Rosson’s Roundup

We had three people recognized at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences 2014 Awards Ceremony held Wednesday afternoon. Congratulations to Pam Vernon who received the Dean’s Outstanding Achievement Award in Advising and Student Relations. Congratulations to Marco Palma, who was awarded tenure and Yvette Zhang who was recognized as a new faculty member. Please thank them for their contributions to our programs.

Much of my time this week was spent going to some of your classes and welcoming students back to campus, and giving pep talks to transfer students. I also encouraged all of them to attend our departmental events and become engaged as much as they can. Wednesday I met with a former Texas Agriculture Lifetime Leadership member, Rich Zaria, from Austin who’s interested in building a coalition, or group of coalitions, to take mitigating action on the impending water issues facing his community, and others. He is interested in working with us and Horticulture to develop a sound research base on likely outcomes of declining water availability on home owners and businesses. I expect to hear more about this as he moves forward and will certainly be contacting some of you to get involved.

Reminders:

Friday afternoon we have the departmental pre-tailgate located under the Big Top (tent) just north of the AgriLife Sciences building. We will start about 3:30 and conclude by 5 p.m. Snacks will be provided, so please stop by and say Howdy!

Saturday is the Rice Tailgate, starting in the AgriLife Center at 2:30 p.m., with a brief Extension program at 3 p.m. on the farm bill by Joe Outlaw and rural communities by Rebekka Dudensing, followed by a couple of our students. Mariel Braun and Justin Benavidez have agreed to share their summer high-impact learning experiences with us. We will unveil the brisket around 4:00, so don’t miss that—it’s going to be under the Big Top again. We are expecting about 750 people to attend, so let’s hope the rain comes early, then clears out. Otherwise, wearing duck boots may be appropriate.

Finally, if you see people wearing white leis at the tailgate, they are our sponsors. Those wearing maroon leis are Ty Timm Honor Registry members. Please thank them for supporting our programs.

Have a great weekend!
Position Announcements

USAID/Food for Peace is recruiting for a **Food Security and Markets Advisor** based in Washington, DC. The job solicitation link is below, the deadline for applications is September 11th. This position is assigned to the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance (DCHA), Office of Food for Peace (FFP). The Program Analyst is a member of the Policy and Technical Division’s (PTD) Technical Team, and will be designated as the lead advisor for food assistance programming directly linked to cash transfers, food vouchers, and local and regional procurement. They will provide policy, technical, and grant management assistance to Country Backstop Officers (CBO) who have overall responsibility for FFP programming in specific countries/regions. For more information and to apply, go to: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/379591900](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/379591900)

**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](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](http://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.

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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