiable. Build an internationally recognized research program that fits under the broad umbrella of food choice, food insecurity, obesity, nutrition, and health economics. A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Applied Economics, Economics, or a related field is required with strong knowledge of economic theory and quantitative methods, willingness to work in a team environment, and excellent oral and written communication skills. A track record of external funding success is required. Application: (1) a letter of application including a description of academic qualifications and experience; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) evidence of teaching and service experience (if any); and (4) names and contact information for three professional references. Please send materials directly to Dr. Jeffrey H. Dorfman, Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. Phone: 706-542-0754. Email: jdorfman@uga.edu. Electronic submission of applications is preferred, but not required. Closing Date: December 1, 2014. Expected Start Date: August, 2015.

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