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## Upcoming Events

### **January 2015**

- 19th-Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- 20th-Spring semester begins
- 23rd-Faculty Meeting AGLS 129

## ***Rosson's Roundup***

The second week of the New Year has been productive and interesting. First, thanks to all of you who submitted research impacts to be included in the Departmental Review. These help provide our administrators with an overview of what we are doing and the difference it makes to Texas and the world. So, please keep up the great work and know that it does get shared with those who support our efforts.

Reid Stevens has accepted our offer to join the Department. He will be here August 1, 2015 as Assistant Professor, Economics on Energy, Water and Food Systems. Between now and then, Reid is finishing his dissertation and submitting some publications for review. Please welcome Reid to the Department. If you would like to send him an E-mail note his address is: [reidstevens@berkeley.edu](mailto:reidstevens@berkeley.edu)

Tuesday afternoon I met with Erin Hardin and Kyle Binder to discuss their plans for a Departmental graduate conference this spring. For now, please save the date of April 24 on your calendar. More to follow on this, but they have big plans for a day-long event featuring faculty and graduates students, with the objective of learning and sharing more about the research we have underway in the Department. Thanks to both Erin and Kyle for their leadership and initiative on this. They are also planning some other events for this semester, but more on those later.

Wednesday afternoon I met with the MAB program students, and provided a welcome to the new arrivals. Three new MABs this semester will take the total in the program to 32, after graduating 12 in December. Please welcome these new students to the Department. They are eager to get started and looking forward to a great semester.

Thursday I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Paula Rees who is interviewing for the Director of the Texas Water Resources Institute. She's currently the Director of the Massachusetts Water Research Center, located at Amherst. Her seminar is today at 1:30 in Room 129 AGLS. Please attend if your schedule permits. Next week we have Dr. Murugesu Sivapalan from the University of Illinois interviewing as well.

Finally, please join me in welcoming our students back to campus next week. Yes, I know the traffic has already increased exponentially, but the hustle and bustle of new students buds promise and hope. I wish all of you a successful semester and look forward to a great year.

Enjoy the long weekend, and I'll see you next week!!

***Save These Dates for Ag Economics Tailgates: September 12<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup>!!***

### 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://agriflife.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>

The Food Distribution Research Society is pleased to accept applications for the **2015 Richardson-Applebaum Award**, which is awarded annually for outstanding student research in the area of food distribution and marketing. The competition is open to all graduate students with scholarly interest and career aspirations in the food distribution system who have completed the degree in 2014, or by May, 2015. The categories are: • Best Ph.D. Dissertation, • Best M.S. Thesis, • Best M.S. Case Study or Research Paper. Students can learn more about submitting an application in the attached Call for Applications or at [www.fdrsinc.org](http://www.fdrsinc.org). Applications are due May 30th, 2015.

### Upcoming Birthdays

Suzy Pryor	1/20
Sandra Norman	1/24
John Siebert	2/1



### U.S. Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security

**Application Deadline: Monday, March 9, 2015**

The U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security Program will hold its fourth annual Summer Institute on Global Food Security **Sunday, June 7- Saturday, June 20, 2015** on the campus of Purdue University in West Lafayette, IN. This two-week learning program is for graduate students who are interested in developing a holistic understanding of the conceptual challenges around global food security with a focus on cross-disciplinary problem solving of real-world development challenges. Applicants must have completed at least one semester of graduate study and be enrolled in a U.S. institution at the time of application. **U.S. citizenship is not required.** Applications and information on previous Summer Institutes are available at the [program website](#).

### U.S. Borlaug Fellows Graduate Research Grant

**Application Deadline: Monday, April 13, 2015**

The U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security graduate research grant supports exceptional graduate students who are interested in developing a component of their graduate research in a developing country setting and in collaboration with a mentor from an International Agricultural Research Center (IARC) or a qualifying National Agricultural Research System (NARS) unit. **U.S. citizenship is required**, and applicants must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. graduate program at the time of application. A list of previous recipients is [here](#). Applications are available at the [program website](#).

Questions may be sent to [borlaugfellows@purdue.edu](mailto:borlaugfellows@purdue.edu).

# Thank You!!

## Dr. Siebert

for hosting Friday coffee



### Position Announcements

**Assistant or Associate Professor**, University of Nebraska-Lincoln – Department of Child, Youth and Family Studies is seeking to hire a faculty member at the Assistant or Associate Professor rank who will contribute needed expertise related to the effects of poverty and other social determinants of health and opportunity on food availability, food choices, food insecurity, and health and education inequalities. The responsibilities of this 12-month tenure-line position include research and scholarship (55%), cooperative extension (40%), and service to the university (5%). Interested candidates must apply online at <http://employment.unl.edu>, requisition #F\_140219. Please attach the following documents: 1) letter of application that includes a brief narrative addressing your qualifications for the position, 2) curriculum vita, 3) contact information for three professional references, and 4) a sample of your publications. Applicants will also need to make arrangements to have copies of their graduate transcripts documenting degrees earned sent to Search Committee Chair, PO Box 880236, Lincoln, NE 68588-0236. Review of applications will begin February 15, 2015. For inquiries, please email: Maria de Guzman at [mguzman2@unl.edu](mailto:mguzman2@unl.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)