



Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, June 29, 2018 (Next newsletter will be July 13, 2018)

Announcement

CALS travel support for NIH seminar

The College of Agriculture and Life Sciences will provide travel support of up to \$1,000 each for up to three CALS faculty members to attend the 2018 NIH Regional Seminar in San Francisco, CA on Oct 18-19. Interested CALS faculty should contact (ruthmacd@iastate.edu) via email by Thursday, July 12.

Department Highlights

Recent Bartalotti presentation

Otávio Bartalotti, assistant professor, presented the paper “A Correction for Regression Discontinuity Designs with Group-Specific Mismeasurement of the Running Variable,” at the North American Summer Meeting of the Econometric Society, at UC-Davis June 21-24, 2018.

Increased interest rates may hurt new farmers: Hart

Chad Hart, associate professor, was quoted in a June 22nd story in *The Gazette* about interest rates and beginning farmers.

Iowa Farmland Ownership Tenure Survey released

The results of the 2017 Iowa Farmland Ownership Tenure Survey conducted by ISU Extension and Outreach were announced June 28 at 10 a.m. in the Horton Room of the ISU Alumni Center.

Three department faculty among favorites

CALS *STORIES Online* monthly e-newsletter recently put out a call to students and alumni for stories of their favorite teachers. Three economics department faculty were recognized:

Swenson quoted in Mitchell County controversy

David Swenson, associate scientist, was quoted in a June 27th story “Ethics complaint filed against Mitchell County attorney, Worth County supervisor” in the *Globe Gazette*.

Alum wins American Farm Bureau Federation meet

Martha Smith ('04 ag business, international ag) won the American Farm Bureau Federation's Young Farmers and Ranchers Discussion Meet in January.

Undergrads start edible insect company

Ag bus senior Geert Boelen, along with Darian Davis, has founded an innovative enterprise called “One Hop Shop,” which raises crickets for human food.

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