



## Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, March 23, 2018

### **Announcements**

#### New arrival for Kims

Congratulations to grad student Jae Hyoung Kim and his wife Shinae Hong, who became the proud parents of daughter Layla Jiwan Kim, born on Thursday, March 15, at 1:37 am at Mary Greeley Medical Center. She weighs 6 lb 7.7 oz and measures 20.5 in.

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#### Gamma Sigma Delta award applications and membership nominations due March 23

Gamma Sigma Delta (GSD) is a University Honorary Society of Agriculture at ISU. Its broad purpose is to encourage advancements, improvements and achievements in all areas of agriculture and related sciences.

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### **Department Highlights**

#### Moschini receives USDA-NIFA grant

GianCarlo Moschini, professor of economics, has been announced as the recipient of a \$424,624 USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grant.

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### [Pouliot, Schulz receive USDA-NIFA grant](#)

Sebastien Pouliot, associate professor, and Lee Schulz, assistant professor, have been announced as recipients of a \$361,234 USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grant.

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### [Artz, Kimle, Orazem receive USDA-NIFA grant](#)

Georgeanne Artz, assistant professor, Kevin Kimle, senior lecturer, and Peter Orazem, professor, have been announced as recipients of a \$233,355 USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) grant.

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### [Study finds ROI a stumbling block for widespread adoption of cover crops](#)

Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor, along with Fernando Miguez, associate professor of agronomy; Fangge Liu and Wendiam Sawadgo, graduate students in economics; Guillermo Marcillo, graduate student in agronomy; and Sarah Carlson, the strategic initiatives director for Practical Farmers of Iowa, found substantial variability in net returns.

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### [Should Iowa support more CAFOs? - Hayes](#)

Dermot Hayes, professor, was interviewed for a March 8, 2018, Des Moines Register story.

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### [Jacobs speaks at MGFA convention](#)

Keri Jacobs, assistant professor, was an invited speaker at the cooperative board session of the Minnesota Grain and Feed Association's 111th Annual Convention in Prior Lake, Wisconsin Weds., March 7.

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### [Plastina discusses cover crop study](#)

Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor, discussed by conference call the results of his study on the economics of cover crops ([www.card.iastate.edu/conservation](http://www.card.iastate.edu/conservation)) with Sheldon R. Jones, Chief Operating Officer, the Soil Health Institute...

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### Jacobs comments on bill to fix tax provision

Keri Jacobs, assistant professor, was interviewed for a March 9th story in Successful Farming on a retroactive fix that likely will be part of an omnibus bill set to be passed on March 23.

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### New appointment, contract, publication for Tesfatsion

Leigh Tesfatsion, emeritus professor, has been appointed Research Professor by Iowa State University, effective March 1, 2018.

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### Starleaf: Exports good, imports bad, right? Nonsense

Dennis Starleaf, emeritus professor, wrote an article as a guest columnist for the Des Moines Register March 12, 2018.

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### Swenson media contacts

David Swenson, associate scientist, had several recent media contacts: KASI Radio's The Trent Rice Show to discuss President Trump's proposed steel and aluminum tariffs...

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## **Job Opportunity**

### Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research

Post-Doc/Research Scientist (2-3 positions)

Rostock, Germany

Application deadline: **April 8, 2018**

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## Upcoming Events

### Jason Abrevaya (University of Texas at Austin)

Monday, March 26, 2018

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

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### Iowa State Research Day

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Memorial Union

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### Valentin Verdier (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill)

Wednesday, March 28, 2018

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

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### Final Oral Examination: Xiangou Deng (Ph.D.)

Friday, March 30, 2018

3:30 pm to 5:00 pm

568B Heady Hall

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