# Iowa State University
# Department of Economics

Friday, December 2, 2016

## Announcements

### Semester break office closing reminder

The university will again support a partial semester break closing from Fri., Dec. 23, 2016, through Mon., Jan. 2, 2017. Heady Hall will be considered locked but occupied during this period. You will be able to enter the building with your access card.

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### Department holiday party

You are invited to celebrate the joys of the holidays at the Department of Economics Holiday Party on **Tues., Dec. 6th.**

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### Dead week study rooms

The following classrooms have been scheduled to be used as study rooms during Dead Week, Dec. 5-9, from 5:10 -11 p.m. These classrooms are for studying during that week only, on a drop-in basis. Most of the rooms will hold 30+. There is a total of 10 classrooms:

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### OSPA Winter break hours

The OSPA main phone line (294-5225) will be monitored periodically during the

four days that are not university holidays (12/27/16 - 12/30/16) when the university is partially closed.

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## Department Highlights

### Beghin resigns

John Beghin, professor and Marlin Cole Professor in international agricultural economics, has submitted his formal resignation effective Dec. 31, 2016. He has accepted the department head position at North Carolina State University.

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### Swenson presentation and interviews

David Swenson, associate scientist, gave a presentation at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago conference on The Downturn in Agriculture: Implications for the Midwest and the Future of Farming on Nov. 29, 2016.

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### Honors students present posters

Economics seniors Taylor Finn and Olivia Reicks participated in the Fall Honors Poster Presentation at the Great Hall, Memorial Union on Nov. 30.

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### Ag bus students win Landus scholarships

Fifteen Iowa college freshmen majoring in agricultural business have each been awarded $1,000 scholarships through a collaboration with Landus Cooperative and the Iowa State University (ISU) Department of Economics.

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## Department Media Contacts

### Wendong Zhang

assistant professor and farm management specialist, spoke with Von Ketelsen from KCIM 1380 AM and KICK 106.7 FM about Iowa

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farmland value trends and the upcoming press conference on Dec. 13, 2016.

## Funding Opportunities

Center for Global and Regional Environmental Research Seed Grant program
Awards: up to $35,000 per year
Application deadline: **Jan. 17, 2017**

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Presidential Interdisciplinary Research Seed Grant Program (PIRS) Interdisciplinary Research Seed Grants are intended to support the initial stages of innovative, high-risk and high-reward projects that have an interdisciplinary focus and have strong potential for external (competitive) funding.

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## Job Opportunities

Central Bank of Republic of China (Taiwan)
Senior Economist (2 positions)
Taipei, Taiwan

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Office of Personnel Management
If you are a student or recent graduate who is interested in working at OPM, we have a variety of opportunities for you. OPM has developed a new initiative called Pathways to recruit America's students and recent graduates to rewarding careers in Federal public service.

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Sejong University, Korea
Assistant Professors
School of Business and the Department of Economics
Seoul, Korea

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University of Wyoming

Dean and Wyoming Excellence Chair

Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources

Laramie, WY

Application deadline: **Jan. 6, 2017**

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## Upcoming Events

Alex Zhylyevskyy, Brent Kreider, Helen Jensen (ISU)

Thursday, December 8, 2016

3:40pm to 5:00pm

360 Heady Hall

"Causal Effects of Multiple Food Assistance Program Participation on Child Food Insecurity."

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