

Agricultural and Applied Economics

The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

Grace Melo wins university award



Grace Melo is the winner of the University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award.

Ph.D. student Grace Melo has been awarded the University Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award for her work and contributions to the Agricultural and Applied Economics department. Though she said she was surprised to win the award because she thought she didn't have enough experience compared to other TAs, Melo was glad that the University recognized the contribution graduate students make to the school's mission.

"I am very thankful to Dr. Colson, Dr. Ramirez and Dr. Kostandini for their trust and

support during the learning experience of helping them as a TA," she said. "I also want to thank my major professors for their support of pursuing the Future Faculty Program next fall."

Melo's duties as a TA range from holding office hours and grading assignments to preparing lectures for lab sections and summer classes. On top of these tasks, she is conducting research for her Ph.D., which she will receive in the fall of 2017.

"I am trying to use economic experiments (i.e.

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choice experiments, auctions, games) to assess consumers' value for food labeling (e.g. country of origin, organic, GMO free)," she said. "This study would inform policy makers (see Melo, page 3)

Greetings from the Department Head

Dear friends:

I hope your summer is going well! With most of the students gone for the summer, things seem a little slow in Conner Hall, but the faculty and I have been using this time to catch up on research projects and complete graduate students. We are greatly looking forward to our students' return in August.

As always, our annual Conner Connects awards banquet in April was a great success! Please join me in congratulating Dr. Glenn Ames and Mrs. Audrey Cox, who received the Outstanding Faculty Award and the Outstanding Staff Award from the Agricultural and Applied Economics Club, as well as Dr. Joshua Berning and Mrs. Laura Alfonso, who received the Outstanding Faculty Award and Outstanding Staff Award from

the Graduate Student Association. I would also like to congratulate all of the students who were honored at that banquet.

Additionally, Audrey and Dr. Ames both celebrated their retirements at Conner Connects. We thank them both for their distinguished service and wish them well in the future. Also congratulations to all students who received degrees in May 2015. 38 of our undergraduates and eight of our graduate students finished last semester and we wish all of them the very best!

Our own Dr. Terry Centner was honored with the 2015 National USDA Excellence in Teaching Award. This is truly the top teaching award in all colleges of agriculture and related sciences across the nation. I am pleased to extend my heartfelt congratulations to

Dr. Centner on receiving this award and my appreciation for his lifelong contributions to our college.

Our next event is the J.W. Fanning Lecture, so please mark your calendars to attend on Nov. 19. This year's speaker will be Dr. Christopher B. Barrett from the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University.

Again, it is a pleasure for me to report to you the many accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff and alumni through this newsletter. Please consider sharing your updates with us so that we can write about them in the future.

Sincerely,



Octavio Ramirez

Berning's research finds weight loss aided by physician recommendations

By **MOLLY BERG**
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Patients advised to lose weight by their physicians dropped more pounds on average than those who didn't receive a recommendation, according to new research from the University of Georgia published in the journal *Economics & Human Biology*.

Using a national data set from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

study author Joshua Berning found that physician advice was associated with a reported 10-pound loss for women and a 12-pound loss for men over a one-year period, after controlling the data for numerous covariates. The diet and exercise habits of participants were also associated with weight loss.

"The data set also measures the number of people who were advised to lose weight, regardless of whether



Joshua Berning, an assistant professor at the University of Georgia, found that physician recommendations helped people lose more weight over a one-year period of time than those who did not receive a recommendation. (Credit: Andrew Davis Tucker/UGA)

or not they wanted to hear it," said Berning, an assistant professor of agricultural and ap-

plied economics in the College of Agricultural and Environmental (see **Berning, page 3**)

(Berning, continued from page 2) Berning found is that many “physicians often don’t take the time to consult patients about being overweight. They need to take the opportunity to interact with their patients. Through an open dialogue, patients can find solutions to their health issues, especially in terms of obesity.” Berning explained that the success of physician recommendation comes from getting a tailored opinion. Physicians are able to put a person’s health into context by looking at factors beyond just weight or body mass index. Health care providers can assess multiple components — weight-loss methods, such as the diet, exercise and medical history — to determine if a patient is at risk for obesity. “If I talk to a physician, he or she can tell me about my current health and my health trajectory,” Berning said. “Oftentimes we have a sense of complacency with our own health. A good physician can help us understand what kind of health trajectory we are on and how we can improve it.” Because of the personalized medical advice, physician visits have a distinct advantage over other weight-loss methods, like commercial weight-loss programs. “Since commercial weight-loss programs are for profit, they can be prohibitively expensive,” Berning said. “Health care provider advice is more affordable and achievable for a wider population. Doctors can identify obesity problems earlier on and build long-term relationships with their patients. The study on “The Role of Physicians in Promoting Weight Loss” is available at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1570677X15000131#>

(Melo, continued from page 1) In addition to her Ph.D., Melo also earned her master’s degree at UGA in the fall of 2013. She has some advice for her fellow graduate students, learned from the many years she’s spent in Conner Hall. “I would like to recommend graduate students in the department to look for teaching experiences (one lab section or just holding office hours),” she said. “I know being [a] TA might reduce time for research and classes, but overall the experience is worth [it], regardless of students’ career intent (academia or industry).”

CAES alumnus wins fraternity award

CAES Alumnus Elliot Marsh was one of four winners of the Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity’s Grand President’s Award this year. Marsh earned his bachelor’s degree in Agricultural Economics in 2002 and followed it with a master’s degree in Agricultural Leadership in 2011. He served as Noble Ruler of Alpha Gamma Rho’s Alpha Eta chapter and as vice president of the Agronomy Club during his time as an undergraduate. In 2014, Marsh joined Southern States Cooperative, Inc. as the precision ag coordinator for East Georgia Agronomy. Currently, he is chairman of Alpha Gamma Rho’s Leadership Seminar Steering Committee. The Grand President’s Award is presented to Alpha Gamma Rho alumni age 40 or younger who have made great contributions to agriculture and achieved great success in their careers.

Dorfman named as most quoted faculty



The College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences' Dr. Jeffrey Dorfman was listed as one of UGA's most quoted faculty for the month of April. His work was quoted in various

economic columns in *Forbes* and other financial magazines. Dorfman's total of 14 mentions has an ad value of \$142,106.30. He is the second-most quoted faculty member across the entire university, behind only the law school's Ron Carlson.

Lacy, Kightlinger depart from UGA

Curt Lacy and Keith Kightlinger have both bid farewell to the Agricultural and Applied Economics department at UGA.

Lacy is moving to Mississippi State University, where he will serve as a regional extension coordinator, while Kightlinger is enjoying retirement after spending 26 years at the university.

The department is thankful for their many years of service and wishes Lacy and Kightlinger the best in their future endeavors.

Job market looking up for AAEC graduates

According to a report from Purdue University and the USDA, jobs for graduates with expertise in food, agriculture, renewable resources and the environment will have a good chance of employment in their field. The report estimates around 57,900 average annual job openings between 2015 and 2020, with almost half of those in management and business. The more willing they are to move and the more experience they have, such as internships and other work experiences, the more likely they are to get hired. Due to many of these graduates seeking jobs in other fields, however, the gap between the number of employment opportunities available and graduates who are qualified to fill them will continue to widen.

You can read the entire report by visiting <https://www.purdue.edu/usda/employment/>.

Li named UGA Amazing Student

PhD student Xiaofei Li was featured on the University's website as one of UGA's Amazing Students. The section spotlights student from around UGA's different colleges and includes a brief interview with each student. In his interview, Li talks about his research, his career goals, why he chose UGA and the highlights of his time spent in Athens, among other subjects.

You can read all about Li and find out why he's one of UGA's Amazing Student by visiting <http://www.uga.edu/amazing/profile/li-xiaofei/>.

