



# Iowa State University Department of Economics

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## **Announcements**

### **TeachECONference2021 registration open**

Registration is now open for #TeachECONference2021, the second annual virtual conference on economics education organized by UCL CTaLE and Cornell University!

### **CyBIZ Lab survey request**

A student working for CyBIZ Lab reached out to the department.

### **Links to help facilitate travel**

As you begin to consider travel again, below are links that will help facilitate travel through our ISD/PES.

## **Department Highlights**

### **Department economists claim AAEA award three of last four years**

In May 2021 Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, was the latest Iowa State University extension economist to bring home the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association's prestigious Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award: Less than 10 years' experience.

### **Zhang paper wins ICIG award**

A paper coauthored by Wendong Zhang, assistant professor, "Farmers under Threat: Implications for Attitudes toward China and Perceived Risks from the Trade Dispute," won a Top Paper Award from the Intergroup Communication Interest Group (ICIG) at ICA2020: Gold Coast.

### **U.S. hog farmers will lose millions due to ruling: Hayes**

Dermot Hayes, professor, was cited in a May 25 AgWeb story, "Misguided Ruling Could Upend the Lives of Many Hog Farmers, Sorenson Says."

### **Orazem: Why hiring is so hard**

Peter Orazem, university professor, was a guest on the May 21 Iowa Public Radio program River to River.

### **CARD Cover crops study cited in City Pages article**

A 2018 CARD study, "Annual Net Returns to Cover Crops in Iowa," by Alejandro Plastina, associate professor, was cited in a May 25 story on thecitypages.com, "Cover crops are good for the environment; but are they profitable too?"

### **2021 Iowa farmland rental up 4.5%: Plastina**

Alejandro Plastina, associate professor, was quoted in a May 27 KMCH story, "Survey Shows Iowa Land Rents up Significantly in 2021."

### **Cheng is AAEA competition finalist**

Nieyan Cheng, a 4th year PhD student, is selected as one of the ten national finalists for the 2021 AAEA Extension Graduate Student Competition.

### **Grad students win teaching excellence awards**

Congratulations to the four department graduate students who have been awarded the Iowa State University Teaching Excellence Award for the 2020-2021 academic year!

### **Department history: T.W. Schultz and the Butter-Margarine War**

The University of Chicago Booth School of Business published a May 23 story, “Iowa’s “Butter-Margarine War”: T. W. Schultz’s Fight for Academic Freedom” about a notable chapter in the Department of Economics history.

### **Patricia Doak passes**

Patricia Doak, of Columbia, Missouri, and wife of the late Paul Doak, emeritus professor, passed away on May 19, 2021 at the University Hospital and Clinics.

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