



# Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, May 17, 2019

## **Announcement**

### **Paul Doak passes**

Paul Doak, Emeritus Associate Professor, passed away on Sunday, May 12. A graveside service will be held Thursday, May 16, in Columbia, Missouri.

## **Department Highlights**

### **Plastina wins NIFA grant**

Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor, is a co-PI in a recently awarded NIFA grant. The project director is Paul Lasley (ISU), and co-PIs are Steven Bradbury (ISU), John Miranowski (ISU), Evan Sivesind (ISU-Ent), and Alicia Rosburg (University of Northern Iowa).

### **Basha takes good Iowa State memories home to Kosovo**

The Iowa State University Graduate College published a story “Iowa State brings good memories to graduate student Albulena Basha” May 14.

### **Ag bus senior speaks at convocation**

Abrah Meyer, agricultural business and supply chain management, gave the address for her fellow graduating seniors, family and friends at the CALS Convocation in Hilton Coliseum on Friday, May 10, 2019.

### **It’s hard to damage US ag more: Hayes**

Dermot Hayes, professor, was quoted in a May 10 *Des Moines Register* story “It can’t get any worse’: Iowa farmers suffer as U.S. trade war with China escalates.”

### **Hart: Where do trade negotiations go from here?**

Chad Hart, associate professor was interviewed for a May 10 story in Ag|Update “Tariff escalation dashes hopes for quick deal.”

### **Plastina interviewed about US-China tensions**

Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor, was interviewed by Greg Meyer from *The Financial Times* last week, and his extension publication was referenced in the article “US-China tensions knock soybeans to post-crisis low.”

## Job Opportunities

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid  
Visiting Assistant Professor positions (2)  
the Department of Statistics  
Deadline for applications: **June 15, 2019**

## Campus and Community Engagement Interns

In conjunction with Iowa State University's Live Green Initiative, the Director of Sustainability is hiring two intern positions focused on increasing campus and community opportunities and involvement in sustainability and living green.  
Application Deadline – **July 17, 2019, 5:00 pm**

## Sustainability Coordinator Graduate Assistantship

In conjunction with Iowa State University's Live Green Initiative, the Director of Sustainability is seeking a graduate student interested in the opportunity to assist in the coordination of sustainability projects and initiatives at Iowa State University.  
Application deadline: **July 17, 2019, 5:00 p.m.**

## Upcoming Event

### Midwest Big Data Summer School

Monday, May 20-Thursday, May 23, 2019  
Memorial Union, Ames

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