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## Upcoming Events

### January 2015

- 19th-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 20th-Spring semester begins

## *Rosson's Roundup*

Let me take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to campus. I hope you had an enjoyable and restful holiday. Several things have been happening this week that are noteworthy and I'll highlight them below.

Congratulations to Blake Bennett. Blake received the Superior Service Team Award from the Texas A&M Extension Service at the 2015 Texas A&M AgriLife Conference this week. He was the sole economist on the Texas School Integrated Pest Management Program. His efforts led to more than 600 Texas school districts being trained on pesticide regulation, use and cost effectiveness. This program is now headed national and promises to have a major positive impact and generate substantial cost savings for schools across the country.

Please welcome Nathan Harness. As most of you know, Nathan has been working with us for the past couple of years on the Financial Planning program. He is now Instructional Associate Professor and TDAmeritrade Director of Financial Planning. Nathan is located in 210B. So, Nathan, welcome to Aggieland!

Kerry Litzenberg had knee surgery just before Christmas and has been undergoing rehab at home. He is doing well, and even came into the office this week. He expects to be here most of next week preparing for class. He may be using a cane for a bit, however, but that's normal after this type of surgery.

Several things resulted from the AgriLife Conference that I'd like to mention. First, Dr. Dugas discussed the upcoming legislative session that starts next Tuesday. AgriLife priorities for this session include two main things: AgriLife exceptional items to support our base programs and salary increases. As usual, many things must happen over the next 140 days in order for these goals to be reached, but the stage is set for a productive session. Joe Cox, Vice Chancellor for External Relations provided an overview of the political and economic climate for the session. Challenges include the fact that 92 of 150 State House members have been onboard for two sessions or less, so education is crucial to a successful outcome. Of course, declining crude oil prices cast a dark shadow over the revenue forecast, but oil is a much smaller share of revenue than it was 25 years ago, so there's cautious optimism that the impact, while negative, will be small. Sales tax revenue is expected to offset some of the decline in oil returns. State Comptroller, Glenn Hegar discussed his forecast, which is due out Monday, so be looking for that all important initial projection. It will certainly be key in setting the tone in Austin.

Other Conference items I'll follow up on at the January faculty meeting are opportunities for IPA (Intergovernmental Personnel Act-not India Pale Ale). IPA's allow faculty to serve with federal agencies as visiting staff over specified periods of time. NIFA and other agencies are eager to have us help out. There may also be opportunities with Congressional offices. Our Grand Challenge Initiatives are moving forward, and there are opportunities to get involved. So, keep these in mind.

Finally, as I've mentioned, we have been working on a Presidential hiring initiative. Jason Shogren, Stroock Professor, University of Wyoming, has agreed to a visit. He will be here February 5-6 to meet with faculty and administration in the Department, the Bush School and the Energy Institute. Please note these dates on your calendar and look for more information soon.

Again, welcome back. I'm looking forward to an exciting and productive 2015!! Enjoy the weekend!

## SAEA DEADLINES

There are several deadlines next week pertaining to the SAEA Annual Meeting. The deadline for paper and poster submissions is Thursday, January 15 at midnight CST. Note, the original AgEcon Search instructions stated Tuesday but it is THURSDAY. Submission instructions:

[http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SAEA\\_AESPaper.pdf](http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SAEA_AESPaper.pdf)

[http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SAEA\\_AESPoster.pdf](http://www.saea.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SAEA_AESPoster.pdf)

The deadline for early registration is Friday, January 16 at midnight EST. Registration fees will increase after this date. More details: <http://www.saea.org/annual-meeting/>  
The deadline to receive the hotel group rate is Friday, January 16 at 5pm EST. More details:

<http://www.saasinc.org/2015-Atlanta/Hotel-Info.asp>

## Texas Water Resources Institute Director Search

We are pleased to announce upcoming interviews for the director of the Texas Water Resources Institute (TWRI) and invite you to participate in the interviews.

*Dr. Paula Sturdevant Rees*

Seminar: Friday, January 16, 2015, 1:30pm, AGLS 129

*Dr. Murugesu Sivapalan*

Seminar: Wednesday, January 21, 2015, 10:00am, AGLS 129

Learn more about the candidates and view a live stream of their seminar at <http://agrilife.org/twri-search/>.

## Administrative Professionals Conference

Monday, April 13, 2015 Hilton College Station

Deadline for registration is April 4, 2014.

For more information and registration form, go to:

<http://www.iaap-bcs.org/home>

## Upcoming Birthdays

David Ernstes	1/15
Suzy Pryor	1/20
Sandra Norman	1/24
John Siebert	2/1



## Thank You!!

**FARM Assistance  
Group**

*for hosting Friday coffee*



## Position Announcements

**Associate or Assistant Professor**, Colorado State University, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics is seeking an Associate or Assistant Professor in Agricultural Finance and Agribusiness Management. The successful candidate will be responsible for teaching, research and outreach. Teaching responsibilities will include undergraduate and graduate courses in agricultural finance and agribusiness management as well as applied economic theory and/or quantitative methods (as appropriate). The initial nine-month appointment will have responsibilities weighted approximately 40% teaching (2-3 semester courses each academic year), 40% research, and 20% outreach and service. A Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, business, or related field. The Ph.D. must be completed before start date. Applications received by January 26, 2015 are guaranteed full consideration. To apply, please submit: a letter of application, Curriculum Vitae, a one-page research and/or outreach agenda (five-year horizon), available evidence of teaching performance, transcripts for all graduate study (unofficial versions acceptable for application), and contact information for three references. Permission will be requested prior to contacting references for all semifinalists. In a separate file, please send one representative research paper. Electronic submissions are preferred. All materials should be sent to: Chair, Search Committee, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado, 80523-1172, [DAREJOBS@colostate.edu](mailto:DAREJOBS@colostate.edu)

**Assistant/Associate/Full Professor**, The Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is seeking candidates for a twelve month, tenure-leading faculty position with an appointment of 60 percent teaching and 40 percent research. To view the complete position details and apply for this position, go to the UNL Employment web site: <http://employment.unl.edu> Search for requisition number F\_140230 and click on Apply to this job. Attach a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and contact information for three professional references. Review of applications will begin on February 8, 2015 and continue until the position is filled or the search is closed. For more information please contact the Search Committee Chair, David Aiken, by calling 402.472.3401 or by email at [daiken@unl.edu](mailto:daiken@unl.edu).

**Assistant Professor**, Agro-ecosystems Spatial Economist, The Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (UNL) is seeking candidates for a twelve month, tenure-leading faculty position with an appointment of 70 percent research and 30 percent teaching. To view the complete position details and apply for this position, go to the UNL Employment web site: <http://employment.unl.edu> Search for requisition number F\_140229 and click on Apply to this job. Attach a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and contact information for three professional references. Review of applications will begin on February 15, 2015 and continue until the position is filled or the search is closed. For more information please contact the Search Committee Chair, Richard Perrin, by calling 402.472.3401 or by email at [rperrin@unl.edu](mailto:rperrin@unl.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](mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu)