



# Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, The University of Georgia

Newsletter

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## ConnerConnects Banquet on April 21, 2005



The 4<sup>th</sup> annual ConnerConnects Banquet for Agricultural and Applied Economics students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. at the State Botanical Gardens, Georgia Visitors Center in Athens, Georgia. The cost of the banquet is \$17 per person. If you plan to attend, please respond by April 13. A reservation form is enclosed. For additional information, please email [info@agecon.uga.edu](mailto:info@agecon.uga.edu) or call 706-542-2481.

## Departmental Golf Tournament on April 15, 2005



The second annual Tom Frazier Golf Classic for Agricultural and Applied Economics alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends is scheduled for Friday, April 15, 2005 at the UGA Golf Course in Athens. The Lauderdale-style tournament's first tee time is 8:30 a.m. with an entry fee of \$50 per person to cover green fee, cart fee and range balls. If you plan to participate in the golf tournament, please respond by April 8, 2005. For additional information, please email [info@agecon.uga.edu](mailto:info@agecon.uga.edu) or call 706-542-2481. For reservations, please complete and return the form on the last page.

## Rod Ziemer Lecture on April 12, 2005

The Rod Ziemer Lecture is scheduled for April 12, 2005 at 10:30 a.m. in rooms K/L at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education in Athens, GA. The speaker for this year's lecture will be Tommy Irvin, Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture.

## Faculty News

**John Bergstrom** is co-editor of a new book, *Land Use Problems and Conflicts, Causes, Consequences and Solutions*, published by the Routledge, Taylor & Francis Group, London and New York, 2005.



**John Bergstrom**



**Stanley Fletcher**

### **Stanley Fletcher,**

professor of Agricultural and Applied Economics, is president of the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST). CAST is a consortium of scientific societies that provides information about agricultural science and technology, including task force reports on topics of particular interest and

concern.

Dr. Fletcher was recently presented the Georgia Peanut Distinguished Service Award for his lifelong work by the Georgia Peanut Commission at the 2005 Georgia Peanut Farm Show.



**John McKissick**

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received the Walter B. Hill Award for Distinguished Achievement in Public Service and Outreach. The award was presented at the Annual Public Service and Outreach Conference on January 27. He is currently a professor and extension economist with over 27 years of service at UGA. He also serves as director of

the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development where he focuses on the development and implementation of economics and marketing programs for Georgia producers and agribusinesses.

**Fred White**, Head of the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, was presented the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association

at a ceremony in Little Rock, Arkansas. The award recognized Dr. White's 33 years of outstanding contributions to research, teaching and administration in agricultural economics at the University of Georgia.

## Student News



Clint Murphy, Candice Clark, Joel McKie

**Who's Who Awards:** Four Agricultural and Applied Economics students were recognized at the J.W. Fanning Awards Ceremony with election into Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges for their outstanding

scholastic performance: **Candice Clark**, a senior agribusiness major from Rochell, GA; **Joel McKie**, a senior agribusiness major from Abbeville, GA; **Clint Murphy**, a 2004 agribusiness graduate from Moultrie, GA; and **Sarah Deng**, a Ph.D. student in agricultural economics. The high quality of the Agricultural and Applied Economics program is reflected in having so many students inducted into Who's Who.



Sarah Deng

**Allyson Barnes**, a third year Agricultural Economics major, spoke about her 2004 summer internship with the Georgia Department of Agriculture in Brussels at the International Agriculture Certificate luncheon.

## Alumni News

**Garland Thompson** (BSA, Agricultural Economics, 1963) was inducted into the Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors Hall of Fame at their annual meeting in January. Mr. Thompson served the Altamaha District as a soil and water supervisor, determining priorities for technical assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to farmers and other landowners. He has also served as chairman of the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee, seeking reform in policies and promoting soil and water conservation. He has been recognized with numerous awards in the past, including induction in the Georgia Agricultural Hall of Fame in 2003.

