



Iowa State University Department of Economics

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Announcements

2021 Spring Economics alumni newsletter available online

2021 Spring *UPDATE* newsletter is now available online.

Paul Lasley retirement

After 40 years of service to the Department of Sociology, Sociology Extension and Iowa State University, Paul is retiring on June 30, 2021. Please send congratulations to his Kudoboard!

Spring 2021 CARD Ag Policy Review available online

The Spring 2021 CARD Ag Policy Review is now available online.

Department Highlights

Zhang selected as NAREA CAM mentor

Wendong Zhang, assistant professor has been selected as a faculty mentor in the Northeast Agricultural & Resource Economics Association (NAREA) Career Advancement and Mentorship (CAM) Program 2021-2022 Cohort.

ICC receives \$1.1 million Treasury award

The Dept of Treasury CDFI Fund announced a Rapid Response Program grant award of \$1,134,000 to Iowa Community Capital (ICC) for financial products and/or projects in eligible census tracts.

Hayes bottle bill report cited in article

Dermot Hayes, professor, was interviewed in a June 21 *NE Iowa News* story, "Iowans toss away millions by forsaking nickel deposit on empties."

Crespi named to carbon task force

John Crespi, professor and director of CARD, was named to a panel created by Gov. Kim Reynolds to study carbon sequestration and the opportunities it presents for further economic development in Iowa.

Swenson interviewed on jobs research

David Swenson, research scientist, was interviewed on June 22 for a *New York Times* story on his research on potential national job creation from renewable energy deployment.

Winters on best- and worst-run cities in U.S.

John Winters, associate professor, was interviewed on his views on the operating efficiency of 150 American cities for June 22 WalletHub story.

Research shows economic impact of water quality on tourism

A 2018 ISU study led by Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, estimated Iowa is losing out on about \$30 million from Iowans who would pay more to visit cleaner lakes and rivers, according to a June 21 story in the *Gazette*.

Swenson: New stadiums taxpayer-subsidized amenities

David Swenson, research scientist, was interviewed for a June 29 *Des Moines Register* story, “Soccer, hockey, boating: Why Des Moines metro cities are focusing on recreation to attract new residents.”

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