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Upcoming Events

April

- 29th-Seminar
- Eng-Life Workshop

May

- 2nd-SKYP Lunch
- 3rd-Retiree Coffee
- 4th-Aggie Reps Retreat

Rosson's Roundup

First, congratulations to David Bessler who received the Association of Former Students Distinguished Achievement Award in Research. The ceremony recognizing David's contributions was held Monday in Rudder Theater. He was one of six Research Award recipients and the only awardee from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. Again, congratulations on this prestigious award and thank you for your continuing contributions to Texas A&M University.

Tuesday afternoon Fred Boadu and I met with Vanessa Casado at the Texas A&M Law School to discuss her role in our department's teaching program. She is interested in the institutional framework affecting natural resources and the economy. Vanessa will be arriving in Fort Worth permanently in early August and plans to visit College Station at that time. We are making plans to involve her in undergraduate and graduate courses, and graduate research as interests are established.

Wednesday I had the opportunity to attend the 2016 National Conference on Extension Risk Management in Fort Worth. My task at this event was to welcome about 300 participants to Texas and provide them with an overview of agriculture in the state and our Extension capabilities in risk management. This was a great event and part of an overall effort across the country to more effectively assist producers to manage risk, especially in the current market environment being faced today. Thanks to Stan Bevers, Jason Johnson and Emmy Kiphen who were there representing our Extension Economics group.

Have a great weekend! Aggie Softball is at home hosting Florida, while the Aggie Baseball team is on the road at Arkansas.

Sihong Chen

PhD Candidate, Texas A&M University

Body Mass Index in Chinese Families: Spousal Correlation and Intergenerational Transmission

This study presents spousal and intergenerational correlations in body mass index (BMI) of Chinese families from 1991 to 2011. We use socioeconomic and behavioral control variables to explain an individual's BMI, and consider two alternative methods for dealing with possible endogeneity due to omitted variables: (1) including spousal variables to proxy for omitted variables and (2) modeling spousal BMI in a hierarchical framework to explicitly allow for a "couple" effect. We find spousal and parents' BMI are strong predictors in regressions, and document the effect of education changes over time.

Friday, April 29th
1:00 pm
AGLS 301

Performance evaluations for non-faculty employees are due by May 31, 2016. The Department internal deadline is Monday, May 20, 2016 in order to finalize the online process by the 31st. A matrix showing evaluation time periods, forms, and due dates is in the Performance Management section at: <http://agrilifeas.tamu.edu/documents/evaluation-matrices.pdf> Thank you for your cooperation!

New Publication



"Willingness to Pay to Avoid Arsenic-Related Risks: A Special Regressor Approach." Thierry Kalisa, Mary Riddel, and W.D. Shaw. *J. of Environmental Economics and Policy*, 2016, 5 (2): 143-162. Published on-line June 25, 2015.

Upcoming Birthdays

Loren Burns	5/2
Gary Williams	5/6
Donna Adcock	5/13
Donna Chester	5/20



Thank You!!
Connie S., Eleni R.,
and Caitlin O.

for hosting Friday coffee



Position Announcements

Professor and Head, The Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education (AESE) in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State University. The Head will lead faculty and staff in implementing and enhancing the Department's undergraduate and graduate education programs, Cooperative Extension and outreach initiatives, and guide and enhance the Department's research environment to meet the needs of stakeholders and sponsors. The Head is responsible for AESE's overall operations, including academic affairs, personnel, and finances. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated ability for highly effective administrative leadership and management of a multi-disciplinary, multi-function department. For a complete position announcement, <https://psu.jobs/job/63125> Review of applications will begin on September 1, 2016.

Agribusiness Assistant Professor - Western Illinois University. A nine-month tenure-track position in Agricultural Economics. Earned doctorate in agricultural economics, agribusiness, economics or closely related discipline is required by start of contract. Evidence of actual or potential success in teaching, research, and service is expected. Primary responsibilities include teaching courses in agribusiness, agricultural policy, trade, sales and/or other related agricultural courses. Other duties include conducting research/service and working with student organizations. Evaluation of applicants begins May 16, 2016. Position is available August 18, 2016. Submit an application letter, curriculum vita, copy of college transcripts, statements of teaching philosophy and research interests, and contact information for a minimum of four current professional references. Questions regarding the search may be directed to Dr. Kevin Bacon at KJ-Bacon@wiu.edu. For a full position description including instructions for submitting required materials please see: <https://wiu.interviewexchange.com/jobofferdetails.jsp?JOBID=70721>

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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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