



## Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, September 29, 2017

### **Department Highlights**

#### Tesfatsion gives presentation at Treasury

Leigh Tesfatsion, professor, gave an invited presentation, "Agent-Based Modeling Tools for Electric Power Market Design: Implications for Macro/Financial Policy."

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#### Department alumnus promoted at the US Treasury

Dr. Junjie Sun ('06 PhD economics) was recently promoted to Deputy Director of the Market Risk Analysis Division at the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (OCC), an independent bureau within the US Department of the Treasury.

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#### Alum to give Deal leadership lecture

Joe Kerns ('86 ag business) risk management consultant and president of Kerns and Associates, will present the 2017 William K. Deal Endowed Leadership Lecture Oct. 5 at Iowa State University.

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#### Rural equity grant announced

The Business Record reports that last week Senator Grassley's office informed Mark Edelman, professor, that the Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration has approved a Seed Fund Support Grant for

\$300,000 over 3 years to support the \$600,000 project called the Iowa Rural Equity Project.

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[Jacobs: local co-ops deal with farm economy](#)

Keri Jacobs, assistant professor, was interviewed in a story in *Iowa Farmer Today* about how local farm co-ops deal with a weak ag economy.

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[Eathington: Immigrants are propping up Iowa population](#)

Liesl Eathington, assistant scientist, was quoted in an article in *Gazette Iowa Ideas* on how immigrants to Iowa account for more than 40 percent of the state's population growth.

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[CARD: Ceasing China trade's short-term effects](#)

Several members of CARD were quoted in an *Iowa State Daily* article about the potential effects on US agriculture in the case of cessation of US trade with China.

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[Zhang presents at Iowa Ideas conference](#)

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, made a presentation on a panel at the 2017 Iowa Ideas Conference in Cedar Rapids Sept. 22, 2017. The issues discussed were the barriers and opportunities for beginning farmers to get started in farming.

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[Harl quoted in US News & World Report](#)

Neil E. Harl, emeritus professor, was quoted in an article in the September 22, 2017 *U.S. News & World Report*.

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[Ag bus freshmen receive Landus scholarships](#)

Landus Cooperative, in collaboration with ISU's Department of Economics, recently awarded 15 \$1,000 scholarships to freshman majoring in agricultural business.



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## **Job Opportunities** [Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations](#)

Economist (agricultural policy analyst)

Rome, Italy

Application deadline: **Sept. 29, 2017**

Economist (quantitative methods)

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## [University and government positions for PhDs and MSs](#)

Several openings posted on the AAEA Job Board for experienced and new Ph.D.s and M.S. graduates.

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## [NSF National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics](#)

Science Resources Analyst

The incumbent is part of the Science and Engineering Indicators (SEI) Program within NCSES

Alexandria, VA

Application deadline: **Oct. 10, 2017**

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## **Upcoming Events**

### [Don Fullerton \(University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign\)](#)

"Vertical and Horizontal Redistributions from a Carbon Tax and Rebate"

Wednesday, October 4, 2017

3:40pm to 5:00pm

368A Heady Hall

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William K. Deal Leadership Lecture: Joe Kerns

"A Tale of Resiliency, Entrepreneurship and the Value of Mentors"

Thursday, October 5, 2017

7:00pm

Sun Room, Memorial Union

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