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Upcoming Events

January 2015

23rd-Faculty Meeting AGLS 129

February 2015

3rd-Retiree Coffee

Rosson's Roundup

This week was highlighted by meetings with candidates for Director of the Texas Water Resources Institute, the Energy Institute Symposium, the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program awards reception and ceremony and scheduling meetings for Jason Shogren's visit.

The TWRI interviews and seminars went well. Both candidates bring different strengths to the position and have potential to shape the future of TWRI. One important aspect of the background of both was their focus on flood control and abatement. That will mean some shift in direction for whoever gets the position. One of the most interesting discussions in one of the seminars was how basic science can lead to applications, and how there really should not be such a large gap between the two. Please provide input on the candidates if you attended any of the meetings.

Tuesday, Ron Lacewell, Bruce McCarl, Rich Woodward and I attended the opening of the Energy Institute Symposium. Chris Floudas is the new Director of the institute and has great plans to engage faculty from across the university in research programs. He comes to Texas A&M from Princeton where he was Professor of Engineering and Applied Science and Chemical and Biological Engineering. I expect to see his strategic vision unfold over the next few months and will let you know of opportunities.

Wednesday night I attended the TALL awards program in Austin. Getting parked at the downtown event took nearly as long as it took to drive from here to Austin, but that's normal with the Legislature in session, I suppose. I would not want to have to deal with that every day! Numerous state legislators attended the ceremony, along with the Chancellor, the Interim President, Acting Vice Chancellor and Dean, and the Directors of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and Research. The purpose of the event was to introduce the new TALL Class 14, one of whom is our own Cody White, who is with CoBank in Lubbock. Cody was an Agribusiness graduate of the class of 2000 and is the Relationship Manager for the bank. Congratulations Cody! The main honoree of the night was Marcus Hill, '71, President and CEO of AgWorkers Mutual Auto Insurance Company. Marcus is a strong supporter of all things agricultural, including Agricultural Economics. Please congratulate him if you have the opportunity and thank him for his support.

Jason Shogren will be here February 5-6 to visit the University, several Colleges and the Department. We are working on his itinerary and hope to have it to you soon. Jason's visit is part of the University Energy Grand Challenge Initiative. Please save some time both days to visit with Jason.

Reminder: Faculty Meeting Today, 3 p.m., Room 129 AGLS.

Have a great weekend!!

**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. Applications are due May 30th, 2015.

Upcoming Birthdays

Sandra Norman	1/24
John Siebert	2/1
Fred Boadu	2/18
Ron Griffin	2/18
Douglass Shaw	2/18



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.

Thank You!!
Ariun Ishdorj
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.

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.

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.

[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