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Upcoming Events

November

- 20th-21st-Financial Planning Wrkshp
- 27th-Thanksgiving-Aggies vs LSU



December

- 2nd-Energy Economics Candidate Interview
- 4th-College Holiday Reception 3-5 p.m.
- Energy Economics Candidate Interview

Rosson’s Roundup

Let me first congratulate Gene Nelson upon his retirement and designation as Professor Emeritus. Gene’s service to the Department and College go above and beyond. As many of you know, Gene was instrumental in starting our Personal Financial Planning program, which is now in its third year. He also served as Executive Associate Dean and Department Head. So, congratulations, Gene and thanks for your many years of service and dedication!

I also want to congratulate Blake Bennett for being selected to receive the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Superior Service Team Award. This honor will be bestowed upon Blake and other teams members during the 2015 Texas A&M AgriLife Conference, January 5-7.

Our final tailgate for the season was a huge success. We entertained and served about 350 people. Thanks to Candice Foster and Steven Klose for chairing the committee, and making things happen-on time and in an exemplary manner. Also thanks to the faculty and staff that made the entire season a success: Norma Pantoja, Ed Rister, Mark Waller, Tracy Davis, Jennifer Newsom, Shiheng Pan (Tobby), Jeanelle Windham, Fred Boadu, Vicky Salin, Dave Leatham, Ariun Ishdorj, Valerie Gerbig, Dusty Menzies and all the student volunteers. Please thank them all for another successful year of tailgate events! Our engagement with current and former students and other friends of the department are critical in establishing the brand of our department. We are already planning for next year!!

Monday afternoon I had the opportunity to visit with our former student, Dan’l (Mackey) Almy, AGECE, ’94. She now has her own marketing firm, DMA Solutions and has been instrumental in establishing the Fresh Fund - an endowment to support student activities that lead to greater promotion and consumption of fresh produce. Her latest endeavor is “Aggies for Fresh” which is designed to attract students to careers in the produce industry. Dan’l is interested in networking more with our faculty and students, and would welcome opportunities to visit the classroom, meet with student organizations and host interns. DMA has internships available for spring and summer 2015. She will be returning to campus early next year and I hope we can have her visit the Department and discuss her plans for the future. Dan’l can be reached at: dalmy@dma-solutions.com. In addition, DMA is hosting a tailgate before the LSU game, so please stop by (see attached flyer).

Tuesday afternoon I attended one of the informational sessions on the Southern Plains Regional Climate Hub located in El Reno, Ok. Jean Steiner is coordinating the Hub which is focusing on the development and dissemination of decision support aids and materials to assist agricultural producers to conserve natural resources and become more profitable. The Hub is a multi-agency effort among the Ag Research Service, Forest Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Southern Plains Hub serves Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas. You can learn more at: http://www.usda.gov/oce/climate_change/regional_hubs.htm

Reminder: We have interviews for the position in the Economics of Energy, Water and Food Systems starting December 2. Detailed schedules will follow.

Have a great, wet, weekend!!

SAVE THE DATE

DECEMBER 11, 2014

12:00 NOON

ROOM 200

AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
ANNUAL HOLIDAY POTLUCK!

We supply the turkey, and you bring
your favorite sides!

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1n0W40uyk4CWhdVEK9NP5YXl_mzCm0Pu6RldYuaMq/edit?usp=sharing

New Publication



Monge, Juan J., Luis A. Ribera, John L. Jifon, Jorge A. da Silva, and James W. Richardson. "Economics and Uncertainty of Lignocellulosic Biofuel Production from Energy Cane and Sweet Sorghum in South Texas." *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*. 46, 4 (November 2014): 457-485

Upcoming Birthdays

Norma Pantoja	11/29
Flynn Adcock	12/4
Senarath Dharmasena	12/4



Thank You!!
Connie Smotek
& **Caitlin Orsak**

for hosting Friday Coffee



Position Announcements

Oregon State University has three tenure-track assistant professor positions open in the general area of resource economics and sustainable development.

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.**

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.**

Assistant Professor in the Economics of Marine and Coastal Ecosystems - 1.0 FTE 9-month tenure-track appointment in the Department of Applied Economics and the Coastal Oregon Marine Experiment Station. This is a research and teaching position. The successful candidate will teach graduate courses in the Applied Economics program as well as courses with a focus on the economics of marine and coastal ecosystems. Research will be within the broad area of marine and coastal ecosystem economics, and could include topics such as the economics of ecosystem services, costs and benefits of consumptive and non-consumptive resource use, spatial analysis and ecosystem management. For full posting, go to <http://oregonstate.edu/jobs/> and search for Posting #0013300. Screening of applicants will begin **December 1, 2014**. For full consideration, your application must be received by **January 1, 2015**. Position closes February 1, 2015.

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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