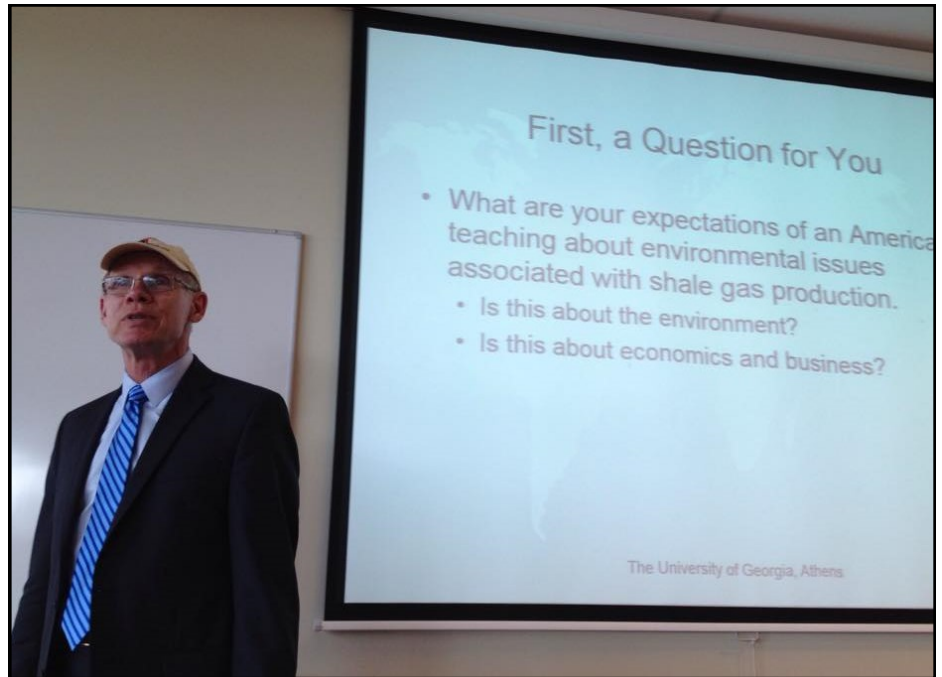
Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Terry Centner

Terry Centner continued his teaching and research activities as the 2015 Fulbright-Scotland Visiting Professor at University of Aberdeen. In March, he was selected to lecture for Gresham College, London's oldest higher education institution, which has provided the people of the City of London free public lectures for more than 400 years.

Centner's lecture was given at the Museum of London's lecture theatre and was titled "The Regulation of Shale Gas Extraction." It addressed the issues confronting the United Kingdom as the country debates whether to allow hydraulic fracturing and unconventional hydrocarbon development.

In April, Centner was a guest lecturer at the Warsaw University of Life Sciences in Poland. His hosts were Marcin Wysokinski and Joanna Baran, who were visiting scholars with the AAEC department this past winter. He lectured on "Managing Risks Related to Hydraulic Fracturing" as Poland decides whether to proceed



Centner spent the spring semester in Europe, teaching at the University of Aberdeen and giving lectures around the continent.

with the development of its shale gas resources. Centner gave a similar lecture at Jagiellonian University's Institute of Economics and Management in Krakow, Poland. In June, Centner was named as one of two recipients of the 2015 National USDA Excellence in Teaching Award. As one of the winners, he will designate a college or university to receive \$5000 for improving its programs. The award is the top agricultural teaching award in the U.S.

At the Tallinn University of Technology Law School in Estonia, Centner spoke to students about his research on property rights and externalities that accompany hydraulic fracturing. This lecture drew upon research findings

of the 2015 National USDA Excellence in Teaching Award. As one of the winners, he will designate a college or university to receive \$5000 for improving its programs. The award is the top agricultural teaching award in the U.S.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Philip Klayman, Agricultural Economics

Class of 2011



Klayman, seen here in Three Tree Coffee Roasters' roasting room, started his business in 2014 after falling in love with all things coffee.

Philip Klayman graduated in the spring of 2011 with his bachelor's degree in Agricultural Economics. Shortly afterwards, he combined a newfound love for coffee with a goal of making the world a better place.

The result: Three Tree Coffee Roasters.

Three Tree Coffee Roasters is located in Statesboro, Ga. across the street from Mill Creek Regional Park. The idea came from Klayman's first post-graduation job at Two Story Coffee in Athens.

"The job seemed like a transition job at the time, something that would pay the bills 'til I could get a 'real' job," he said. "But as it turned out, I ended up falling in love with everything coffee: the culture of coffee, the production chain and the drink itself."

