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Upcoming Events

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Words from Waller

Graduate Student Beginning of the Year Party last Friday

The Graduate Student Association held its beginning of the year party at Dr. Mjelde's house on Friday evening September 27. It was a nice event, and gave the graduate students and faculty an opportunity to get to know one another on a more informal basis outside of the office. I would like to thank **Dr. Jim Mjelde** and his wife **Heidi** for hosting the event at their home again this year. I would also like to thank the graduate students who took care of the planning and helped Dr. Mjelde with pre-party preparations, and cleanup. Thank you also to the students and the faculty who attended.

Retirees Coffee

On Tuesday I had the opportunity to speak with a small group of the Departments' retired faculty at our first monthly retirees' coffee of the academic year. I provided an update of what the department has been up to since I spoke to the group last May as the Spring semester was ending. We talked about the size of the department and its growth. We also had some discussion of our Tailgate on the 21st, and other engagement activities this Fall. We had a discussion of the changes to the faculty over the last couple years or so, the number of our faculty that have retired or otherwise departed, and new hires, as well as searches underway, and our desires/efforts to get additional positions. Our department is evolving, and that always provides opportunities and challenges, and generates interesting discussion.

Discussion with Dr. Rebecca Seguin-Fowler

There was a multi-department meeting Thursday morning of this week, and it was the first opportunity for most of us to meet with **Dr. Rebecca Seguin-Fowler** – the new **Associate Director of Texas A&M AgriLife Research**. She met with faculty from the three social sciences related departments in the College, Agricultural Economics, Recreation Parks and Tourism Sciences, and Agricultural Leadership Education and Communications. There was an interesting discussion of various aspects of teaching/research/extension here at Texas A&M, and similarities and differences from her prior experience at Cornell. It was a good opportunity for a first meeting, and I would like to thank the faculty and staff from our department that were able to participate.

Upcoming Ranchers Leasing Workshop – October 11, 2019

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will host a Ranchers Leasing Workshop from 12:00 Noon to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 11 at the Thomas G. Hildebrand Equine Complex, 3240 F&B Road, College Station. The presenters are Extension faculty from the Agricultural Economics Department, **Tiffany Dowell Lashmet**, AgriLife Extension Agricultural Law Specialist, Amarillo, and Dr. Greg Kaase., AgriLife Extension Agricultural Economics Risk Management Program Specialist, College Station. The workshop will focus on grazing, hunting and livestock leases, and will provide an opportunity for attendees to ask questions and interact with attorneys and economists. Registration is required and can be found at: <https://agrifileregister.tamu.edu/productListingDetails/2794> or by calling 979-845-2604. For more information, contact Kaase at 979-458-3348 or Lashmet at 806-677-5681.

Have a great weekend!

New Publication



Carpenter, Craig Wesley, and Scott Loveridge. 2019. "A spatial model of growth relationships and Latino-owned business." *The Annals of Regional Science*. 1-17. Forthcoming in print. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s00168-019-00942-x>.

Happy Birthday!!

<i>Dan Hanselka</i>	<i>10/10</i>
<i>Tracy Davis</i>	<i>10/14</i>
<i>John Nichols</i>	<i>10/20</i>
<i>Steven Klose</i>	<i>10/22</i>
<i>Parr Rosson</i>	<i>10/24</i>



Thank You!!

Commons Committee

for hosting Friday Coffee

Position Announcements

Assistant Professor of Production Economics and Farm Management, Dept. of Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics, Michigan State University, 9-month, tenure system. This position will provide expertise and leadership in research and extension programming focused on production and farm management economics. Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or related field required. Application Procedure: Review of applications will begin November 15, 2019. To apply, please refer to Posting # 610466 and complete an electronic submission at the Michigan State University Employment Opportunities website <https://jobs.msu.edu>. Applicants should submit the following materials: 1) a statement of research interest; 2) a current curriculum vitae; 3) a statement of teaching philosophy; 4) a summary of your experience with diversity and how you will contribute to our goals of inclusive excellence; 5) a writing sample (e.g. job market paper); 6) transcripts; and 7) three letters of reference. If you have any questions, please contact the Chair of the Search Committee, Dr. David Ortega, at dlortega@msu.edu.

The Economic Research Service, United States Department of Agriculture, has multiple positions available at its new offices in Kansas City for applicants with strong research skills. ERS economists and social scientists conduct rigorous policy-relevant research to inform public and private decision making on issues of national significance relevant to USDA. Applicants should have strong quantitative skills and an interest in applied policy-relevant research. Candidates are also expected to have strong writing skills and the ability to relay results to both lay and professional audiences. You must be a U.S. citizen to be considered for these positions. Ph.D. candidates must complete all degree requirements within nine months of the close of the vacancy announcement. Please see the official job announcement here to apply: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/543592300>. The application deadline is October 25. For more information contact Robert Gibbs at rgibbs@usda.gov or 202-694-5423.

The Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at UIUC has four open tenure-track faculty positions this year. Links to each position and their title are provided below.

Assistant/Associate Professor Agricultural Financial Markets

***Includes Extension appointment; deadline is 10/15/2019

<https://go.illinois.edu/agfin>

Assistant/Associate Professor, Agricultural Marketing

<https://go.illinois.edu/agmarket>

Assistant/Associate Professor, Data Science

<https://go.illinois.edu/datasci>

Assistant/Associate Professor, Sustainability

<https://go.illinois.edu/econsust>

[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.

Please send your information to valnoyes@tamu.edu