



# Iowa State University Department of Economics

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## **Announcements**

### **New NSF formatting requirements**

As you know, the National Science Foundation recently began enforcing new formatting requirements for biosketches and current and pending support documents.

### **NC-1177 Multi-state Research Project on Ag and Rural Finance Markets in Transition - Annual mtg**

NC-1177 Multi-state Research Project on Agricultural and Rural Finance Markets in Transition 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting

### **NBER Call for Proposals - Small Grants**

The NBER Productivity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship (PIE) Program is seeking proposals for research grants in the area of Digitization.

## **Department Highlights**

### **Study: COVID-19 has positive effect on high school completion rates**

According to a study by Iowa State University researchers, disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic caused high school completion rates in the United States to increase considerably in 2020 compared to previous years.

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

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, had his article, “Most US Farmers Remain Loyal to Trump Despite Pain From Trade Wars and COVID-19,” published on *The Conversation* Oct. 19.

### **Orazem: Older workers unemployed twice as long as young ones**

Peter Orazem, university professor, was interviewed for the Oct. 16 radio program *Marketplace* on the effect of COVID-19 on unemployment.

### **Commodity prices reverse of norm: Hart**

Chad Hart, professor, was interviewed for an Oct. 19 *AgriMarketing* story, “USDA Reports Much More Corn in Iowa is Unharvestable than Originally Estimated.”

### **Bhattacharya COVID research cited in article**

Research by Joydeep Bhattacharya, professor, was cited in an Oct. 16 *The Wire* story, “Did India Lock Down Too Early?” published in the journal *Social Science & Medicine*.

### **Schulz: Pandemic exacerbates meat industry's labor shortage**

Lee Schulz, associate professor, was interviewed for an Oct. 16 *Provisioner* story, “The state of the workforce 2020: covid-19 catalyzes a reckoning.”

### **Swenson: Holidays could be rough for retailers**

David Swenson, research scientist, was interviewed for a Oct. 15 WHO Radio story, “This holiday shopping season could be rough for retailers.”

### **Durbahn paper places second in AAEA competition**

MSEA student Grant Durbahn’s paper, “The Determinants of Farmland Rental Contract Choice in Iowa,” took second place in the 2020 AAEA (Agricultural and Applied Economics Association) Undergraduate Paper Competition.

### **Fall 2020 Ag Policy Review now available**

The Fall 2020 CARD *Agricultural Policy Review* is now available online.

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Job Market Talk Practice: Xibo Wan (ISU)**

Virtual department Seminar  
Wednesday, October 28, 2020  
3:40 pm to 4:40 pm

#### **Job Market Talk Practice: Zachary Martin (ISU)**

Virtual Labor-Public Economics Workshop  
Thursday, October 29, 2020  
3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

#### **Nick Pretnar (UCSB)**

Macro-Development-Trade-Environment Reading Group Workshop  
Friday, October 30, 2020  
12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

### **CELT Events calendar**

Faculty: Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching  
Online workshops, webinar calendar

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