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## Upcoming Events

### October

- 10th-COADC, Equine Center
- 11th-College Tailgate/Aggies vs Ole Miss
- 14th-Dr. McCarl Seminar
- 15th-Faculty Meeting
- 18th-Aggies @ Alabama

## *Rosson's Roundup*

Monday, the Department Heads met with Dr. Dugas for our regularly scheduled monthly session. The primary topic of discussion was the conversion of all tenure-track faculty to 9 month appointments. While some details about this are emerging, we will know more over the next few weeks as Dr. Dugas meets with the Provost to finalize the plans for COALS. This issue is receiving top priority from COALS and AgriLife Administration and will be the primary topic of discussion at our departmental faculty meeting on October 15.

The Department has received approval from the Dean and Vice Chancellor to move forward with the search for our position in the Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems. At the recommendation of the search committee, I have requested letters for several of the top candidates. We should have the packets completed by the end of October. I will let you know as we move this process forward. Be looking for opportunities to participate.

I was in Washington, DC Thursday to meet with the Agricultural Trade Advisory Committees. The main focus of these meetings was the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations now entering a critical phase. As many of you know, Japan has become a member of the TPP, raising the trade stakes substantially. Japan, however, is highly protectionist of its agricultural markets, and negotiations to open those markets have become strained. There is still no clear timeline to conclude the negotiations, but if progress is made, that will occur sometime next year. While in DC, I had the opportunity to contact former student Aaron Hobbs, who is President of RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment). He's doing well and hopes to get back to Aggieland for a visit, along with his wife, Nicole and two children.

Chris Narayanan was in the Department Thursday visiting with several of our classes and meeting students. Chris tries to do this twice each year, and his visits are greatly appreciated. It's always useful to receive business perspectives on what we do, and what we might do better. Chris is Head and Director of Agricultural Commodities Research at Societe Generale. He works for Michael Haigh, former professor in the department.

Friday is the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Development Council meeting. Trace Blair, one of our former AGECE students, is the current Chair of COADC and did a great job of handling the meeting. There were also several other former Departmental students who attended the meeting. This is a great opportunity to network and get feedback on how their careers are progressing and if what we do prepared them for the 'real world!'

## **REMINDERS**

Saturday is the COALS Tailgate, right here at the AgriLife Center. It starts at 5 p.m. and the Department will have a booth to showcase our programs. Thanks to Dusty Menzies and Mark Waller for putting this together.

Finally, have a great weekend and BTHO Ole' Miss!!

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Embodied Challenges for the  
TAMU AgriLife Scientist  
Tuesday, October 14, 2014  
4:00–5:00 p.m.  
104 HFSB

### Upcoming Birthdays

Dan Hanselka	10/10
Michele Zinn	10/10
Tracy Davis	10/14
John Nichols	10/20



**Thank You!!**  
**Marco Palma**

for hosting Friday Coffee



### Position Announcements

The Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida has 5 position openings for post-doctoral associates in a variety of areas. More information on each position can be found on the AAEA job website.

- **Postdoctoral Research Associate market research and consumer behavior:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of horticulture economics. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **October 26, 2014**. Contact Dr. Zhifeng Gao ([zfgao@ufl.edu](mailto:zfgao@ufl.edu)) for more information.
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate Production Economics:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of production economics and farm management, and conduct analysis of crop production, disease and pest management, and other production issues. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **October 26, 2014**. Contact Dr. Zhengfei Guan ([guanz@ufl.edu](mailto:guanz@ufl.edu)) for more information.
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate Labor Economics:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of labor economics, and conduct analysis of agricultural labor supply, mobility, wage and other labor issues. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **October 26, 2014**. Contact Dr. Zhengfei Guan ([guanz@ufl.edu](mailto:guanz@ufl.edu)) for more information.
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate market research and consumer behavior:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of citrus marketing and economics. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **November 15, 2014**. Contact Dr. Lisa House ([lahouse@ufl.edu](mailto:lahouse@ufl.edu)) for more information.
- **Postdoctoral Research Associate market research and consumer behavior:** The incumbent in this position is expected to develop a research program in the area of fruit marketing and economics. Application Deadline: To ensure full consideration please send materials by **November 15, 2014**. Contact Dr. Lisa House ([lahouse@ufl.edu](mailto:lahouse@ufl.edu)) for more information.

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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](mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu)