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Upcoming Events

February

- 24th-Candidate Seminar 9:30 am
- 27th-Candidate Seminar 9:30 am

March

- 3rd-Retiree Coffee 10 a.m.
- 8th-Daylight Savings Time
- 9th-13th-Spring Break

Words from Waller

Interview Candidates for Agricultural Marketing and Quantitative Analysis Position

On Monday and Tuesday of this week, the first of three candidates interviewed for the Agricultural Marketing and Quantitative Analysis position. The next two interview candidates will be here next week. One candidate will be interviewing on Monday and Tuesday, and the other will be here to interview on Thursday and Friday. Their seminars are scheduled for 9:30a.m., Monday and Thursday, and there are two open meetings for faculty at 10:45a.m. & 1:30p.m., each of those days, all in AGLS 301. Please plan to participate in the interview process where you can.

Round Table Luncheon

On Tuesday, the Center on Conflict and Development and the Department of Soil and Crop Sciences co-hosted a round table luncheon with **Dr. Echeverria** as the guest speaker to discuss the “Global Food Systems, for Health, Prosperity and Sustainability”. **Dr. Ed Price** brought Dr. Echeverria by my office earlier in the day which worked out well for me since I had a schedule conflict and could not make the luncheon discussion. Dr. Echeverria is a Sr. Research Fellow at the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) based in Washington DC; and a Research Associate (non-resident) at the Latin-American Center for Rural Development (RIMISP) based in Santiago, Chile and is a Director General Emeritus of the International Center for Tropical Agriculture (CIAT) based in Cali, Colombia. He worked in agricultural, environmental and rural development issues for more than a decade at the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in Washington, D.C. where he led the creation of FONTAGRO. He is currently the Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Catalan Institute of Food and Agricultural Research and Technology (IRTA).

Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Mentoring Forum

On Friday of this week and next week, rural entrepreneurship AGE 425 students will be participating in the **Kathi and Murray '73 Edwards Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Mentoring Forum**. Approximately 35 students will be meeting with volunteer mentors to discuss their projects and received input and feedback. The students present a two to three-minute introductory discussion to use in familiarizing mentors with their project, and then spend 15-20 minutes in discussions with mentors. The principal learning objectives are for the students to learn the process for evaluating a business idea and to effectively evaluate and communicate the results of their analyses.

Faculty in the News

Late last week, **Dr. Mark Welch** was featured on our local TV station, **KBTX**, for the “*From The Ground Up*” segment, talking about the importance of managing price risk and understanding your cost of production (<https://www.kbtv.com/content/news/From-the-Ground-Up-Growing-the-Crop-is-Only-Part-of-the-Job-567835471.html>).

This week, **Dr. Bart Fischer** was featured on a “*From The Ground Up*” segment, talking about the need for producers to engage with elected officials. (<https://www.kbtv.com/video?vid=568040532>).

I hope you all have a great weekend.

Happy Birthday!!

Toni Merchant	3/3
Ariun Ishdorj	3/4
Jennifer Braziel	3/9
Candice Foster	3/12
Hannah Chavarria	3/14



Thank You!!

AFCERC



For hosting Friday Coffee

Position Announcements

Tenured: Professor and Department Head. The Department of Agricultural Economics, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University invites applications for a full-time tenured position with a service period of 9-month academic appointment beginning June 1, 2020. Candidates for the Tenured Professor and Department Head position must have an earned doctorate in Agricultural Economics or a closely related field, with a record of distinction in research, teaching and service that would qualify them for tenure at a tier 1 research institution. Applicants must submit the following documents: 1) a cover letter; 2) a detailed curriculum vita; 3) a personal research statement; 4) a statement of administrative philosophy; 5) a statement of vision for the Department, specifically addressing undergraduate and graduate education, faculty mentoring, the fostering of academic research programs across multiple disciplines, extension outreach, the advancement of diversity, and a strategy for development (fundraising); and 6) contact information for five referees. The application materials must be submitted online at: apply.interfolio.com/70232. Review of the applicant pool will begin November 6, 2019 and will continue until the position is filled. For questions, email inquiries to Advisory Search Committee Chair, Dr. Elsa A. Murano at eamurano@tamu.edu.

Assistant Professor, University of Connecticut, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. This position will provide expertise and leadership in research and extension programing with a focus on one or more of the following: agribusiness, production, labor, or regional economics. The successful candidate will have 35% extension, 35% research, and 30% teaching duties with an anticipated start date of August 23, 2020 in a full-time, nine-month tenure-track position. Minimum qualifications include a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or a related field; excellent oral and written communication skills; advanced training or demonstrable research experience in the economics of agriculture, agribusiness, and/or food, including related areas such as health, the environment, business policy; excellent training in microeconomic theory and empirical methods; and ability to teach economics and business courses with an emphasis on agriculture and food. Submit the following materials online through <https://econjjobmarket.org/positions/6249>, no later than December 1, 2019: (1) a curriculum vita; (2) a cover letter that indicates your vision and programmatic objectives for the position; (3) graduate transcripts; (4) sample of publications or dissertation abstract; and (5) commitment to diversity statement (including broadening participation, integrating multicultural experiences in instruction and research pedagogical techniques to meet the needs of diverse learning styles). Arrange to have three letters of reference posted directly into, <https://econjjobmarket.org/positions/6249>. If available, upload copies of teaching evaluations or other evidence of teaching effectiveness. Direct inquiries to AREsearch@uconn.edu, subject line: (search #2020244).

Idaho Wheat Commission Endowed Chair in Commodity Risk Management. The University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS), Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology is seeking an exceptional individual to fill the Idaho Wheat Commission Endowed Chair to support research, teaching and experiential learning in the area of risk management. The position is a nine-month, tenured appointment at the level of Associate or Full Professor in the CALS Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology with affiliate status in the CBE Department of Business (60% research, 20% teaching and advising, 15% outreach, 5% service and administration). Qualifications: Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics, finance, or a related field with proven expertise in risk management practices in the areas of agricultural commodity and financial markets. If interested, please contact Christopher S. McIntosh, Ph.D., Professor and Department Head, 208-885-0703, mcintosh@uidado.edu

[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