Congratulations to Jackie Smith recognized by the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources at Texas Tech University as a Distinguished Alumni from the Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics.

Also congratulations to Senarath Dharmasena for being selected to receive funding from the T.R. Greathouse Endowment for the Texas A&M National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA) Team. We have participated in this endeavor for the past two years and have successfully been awarded an institutional charter. Congratulations and thanks for all of your work and success on this!! Dusty Menzies was also selected to receive funding from the T.R. Greathouse Endowment to support our Academic Quiz Bowl Team. Congratulations and thanks for your efforts! Both of these activities support our high-impact learning activities and provide valuable team-building, leadership and networking opportunities for our students.

Interviews for the position of the Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems will be held during the period December 1 – 12. We have three excellent candidates coming in, so hold as much of that time as you can and please participate.

Friday afternoon I’m traveling to San Antonio to participate in an event honoring Tina and Brian Weiner (AGEC ’65 and Ty Timm Registry member) for their inaugural contribution to the Tina and Brian Weiner, ’65 International Excellence Endowment. This fund will support study abroad, faculty/student exchange programs and student scholarships to support the study of international agricultural commerce. Cara Milligan, one of our Development Officers, has worked with us on this endeavor. We are expecting about 40 of their closest relatives and friends to help congratulate and recognize the Weiner family for their generosity. I’ll be returning to Aggieland after the event to attend the Department’s tailgate on Saturday.

Come join us for the Department’s last tailgate of the season on Saturday afternoon!  Missouri vs A&M!  Festivities will begin around 3 p.m. Come early and you can assist in the last-minute hosting details.  A few extra ‘hands’ are always a big help! Drinks and snacks will be available early afternoon and the fajita meal with all the fix’ins will be served at 4 p.m. Delicious hot food should be just right for the late afternoon event. I hope many of our faculty and staff can join us to interact with our former students and other friends of the department.

Our tailgate location for this game has been moved due to predicted inclement weather – we are switching from the tent located on the north side (next to the Aggie Ring) of the Clayton Williams Alumni Center to the south side of the Center on the veranda facing George Bush Drive.  We will have access to the big TV in the Alumni Center and the restrooms, of course.  I hope you can all make the last tailgate of the season.  Our THANKS to Candace Foster, Steven Klose, and Norma Pantoja for their great work in organizing this year’s tailgates and to Global Events Group who have catered the events!  A special thanks to Porter Garner, Monica Simon, and others at AFS for assisting with this event.  BTHO Mizzou!!
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Assistant Professor in Forest Economics - 1.0 FTE 9-month tenure-track appointment in the Department of Forest Engineering, Resources & Management. Key responsibilities include delivering quality instruction in the Department’s professional forestry degree programs and conducting research on the application of economic analysis to problems of active management of the forest resource for an array of objectives. Subject areas may include, but are not limited to, economic analysis of various forest management and silvicultural applications; markets, marketing, and trade in wood products; non-timber forest products and ecosystem services; and management of (and for) fire and other natural processes. For full posting, go to http://oregonstate.edu/jobs/ and search for Posting #0013255. For full consideration, apply by November 30, 2014. Posting closes December 31, 2014.

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