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Words from Waller

Second Week of Classes

The second week of classes is almost behind us, and I had the opportunity to say howdy and welcome or welcome back to students in more classes this week thanks to **Dr. Max (Dusty) Menzies**, and **Deanna Newcomb** allowing me to come visit their AGEC 217 and 481 classes. I also had the opportunity to listen to a "Professor For A Day" speaker in **Dr. Ed Risters**' rural entrepreneurship class (Lorenzo Gomez III). Thank you Dr. Rister. **Donna Adcock** from our Undergraduate Office reported that according to her numbers, we have 982 undergraduate students enrolled in our department this Fall (675 AGEC, and 307 AGBU/ABGL). She reports 92 new freshman, 159 transfer students, and 75 change of majors. Welcome everyone. We hope you all have a great semester.

AGEC 317 Class Instructor Meeting

On Wednesday, **Dr. Fred Boadu**, **Dr. David Leatham** and I met with four of our department's PhD students (Michael Black, Laurence Huang, Phatchaya Piriyathanask, and Connie Yuan) who are serving as Instructors in the AGEC 317 classes this semester. We had lunch with the instructors and had a chance to discuss plans for the semester. Dr. Boadu led a discussion of the learning outcomes and objectives for the classes, and we were able to get some good feedback and sharing of ideas for the semester.

Ice Cream Social

There was an Ice Cream Social on Wednesday afternoon coordinated by the Commons Committee to welcome everyone back for the semester. We had a good turnout, and it was a great event. Thank you to the Commons Committee members for planning and staffing a successful event.



Department Head Search

Early this week, I met with **Dr. Clare Gill**, Executive Associate Dean for the College of Agriculture, and we discussed progress toward starting the search for our new Department Head. We have approval from the Dean of Faculties to start the search, and I would assume Dr. Gill will be reaching out to members of our faculty, staff and students over the next couple weeks to solicit participation on the search committee. Thank you everyone who responded to the survey in early August to provide input.

Fall Kick-Off – September 12

This year the Fall Kick-Off is scheduled for September 12. The Aggie Reps want to invite students to the event, which is set to take place in the AgriLife Center, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Please come and enjoy food, games, networking, raffle prizes, and scholarship opportunities.

Ag Eco Tailgate set for September 21

By now, you should have seen some advertising mentioning our first departmental tailgate for the Fall semester. The event is scheduled for September 21, starting 3 hours before the Auburn game. The Tailgate tent(s) will be set up north of the AgriLife Center, similar to last year. As has been our tradition over the last several years, we also have an educational program scheduled to start about an hour before the tailgate.

Have a great weekend and BTHO Clemson.



Upcoming Events

September 7th-Aggies @ Clemson 12th-Fall Kick-Off 13th-P&T Meeting 14th-Aggies vs Lamar

New Publications



Zhang, Yu Yvette, Rodolfo M. Nayga Jr, and Dinah Pura T. Depositario. "Learning and the possibility of losing own money reduce overbidding: Delayed payment in experimental auctions." PloS one 14.5 (2019): e0213568.

https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0213568

K. Wen and X. Wu, "A guided nonparametric goodness-of-fit test with application to income distributions," Econometrics Journal, forthcoming.

Link: https://doi.org/10.1093/ectj/utz007



September 21, 2019

BTHO Auburn @ AgriLife Complex

Extension Outlook Program

Agricultural Economics

2019 Tailgate Events

3 Hours before kickoff

Please RSVP by September 5, 2019 for the BTHO Auburn Tailgate https://agrilife.az1.gualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1SsGmghUetPXTYF

November 16, 2019

BTHO SouthCarolina

@ Clayton Williams

Alumni Center Veranda

Happy Birthday!! Rebekka Dudensing David Leatham Bruce McCarl Ed Price



for hosting Friday Coffee

Commons Committee

Position Announcements

Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Institute of Agriculture, University of Tennessee. This is a full-time, 12-month, tenure track position with a 75% research (UT AgResearch), 25% Extension (UT Extension) appointment. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics or closely related field. Screening of applicants will begin October 31, 2019 and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. To apply, send a current curriculum vita, a letter describing your interest in the position and your qualifications, and official transcripts to the address below. Arrange for three letters of reference to be mailed or e-mailed directly to: Dr. Burton C. English (Email: benglish@utk.edu; Phone: 865-974-3716; Fax: 865-974-4829) Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, 302 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, The University of Tennessee Knoxville Tennessee 37996-4518. Position available beginning March 1, 2020.

Southeast MI Educator, Innovation Counselor, Michigan State University, Wayne County, MI. Master's degree required; Candidates with a Bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in a field of study related to business, economics, forestry/natural resources, food marketing or related field. To view the full position description and required qualifications, please visit the applicable Michigan State University careers page (internal or external candidate) as noted under the To Apply section. Search for posting number 600460 using the Job Search field. Applicants are asked to provide a current resume, cover letter and four (4) professional references (at least two prior supervisors) including email addresses. Application deadline is September 30, 2019.

Click here for more position announcements

Faculty, staff, and graduate students are encouraged to submit articles and photos on current events

Deadline for all submissions is noon, Thursday.

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