

# Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, February 21, 2020

#### Announcements

# Baby boy for Lee family

Grad student Jun Yeong Lee and his wife, Sunhyung Cho welcomed their first child into the world Thursday, Feb. 13, at 7:09 am. Little Gene Lee is 20 in. long and weighs 7.4 lb. Baby and parents are all doing well! Congratulations to the happy family!

#### Heady scheduled power outage: March 17

Please be advised that there will be a scheduled building electrical service interruption on the Tuesday of Spring Break for Heady and East Hall.

#### Students: Activate MFA for login by March 25

Students are encouraged to activate the cybersecurity feature known as multifactor authentication (MFA) for their ISU login.

#### Fulbright Scholar Program Workshop, April 9

Interested faculty and administrators: Fulbright Scholar Program Workshop Thursday, April 9, 2020 3226 Memorial Union

# **Department Highlights**

#### **Travel fund honors Artz**

The Executive Board of the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association (AAEA) recently approved a proposal for an endowed travel fund in honor of Economics Department Associate Professor Georgeanne Artz, who passed away April 25, 2019.

#### Swenson: Wind energy new crop for farmers

Dave Swenson, associate scientist, was quoted in several media outlets recently.

#### Shankar article quoted

A recent research article by first-year Ph.D. student Anand Shankar (co-authored with Rekha Misra) was quoted in a Feb. 13 Live Mint article, "The dangers of India's rising tariff walls."

#### **Alum Carstens named Landus CEO**

Following a nationwide search, the Landus Cooperative board of directors introduced Matt Carstens ('96 ag business) as Chief Executive Officer for the farmer-owned cooperative.

# Koster named vp

FBL Financial Group Inc. has announced the appointment of Daniel Koster (93 MS econ), as vice president, marketing and agency services.

# Econ junior running for student government

Undergraduate student Jacob Schrader is campaigning for Student Government Vice President.

# **Upcoming Events**

INRC Spring 2020 seminars: Water Research Past, Present & Future

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 3:10 pm to 4:00 pm Elings Hall, Room 1306

# Hongli Feng (Michigan State University)

Thursday, February 27, 2020 3:40 pm to 5:00 pm 386A Heady Hall

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