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Upcoming Events

May

- 28th-Memorial Day
- 29th-First Day of Summer Classes

Words from Waller

It has been an interesting week, and it seems that I am learning a lot. On Tuesday afternoon we received the notice from our Dean, Patrick Stover, that I will I will serve as the Acting Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics while Dr. Rosson is serving as the Interim Director of the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. As the Dean's memorandum states, I will continue in my role as the Associate Head for Extension and Program Leader, and I will draw on the Department's excellent Associate and Assistant Department Heads and staff for support as we move forward. I have already met with several individuals and groups, and I will be trying to schedule more meetings in the coming weeks.

On Monday there was a nice lunchtime event at Christopher's restaurant for the induction of Art Smith '71 in to the Ty Timm Honor Registry. Art was accompanied by his wife Ranene and one of Art's Corp class mates and his wife. John Miller '90 inducted Art, and several retired and current faculty were able to attend. It was a very nice event, and I would like to send out special thanks to Dr. Nichols, Dr. Rister, Merritt Weeks, and Tracy Davis for their leadership to make the event so special.

On Tuesday afternoon, we had a retirement reception honoring Dr. J. Richard Connor. Dr. Conner received his PHD from Texas A&M in Agricultural Economics in 1970 and has served the profession well for 48 years (the last 37 here at Texas A&M). Dr. Connor was accompanied by his wife Neta, his son Michael and daughter-in-law Lana along with long-time friends and coworkers. I would like to thank Dr. Ron Lacewell, Dr. Urs Krueter, Dr. David Leatham, Dr. Bob Whitson, Brandi Blankenship, and Christina Hilliard for all of their help in planning and coordinating the event.

Some of you may be aware of a new degree option that is jointly offered by Nutrition and Food Science, Biological and Agricultural Engineering, and Agricultural Economics. The Food Systems Industry Management (FSIM) major is on track to be offered for Fall 2018 here on campus, as well as at the Texas A&M University-McAllen Center. On Wednesday, I got to attend a FSIM leadership meeting with Dr. John Park to discuss our department's involvement in this effort. I have not been that involved in the discussions before now, so it was a good chance for me to learn more from Dr. Park and others on the team about the effort, our progress to this point, and plans for the future.

I spoke with Dr. Boadu yesterday via telephone, and he was very excited about the progress of the Ghana trip and the educational opportunities that our students are experiencing.

I am planning to attend a College of Agriculture Development Council meeting in Corpus Christi tomorrow, where I will have a chance to catch up with several of our former graduates.

Hope you all have a good weekend and stay cool!

New Publications



K. Wen and X. Wu, "Transformation-Kernel Estimation of Copula Densities,"
Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, accepted,

Link: <https://doi.org/10.1080/07350015.2018.1469999>

X. Wu, "Robust Likelihood Cross Validation for Kernel Density Estimation,"
Journal of Business and Economic Statistics, forthcoming,

Link: <https://doi.org/10.1080/07350015.2018.1424633>

X. Wu and R. Sickles, "Semiparametric estimation under shape constraints,"
Econometrics and Statistics, Vol. 6, 74-89, 2018.

Link: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ecosta.2017.06.001>

Happy Birthday!!

Donna Chester 5/20

David Anderson 5/23

Shahriar Kibriya 5/27

Luis Ribera 6/3

Mark Waller 6/5



Friday Coffee

Will Return

Fall 2018



Position Announcements

Assistant/Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Economist-Management, District 1, Amarillo, Texas. 100% Extension (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service) in 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, finance, resources, and policy by providing technical expertise and educational program development for industry audiences such as farmers and ranchers, merchandisers, processors, 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 and ranch management, agricultural finance, marketing, policy, and risk management is required. Closing Date for Applications: June 30, 2018, or until the position is filled. Application Process: Go to the Workday website to apply electronically. https://tamus.wd1.myworkdayjobs.com/AgriLife_Extension_External/job/Amarillo-AL-EXT/Assistant-Associate-Professor---Extension-Specialist_R-005067

Principal Agent and Assistant Director, University of Maryland Extension, Environmental & Natural Resource. Duties include identifying issues, problems and solutions related to terrestrial, aquatic and coastal ecosystems and its natural resources. Candidates must have an earned doctorate degree (Ph.D.) with at least one degree in environmental science, natural resources, wildlife or forest resources, fisheries, marine science, or a related field, allowing them to be technically proficient in managing land, water or coastal programs. For more information and to apply, go to: <https://ejobs.umd.edu/postings/58534>

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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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