Friday, April 14, 2017

Announcement

What will replace Blackboard?
ISU’s Blackboard license will expire at the end of the year. It will be replaced by Canvas or Desire2Learn. A final decision will be made next month. This is a critically important matter for many faculty, including some in the department.

Department Highlights

Hayes named Distinguished Professor
Iowa State University has named Dr. Dermot Hayes Charles F. Curtiss Distinguished Professor of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Jacobs has cover article in AgriMarketing
Keri Jacobs, assistant professor, was asked to submit an article on consolidation of ag cooperatives for publication in AgriMarketing. The article is the cover story in the April, 2017 issue.

Jacobs makes co-op presentation
Keri Jacobs, assistant professor, spoke at Texas A&M University’s Master of
Agribusiness Symposium on Cooperatives on Friday, March 30th. She made a presentation titled, “Cooperative Challenges and Pressure on Leadership.”

Recent Tesfatsion presentation

Harl addresses Committee on Ag
Neil E. Harl, emeritus professor, was invited to address the Committee on Agriculture, United States House of Representatives, on Taxation and Tax Policy, on April 5, rescheduled after a March 15 cancellation. Because of Mrs. Harl's illness, Dr. Harl submitted his views in writing.

Huffman delivers seminar

Barkema gives Hertz lecture
Alan Barkema ('86 economics) gave the 2017 Carl and Marjory Hertz Lecture on Emerging Issues in Agriculture April 11.

Economists' open letter on immigration to White House, Congress
An open letter was released April 12, 2017, signed by 1,470 economists, affirming that immigration is good for the American economy.
Department alumni named 2017 STATEment Makers

Two department alumni, Deepak Premkumar ('14 economics, global resource systems, mathematics) and Joe Sweeney ('13 ag business), have been named 2017 STATEment Makers by the ISU Alumni Association.

Ag bus students selected for leadership program

Ag Bus juniors, Brandon Hanson, from Iowa Falls, and Michael Barr, Kellogg, are two of the 20 students selected for the 2017-2018 Vermeer International Leadership Program.

Winter 2017 Ag Policy Review now available


Ag Bus alums in Curtiss League event

Members of the college’s young alumni initiative, Curtiss League, were on campus Friday, March 31 for their annual kick-off event.

Department Media Contacts

David Swenson, associate scientist, talked with Erin Murphy, reporter for Lee Enterprises, about the source (sources) of Iowa’s current revenue shortfall. Swenson also spoke to:

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Funding Opportunities
AFRI FY 2017 Water for Food Production Systems Challenge Area

Letters of Intent Due **May 17, 2017**
Full Applications Due **Aug. 2, 2017**

National Science Foundation IUCRC
Industry-University Cooperative Research Centers (IUCRC)

Job Opportunity

The Forest Trust

The TFT has a summer internship opportunity at their Seattle office for graduate students in agriculture and environment related programs. This position will support our evolving work on advancing transformation in global soy supply chains, and it will focus on environmental and social issues in soy production in Canada and the US.

Upcoming Events

James Feigenbaum (Utah State University)
"Taxes, Imperfect Capital Markets, and Illegal Immigration"
Monday, April 17, 2017
3:40pm to 5:00pm
368A Heady Hall

Retirement Reception for John Schroeter
Tuesday, April 18, 2017
2:30pm to 4:00pm
368A Heady Hall

International Economics Workshop/Econ 693 presentation: Choi
Wednesday, April 19, 2017
3:40pm to 5:00pm
468D Heady Hall
Donna Gilleskie (University of North Carolina)
"The Effects of a Criminal Record on Employment, Welfare Participation, and Health: A Model of Long-run Behaviors and Outcomes when Lagged Variables are Missing Non-Randomly"
Thursday, April 20, 2017
3:40pm to 5:00pm
368A Heady Hall

Eric Young (University of Virginia)
"The Politics of Flat Taxes"
Friday, April 21, 2017
3:40pm to 5:00pm
368A Heady Hall