

# Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, November 8, 2019

#### Announcement

#### Meet baby Tucker

Assistant Professor Katie Harris-Lagoudakis and husband, Angelos, are proud to announce the arrival of son Tucker Harris Lagoudakis to their family. Congratulations!

# **Department Highlights**

## New article by Cordoba

Juan Carlos Cordoba, professor, had an article, "The Elasticity of Intergenerational Substitution, Parental Altruism, and Fertility Choice" published in the latest version of the *Review of Economic Studies*.

# **Edelman secures Solidarity grant**

Mark Edelman, professor and Community Vitality Center (CVC) director, secured \$255,000 in SBA and Wells Fargo grants for expansion of Solidarity Microfinance to Ottumwa.

#### Deiter gives investing vs. gambling presentation

Ron Deiter, professor, gave an invited presentation to the Iowa State University Sports Business Club on Nov. 6 entitled "Econ 313 Overview & Investing vs. Gambling."

## **ICUL** releases Swenson report

The Iowa Credit Union League (ICUL) released a new report by David Swenson, associate scientist, that showcases the not-for-profit credit union industry's economic contribution to the state, according to an Oct. 31 story.

#### Hayes on IEA biofuel forecast

Dermot Hayes, professor, was interviewed in an Oct. 31 story in the *Western Producer* that reports "International Energy Agency says global production will increase to 130 billion liters by 2024 from 110 billion this year."

#### Hart interviewed by Xinhua News on trade war

Chad Hart, associate professor, was interviewed on Oct. 26 by Xinhua News about the US-China trade war.

#### Zhang article published on *The Conversation*

An article "3 reasons Midwest farmers hurt by the U.S.-China trade war still support Trump" written by Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, has been published on *The Conversation*.

# Plastina: Continued decline in farm equity

The study of more than 200 mid-size Iowa farms found 44% could be classified as having vulnerable liquidity in December of 2018.

## Department alumni honored at awards ceremony

Three economics department alumni were honored at the Alumni Association Awards ceremony Friday, Oct. 25, 2019 at Scheman.

## Department celebrates Olson's work

Members of the economics department celebrated with Becky Olson, CARD graphic designer, on her last day of work with Iowa State University.

# Agricultural Business Club visits local ag industries

The Ag Business Club at Iowa State University visited six organizations during their annual Fall Industry Tour in September.

# **Upcoming Events**

Job Market Talk Practice: Tianyang Zhang (ISU)

Tuesday, November 12, 2019 3:40 pm to 5:00 pm 368A Heady Hall

# David C. Wheelock (Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis)

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm 368A Heady Hall

## Job Market Talk Practice: Sher Asad (ISU)

Thursday, November 14, 2019 3:40 pm to 5:00 pm 368A Heady Hall

#### Brad DeLong (University of California, Berkeley)

Friday, November 15, 2019 3:40 pm to 5:00 pm 368A Heady Hall

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