He became particularly interested in coffee roasting because of how close to the farmers it is, so he was shocked to learn that coffee farmers are some of the most exploited commodity farmers.

When he and his wife opened their roasting room in 2014, Klayman saw a chance to make a difference globally while serving the local

community.

Three Tree Coffee only uses Fair Trade beans, which ensures that the farmers are paid fairly for their work and have safe working conditions.

"We have read countless stories about farmers who are empowered by being offered a wage above the volatile coffee market price that can change drastically," Klayman said.

The company has also partnered with Café Femenino, which supports women coffee farmers, many of whom are widows or illiterate.

The company's mission is three-fold: empowering the farmer, ending human trafficking and engaging the community. By using Fair Trade beans and working with organizations such as Café Femenino, Three Tree Coffee is empowering the farmer by helping to provide fair wages and safe conditions.

The company also has partnerships with organizations such as Rahab's Rope, which helps women who were previously trafficked recover and learn skills that will help them earn an income, to bring awareness to and raise funds for stopping human trafficking.

"Human trafficking can take on many different forms, including labor trafficking which many coffee farmers are victims of," Klayman said. "We partner with other organizations, such as Rahab's Rope, to extend our reach outside of the coffee community."

To select a partner, the Klaymans do a lot of careful research. They want to see first-hand that these organizations' missions are applicable rather than theoretical, so they look for evidence such as testimonials from those the organization has helped.

Finally, Three Tree Coffee engages its community by providing fundraising opportunities, buying local products and participating in community events and charitable endeavors.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: Philip Klayman, AgEcon, Class of '11

A typical day at Three Tree Coffee consists of roasting, selling and drinking coffee, along with thinking of new and different ways to impact the world through coffee. Though it's as fun as it sounds, Klayman said it's a lot of work.

"Because we want to display the unique flavors of a particular coffee, we spend many hours roasting to find 'the sweet spot'. In terms of selling coffee, we can't make any impact if no one buys the product. There are countless hours spent building and maintaining customer relationships with many clients."

Klayman said his education was "instrumental in seeing this dream become a reality."

"Having grown up in Atlanta, I was unfamiliar with most aspects of the agricultural industry prior to enrolling," he said. "My Agricultural Economics degree not only gave me knowledge about the agricultural industry, but the skills to be able to work in agriculture."

Specifically, he listed market analysis, sales, ag finance, budgeting, forecasting and projections and commodity economics as skills he gained through his degree that he has been putting to good use.

Klayman's advice for current CAES students is to make use of the school's resources while they have them.

"Though I learned a lot through my degree, there is so much more I wish I had studied and experienced, including various classes, clubs, study abroad and services through the College of Ag," he said.

Aside from making a global impact and helping improve coffee farmers' lives, one of Klayman's favorite parts of his job is learning about different coffees and sharing what he learns with others.

"I love hearing a particular coffee's story and conveying that to our customers and audience," he said.

"Each coffee from around the globe will taste drastically different and is harvested by a unique, hard-working individual. Because we buy the farmers product, we can ensure the



Participating in local farmers' markets is one way Three Tree Coffee Roasters engages its community.

farmer is being treated fairly and paid well."

His personal coffee recommendation? Three Tree's light-roasted Rwandan brewed with a Chemex coffee brewer, which he describes as "very fruity, sweet and delicious!" His general advice is to stick with light to medium roasts from specialty micro-roasters.

In the future, Klayman hopes to expand the roasting room into a coffee shop in the hopes of further serving the Statesboro community and bringing the coffee farmers' story to southeast Georgia.

In addition to its roasting room, the company also offers an online store where coffee, brewing machines and the roasters' merchandise is always available.

For more information on Three Tree Coffee Roasters or to see their available products, please visit them on Facebook or on their website, <http://www.3treecoffeeroasters.com>.

Conner Connects

The annual Conner Connects banquet and awards ceremony was held in the Garden Terrace Room at the State Botanical Gardens in Athens on April 16, 2015. Faculty, staff, students, parents and friends enjoyed a delicious meal while celebrating the department's accomplishments and award winners.



Chelsea Chambers won the award for **Outstanding Food Industry Marketing and Administration Senior**. She has been a presidential scholar, made the dean's list, and she is part of the top 2.3% of students in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. She has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity, Oasis Tutoring and the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia. After earning her bachelor's degree, Chelsea hopes to pursue her master's degree in agricultural and applied economics at UGA and to work as a business analyst in a food company.

Kollin Pyle won the award for **Outstanding Agribusiness Senior**. He came to UGA in the fall of 2013 to follow his passion for agriculture. He has been an active member of the student body as he was a member of Phi Theta Kappa, the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and the American Peanut Growers Association. He is also a dedicated student and hopes to pursue his master's degree after earning his bachelor's degree. Kollin plans to use the skills he has gained to pursue a career in the agricultural industry and, one day, establish his own business.





Sarah Carnes won the award for **Outstanding Environmental Science Senior**. She has worked as an agricultural fellow and intern in the office of Congressman Sanford D. Bishop, Jr., as well as serving as an intern at Corblu Ecology Group. She is a student ambassador for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, executive director for Inspire UGA and a sustainability program coordinator in the UGA Office of Sustainability, where she assists in improving the school's environmental friendliness.

Kirstie Hostetter won the award for **Outstanding Leadership**. She worked with the Carl Vinson Institute of Government to research sea level rise in the first half of 2014, and in the summer of that same year, she worked with UGA Costa Rica in its sustainability efforts. Kirstie is also a member of the Dean William Tate Honor Society, the Roosevelt Institute, the Lunchbox Garden Project and a founding member of The Energy Concept, which aims to stimulate discussion of energy-related topics at UGA.



Joel Medford won the award for **Outstanding Agricultural and Applied Economics Senior** when he had a second major in agricultural and applied economics. Since then, he has chosen to focus his attention on his environmental economics and management studies and dropped his other major. Joel has been named a Georgia Scholar by the Georgia Department of Education and was a finalist for and winner of a National Merit scholarship in the spring of 2013. He has researched traditional Indian family structure and immigration patterns as well as pharmaceutical pollution in water.

Hui Xian won the **Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award**. She originally came to UGA to pursue her master's degree, but transferred into the Ph.D. program in 2012. She participated in the Mondialogo Engineering Competition while at Nankai University, also calculated and researched carbon emission in Tianjin Binhai New Area as part of her undergraduate studies. Hui plans to eventually return to China and work as a consultant on environmental issues or as a civil servant working towards solutions for environmental and economic issues.



Tongyang Yang won the **Outstanding Master of Science Student Award**. She received her bachelor's degree in international economics and trade from Heilongjiang University in Harbin, China in 2013. She came to UGA in the fall of 2013 to work on her master's degree in agricultural and applied economics after completing her research on cultivating competitive financial markets in rural China. Tongyang's goal in her graduate studies is to focus on the microeconomic level of agricultural economics and gain skills to help further China's modernization through developing the country's agricultural economics.

Jonathan Balchus won the **Outstanding Master of Agribusiness Student Award**. He is a dean's list student and his dedication to his studies has put him in the top 7% of students in the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. From August 2013 to February 2014, he studied at the Swiss Institute of Technology through the department's international exchange program. With his master's degree, Jonathan aims to pursue his interest in international markets and bring innovative research to the college.



SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

Georgia Farm Credit Scholarship

Haley Cook
Olivia Souder
Samantha Strickland
Kelly Thompson
Haley Vickery

Tate Brookins Memorial Scholarship

Nicole Holden
Cydney Karlins
Matthew Pace
Erik Ragan
Chase Sherwood

Shelby Smith Taylor Teague Firor Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Minowa
Jonathan Moss
Charice Stroud

Roy E. Proctor Memorial Scholarship

Erich Meyer
Tom Frazier Scholarship
Adam Tarver



Winners of the department's scholarships pose with their awards.



Dr. John Bergstrom presented **Jason Grady** with the **Inspiring Student Award**.





ABOVE: Dr. Glenn Ames and Audrey Cox both celebrated their retirements at Conner Connects. Ames was also awarded the Agricultural and Applied Economics Club's **Outstanding Faculty Award**, presented by Chelsea Chambers, and Tom Golden presented Cox with the club's **Outstanding Staff Award**.

BELOW: The Graduate Student Association awarded Dr. Joshua Berning its **Outstanding Faculty Award**. The association then presented the **Outstanding Staff Award** to Laura Alfonso. Both awards were presented by Simone Johnson.



The Farm Bill and You

How UGA is helping educate the public about the 2014 farm bill



UGA held regional meetings to educate farmers and landowners about the effects of the 2014 farm bill.

Georgia farmers and landowners are now adjusting their operations to the provisions of the new farm bill. The Agricultural Act of 2014 was signed into law on Feb. 7, 2014 but many of its rules and regulations administered by the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) were not fully known until months later. Provisions of the new farm bill were retroactive to the 2014 crop year.

The new farm bill included major changes in crop “safety net” programs and dairy support program. It also added new crop insurance options. These changes required owners and producers make important and complex decisions that impact farm business income and risk for the 5-year life of the farm bill (2014-2018) and beyond.

The University of Georgia’s Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAE), the National Center for Peanut Competitiveness (NCPC) and the Center for Agribusiness and Economic Development (CAED) provided educational programs, analysis and training on computerized decision-aids to assist farmers, landowners and other clientele to understand the new legislation and make informed decisions.

Nathan Smith and Don Shurley planned, organized and conducted 10 regional farm bill education meetings for producers and landowners held in Fort Valley, Bainbridge, Tifton, Dawson, Quitman, Alma, Vidalia/Lyons, Waynesboro, Cartersville and Hull with total attendance of almost 2000. These meetings were conducted in partnership with FSA and the USDA Risk Management Agency and co-sponsored by Georgia Farm Bureau and the Farm Credit Associations of Georgia.

Smith and Shurley also conducted education and decision-aid training for county Extension agents, additional county-level farm bill meetings with attendance of over 1100 and seminars for bankers as well as crop consultants and advisors. County agents were trained to use the computerized decision-aid developed by Texas A&M and agents used this decision-aid to assist producers.

Curt Lacy and Tommie Shepherd conducted educational programs highlighting the key parts of the new Dairy Margin Protection Program (MPP) and discussed risk management principles. Five of these meetings were held and had attendance of over 100.

Stanley Fletcher worked on development and implementation of the peanut provisions of the new farm bill. He also provided information and analysis to peanut producers and industry leadership and participated in educational meetings and conferences. The NCPC also developed several spreadsheet-based decision aids.

AEC works with policy makers and industry leadership, provides intensive education and research-based analysis for each new farm bill.

This latest farm bill was confusing and complex, but these efforts resulted in much-improved understanding and decision-making.

Spring 2015 Graduates

Undergraduate Degrees

Student	Major	Degree
Andrew H. Abernathy	Agribusiness	BSA
Melissa M. Abram	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Kenneth Alvarez	Agricultural and Applied Economics	BSA
William M. Brinson	Agribusiness	BSA
Hunter C. Brock	Agribusiness	BSA
Kayla N. Brock	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Chelsea E. Chambers	Food Industry Marketing and Administration	BSA
Craig W. Cheesborough	Agribusiness	BSA
Jeffrey R. Cline	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Jarrett I. Cohen	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Patrick C. Conner	Agribusiness	BSA
Taylor C. Cook	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
John C. Cooledge	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Courtney L. Creswell	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Kendall L. Futch	Food Industry Marketing and Administration	BSA
Jason E. Grady	Agricultural and Applied Economics	BSA
Zachary S. Grifenhagen	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Lindsey L. Grizzard	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Michael E. Grizzle	Agribusiness	BSA
William D. Harrell	Agribusiness	BSA
Ryan J. Hayes	Agribusiness	BSA
Elizabeth M. Hill	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Harrison A. Krohn	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Joseph M. Manning	Agricultural and Applied Economics	BSA
Marshall Matulia	Agribusiness	BSA
Autumn D. Moore	Agribusiness	BSA
Marissa J. Peterson	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES

Spring 2015 Graduates

Undergraduate Degrees (cont.)

