CARD Award for Best Ph.D. Dissertation in Agricultural, Environmental, and Energy Economics and Policy

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Please send applications by March 15, 2016 to Karen Kovarik (kkovarik@iastate.edu) and Cathy Kling (ekling@iastate.edu) for consideration.