## Distinguished Professional Awards:

The Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia recognized accomplishments of prominent agricultural economists at the J. W. Fanning Lecture and Awards Ceremony:



Gary Black, Marie Truesdell, Tassos Haniotis

**Marie Truesdell**, (Ph.D., Agricultural Economics, 1999) Chair of the Department of Business at Marion College in Indianapolis, Indiana, was presented the Distinguished Young Professional Award. **Tassos Haniotis** (M.S., Agricultural Economics, 1984; and Ph.D., Agricultural Economics, 1987), Head, Agricultural Trade Policy Analysis Unit, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission, was presented the Distinguished Professional Award. **Gary W. Black**, President of the Georgia Agribusiness Council was also presented the Distinguished Professional Award.

**Ecio Costa** (M.S., Agricultural Economics, 1998; and Ph.D., Agricultural Economics, 2001) is a professor at the Universidade Federal de Pernambuco in Brazil and presents a TV interview show, "Agribusiness in Debate."

## J.W. Fanning Lecture

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual J. W. Fanning Lecture was held on January 14, 2005 at the Georgia Center in Athens. Dr. Joseph W. Glauber presented the lecture titled, "U.S. Agricultural Policy and the WTO." Dr. Glauber represents U.S. agricultural policy negotiations with the other 147 countries that are members of the WTO. He was involved in trade negotiations at the Uruguay Round in the early 1990s.

Dr. Glauber explained the importance of specific trade discussions and the relationship with U.S. agricultural policies. He pointed out the importance of the Brazil cotton case and its impact on the current round of trade negotiations – the Doha Round. The Brazil cotton case ruling stated that U.S. cotton subsidies distorted the world market. Brazil argues that subsidies cause the production of cotton in the U.S. to increase, thus, disrupting the market. If the ruling holds, U.S. agricultural policy will have to change. The use of subsidies in agriculture aggravates current trade

negotiations. The Doha Round of negotiations could bring further changes, including the liberalization of

trade by reducing all types of restrictions and subsidies.

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### **Strong Job Opportunities in Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources**

Employment opportunities for U.S. college graduates with expertise in food, agriculture, and natural resources are expected to remain strong during the next five years according to the latest projections. Management and business will offer the most opportunities. A recent study examined college graduates entering scientific and professional occupations over the years 2005-2010. This study identified 52,000 annual job openings for new graduates compared to only 49,300 qualified graduates available each year for these positions. The four major factors defining the market for graduates in the next five years include consumers and their preferences, evolving business structure in the U.S. food system, new developments in science and technology, and public policy choices and food system security. The full report will be available online at <http://www.csrees.usda.gov>.

### **UGA Ranks in Global Top 20 for Agricultural Science Citations**

According to "In-Cites," a web site that keeps tabs on research that has attracted the interest of scientists worldwide, over the past decade, UGA has been among the world's 20 most cited institutions in agricultural sciences and is second among major U.S. land-grant universities for most papers published. From January 1, 1994 to June, 30, 2004, UGA was the 11<sup>th</sup> most cited among institutions worldwide in agricultural sciences with 7,938 citations of its scientists' research. UGA is first among universities in the South and fifth among U.S. universities in total citations. It ranks second in the nation (behind UC-Davis) in papers published in peer-reviewed, scientific journals.

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### **Request for Alumni News**

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics is interested in hearing from our alumni. Please inform us of your current job position or other significant accomplishments. This information can be sent by e-mail to the following address: [aaecon@agecon.uga.edu](mailto:aaecon@agecon.uga.edu) or mailed to the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, Rm. 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

**CONNER CONNECTS REGISTRATION**  
(Due April 13)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would like to attend Conner Connects on April 21<sup>st</sup>. I will be bringing \_\_\_\_\_ guests, and I am enclosing a check for \_\_\_\_\_ ( \$17.00 each). I am also enclosing \_\_\_\_\_ to help support the event.

Guests' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_ No, I will be unable to attend, but I am enclosing a check for \_\_\_\_\_ to support the event.

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**GOLF TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION**  
(Due April 8)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

USGA Handicap or average score: \_\_\_\_\_

I have enclosed \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the golf tournament registration. (\$50 each person)

**Make checks payable to UGA Foundation**

***Mail to:*** ConnerConnects Registration, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
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