Student	Major	Degree
Kollin R. Pyle	Agribusiness	BSA
Mitchell P. Reynolds	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Robert E. Rickman	Agribusiness	BSA
Matthew A. Singletary	Agribusiness	BSA
Chasity D. Tompkins	Agricultural and Applied Economics	BSA
Ethan D. Trozt	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
John K. Twomey	Environmental Economics and Management	BSES
Robert A. Warren	Agribusiness	BSA
Zachary M. Waters	Agribusiness	BSA
Connor M. Whigham	Agribusiness	BSA
Jereme B. Wright	Agribusiness	BSA

Graduate Degrees

Student	Major	Degree
Aitbek Amatov	Agricultural and Applied Economics	MS
Na Hao	Agricultural and Applied Economics	Ph.D.
Linshan Li	Agribusiness	MAB
Xingchi Luo	Agricultural and Applied Economics	MS
Anne M. Mandich	Agricultural and Applied Economics	Ph.D.
Brendan D. Meany	Environmental Economics	MS
Xuedong Wu	Agricultural and Applied Economics	Ph.D.
Hui Xian	Agricultural and Applied Economics	Ph.D.

31st Annual J.W. Fanning Lecture

The 31st annual J. W. Fanning lecture will be on **November 19, 2015** at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. We are honored to have **Dr. Christopher B. Barrett** from the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University as this year's speaker. His lecture is entitled "**Development Resilience: Theory, Measurement, and Implications.**"

Dr. Barrett is the David J. Nolan Director of the Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, as well as the Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management. He has published 14 books and more than 260 book chapters or articles in industry journals. Dr. Barrett received a dual Ph.D. in Economics and Agricultural Economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1994.



Agenda for J.W. Fanning Events

All events will take place at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education.

8:30 a.m. — Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia Board Meeting
Craig Boardroom

10:00 a.m. — Registration and Refreshments
Pecan Tree Galleria

10:30 a.m. — J.W. Fanning Lecture
Masters Hall

Welcome

Introduction of Speaker: Octavio Ramirez, Head and Professor,
Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UGA

Lecture: Dr. Christopher B. Barrett

12:00 noon — Luncheon
Magnolia Ballroom

Presentation of J.W. Fanning Professional Awards: Bryan Tolar,
President of Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia

1:30 p.m. — Adjourn

The cost of the luncheon is \$30. There is no cost for attending the lecture only.



31st Annual J.W. Fanning Lecture & Luncheon Registration

November 19, 2015

REGISTRATION: Lecture attendance is free. A registration fee of \$30 is required for the luncheon. Please register no later than October 31, 2015 to reserve your seat at the luncheon. Make check payable to the **Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia** and return with the form below.

I plan to attend the lecture and luncheon _____ Number of attendees: _____

I plan to attend the lecture only _____

Name: _____

Telephone: _____

Address:

City: _____ State: _____

ZIP code: _____

Please return all forms to the **Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, 303 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509**. You may call Emily Clance at **706-542-0763** (email eclance@uga.edu) or Jo Anne Norris at **706-542-2481** to confirm your reservation.

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Alumni Survey — Agricultural and Applied Economics Department

Name (include Miss, Ms., Mrs. or Mr.):

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Please comment on the quality of the department's undergraduate/graduate programs (courses, faculty, staff, networking, etc.):

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News: Do you have a news update to be published in the Agricultural and Applied Economics (AAE) Department's Alumni Newsletter and/or posted on the AAE Alumni web page?

I am willing to have this information published in a newsletter or posted on the Agricultural and Applied Economics alumni site on the Internet.

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Please return your address and career information on the completed form to **Agricultural and Applied Economics Department, 303 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509** or email the information to **eclance@uga.edu** with the word "Survey" in the subject line.



The Agricultural Economics
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AEAG Agricultural Economist Awards Guidelines

The Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia offers two different awards to recognize outstanding professional performance and achievements. The **J.W. Fanning Distinguished Young Professional Award** is open to individuals with **up to and including ten years** of professional work experience, and the **J.W. Fanning Distinguished Professional Award** is open to those individuals with **more than ten years** of professional working experience.

