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Upcoming Events

February 2015

- 21st-Climate Change Seminar
- 27th-Aggie Rep Applications due

March 2015

- 2nd-Texas Independence Day
- 6th-Employee Appreciation Day

Rosson's Roundup

Monday the Department Head Steering Committee, composed of one department head from each college, met with the Provost. After an overview of the President and Deans searches, we received an update on how things are progressing in the legislative session. The outlook is generally positive at this point. We spent most of the time discussing Academic Analytics, metrics and areas for improvement, such as increasing research expenditures across the University. We also talked about the need for faculty to be aware of paid time-off policies and the importance of adhering to those policies. Both of these issues were discussed in our faculty meeting Wednesday.

Tuesday afternoon the AgriLife Department Heads met with the Council of Resident Directors (CORD). CORD is composed of the Research and Extension Center Directors from around the state. Each department head provided a brief overview of their unit, followed by center overviews by each director. We then had a great discussion of areas for collaboration, joint project and areas of mutual interest. I believe one thing that came through to me was the need and interest by the directors to host and support more graduate students at their centers. We have opportunities to get some excellent experience for our students, so please keep CORD needs in mind when planning and applying for grants. Real world field experience can give our students a unique advantage.

I'm in Austin at the Ag Forum part of Friday, then heading to San Antonio for development work. So, have a great weekend, enjoy the rain, which always seems to welcome baseball season-we have Penn State here starting Friday evening!

REMINDERS:

Climate Change and the Environment Conference, Saturday, February 21, 1- 3 p.m. in 501 Rudder Tower- featuring our own Bruce McCarl. I hope you can attend.

Research Symposium hosted by our Graduate Students, Friday, April 24, 9 – 3:30 p.m., Equine Complex- details to follow soon.

We have two active positions for which we are recruiting: Community Economics and Business Development and District 12 (Weslaco) Extension Economist. Both are Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist. Please reach out to potential candidates and urge them to apply. David Anderson and Luis Ribera are the respective search committee chairs.

The Energy Market Analysis and Decision Making search committee is being formed. Let me know if you have an interest in serving.

Concerned or curious about

climate change?

But... not sure where to start?

**Feb 21
FREE PUBLIC
EVENT**



Agriculture in a Changing Climate: Challenges & Opportunities

Part 1: What's Happening: The Science of Climate Change

with Dr. Andrew Dessler, Texas A&M, @1:00-1:30p



Part 2: Why it's a Problem: Agricultural Impacts

with Dr. Bruce McCarl, Texas A&M, @1:30-2:00p



Part 3: What We Can Do About It: Building Political Will & Engaging Congress

with Ricky Bradley, Citizens' Climate Lobby @2:00-3:30pm

WHEN: Saturday, Feb. 21 @ 1:00-3:30p
WHERE: Texas A&M Campus, Rudder Tower, Rm. 501
401 Joe Routh Blvd, College Station, TX 77840

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CELEBRATING STAFF! Staff Appreciation Week



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Watch for updates to be posted at staff.tamu.edu as events are finalized.

17th Annual National Value Added Agriculture Conference

Austin, Texas on May 18-20, 2015.

**Online Registration Now Open! Deadline for registration is
5:00 pm April 27, 2015.**

For more information about the conference and conference registration, please visit website : <http://www.agmrc.org/national-value-added-agriculture-conference/>

Upcoming Birthdays

Toni Merchant	3/3
Ariun Ishdorj	3/4
Jennifer Braziel	3/9
Candice Foster	3/12



Thank You!!

*Grad Student
Association*



for hosting Friday coffee

Position Announcements

Assistant Professor and Extension Economist - Community Economics and Business Development, 100% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) appointment in the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is a full time, non-tenure track position. Responsibilities involve statewide leadership and coordination for Extension education programs and applied research in Community Economics and Business Development. A PhD degree in Agricultural Economics, Economics, Business, Regional Planning, or closely related field required. Application Process: Go to greatjobs website to apply electronically. <https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/> Refer to Notice of Vacancy (NOV) # (07809). Please send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and letters of reference to Dr. Rosson at the address below. Parr Rosson, Professor and Department Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2124, Phone: 979-845-2116; fax 979-862-1563, E-mail: PRosson@tamu.edu

Assistant Professor and Extension Economist – Management, District 12, Weslaco, Texas. 100% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) through the Department of Agricultural Economics. This is a permanent, full time, non-tenure track position. Responsibilities involve district leadership and coordination for Extension education programs and applied research in management, marketing, resources, and policy by providing technical expertise and educational program development for industry audiences such as farmers and ranchers, merchandisers, processors, irrigation districts, lenders, and users. A Ph.D. degree, either completed, or all but dissertation, in Agricultural Economics or closely related field along with coursework in one or more of the following areas; farm management, management, marketing, policy, and risk management is required. Closing Date for Applications: March 15, 2015. Application Process: Go to greatjobs website to apply electronically. <https://greatjobs.tamu.edu/> Refer to Notice of Vacancy (NOV) # 08177. Please send cover letter, resume, transcripts, and have letters of reference sent to Dr. Rosson at the address below. Parr Rosson, Professor and Department Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, Texas A&M University, 2124 TAMU, College Station, TX 77843-2124, Phone: 979-845-2116; fax 979-862-1563 E-mail: PRosson@tamu.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