

# Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, February 14, 2020

## Announcements

Kovarik joins department staff We are pleased to welcome Karen Kovarik to the staff of the department's main office Monday, Feb. 17th.

# Call for Proposals - Open Education Mini-Grant

Open Education Mini-Grant Proposal deadline: April 15, 2020

# **Department Highlights**

#### Orazem on new committee to address sustainability

Peter Orazem, professor, is part of a new university committee established by President Wendy Wintersteen to improve sustainability at Iowa State.

## Luvaga new International Ag coordinator

Ebby Luvaga, associate teaching professor, has assumed the role of coordinator for the International Agriculture Secondary Major for all CALS majors.

## Rosenbloom on effect of Iowa losing first-in-the-nation status

Joshua Rosenbloom, professor and department chair, was interviewed for a Feb. 7 Business Record story, "NOTEBOOK: What would it mean for the state's economy if Iowa loses its first-in-the-nation status?"

## Hart: The Iowa Caucus and biofuels debate

Chad Hart, associate professor, was quoted in a Feb. 10 New Republic story, "How Ditching the Iowa Caucus Could Remake the Biofuels Debate."

#### Plastina study cited in cover crop debate

A study led by Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor, on cover crop use by farmers, was cited in a Feb. 7 story on KMAland radio.

#### Swenson media contacts

David Swenson, associate scientist, was interviewed for a Feb. 11 Clinton Herald story, "Economist: Iowa needs new policies to save rural areas."

# **Upcoming Events**

Allison Schrager Monday, February 17, 2020 7:00 pm Sun Room, Memorial Union

#### **CELT: Getting Started with Project-Based Learning**

Thursday, February 20, 2020 9:00 am to 12:00 pm 4250 Student Innovation Center

#### **CELT: Teaching Great Problems with PBL**

Thursday, February 20 and Friday, February 21, 2020 1:10 pm to 4:10 pm 4250 Student Innovation Center

# **CELT: Advanced PBL for Enhanced Outcomes**

Friday, February 21, 2020 9:00 am to 12:00 pm 4250 Student Innovation Center

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