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## Upcoming Events

### December

- 4th-Steve Polasky, TIAS Fellow, Seminar 2 p.m.
- 10th-Holiday Luncheon
- 16th-Faculty Meeting
- 18th-Commencement

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

Congratulations to James Richardson, Joe Outlaw, Henry Bryant, George Knapek, and Pat Westhoff and Peter Zimmel with FAPRI at the University of Missouri. The Agricultural and Policy Analysis and Education Team members were notified that they will receive the Vice Chancellor's Award in Partnership Collaboration at the Texas A&M AgriLife Center on January 14, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Congratulations to Tiffany Dowell Lashmet whose blog was again recognized in the Top 100 by the American Bar Association! This is the second straight year for Tiffany's blog to be recognized by the ABA, so Tiffany, thanks for your efforts and keep up the great work! You can read or sign up for the blog at: <http://agrilife.org/texasaglaw/>

Congratulations to Luis Ribera, Marco Palma, Flynn Adcock and Jolanda Prozzi, Texas A&M Transportation Institute, for their excellent analysis of fresh produce imports from Mexico and the impacts on bridge operations in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Their work has been cited by numerous popular press outlets over the past week and is having a large impact on industry and policy decision making. Thanks for your efforts on this. The results of their work can be found at: <http://today.agrilife.org/2015/11/24/truck-traffic-study-of-pharr-bridge/>

Thursday morning, Ken Hogan, Senior VP and Head of Foreign Exchange at Cadence Bank – Houston, met with AGEK 452 students to discuss the effects of currencies on trade and the overall economy. Coincidentally, the European Central Bank lowered its discount rate just before Ken began speaking to my class, so the timing was superb. The ECB action gave Ken the opportunity to talk about the effects of a weaker US dollar on agricultural exports-which ties in very well with our earlier class discussions on exchange rate impacts on trade. Thanks to Ken for sharing his expertise with us and congratulations again on being selected as the COALS Outstanding Young Alumnus in 2014!

Friday, we have Steve Polasky, Regents Professor, Ecological/Environmental Economics, University of Minnesota on campus as the Department's first Texas A&M Institute for Advanced Study (TIAS) Fellow. Aside from meeting with faculty, graduate students and administrators, Steve will be presenting a TIAS Fellows Lecture on "The Challenge of Valuing Natural Capital" at 2:00 in AGLS 129. I hope you can all attend. This is a great opportunity to meet one of the world's top scientists and see what his plans are while making multiple visits to the Department of Agricultural Economics over the next two years. Bruce McCarl and Rich Woodward are his hosts, so thanks for doing this.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the wonderful December weather we are having!

## AG ECONOMICS HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

FACULTY, STAFF, GRAD STUDENTS & STUDENT WORKERS

JOIN US FOR LUNCH ON  
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT  
NOON ON THE 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DISH TO SHARE



Here is the link to the signup sheet!

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nOW4Ouyk4CjWidVEX9hPSYXt\\_mLzCmQPuGfkJdYuaMg/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1nOW4Ouyk4CjWidVEX9hPSYXt_mLzCmQPuGfkJdYuaMg/edit?usp=sharing)

## New Publication



"An historical perspective on health-risk awareness and unhealthy behavior: cigarette smoking in the United States, 1949-1981". 2015. Andrew Leidner (former PhD student here at A&M), W. Douglass Shaw, and Steven T. Yen. *Health Expectations*, Volume 18, Issue 6, pages 2720–2730, December 2015

## Upcoming Birthdays

*Flynn Adcock* 12/4

*Senarath Dharmasena* 12/4

*Connie Moore* 12/9

*John Park* 12/9



## Thank You!!

## Commons Committee

*for hosting Friday coffee*



## Position Announcements

**Assistant Professor-Economics of Animal Agriculture**, Colorado State University, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. The successful candidate will explore how the North American livestock industry innovates and adapts to economic changes including product characteristics, trade and consumption patterns, technology adoption, scale of operation, climate uncertainty and geographic clustering by species. Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, business management, or related field completed no later than Aug. 1, 2016. To apply, please submit: a cover letter, Curriculum Vitae, a one-page research and outreach agenda (five-year horizon) (under "Statement of Research Philosophy), available evidence of teaching performance (such as "course materials", "class or student evaluations", and/or "statement of teaching philosophy" or "other"), research paper ("under "Publication 1"), contact information of three references who will be solicited for reference letters, and transcripts (unofficial) for all graduate study. Applications completed by **12/15/2015** will receive full consideration. For more information go to:

<https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/18560>

**Post-doctoral Researcher** position in Agribusiness at the Department of Agricultural, Environmental, and Development Economics at The Ohio State University. Applicants with interest in agribusiness finance, structural changes in agriculture, agricultural markets and marketing, or agricultural policy are encouraged to apply. This position can be located in Columbus, Ohio or in Washington, DC. The successful applicant is expected to participate and contribute to the Farm Income Enhancement Program: <http://aede.osu.edu/programs/farm-income-enhancement-program>. The successful applicant will hold a Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, business, or related fields at the time of hire. The candidate should have research experience in agribusiness or agricultural economics. Application materials (CV, statement of qualifications and experience, names and contact information for three references, graduate school transcript, and research paper sample) may be emailed to: Dr. Ani Katchova, [katchova.1@osu.edu](mailto:katchova.1@osu.edu). Applications will be accepted until the position is filled, but those received before January 1, 2016 will receive priority consideration.

[Click here for more position announcements](#)

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.

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