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## Upcoming Events

### April 2015

- 1st-Reception for Mark & Melissa Hussey 3:30 YMCA-Great Hall
- 5th-Easter
- 6th-Immigration Symposium
- 7th-Retiree Coffee

## *Rosson's Roundup*

First, I'd like to say Thank You! to all of our departmental staff. This is Staff Appreciation Week and we began with breakfast Tuesday morning. We had a very good turnout and I believe it was enjoyed by all. Toni Merchant and Connie Smotek were recipients of continued development certificates. Natalie Outlaw and Dan Hanselka received the door prizes. Thanks to Valerie and Norma who pulled this together. It was a great event.

I attended two interesting meetings this week, one related to departmental metrics and the other on immigration employment. The firm Academic Analytics which provides the universities with metrics for awards, citations, grants and publications had three representatives on campus to discuss how to more effectively use their tool. A number of department heads had an excellent session with them discussing how to tailor Academic Analytics to more effectively be used as a management tool and how the input data are compiled. We also had a good discussion on how to add things, such as missing journals and conferences to the data base. I anticipate using this tool more as new features are added.

Mario Rojo del Busto, Assistant Dean of Faculties and Director of International Faculty and Student Services led a two hour session on Immigration Employment for Faculty. He covered types of immigration status and visas, visiting scholars, permanent employment, department head responsibilities and some key things to remember. One of the main messages I received was that these rules are changing, with new requirements placed on departments each year. The good news is that the IFSS is here to assist us work through these changes, and is even doing more to assist than in the past. For our faculty, the key thing to remember about any international visitor is to let us know well in advance so that proper approvals can be obtained.

Congratulations to Dusty Menzies for receiving the University Honors Faculty Member and a Critical Thinking Fellow for COALS 2015. And congratulations to Rachel Hood who was crowned the 2015 Robertson County Fair Queen.

I'm in Austin Friday at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences Development Council meeting. I plan to visit with many of our former students there and meet the new leadership of COADC.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the very seasonal weather!!

**Important Information:** Significant number of bats on TAMU campus. If you should come in contact with a bat, find one dead or alive in a campus building, or see a live bat anywhere that cannot fly, call the Facilities Services Communications Center immediately at (979) 845-4311. For more information about bats and rabies, please visit the Texas Department of State Health Services Infectious Disease Control Web site: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/disease/rabies/>.

## New Publication



Bento Ferreira, Joaquim, **Luis A. Ribera**, and Mark Horridge. "Deforestation Control and Agricultural Supply in Brazil." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*. 97(2): 589-601; doi:10.1093/ajae/aa004

## Upcoming Birthdays

Danny Klinefelter 4/5

Valerie Gerbig 4/6

George Knapek 4/8



## Thank You!!

Rebekka,

Dan, & Dean

for hosting Friday coffee



## 2015 Texas A & M Immigration Symposium

### Sessions of Interest to Faculty Members & Principal Investigators

#### Exchange Visitors Program for Scholars and Student Interns (10:15 - 11:00)

Virginie Blum, IFSS Immigration Specialist Exchange Visitors Program  
Shilpa Hegde, IFSS Sr. Immigration Specialist

#### All You Need to Know About Export Controls (1:30 - 2:30)

Katherine Rojo del Busto, Associate VP for Research  
Rose Ndegwa, Expor: Controls Coordinator, VPR

### Attend in person or remotely via Zoom Monday, April 6, 2015 • MSC

Registration is required. Sign up to attend or for zoom access by March 30th at:  
<http://ifss.tamu.edu/2015/symposium/PI>

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## Position Announcements

**Lecturer**, University of Connecticut, The College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources is seeking to fill a full-time, nine-month non-tenure track position with teaching responsibilities in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. Start date is August 23, 2015. Minimum qualifications: A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or Economics or related field, Excellent oral and written communication skills, Commitment and desire to teach and mentor students. To apply, please submit the following materials through Husky Hire at <http://www.jobs.uconn.edu/faculty> (College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources, Search #2015146): (1) a cover letter; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) teaching statement (including teaching philosophy, teaching experience, and commitment to effective learning); and (4) graduate transcripts. If available, also upload copies of teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching effectiveness. Three letters of reference should be sent to AREsearch@uconn.edu, Search #2015146. Evaluation of applications will begin immediately and continue until April 13, 2015. For more information regarding the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics please visit the department website at <http://www.are.uconn.edu>. For questions, call 860-486-2836 or send email to [Karen.nye@uconn.edu](mailto:Karen.nye@uconn.edu).

**Assistant Professor**, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR Tenure Track – 9 month appointment. Teaching/research. A Ph.D. in economics, agricultural economics or applied economics is required. The candidate must have strong training in economic theory and quantitative methods, strong oral and written communications skills, and the ability to interact effectively with students, other faculty, industry stakeholders and the public. Teaching experience is preferred. Position Available: August 2015 Application Process: Review of applications will begin May 1, 2015. Interested candidates are requested to submit a letter of application, including a statement of qualifications, a curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, and at least three professional letters of references to: Dr. Steve Halbrook, Department Head, C/O Tonya Foster, University of Arkansas, 217 AGRI Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-575-2281, [halbrook@uark.edu](mailto:halbrook@uark.edu)

**Teaching Instructor**, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR. Non-Tenure Track – Instructor, 100% teaching – 9 month appointment – possible summer work. Qualifications: - An M.S. in Agricultural or Applied Economics or closely related field is required. A Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or related field, and teaching experience at the collegiate level is strongly preferred. Interested candidates are requested to submit a letter of application, including a statement of qualifications, a curriculum vitae, academic transcripts, and name, complete address, and telephone number of at least three professional references to: Dr. Steve Halbrook, Department Head, C/O Tonya Foster, University of Arkansas, 217 AGRI Building, Fayetteville, AR 72701 479-575-2281, [halbrook@uark.edu](mailto:halbrook@uark.edu) Completed applications received by May 1, 2015 will be assured full 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. Please send your information to [valnoyes@tamu.edu](mailto:valnoyes@tamu.edu)