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## Upcoming Events

### December

- 16th-Faculty Meeting
- 18th-Commencement
- 24th-Jan 1st-Holiday Break

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

We are nearing the end of the semester and it's time for final exams. I've had lots of students come see me about various topics on the final I'm going to give Monday afternoon. So the pace is picking up, along with eagerness for the semester to end. We are expecting 20 Masters in Agribusiness graduates, eight MS and two PhDs. We will have 46 AGECE graduates and 27 Agribusiness graduates, so a fairly large contingent of our students will be moving on into the 'real world.'

**REMEMBER**, final grades for non-degree seeking students are due by NOON, Monday, December 21. Final grades for degree candidates are due by 6:00 p.m., Thursday, December 17. Thanks in advance for adhering to these deadlines. As in the past, grades can be entered in Howdy.

**Input needed on eCampus.** Some of you have let me know of problems using eCampus this semester- either instructor problems, student problems or both. If you have had issues with eCampus that have affected the effectiveness of your course, please let me know. A university committee is being formed to dig into these issues and input on specific problems is needed.

We had an excellent lecture by Steve Polasky last Friday on The Challenges of Valuing Natural Capital. Steve is our first Texas A&M Institute for Advanced Study (TIAS) Fellow. There were more than 75 in attendance for this event and the feedback I've received has been excellent. We had an audience from across the campus, so the multi-disciplinary interest was high. Dr. Polasky will return next semester for a couple of visits with faculty and graduate students, as he pursues research interests here. I'll let you know as the dates approach and we will arrange for some joint meetings with him, along with some additional outreach activities. Thanks to all who participated in this event.

Thursday at noon was our annual Holiday Luncheon for faculty, staff and graduate students. There was a great turnout, and in fact, serving continued until about 1:30 to accommodate many graduate students who had some prior commitments. THANK YOU Commons Committee! Thanks too to all who brought side dishes and desserts-they were excellent!!

Have a great weekend! We should be getting some rain and more seasonal temperatures!!

## New Publication



Palma, Marco A., Alba J. Collart, and Christopher J. Chammoun. 2015. "Information Asymmetry in Consumer Perceptions of Quality-Differentiated Food Products." *Journal of Consumer Affairs* 49 (3):596-612. doi: 10.1111/joca.12053.

## Upcoming Birthdays

Wayne Hayenga 12/12  
Monica Irick 12/22  
Natalie Outlaw 12/23  
Marco Palma 12/24  
Marc Raulston 12/28



## **Thank You!!**

Connie, Tiffany, Danny,  
David, Marco, & Flynn



*for hosting Friday coffee*



## Position Announcements

**Associate or Full Professor** in Agricultural Economics, The University of California, Riverside (UCR) is embarking on a major new hiring initiative that will add 300 tenure track positions in 33 cross-disciplinary areas selected through a peer-reviewed competition. Over the next three years, we will hire multiple faculty members in each area and invest in research infrastructure to support their work. As part of this cluster hire, the University of California, Riverside invites applications for a senior faculty appointment at the Associate or Full Professor level in Agricultural Economics with a focus on agricultural production of citrus, other perennial crops such as grapes or avocado, and other annual crops important to southern California. Applicants must have a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or a related field. Complete applications will include a cover letter of interest, a current CV, samples of research work, evidence of teaching effectiveness, statement of research, and names and contact information of 5-7 references. All materials must be uploaded using UCR's on-line application system located at <https://aprecruit.ucr.edu/apply/JPF00479>. To ensure full consideration, applications and supporting material should be received by January 15, 2016.

**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.

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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.

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