Rosson’s Roundup

We have wrapped up the semester and are getting ready for the first summer session. What you may not realize, though, is that new student conferences started this Thursday and will continue throughout much of the summer. Due to renovations of the Kleberg Building, the conferences will start in ILSB, followed by busing of students to the AgriLife Complex. So, don’t be surprised if you see more students around than usual for this time of year. I’m looking forward to meeting with as many of our new students as I can, and that process has already started.

Tiffany Lashmet will be conducting three workshops on agricultural land leases. The workshops will focus on the use of written leases, terms and provisions, landowner liability and payment. These events also involve Shannon Ferrell of Oklahoma State University and Texas A&M AgriLife Extension agents Austin Voyles and Fred Hall. The first workshop is June 1 in Stillwater, OK, the second is June 3 in Fort Worth and the final one will be June 23 in Amarillo. The workshops are being sponsored by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension and the Southern Extension Risk Management Education Center. For more information, contact Tiffany at tiffany.dowellLashmet@ag.tamu.edu. She can be contacted by telephone at 806-677-5600.

Have a great weekend and safe Memorial Day. The Aggie baseball team is at the SEC Tournament in Hoover, Alabama.
Position Announcements

Science Analyst, National Science Foundation. This position is located in the Division of Social and Economic Sciences (SES) within the Directorate for Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE). Applicants must have a Ph.D. in a social or economic science; or a Master’s in a social or economic science, plus after award of the Master's degree, two or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position; or a Bachelor’s in a social or economic science, plus after award of the Bachelor's degree, four or more years of successful research, research administration, and/or managerial experience pertinent to the position. For more information go to: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/439716200. Closes 06/03/2016.

Teaching Assistant Professor in Agribusiness / Entrepreneurship / Natural Resources & Energy, Division of Resource Management, Davis College – School of Natural Resources, West Virginia University. The successful candidate will develop a high-quality teaching program to support the missions of the Agricultural and Resource Economics program within the Division of Resource Management, and the WVU Davis College. The incumbent in this 100% teaching, nine-month, non tenure-track position will also assume leadership of the undergraduate major in Environmental and Energy Resources Management (eQuad: http://energy.davis.wvu.edu/equad). Minimum of a Master’s degree; Ph.D. or J.D. preferred. Candidates should submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, college / university transcripts, and arrange for three professional references sent directly to: Dr. Alan R. Collins, Search Committee Chair, West Virginia University, Division of Resource Management, PO Box 6108, Morgantown, WV 26506, 304-293-5486 (Phone), Alan.Collins@mail.wvu.edu A review of applications will begin June 1, 2016.

Postdoctoral Research Position in Water Resources, Department of Geography & Environmental Sustainability, University of Oklahoma, is seeking a one-year postdoctoral researcher to conduct non-market evaluation of ecosystem services in the US Rio Grande River Basin and assess people’s willingness to pay to protect the river water resources. Start date: October 1, 2016 (or as soon as possible thereafter), Duration: 1 year (a possibility for a renewal might open, but is not anticipated right now), Salary: $60,000, Funding agency: US Geological Survey (USGS). Required qualifications: • PhD in one of the following areas: Environmental and Resource Economics, Economics, Agricultural Economics, Ecological Economics, Environmental Sustainability, Environmental Sciences, Operations Research, or a related field, • Applied experience with contingent valuation methodology. Applicants should send the following materials by email to Dr. Jad Ziolkowska at jziolkowska@ou.edu (1) cover letter (max. 2 pages) describing research experience and how the applicant’s skills can contribute to the project, (2) curriculum vitae, (3) one publication or working paper, and (4) names and contact information to three references. Initial review of applications will begin on June, 1st, 2016 and will continue until the position is filled. Informal interviews will be conducted at the 2016 AAEA meeting in Boston. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Jad Ziolkowska as soon as possible at jziolkowska@ou.edu for further details about this research opportunity.

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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