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Upcoming Events

November

8th-Aggies @ Auburn 15th- Dept. Tailgate Aggies vs Missouri 19th-Faculty Meeting 27th-Thanksgiving

Rosson's Roundup

This week I'd like to mention several events we have scheduled for the very near future. First, the final tailgate for the Department will be held Saturday, November 15 before the Missouri game. The tailgate will begin at 3:30 and be held in the Association of Former Students tent, just north of the Aggie Ring at the Clayton Williams Alumni Center. We already have about 400 expected, so it should be very well attended. I hope all of you can attend.

Dan'l Mackey Almy, one of our former students, Agribusiness, '95, will be on campus November 17 to discuss how her company, DMA Solutions, Inc., is working to increase the consumption of fresh produce through some innovative marketing strategies and approaches. Her presentation will be at 5:00 p.m. in AGLS Room 301. It should be a very informative presentation and discussion. Please encourage your tudents to attend. It's a great opportunity for them to see first-hand how their degree can be used to enhance their businesses and careers.

The student chapter of the American Enterprise Institute will be sponsoring an event on Tuesday, November 18 at 6 p.m. in AGLS 129. The focus of this program will be on the role of agriculture in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP). The TPP is being negotiated between the United States and 11 other countries, and with the entry of Japan, has become a contentiously debated endeavor. The program is being put together by one of our students, Marc Sager, who was an ANRP intern last summer and Jordan Long, a student in Political Science who interned with the Heritage Foundation. Please announce to your students. More on this will follow, so look for the announcement.

Finally, November 20-21 will be the annual Financial Planning Workshop. The theme this year is Retirement Planning. Withdraw strategies, optimizing income, along with social security and healthcare will be the main topics. The dinner speaker Thursday evening will be Kate Healy, Managing Director of Marketing for TD Ameritrade Institutional. She will discuss the role of young professionals in the industry. This is shaping up to be a great program, so email Jeanie (Long) Izurieta or Gene Nelson to register.

Have a great weekend, enjoy the cool weather and BTHO Auburn!



New Publication

Sun, Yiguo, **Yu Yvette Zhang** and Qi Li, "Nonparametric Panel Data Regression Models", In B. H. Baltagi (ed.), *The Oxford Handbook of Panel Data*, pp. 285-324, Oxford University Press, 2014.

<u>Upcoming Birthdays</u>

Brian Herbst 11/12 Jeanelle Windham 11/12 Norma Pantoja 11/29

Thank You!! Dept. Head Office

for hosting Friday Coffee



Reminder** Ag Economics Resources has been up-dated! Go to http://agecon.tamu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/DeptResources.pdf to review the Department's resources and rules on decorating for the upcoming holidays!

Position Announcements

Assistant Professor, Agribusiness and Entrepreneurship, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Auburn University. This is a 9 month, tenure track position with 40% instruction and 60% research responsibilities. The successful candidate will develop and implement a nationally recognized research and teaching program that meets the changing demands of large and small agribusinesses that are evolving both locally and globally. The expected start date is August 1, 2015. Minimum qualifications include an earned Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics or closely related field from an accredited institution by the start date. Applicants must apply for the position electronically through: http://aufacultypositions.peopleadmin.com/postings/744 and submit the following: 1) cover letter, 2) current curriculum vita, 3) copies of ALL academic transcripts, 4) statement of teaching philosophy, and 5) statement of research philosophy. When prompted during the on line application process, please provide names, phone numbers and email addresses of three professional references. Only complete application materials will be considered. Active review of applications will begin January 15, 2015. Questions about the position should be directed to: Dr. Deacue Fields, Department Chair, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at fieldde@auburn.edu.

Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences, Colorado State University (CSU) invites nominations and applications for the position of Dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences (CAS). This position also carries the title and responsibilities of Director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station (CAES). The State of Colorado is currently poised to be a leader in agriculture higher education. The Dean is expected to represent CSU as a flagship university in agriculture innovation. As part of its Land Grant University heritage, it is expected that the Dean, in collaboration with the College faculty, will develop the connections and vision for the future of agriculture-related research and training. The College of Agricultural Sciences encompasses five departments: Agricultural and Resource Economics, Animal Sciences, Bioagricultural Sciences and Pest Management, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, and Soil and Crop Sciences. The College's Strategic Plan and Strategic Initiatives can be found at: http://home.agsci.colostate.edu/strategic-initiatives/. The position of Dean of Agricultural Sciences and Director of the Colorado Agricultural Experiment Station reports to the Provost and is a senior administrative position with a seat on the University's Council of Deans. The position is available July 1, 2015, for full consideration, applications should be submitted online by January 4, 2015, at: https://agdeansearch.colostate.edu . Applicants should include a letter expressing their interest and qualifications for the position; a separate two page philosophy of education, research, leadership, communications and management; a current curriculum vitae; and the names, and contact details of five references. References will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates. For more information, please contact Dr. Ajay Menon at 970.491.2398 or by email: Ajay.Menon@colostate.edu General information about the University and the College of Agricultural Sciences can be accessed at www.colostate.edu and http://agsci.colostate.edu/

Click here for 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