Candidates can be self-nominated or nominated by someone familiar with their accomplishments. To ensure all nominations are given consistent representation, please submit the following information:

- ◆ Nominee's contact information (name, address, best phone number and email address)
- If nominating someone else, please include your contact information as well
- ◆ Category of the awards in which the nominee is eligible (i.e. Distinguished Young Professional or Distinguished Professional award)
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- ◆ Nominee's professional accomplishments
- ◆ Nominee's past professional or civic recognitions or awards received

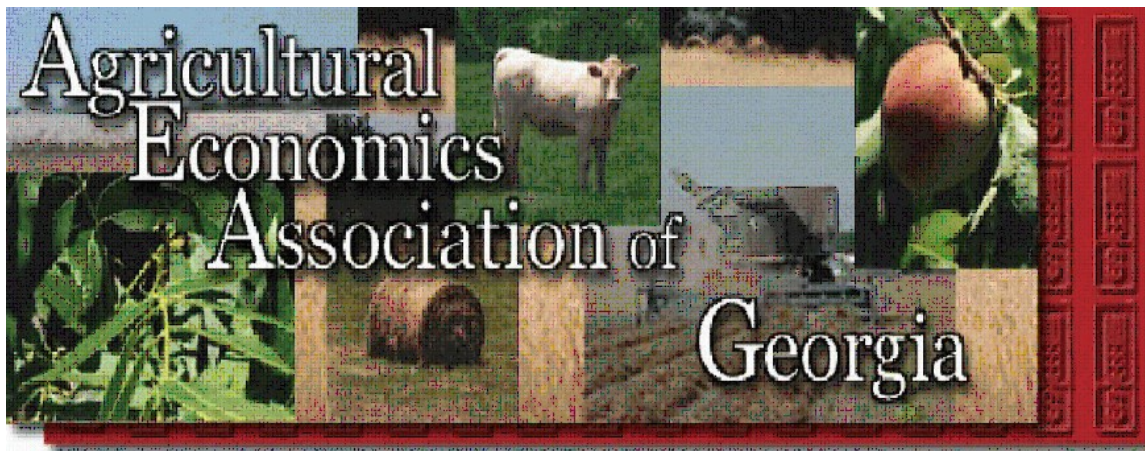
Responses should be kept to a maximum of two pages in length.

All awards are presented by the AEAG at the Awards Luncheon that follows the annual J.W. Fanning Lecture hosted by the University of Georgia's Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. The annual lecture series and awards luncheon are usually held during the late fall or winter and we request all recipients to be present to accept the awards. ***Nominations are accepted year-round, but must be received by the AEAG no later than October 15th to be considered for that year's awards.***

All complete nominations are to be submitted to:

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As fellow graduates from the Agricultural and Applied Economics Department of the University of Georgia, we invite you to join the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia. The investment is nominal, but the rewards and mission are great. It is our hope that most of you will want to support the organization that promotes our industry and field of education.

The Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia (AEAG) was established in 1976.

The goals of the Association are:

- ◆ To provide opportunities for the professional improvement of people interested in the field of agricultural economics
- ◆ To provide a forum for the discussion of economic problems and issues of mutual interest to people working in agriculture, agribusiness, and related fields
- ◆ To recommend solutions to economic problems facing Georgia's agriculture

Agricultural economics is involved in all sectors of our economy. The opportunities are greater now than ever before. We must recruit more students and better support agricultural economists if we are to meet the challenges for further application of agricultural economics to farm, resource, environmental, and agribusiness problems.

The AEAG board has new goals to support students in agricultural and applied economics as well as high school students who have yet to make decisions about college. We need your support to be able to carry out those goals to assist the future leaders in our field.

- ◆ AEAG membership offers benefits through the following:
- ◆ *Journal of Agribusiness*
- ◆ AEAG newsletter
- ◆ J.W. Fanning lecture
- ◆ Recognition for career accomplishments
- ◆ Enhanced educational opportunities for students in agricultural economics

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In addition, AEAG enjoys an active relationship with the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia. The activities of the association provide occasions for interaction among AEAG members, faculty and students. This interaction provides students and professionals important opportunities to network for the purpose of future career connections and the sharing of information and knowledge.

Below you will find an application for membership. Lifetime memberships are also available. If you would like to know more about AEAG, visit the AEAG website at <http://aeag.uga.edu>.

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