



Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics

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Greetings from the Department Head

I hope your summer is going well and that you will be able to at least take a small break and recharge your energies for the remainder of the year!

I am very pleased to report that our Conner Connects banquet was a great success. Outstanding graduate and undergraduate students, faculty, and staff were recognized for their achievements during the annual awards ceremony held at this banquet. Many faculty members, staff, students, parents, and friends were present to enjoy socializing over a delicious meal and to celebrate the presentation of the well-deserved awards and recognitions.

Specifically, please join me in congratulating Dr. James Epperson who was presented the Outstanding Faculty Award by the Agricultural and Environmental Economics Club and to Laura Alfonso who was presented the Outstanding Staff Award by the Graduate Student Association. In addition, I would like to congratulate each of our graduate and undergraduate student award winners for their remarkable accomplishments. You may read about all of them in this issue of the newsletter.

The department is privileged to be an instrument in preparing so many young people to enter their chosen professions and become productive citizens. At the end of the spring semester, we had 42 undergraduate and 4 graduate students completing their degrees. Congratulations to each of our graduates and best of luck in the pursuit of your dreams!

The date for the 28th annual J.W. Fanning Lecture is set for November 15, 2012. This year's speaker will be Dr. C. Parr Rosson, III, professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. Dr. Rosson will be addressing the important topic of immigrant labor in agriculture. The lecture will take place in the Masters Hall at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education beginning at 10:30 am. An agenda is on the last page of the newsletter. Please contact Audrey Cox (ahl@uga.edu) if you plan to attend the lecture and luncheon.

The annual J.W. Fanning Distinguished Professional and Young Professional Awards will be presented at the luncheon/awards ceremony on November 15. Please consider nominating qualified individuals for these prestigious awards. The criteria and instructions are included on page 15 of the newsletter.

An alumni information form is attached to the newsletter. It would be very helpful if you would fill it out and return it to us. It is important for us to stay in touch with our graduates and learn about your activities and accomplishments after leaving the department. Also listed in the newsletter, you will find the names of those who have made financial contributions to our scholarship funds during the last fiscal year. These contributions enable us to provide scholarships to our deserving students and ensure the continued quality educational experiences that are an integral part of student life in the department. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Octavio Ramirez, Department Head & Professor

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Conner Connects – 2012



The annual Conner Connects Banquet and Awards Ceremony was held at the Garden Terrace Room at the State Botanical Gardens in Athens on April 24, 2012. Faculty, staff, students, parents, and friends gathered to enjoy the festivities and a delicious meal. The annual departmental awards were presented to undergraduate students, graduate students, faculty, and staff. Below is a listing of the award recipients:

Undergraduate Student Awards

2012 Outstanding Seniors:



The 2012 Outstanding Senior majoring in **agricultural and applied economics** is **Zeke Bryant**. Zeke is from Folkston, GA. He works at the

Ramsey Student Center on the informal recreation staff. He has been involved in organizing and participating in an Adopt-A-Highway cleanup through UGA Collegiate FFA; organizing a gratitude breakfast for educators during National FFA week; speaking to a middle school class about the importance of conservation, agriculture, and science; assisting an injured farmer with his onion and garlic farm through AgrAbility; and volunteering as a tour guide for the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge.



The 2012 Outstanding Senior majoring in **agribusiness** is **Clay Carswell**. Clay is on the President's List and a chairperson of Beta Upsilon Chi. He volunteers as a tutor at the Sparrow's Nest and Broad Street Ministries



in Athens and at the Helping Hands Thrift Store, Youth with Disabilities, and Spooky to Be Hungry near his home in Evans, GA. For a couple of years, Clay owned and operated his own business selling fresh vegetables.



The 2012 Outstanding Senior majoring in **environmental economics and management** is **Kalle Cubitt**. Kalle is a Presidential Scholar and a member of the

Golden Key Honor Society and Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority. She served as a member of the Autism UGA Awareness Committee and a Homecoming Liaison. Kalle has participated in three internship programs – one with the Georgia Conservancy, one with the UGA Office of Sustainability, and one with the Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pollution Prevention and Innovation.

The 2012 Outstanding Leadership Award was presented to **Dana Schroeder**. Dana is an environmental economics and management major from Knoxville, TN. She



is a Project WET and Project Learning Tree Certified Environmental Educator, and the first Student of the Week for commitment to sustainability. Dana was a Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Summer Fellow in 2011 for work in Costa Rica. She is also the Green Committee Chairman for the Creswell Community Council and has served as president and secretary for Students for Environmental Action.

Scholarship Winners 2012-2013:**Tate Brookins Memorial Scholarship Winners in the amount of \$1,000 each (unless otherwise noted) are as follows:**

Christopher Bryan Arnett – third-year agricultural and applied economics major from Cumming, GA.

Timothy Brock Boleman – fourth-year agribusiness major from Gainesville, GA.

Kayla Brock – second-year environmental economics and management major from Stockbridge, GA (\$1,500).

Kathryn Leigh Buford – fourth-year agribusiness major from Cordele, GA.

Heather Hatzenbuhler – fourth-year environmental economics and management major from Lawrenceville, GA.

Morgan Strickland – third-year agribusiness major from Perry, GA.

Farm Credit Scholarship winners in the amount of \$1,200 each are as follows:

Margaret Rose Braski - third-year food industry marketing and administration major from Warner Robins, GA.

John Randall Foster - second-year agribusiness major from Lavonia, GA.

Devin Lewis Hosea - fourth-year agricultural and applied economics major from Cumming, GA

Cleveland Norton Jackson – fourth-year agribusiness major from Cave Spring, GA

James Daniel Loughridge – fourth-year agribusiness major from Chatsworth, GA.

The Firor Memorial Scholarship winners in the amount of \$1,000 each are as follows:

Jarrett Isaac Cohen - second-year agricultural and applied economic major from Roswell, GA.

Margaret Dudacek - third-year agricultural and applied economics major from Suwanee, GA

Meredith Catherine Marmande - third-year environmental economics and management major from Baton Rouge, LA.

The Proctor Memorial Scholarship winners in the amount of \$700 each are as follows:

Zeke Mackenzie Bryant - fourth-year agricultural and applied economics major from Folkston, GA (2012 only).

Alan Lawson Gluck - third-year agribusiness major from Dunwoody, GA

Additional Undergraduate Student News

Heather Hatzenbuhler, fourth-year environmental economics and management major from Lawrenceville, GA, was presented the CAES Alumni Association's Rising Star Award at the CAES Undergraduate Awards Night celebration on April 30, 2012. Heather is also one of three UGA Honors students (80 students nationwide) to be awarded the 2012 Morris K. Udall and Stewart L. Udall Foundation Scholarship in the amount of \$5,000. This scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated commitment to careers related to the environment including policy, engineering, science, education, urban planning and renewal, business, health, justice, economics, and other related fields.

Agricultural & Environmental Economics Club Officers for 2011-2012:

President	Cale Davis
Vice President	Ben Cleary
Secretary/Treasurer	Cleve Jackson
Ag Hill Representatives	Thomas Meeks and Jim Loughridge
Faculty Advisor	Dr. James Epperson

CAES Ambassadors

Weston Gittens - EEM major from Moultrie, GA
Stephanie Guzman - AGB major from Athens, GA
Cleve Jackson - AGB major from Cave Spring, GA
Valerie Noles - AGB major from Statesboro, GA
Morgan Strickland - AGB major from Perry, GA

2012 Graduate Student Awards



The 2012 Agricultural and Applied Economics Outstanding Ph.D. Student is **Ajita Atreya**. Ajita received a BS in agricultural economics from the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science, Chitwan, Nepal. She received an MS in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University. Her major professor is Dr. Susana Ferreira.

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The 2012 Claudia DePalma Davis Outstanding M.S. Student is **Beth Nielsen**. Beth received a BSES in environmental economics and management from our department in 2010. She is from Alpharetta, GA, and her major professor is Dr. Jeff Dorfman.



The 2012 Rod Zeimer Outstanding Paper Award goes to **Dawit Mekonnen** for his paper entitled, "Innovation Systems and Technical Efficiency in

Developing-Country Agriculture." Dawit received BA and MS degrees from Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia. His major professor is Dr. Greg Fonsah.

The 2012 Outstanding MS Paper Award goes to **Ashley Barfield** for her paper entitled, "An Economic Valuation of Pollination Services in Georgia." Ashley received a BSES in environmental economics and management from our department in 2010. Her major professor is Dr. John Bergstrom.



Additional Graduate Student News

2012-2013 Graduate Student Association Officers:

President	Jennie Allison
Vice President	Beth Nielsen
Treasurer	Kayla Calhoun
Faculty and Alumni Liaison	Shiyu Ye (Iros)
Faculty Advisor	Dr. Michael Wetzstein

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Ramesh Ghimire received a 2012 University of Ottawa Workshop Grant. He is also the recipient of an Open Society Foundation Global Supplementary Grant for 2011/2012, a 2012 Open Society Foundation Travel and Conference Grant, and a 2012 NCSU Center for Environmental and Resource Economics Policy Travel Grant.

In addition, **Ramesh** and his wife welcomed their second child, a baby girl named Aditi, born on April 5, 2012 in Athens, GA. Congratulations!

Graduation – Spring 2012

Listed below are students who graduated from the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the spring of 2012:



Undergraduates Students Who Obtained Degrees Spring 2012

Name	Degree	Major	Graduation Honors
Virginia Louise Allison	BSES	EEM	Cum Laude
Robert Everette Arrington	BSES	EEM	Cum Laude
Alec Ryan Asbridge	BSES	EEM	
Austin Aaron Atkinson	BSA	AGB	
Milton Curtis Beavers, III	BSA	AGB	
William Blake Carlson	BSES	EEM	
Christopher James Carter	BSES	EEM	
Candice Alma Chatkin	BSA	AGB	
Jordan William Chivell	BSA	AGB	
Davis Benjamin Clark	BSES	EEM	
Benjamin Aubrey Cleary	BSA	AGB	
Kalle Ryan Cubitt	BSES	EEM	Summa Cum Laude
Caleb Stewart Davis	BSA	AGB	
Demontay Terrell Goolsby	BSA	AGB	
Jacob Morgan Griner	BSA	AGB	
Mary Alice Louise Jasperse	BSES	EEM	Cum Laude
Keeley Eve Jones	BSA	AGB	
Taylor Douglas Jordan	BSES	EEM	
Kendall Lamb	BSA	AGB	
Jared Murray Law	BSES	EEM	
Yiu Lun Lo	BSES	EEM	
Daniel Keith Martin	BSA	AAE	
Grace Elizabeth Mattingly	BSES	EEM	
Kathryn Louise McCurley	BSES	EEM	
Savanna Davis McMichael	BSA	AGB	
Brendan David Meany	BSES	EEM	Cum Laude
Stephanie J. Petter	BSES	EEM	
Shayna Ellen Pollock	BSES	EEM	With High Honors
Chris Young-Un Ra	BSA	AAE	
Jacob Ralph Sandeford	BSA	AGB	
Nathaniel Neal Schmitt	BSES	EEM	
Dana Christine Schroeder	BSES	EEM	Magna Cum Laude
Tyler Lee Sgro	BSES	EEM	
Stephen Blake Shepard	BSA	AGB	
Adam Theodore Stemle	BSES	EEM	
Karen Jane Stubbs	BSES	EEM	
Robert Stanson Trigg	BSES	EEM	
Keyne J. Villert	BSES	EEM	
Madeline Ray Vogler	BSA	AAE	
Kristin Nicole Ward	BSES	EEM	Summa Cum Laude - With Honors
Richard Colby Whitehead	BSES	EEM	
Charles Landon Woodall	BSES	EEM	

Graduate Students Who Obtained Degrees Spring 2012

Name	Degree	Major
Ashley Barfield	M.S.	EEM
Dmitry Gomes de lima	M.S.	Ag Econ
Haobo Luo	M.S.	Ag Econ
Lafe Perkins	M.S.	Ag Econ

Attention Former Graduate Students!



We would like to keep up with our graduate students. Please email us with your most recent news. We would like to know what has taken place in your life since obtaining your degree. Please send us an email and include information about where you are working, position title, recent moves, marriages, births of children, addresses, and email addresses. Also, if there is something you want to share in the newsletter, please let us know. You may email your information to Audrey Cox at aaecnews@uga.edu or mail the information to Audrey Cox, 303 Conner Hall, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UGA, Athens, GA 30602.

Graduate Student Spotlight

Ajita Atreya



Ajita Atreya is a fourth-year Ph.D. student from Kathmandu, Nepal majoring in agricultural economics. She entered the department's Ph.D. program in July of 2009. Ajita graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in agriculture economics from the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, Tribhuvan University, Nepal, and magna cum laude with an M.S. in agricultural economics from Oklahoma State University.

Ajita was recently presented the 2012 Outstanding Ph.D. Student Award from the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UGA.

She worked with Dr. Susana Ferreira on the USGS Georgia Water Resource Institute Research Grant and received the Innovative and Interdisciplinary Research Grant from the UGA Graduate School in 2011. Also in 2011, she received the UNICT-EAERE-FEEM Belpasso International Summer School Grant and a Foreign Travel Grant from the University of Georgia Research Foundation.

While at Oklahoma State University in 2008, Ajita received the Graduate College Research Fellowship from the Graduate School and the Spielman Scholarship from the Department of Agricultural Economics.

Ajita received the Scholarship of Merit from the Office of the Dean for the Institute of Agriculture and Animal Sciences, Nepal from 2002-2006 and the Nepal Vidhya Bhusan Chhatra Padak, a national award from the Ministry Education in Nepal in 2006.

Currently, Ajita is serving as vice president of the Nepalese Student Association at UGA. At Oklahoma State University, she served as treasurer of the Nepalese Student Association from 2008 through 2009 and as the Graduate and Professional Student Government Association representative for the Department of Agricultural Economics from 2007 through 2009.

She has given presentations at a number of professional conferences for the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, and others.

Ajita is currently working as a research assistant to Dr. Susana Ferreira and worked as a teaching assistant to Dr. Oz Kaya in her 2009 intermediate microeconomics class in the department and as a research assistant at Oklahoma State University during her years as an M.S. student.

Ajita's special interests include environmental economics, climate and land use change, and spatial econometrics. After completing her Ph.D., she would like to "get involved in a cutting-edge research career that can make a real difference in people's lives."

In her leisure, Ajita likes visiting new places and exploring new cultures. She enjoys playing volleyball, watching movies, and spending time with her family and friends.

Faculty Spotlight

Dr. Warren Kriesel



Dr. Warren Kriesel joined the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at UGA as an extension specialist on the Tifton Campus in 1988. He moved to Athens in 1991 and his time allocation is currently 55% research, 35% teaching, and 10% extension.

Dr. Kriesel specializes in analyzing the relationship between a region's economic prosperity and its natural resource base. Most recently, his research has focused on the coastal regions of Georgia. Using data from actual land transactions, his research shows that buyers bid up prices for properties that are located in subdivisions that have more open space and pervious surface.

Home-buyers' preferences for these property characteristics can even outweigh their preferences for large parcel sizes. Therefore, Dr. Kriesel's research indicates that developers of residential subdivisions have a market incentive to incorporate design features that reduce pollution of Georgia's saltwater marshlands. This is because pollutants are mainly transported by storm water runoff, and this is drastically reduced by these design features.

One of Dr. Kriesel's new projects will take these results and make them available on a website that uses GIS visualization technology. This work has been funded by SEA Grant, FEMA, and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources.

Dr. Kriesel teaches land economics and appraisal, applied econometrics, and rural economic development. In each of these courses, he utilizes real-world examples to motivate the thoughts of students. He especially enjoys teaching the land economics course.

When the course was previously taught, the concentration was on property appraisal. Graduates who wanted to work in appraisal had to take additional courses approved by the state licensing board. Dr. Kriesel gears the appraisal section of the course toward managerial uses, and the new land economics section covers areas not offered elsewhere in the university.

The focus of Dr. Kriesel's extension work is the website he developed and maintains for the Georgia Statistics System found at www.georgiastats.uga.edu. The website generates data, tables, maps, and graphs from a database of 1,400 variables for each of the state's 159 counties. The purpose of the site is to facilitate economic development by improving the information base available to decision-makers in local government, schools, and businesses.

Dr. Kriesel and his wife Sheila met while he was in graduate school at Virginia Tech, and they were married in 1984. Their oldest son, Frederick, was born in Tifton in 1990, and he currently works in the restaurant industry. Their son, Craig, was born in Macon in 1991, and he is a Corporal in the Marine Corps. Craig returned home safely from Afghanistan in March, and his ambition now is to be a normal college student.

The Kriesel's daughter, Maria, was born in Athens in 1995, and she will graduate from Oconee County High School next year. She plans to earn a degree in the life sciences from UGA. Maria has been on the track and field, cross country, and soccer teams. For the past three summers, she has worked as a counselor at BSA Camp Rainey Mountain. Maria serves as president of Venture Crew 149, and she backpacked at Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico in June.

As a result of volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America, Dr. Kriesel discovered that he liked hiking and backpacking. He and his two sons spent two weeks backpacking at the Philmont Boy Scout Ranch in 2006. Since then, Dr. Kriesel has hiked one-third of the Appalachian Trail.

In addition to backpacking, he is now involved in mountaineering. He has been to the top of Athabasca, Alberta (11,800 ft.), Longs Peak, Colorado (14,300 ft.), Mt. Rainier, Washington (14,200 ft.), Mt. Blanc, France (16,000 ft.), and Aconcagua, Argentina (22,800 ft.). Dr. Kriesel describes mountaineering as being more of a mental than a physical challenge, involving self-discipline for staying in shape, and the mental focus needed for staying safe.

Faculty News



Dr. James Epperson was presented the 2012 Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty Award by the Agricultural and Environmental Economics Club at the Conner Connects Awards Ceremony in April.



Dr. Don Shurley received the 2012 Senior Extension Award of Excellence for the UGA Tifton Campus.

Dr. Jeff Mullen was recognized on UGA's "Thank-a-Teacher" website for exemplary teaching in Water Resource Economics, AAEC 4800. Dr. Mullen also received a Faculty Recognition Certificate for being identified by a UGA Class of 2012 graduate as "a person who has contributed greatly to his/her career development."



Presentations:

Research Presentations at Major Professional (National or International) Conferences

T.J. Centner and A. Lawrence. "Assigning Liability for Pesticide Spray Drift." Presented by **T.J. Centner**, International Conference of Energy and Environment, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, June 2012.

T.J. Centner. "Negligence Lawsuits: Limiting Costs Related to Governmental Torts in the United States." Presented by **T.J. Centner**, National College of Public Administration and Governance, Mandaluyong City, Philippines, June 2012.

Colson, G. and C. Grebitus. "Helping Parents with Obese Children Make Healthier Food Choices." Selected poster presented by **Greg Colson**, AAEE/EAAE Conference on Food Environment: The Effects of Context and Food Choice, Boston, MA, May 2012.

Warren Kriesel. "Improving an Extension Health Promotion Program." Presented by **Warren Kriesel**, Southern Regional Science Association meetings, Charlotte, NC March, 2012.

Richard McNider, Gerrit Hoogenboom, **Jeffrey Mullen**, Richard Marcus, Grover Ward, Amelia Ward, Lee Ellenburg, John Christy, James Cruise, and Cameron Handyside. "Migration of Agricultural Production Back to the Southeast as a Climate Change Adaptation Strategy." Presented by **Jeffrey Mullen**, National Science Foundation, Earth Systems Modeling Conference, Washington, DC, July 2, 2012.

Luis Pena-Levano, Octavio Ramirez, and Jack Houston. "Analysis of Efficiency Gains in Commodity Price Forecasting Using ARMA Models on Varying Aggregation Levels of Daily Cash Prices." Presented by Luis Pena-Levano, Western Agricultural and Resource Economics Association 2012 annual meetings, Park City, UT, June 22, 2012.

Other Presentations

Glenn C.W. Ames. "Observations on 4-H in the U.S. and Abroad: Involving Rural Youth and Economic Development." Hoke Smith Annex, University of Georgia for visiting Indian university administrators at the request of Jenna B. Daniel, State 4-H Program Assistant, and Jeff Buckley, 4-H and Youth Coordinator, June 21, 2012.

Ajita Atreya and **Susana Ferreira**. "Variation in Flood Risk Perception: Does Scale Matter?" Presented by **Ajita Atreya**, ICARUS-Initiative on Climate Adaptation Research and Understanding Through the Social Sciences, Columbia University, New York, May 2012.

Ajita Atreya and **Susana Ferreira**. "Forgetting the Flood? Changes in Flood Risk Perception Over Time." Presented by **Ajita Atreya**, E. Broadus Browne Research Awards for Outstanding Graduate Research, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia, March 27, 2012.

T. J. Centner. "Sustainability and Ethics of Animal Farming Practices." Presented by **T.J. Centner**, Working in the Public Interest Law Conference., Athens, GA, March 2012.

Jeffrey H. Dorfman and **Berna Karali**. "Have Commodity Index Funds Increased Price Linkages between Commodities." Presented by **Berna Karali**, 2012 NCCC-134 meeting, St. Louis, MO, April 16., 2012.

C.L. Escalante, F.E. Stegelin and **E.G. Fonsah**. "Agricultural Labor and Immigration Issues: A Southern Regional Perspective." Presented by **Forrest Stegelin**, Southern Extension Economics Committee 2012 annual meeting, Tifton, GA, June 5, 2012.

Ramesh Ghimire and **Susana Ferreira**. "Floods and Armed Conflict." Presented by **Ramesh Ghimire**, First Canadian Ph.D. Workshop in Environmental Economics and Policy, The University of Ottawa, Canada, May 2012.

Douglas Patton, Rebecca Moore, Alan Covich, and **John Bergstrom**. "Ex-Post Reliability Assessment of Benefit Transfer Valuation Estimates of Wetland Ecosystem Service Supported by Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge." Presented by **Douglas Patton** (invited speaker), University of Kentucky Agricultural Economics Department Lunch Box Lecture Series, Lexington, KY, April 20, 2012.

Douglas Patton, Rebecca Moore, Alan Covich, and **John Bergstrom**. "An Economic Assessment of Ecosystem Service Values Supported by Wetlands of the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge." Presented by **Douglas Patton**, 2012 NAREA Workshop on The Economics of Agricultural and Rural Ecosystem Services, Lowell, MA, June 13, 2012.

Forrest Stegelin. "Agribusiness and Agriculture's Roles in Southern Rural Economic Growth." Presented by **Forrest Stegelin**, Southern Extension Economics Committee 2012 annual meeting, Tifton, GA, June 6, 2012.

Forrest Stegelin. "Demand Elasticities and Supply Flexibilities of Fresh Produce and Environmental Horticulture, and How They Affect 'Buy-Local'." Presented by **Forrest Stegelin**, WERA-72, Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness and Profitability annual meeting, West Lafayette, IN, June 25, 2012.

Forrest Stegelin. "Case Studies and the 'Ah? Ha!' Teachable Moment Pedagogy in Extension and the Classroom." Presented by **Forrest Stegelin**, WERA-72, Agribusiness Research Emphasizing Competitiveness and Profitability annual meeting, West Lafayette, IN, June 26, 2012.

Ting Meng, **Wojciech J. Florkowski**, Shashi Kolavalli, and **Mohammed Ibrahim**. "Food Expenditures in Rural Households in the Northern Region of Ghana." Presented by **Ting Meng**, 2012 University of Georgia Graduate Student Association Interdisciplinary Research Conference, Athens, GA, March 23, 2012.

Publications:

Journal Articles (refereed)

S.N. Awondo, **E. G. Fonsah**, D. Riley, and M. Abney. (2012) "Effectiveness of Tomato-Spotted Wilt Virus Management Tactics." *Journal of Economic Entomology*, 105(3): 943-948.

T.J. Centner. (2012) "Legitimate Exercises of the Police Power or Compensable Takings: Courts May Recognize Private Property Rights." *Journal of Food Law & Policy*, 7(2):191-256.

Ozgur Kaya, Ilker Kaya, and **Lewell Gunter**. (2012) "Development Aid to Agriculture and Economic Growth." *Review of Development Economics*, 16(2): 230-242. DOI:10.1111/j.1467-9361.2012.00658.x

Ramirez, O.A. and C.A. Carpio. (2012) "Premium Estimation Inaccuracy and the Performance of the US Crop Insurance Program." *Agricultural Finance Review*, 72(1):117-133.

Forrest E. Stegelin, **Cesar L. Escalante**, **Esendugue Greg Fonsah**, and **Keith D. Kightlinger**. (2011) "Farm and Agribusiness Labor: Spotlight on Georgia's Produce Industry." *Journal of Agribusiness*, 29(2): 243-266.

Other Publications:

Myra Clarisse Ferrer and Michael Hammig. "Economic Impacts of IPM Sampling Methods for Collards." *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems*, Available on *Cambridge Journal Online*, DOI:10.1017/S1742170511000615.

Forrest E. Stegelin. (2012) "Do Demand Elasticities and Supply Flexibilities Apply to Environmental Horticulture?" *SNA Research Conference*, 57:79-82.

Forrest Stegelin. (2012) "Is There a Role for Environmental Horticulture and the Nursery Industry in the 2012 Farm Bill?" *SNA Research Conference*, 57:83-85.

Staff News



Laura Alfonso was presented the 2012 Outstanding Staff Award by the Graduate Student Association.

Alumni News

Brett Cochran (BSA in agribusiness in 2007) is an electrical engineer with P&CRFS Test Engineers at Georgia Power Company in Sylvester, GA.

Kalle Cubitt (BSES in environmental economics and Management in 2012) is a business analyst consultant with Booz Allen Hamilton, Atlanta, GA.

Carter Dunn (BSA in agribusiness in 2005 and MS in agricultural and applied economics in 2008) is a production analyst at the University of Arkansas.

Haley Engelberth (BSES in environmental economics and management in 2010) will be completing her MS in ecology and environmental science with a concentration in environmental economics and policy from the University of Maine in August 2012.

Luciano Leite Fernandes (BSA in agribusiness in 2003) works in electronic trading at Santander in Brazil.

Joe Fleming (BSA in agricultural economics in 1997) is an assistant manager at Phillips Van Heusen in Denver, CO.

Joshua Gill (BSES in environmental economics and management in 2001 and MS in agricultural and applied economics in 2004) is a program analyst for the Civilian Deployment Operations at USDA Foreign Agricultural Services, Washington, DC.

Caleb Gravely (BSA in agribusiness) is a supervisor at Archer Daniels Midland in Albany, GA.

Lee Gross (BSES in environmental economics and management & certificate in international agriculture from Global Programs 2004) obtained an MS in natural resources from the University of Vermont in 2011. He is now working as a project manager for the NGO EcoAgriculture Partners in Washington, DC

Keith Johnson (BSA in agricultural economics in 1991) is the director of human resources for Jackson EMC. He finished an MBA from Brenau in February 2012 and is currently serving as chair of the Jackson County Area Chamber of Commerce in Jefferson, GA

Jason Lanier (BSA in agribusiness) is the RVP at the Heritage Bank in Statesboro, GA.

Andrew Majors (BSA in agribusiness in 2011) is a rental coordinator for Yancey Brothers Company, Atlanta, GA.

Steve Morgan (BSA in agricultural economics in 1990 and MS in agricultural economics in 1992) works with Sun Trust Investment Services as a Financial Advisor, CRPC. He served as chairman of the board for the Douglas County Chamber of Commerce in 2011.

Zachary Murphy (BSA in agribusiness in 2009) and Whitney (Kizer) Murphy (BSA in animal science in 2010) were married on July 30, 2011. Zack is a loan officer for AgGeorgia Farm Credit in Chatsworth, GA and Whitney is a sales representative for Dow AgroSciences. They reside in Cleveland, TN. Congratulations, Zack and Whitney!

J. D. Newton (BSA in agribusiness in 2009) is a sales representative for Helena Chemical Company, Statesboro, GA.

Will Peoples (BSA in agricultural economics in 2004) is a commercial insurance agent for Insurance Office of America. He and his wife, Kingsley, live in Gainesville, GA.

Bastiaan Schimmel (BSA in agricultural economics in 2002 and MS in agricultural economics and policy in 2004) is the managing director of Tetra Americana in Athens, GA.

Katie Thomason (BSA in agribusiness in 2010) and Tyler Murray (BSA in animal and dairy science in 2010) were married on May 5, 2012. Katie works for the Athens Small Business Development Center and Tyler is a farm manager for the University of Georgia. They reside in Winterville, GA. Congratulations, Katie and Tyler!

Tony Waller (BSA in agricultural economics in 1990 and JD, UGA School of Law in 1993) is the executive director of Children First, Inc. in Athens, GA



Alumni Spotlight

Mohammed Ibrahim



Mohammed Ibrahim received a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UGA in 2005. He received an M.A. in economics from Clark Atlanta University, Atlanta in 1999 and a B.A. in economics from International Islamic University, Malaysia in 1993.

Mohammed was recently promoted to associate professor and coordinator of the Agricultural Economics Program at Fort Valley State University (FVSU), Fort Valley, GA. As coordinator, Mohammed is responsible for coordinating academic, recruitment, and retention activities in the Agricultural Economics Program. In addition to those responsibilities, he is teaching a number of classes. His various research projects have been funded by grants totaling \$470,590.

Mohammed served as chair of the Outstanding M.S. Thesis Award Review Committee for the Southern Agricultural Economics Association (SAEA) in 2012 and as the State 1890 Representative for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). He was also a team advisor for the SAEA Quiz Bowl Competition in Birmingham in 2012.

Mohammed states that while he was in college, networking, perseverance, and determination helped him get to where he is in his professional career. He has the following advice for current students in the department. "Network in and out of the college. Make sure you know exactly what career path you want to take from the start. Identify mentors early in your college career. Ph.D. students should learn how to write grant proposals. Learn how to publish early by working closely with any professor who is willing to work with you. Try to get along with all professors and colleagues. Have perseverance and determination."

Mohammed enjoys recruiting students for his department. He is a recruiter for the FVSU College of Agricultural Sciences' Emerging Scholars Program. Currently, two of his students are in Athens participating in the program.

Mohammed maintains a working relationship with professors in our department and college including Drs. Wojciech Florkowski – his PhD. advisor, Cesar Escalante, Greg Fonsah, Ron Walcott, Curt Lacy, and Michael Wetzstein. Assistant Dean Gerald Arkin of the Griffin Campus was helpful in acquiring funding for Mohammed's first year in the Ph.D. program.

In his leisure time, Mohammed enjoys spending time with his family. He is active in Toastmasters, and he recently began a new hobby, gardening.

On the following page is an Alumni Information Form which will be very helpful to us in our attempts to stay informed about our alumni if you will fill it out and return it to us. The form has been attached to the emailed newsletter in a Word document to make it easier to fill out and return. Thank you for your help.

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

Degree(s) (Major, University, and Year)

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

Contact Information

Address:

City: County: State: ZIP Code:

Home Phone: Business Phone:

E-mail Address:

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Employer:

Current Job Title:

Current Job Responsibilities:

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.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return your address and career information on the completed form (*attached in a Word document*) to Agricultural and Applied Economics Department, 303 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509 or e-mail the information to aaecnews@uga.edu with the word *Form* in the subject line.
Thank you.



Contributions Thanks

We are so grateful to our alumni and friends for their financial support of the department. Listed below are the names of those who have made financial contributions to the department beginning July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

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Please consider making an investment in future agricultural economics and agribusiness leaders of our state and nation by supporting our educational programs. To support the Agricultural Economics Fund (which supports general departmental activities), the Stephen J. Brannen Student Leadership Fund, Tom Frazier Scholarship Fund, Wen Williams Scholarship Fund, Evan Brown International Education Fund, William Firor Scholarship Fund, Roy Proctor Scholarship Fund, or Tate Brookins Scholarship Fund, please make checks payable to the UGA Foundation and make a notation on the check (or include a note) to indicate which fund you want to support. Mail all checks to Audrey Cox, 303 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509.

Outstanding Agricultural Economist Awards – Now Accepting Nominations

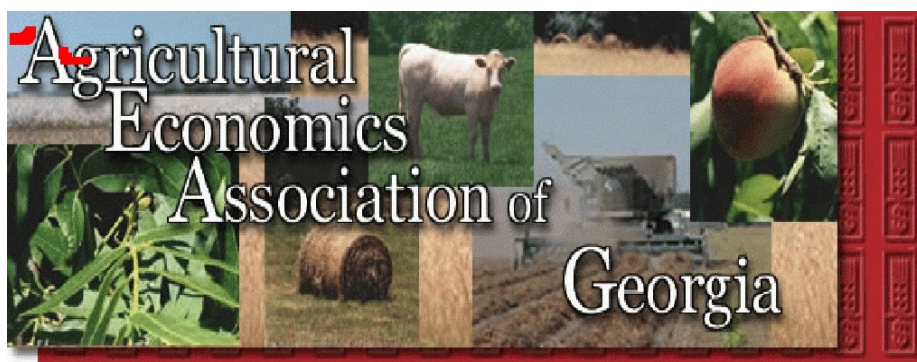


The Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia (AEAG) presents yearly awards to agricultural economists who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and leadership on a community, state, national, or international level. Candidacy is limited to agricultural economists operating in Georgia and/or graduates of a degree program offered by the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at The University of Georgia.

There are two awards which are based on the number of years of experience. The *J. W. Fanning Distinguished Young Professional Award* is presented to those with ten years or less of professional experience. The *J. W. Fanning Distinguished Professional Award* is presented to those with more than ten years of professional experience.

Nominations for the awards may come from anyone. AEAG members, faculty, alumni, students, and agricultural economists in the state are encouraged to nominate qualified candidates for the awards. Also, agricultural economists should feel free to nominate themselves.

The nomination process is simple. **Nominators must provide a brief description of the nominee's accomplishments, education, work experience, current position, past recognitions and awards, and contact information. Nominations cannot be processed without this information.** Send nominations to the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia, 303 Conner Hall, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602-7509. The deadline for nominations is **October 15, 2012**. Both awards will be presented at the luncheon following the annual J. W. Fanning Lecture on **November 15, 2012**.



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 these goals to assist the future leaders in our field.

AEAG membership offers benefits through the following:

- ★ Journal of Agribusiness
- ★ AEAG newsletter
- ★ Enhanced educational opportunities for students in agricultural economics
- ★ J.W. Fanning Lecture
- ★ Recognition for career accomplishments

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 www.aeag.uga.edu. *(Please see the registration form below.)*

Yes, I would like to join the Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia!

Name _____
 Employer _____ Title _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 City, State, Zip _____
 Email Address _____

Please Check one:

- _____ Student Member - \$10
- _____ Individual Member - \$25
- _____ Library/Institutional Member - \$35
- _____ Corporate Member - \$150
- _____ Individual Lifetime Member - \$250
- _____ Corporate Lifetime Member - \$1000

Please send your membership application and dues to the following address:

Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia
 303 Conner Hall
 University of Georgia
 Athens, Georgia 30602-7509

(For more information, call 706-542-0763 or visit www.aeag.uga.edu)

28th Annual J. W. Fanning Lecture – November 15, 2012



The 28th annual J. W. Fanning Lecture will be on November 15, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. at the Georgia Center for Continuing Education, Athens, GA. This year's speaker will be Dr. Parr Rosson, professor and head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University. Dr. Rosson is also the director of the Center for North American Studies which meets high-priority national needs to provide objective analyses for rapid, precise responses to emerging trade and international policy issues. Priority programs include: response to national and state priorities with economic impact analysis; identification and analysis of crucial emerging international trade trends and issues; and development and implementation of extension programs to educate key business and policy leaders.

Mark your calendars for this important event!

(Please note the changes in rooms from last year for the AEAG Board meeting, registration, and lecture. See the agenda and registration form below.)

Agenda for J.W. Fanning Events - November 15, 2012

All events will take place at the Georgia Center.

8:30 a.m. - **Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia Board Meeting** -Sanford Board Room (5th Floor)

10:00 a.m. - **Registration & Refreshments** - Pecan Tree Galleria (1st Floor)

10:30 a.m. - **J.W. Fanning Lecture** - Masters Hall (1st Floor)

Welcome - Dean Scott Angle, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

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

Lecture - Dr. Parr Rosson - Topic: "Immigrant Labor in Agriculture"

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 this year's luncheon is \$30. There is no cost for attending the lecture only. (Please register for the luncheon no later than November 5, 2012. See the registration form below.)

28th ANNUAL J. W. FANNING LECTURE & LUNCHEON REGISTRATION
November 15, 2012

REGISTRATION: Lecture attendance is free. A registration fee of \$30 is required for the luncheon. Please register no later than **November 5, 2012** for the luncheon. Make check payable to the *Agricultural Economics Association of Georgia* and return with the form below.

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

Name _____ Telephone _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 Audrey Cox at 706-542-0763 (email ahl@uga.edu) or Jo Anne Norris 706-542-2481 and confirm your reservation.