



Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, March 9, 2018-- next edition will be March 23

Department Highlights

[Northey confirmed for USDA post](#)

After months of delay, Iowa Agriculture Secretary Bill Northey ('81 agricultural business) was confirmed to a top U.S. Department of Agriculture post Tuesday.

[Zhang article in *Ag Finance Review*](#)

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, had his article "The current farm downturn vs the 1920s and 1980s farm crises: An economic and regulatory comparison," coauthored with Kristine Tidgren, published by *Ag Finance Review*.

[Plastina interviewed on NAFTA repeal](#)

Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor, was interviewed by the *Telegraph Herald* newspaper in Dubuque, Iowa, about the potential effect of a NAFTA repeal.

[Zhang interviewed on soybean trade issues](#)

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, was interviewed for a March 6th *Ottumwa Courier* story by Aaryn Frazier on trade retaliation concerns resulting from soybean tariffs.

[Winter 2018 Ag Policy Review now available](#)

The Winter 2018 edition of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development's (CARD) *Agricultural Policy Review* is now available.

[Brandau wins Outstanding Adviser Award](#)

Amy Brandau, academic adviser, has received the CALS 2018 Outstanding Adviser Award.

[Elliott celebrates 35 years of service](#)

Congratulations to Carol Elliott, undergrad programs secretary, who has completed 35 years of service to the Department of Economics and Iowa State University.

[Ag Bus Club names outstanding alumni](#)

John Latham ('92 ag business) was presented the 2017 Ag Bus Outstanding Alumni Award at the Agricultural Business Club's Banquet at the Scheman Building on March 3, 2018.



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Job Opportunity

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Economist

Washington, DC

Application deadline: **April 1, 2018**

Upcoming Events

ANR at Noon

Friday, March 9, 2018

12:30 pm

Webinar

Handling Classroom Disruption

Tuesday, March 20, 2018

2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Cardinal Room, Memorial Union

Canvas Roundtable

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

10:00 am to 11:00 am

0013 Curtiss Hall

Stephie Fried (Arizona State University)

Thursday, March 22, 2018

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

Yana van der Meulen Rodgers (Rutgers University)

Friday, March 23, 2018

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

Iowa State Research Day

Tuesday, March 27, 2018

10:30 am to 4:00 pm

Memorial Union
