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Upcoming Events

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- 13th-Daylight Savings Time
- 14th-18th-Spring Break
- 17th-18th-Holiday
- 23rd-Faculty Meeting
- 25th-Seminar

Rosson's Roundup

Last Friday at the International Livestock Congress in Houston, Kathryn Fields, PhD student in Agricultural Economics, was recognized for receiving one of 12 International Stockmen's Education Foundation Student Travel Fellowships. She was selected from applicants across the globe, with other winners from Australia, Brazil, Canada and India. Congratulations to Kathryn for this honor and for her role in supporting this year's Congress theme: Beef's Role in Feeding the World!

Tuesday I participated with several other department heads in the Soil and Crop Sciences Academic Program Review. We met with the team of four reviewers to discuss each of our departments, our degrees, enrollment trends and focal points of study. I believe our input was well received and that the review team came away with a solid perspective on Texas A&M AgriLife and its role in the university.

Thursday we had several visitors in the Department. Valerie Miller was here to interview for the Natural Resource and Policy Economics research position at El Paso and was accompanied by Ari Michelson, Resident Director of the El Paso Research and Extension Center. Thanks, Ari, for fighting through the rough weather and delayed flights to get here. Greg Torell will be here March 24 to interview for the same position.

Ms. Dana Coale, Deputy Administrator of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service Dairy Program also provided remarks to a group of faculty and graduate students. She was accompanied by Cary Hunter, Market Administrator for the Southwest Marketing Area. Thanks to AFCERC for hosting this great opportunity for our students.

David Gibson, Executive Director of the Texas Corn Producers, provided an excellent overview of his organization, his role there and what they do. He also highlighted some of the challenges faced by Texas agriculture, such as policy and regulatory changes, and water issues, along with some of the positives such as new technology and cropping systems improvements. Thanks to the GSA for arranging this visit and to Justin Benavidez for his introduction of David. David was Justin's 4 - H program leader in Tulia, Texas, so there is a special bond there.

Steve Polasky was here Friday to plan the upcoming year as he begins his stint as a Texas A&M Institute for Advanced Study Fellow. He returns to Minnesota next week, but please welcome him to the Department.

Monday and Tuesday I'll be in Washington, DC to testify before the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Subcommittee on Terrorism, Non-proliferation and Trade on trade opportunities with Cuba. Monday evening I'm having dinner with Drs. Hussey and Elliott, and Rick Mertens, along with our ANRP Interns. It will be great to see our students in action.

Finally, Spring Break is here already! The Aggie baseball team hosts the Fresno State Bulldogs this weekend and the Longhorns Tuesday evening, so this should be a great series. The softball team hosts Texas Tech for a weekend series, with another foe from SWC and Big 12 days!

And, remember (I almost don't want to mention this) Daylight Savings Time starts Sunday. Have a safe and restful Spring Break!!

Just For Laughs

The dean of admissions at a prestigious university's School of Agriculture was interviewing a prospective student...



"What do you plan to do with a degree in agricultural economics and finance?" the dean asked.

"I dream of making millions of dollars buying and trading cattle, like my father," the student replied.

The dean was obviously impressed... "Your father made millions of dollars buying and trading cattle?"

"No," replied the applicant... "But he always dreamed of it."

New Publication



Palma, Marco A., Bridget K. Behe, Charles R. Hall, Patricia T. Huddleston, and Tom Fernandez. 2016. "Tracking position premiums in discrete choice experiments." *Applied Economics Letters*.
<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13504851.2016.1150941>

Upcoming Birthdays

<i>Candice Foster</i>	<i>3/12</i>
<i>James Richardson</i>	<i>3/17</i>
<i>Dmitry Vedenov</i>	<i>3/19</i>
<i>Jennifer Newsom</i>	<i>3/23</i>
<i>John Robinson</i>	<i>3/23</i>



*Don't forget!!
Set your clocks
forward 1 hour
Sunday, March 13th.*

Position Announcements

Assistant Professor in Economic Development in Northern and Aboriginal Communities, University of Alberta. The Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology (REES) invites applications from outstanding individuals for a tenure-track position of Assistant Professor in Economic Development in Northern and Aboriginal Communities. Candidates must demonstrate potential to achieve excellence in research and teaching at undergraduate and graduate levels. Scholars interested in learning more about the Department of REES and the research programs of the staff are invited to view (<http://www.ales.ualberta.ca/rees/>) or contact the Department Chair, Dr. Peter Boxall (pboxall@ualberta.ca). Interested candidates should send a CV, names of three references, and a statement of current and future research interests to: Chair, Department of REES at the link below. Please submit this as one document. Applications will start to be examined on April 1, 2016. <http://www.careers.ualberta.ca/Competition/A108928683/>

Term Assistant Professor/Lecturer in Agribusiness / Agricultural Economics, University of Alberta.

The Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology (REES), Faculty of Agricultural, Life and Environmental Sciences (ALES), invites applications for a 2 year (with possibility of a 1 year extension) term position for an Assistant Professor in Agribusiness / Agricultural Economics. We are specifically interested in individuals with teaching and research interests in Agricultural and Food Business Management or closely related fields. Scholars interested in learning more about the Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology and the research programs of the staff are invited to view our Home Page (<http://www.ales.ualberta.ca/rees/>) or contact the Department Chair, Dr. Peter Boxall (pboxall@ualberta.ca). Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology, 515 General Services Building, University of Alberta, Edmonton, Alberta T6G 2H1 Canada. Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae, names of three references, a teaching dossier and any available teaching ratings, and a brief statement about research interests to: Chair, Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology at the above address. Applications will start to be examined on April 1, 2016.

[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.

Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu