



Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

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Department Head Announces Retirement



Fred C. White, Head of the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia and D. W. Brooks Distinguished Professor, announced that he will retire December 1, 2006. Dr. White joined the department in 1971 and served as the department head since 1997.

Dr. White's primary focus in research has been on analysis of public policies affecting agriculture. He analyzed policy alternatives for policymakers and assisted decision makers in responding to changing policies. He has published over 100 journal articles and numerous other publications. He was presented the University of Georgia's Creative Research Medal and recognized by the Southern Agricultural Economics Association with the Outstanding Research

Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Dr. White won numerous teaching awards in the profession and at the University of Georgia. He was recognized by the American Agricultural Economics Association and the Southern Agricultural Economics Association with awards for outstanding teaching.

As department head, Dr. White hired a number of outstanding faculty and staff. He provided guidance for numerous changes in the agricultural and applied economics programs to better serve the state and profession. He also helped bring attention to the department's successful agricultural and applied economics programs.

The students, faculty and staff in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. White for all of his contributions and best wishes for a happy retirement.



J. W. Fanning Lecture – Monday, November 27, 2006



The Honorable Carole Brookins, former United States Executive Director to the World Bank, USA, will present the 2006 J.W. Fanning Lecture. Her lecture is entitled “Major Forces and Factors Shaping Global Markets and their Structure.” Ms. Brookins will provide insights about the role of developing and emerging economies, commodities and technologies that impact markets and public policies that shape globalization. She will relate these broad global forces to the food and agribusiness sectors.

Location and Schedule of Events:

All events will be held at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, GA.

- 9:30 a.m. **Agricultural Economics Association Board of Directors** - Executive Conference Room on 2nd Floor
- 10:00 a.m. **Registration & Refreshments** – 2nd Floor Concourse
- 10:30 a.m. **Fanning Lecture** – Rooms K/L Georgia Center
- 12:00 noon **Luncheon and Awards Ceremony** – Banquet Area
- 1:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

Registration:

To register for the luncheon, please send \$20 to the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia, 301 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509. Registration deadline for the luncheon is Friday, November 17, 2006. For more information, please call 706-542-2481. (A registration form is on the last page of the newsletter.)

Fall Enrollment

Student enrollment for Fall 2006 is as follows:

Undergraduate Students

Agricultural Economics – 27
Agribusiness – 137
Environmental Economics and Management – 41
Total – 205



Graduate Students

M.S. in Agricultural Economics – 22
M.S. in Environmental Economics – 8
Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics – 14
Total – 44

Student News

The following three departmental students were recently inducted into AGHON, the agricultural honor society:



Chris Chammoun, a third-year agricultural economics major from Adel, Georgia, is serving as president of the UGA Agronomy

Club and is involved in numerous philanthropic activities. His ambition is to help farmers better understand farm economics and policy.



Susannah Martin, a fourth-year agribusiness major from Brooklet, Georgia, is active in a number of extracurricular

activities and studied abroad in Brazil in the summer of 2004. She worked as an intern for Bayer CropScience in Florida during the spring of 2006 and is currently interning with AgGeorgia Farm Credit.



Matthew Thompson, a fourth-year agribusiness major from Ochlocknee, Georgia, is involved in numerous extracurricular and philanthropic activities. During the summer of 2006, he worked as an intern with AgGeorgia Farm Credit in Royston, Georgia.

AGHON is the highest honor a student in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences may attain while at the University of Georgia.

Alumni News

Laci Banks (M.S. in agricultural economics from UGA in 2004) is the winner of the 2006 J. W. Fanning Distinguished Young Professional Award presented by the



Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia and the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. Laci is an Agricultural Statistician for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Agricultural Statistical Service in Raleigh, North Carolina. She has received recognition for her work on several occasions and has recently been chosen to enter U.S.D.A.'s Mathematics Statistician Program and will take additional classes at North Carolina State University.

Dr. Tassos Haniotis (M.S. in 1984 and Ph.D. in 1987 in agricultural economics from UGA) was presented the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Association's 2006



Award of Excellence. Dr. Haniotis is the Head of Unit, Agricultural Trade Policy Analysis, Directorate-General for Agriculture and Rural Development of the European Commission. Dr. Haniotis demonstrated his vast knowledge of international trade issues when he presented

a seminar entitled “Does the Trade Talk Match the Trade Walk?” at Conner Hall in September 2006.



Steve Turner (M.S. in agricultural economics from UGA in 1981 and Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Virginia Tech in 1986) is the winner of the 2006 J.W. Fanning Distinguished Professional Award presented by the Agricultural Economics

Association of Georgia and the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. He won numerous teaching awards at the University of Georgia during the period from 1986 to 2003. Dr. Turner is Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University and is currently serving as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE).

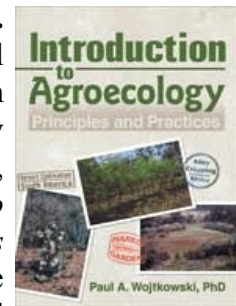


Emily Howard Watson (B.S.A. in agribusiness from UGA in 2002) was presented the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Association’s 2006 Young Alumni Achievement Award.

Emily was the recipient of the 2005 J. W. Fanning Distinguished Young Professional Award presented by the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia and the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. She is currently holding two positions for Congressman Jack Kingston – district representative and agriculture liaison.

Paul Wojtkowski, Ph.D.

(M.S. in agricultural economics in 1984 from UGA) authored a recently published book, *Introduction to Agroecology, Principles and Practices*. The publisher is Haworth Food & Agricultural Products Press in Binghamton, New York. Dr. Wojtkowski is an independent consultant in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. He has authored five additional books.



Faculty News

Greg Fonsah spent two weeks in Indonesia assisting the World Agroforestry Center with improving marketing, production and post harvest systems.



Curt Lacy won the 2006 Educational Aids Blue Ribbon Award presented by the American Society of Agricultural and Biological Engineers (ASABE). The award was in recognition of a Fact Sheet co-authored by



Dr. Lacy which was displayed among other entries at the ASABE International Meeting held in Portland Oregon.



Amanda Ziehl will be joining the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics as a Public Service Assistant working on the Tifton Campus. She will provide applied research and Extension programming support for other departmental faculty, commodity teams, and multi-disciplinary projects. Amanda received a B.S. in agricultural business in 2002 and an M.S. in agricultural and resource economics in 2004, both from Colorado State University. She is currently working as an Extension Marketing Specialist with the University of Tennessee. Welcome, Amanda!

Visiting Scholar

In-Kyu Lee worked as a visiting scholar in the department with Wojciech Florkowski for four months in 2006. In-Kyu is a researcher from the Rural Development Administration (RDA) in Suwon City, Republic of Korea. The visit was sponsored by an RDA grant which supports research activities and exchange of scientists between the two institutions.

Announcements

The 2007 Conner Connects banquet will be held on April 19, 2007 at the State Botanical Gardens, Visitors Center in Athens, Georgia.

The 2007 Tom Frazier Memorial Golf Classic will be held on April 20, 2007 at the University of Georgia Golf Course in Athens, Georgia.

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REGISTRATION FORM

J. W. Fanning Lecture

Monday, November 27, 2006

REGISTRATION: Lecture attendance is free. A registration fee of \$20 is required for the luncheon. Please register no later than November 17, 2006. Make check payable to the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia and return with this form.

I plan to attend the lecture.....()

I plan to attend the lecture and luncheon.....()

Name: _____

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