



Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, August 30, 2019

Announcements

Offices closed for Labor Day

The Economics administrative offices (and all university offices) will be closed on Monday, September 2, to observe the Labor Day holiday.

New daughter for Lee family

Grad student Seungki Lee and his wife, Su Jung Seo, welcomed a new baby girl to their family at 10:02 pm on Tuesday, August 27.

Lectures program class registration

The Lectures Program is an administrative unit within the Office of the Provost that manages the Lectures Series events.

Department holds fall convocation

The department held its annual fall convocation Thursday, August 22, from 2:00 to 3:00 pm in 368A Heady Hall.

Department Highlights

Recent Huffman presentations

Wallace Huffman, professor, made three presentations recently:

Foreign growers compete with US farmers: Hayes

Dermot Hayes, professor, was quoted in a *Chicago Tribune* story, "As Trump presses trade war, farmers feel the squeeze," August 22.

Orazem: Economic signs are troubling

Peter Orazem, professor, was quoted in an August 23 *Des Moines Register* story, "Survey predicts shrinking manufacturing sector as demand falters" which reported that Iowa's unemployment rate rose from 2.4% to 2.5%, the first uptick in more than a year.

Hart on tentative deal with Japan

Chad Hart, associate professor, was quoted in an August 27 UPI story, "Tentative trade deal with Japan encourages U.S. farmers, ranchers."

Swenson media contacts

David Swenson, associate scientist, has had several recent media interviews with: Misyrlena Egkolfopoulou, *Bloomberg Politics*, about Iowa's economy and how its performance might affect caucus candidate choices.

Fresh faces in Heady office

The main office in Heady Hall (260) will be manned by two new student employees this fall.

Undergrad helps restart BioBus program

Chemical engineering and economics student Sam Kramer is one of two new co-chairs selected to lead the Next Generation Scientists for Biodiesel, according to an August 27 story in *Biodiesel Magazine*.

Upcoming Events

Peter Orazem (ISU)

Thursday, September 5, 2019

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

360 Heady Hall

Nicholas Paulson (University of Illinois)

Friday, September 6, 2019

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

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