

People

U of Alberta

- **New Appointments:** **James Rude**, Assoc Prof; **Sandeep Mohapatra**, Asst Prof; **John Parkins**, Assoc Prof.

U of Arizona

- **Appointment Change:** **Gary Thompson**, Dept Head.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Kyle Emerick**, Risk Manager, American Express; **Jessica Bowron**, Presidential Management Fellow, National Park Service; **Heather Waters**, Portfolio Management Trainee, Farm Credit Services Southwest; **Rose Chischillie**, Intern, ARS; **Scott Albrechtsen**, Lead Research Analyst, BC Hydro; **Li Zhu**, Intern, Data Management Group, Ameriprise Financial; **Anoop Nair**, Intern, Data Management Group, Ameriprise Financial.
- **Return from Leave:** **Bruce Beattie**.

U of Arkansas

- **Awards:** **Jennie Popp**, Gamma Sigma Delta, Teaching Award of Excellence; **Mike Thomsen**, Gamma Sigma Delta, Research Award of Excellence; **Juan Monge**, Gamma Sigma Delta, GSD Oral, Poster Competition, 1st Place, Master's.
- **Resignation:** **Janie Hipp**.

U of California, Berkeley

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Sarah Baird**, PhD, Postdoctoral Scholar, Center for Pacific Economies, Univ of California, San Diego; **Xiangyi (Daniel) Meng**, PhD, Asst Prof, School of Public Finance and Public Policy, Central Univ of Finance and Economics in Beijing, China.

U of California, Davis

- **Appointment Change:** **Shermain Hardesty**, Director (part time), Univ of California Small Farm Program.
- **Awards:** **Steven C. Blank**, Western Agricultural Economics Association, 2007 Distinguished Scholar Award; **Richard E. Howitt**, Western Agricultural Economics Association, 2007 Distinguished Scholar Award.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Matthew Andersen**, PhD, Postdoctoral Scholar, ARE, UCD; **Rosa Català-**

Luque, PhD, Postdoctoral Scholar, ARE, UCD; **Santhi Wicks**, PhD, Research Fellow ABARE, Canberra.

- **Visitors:** **Joseph Balagtas**, Asst Prof, Purdue Univ, Visiting Economist at the Univ of California Agricultural Issues Center, summer 2007; **Jennifer James**, Visiting Economist, ARE, summer 2007; **Funing Zhong**, Prof, College of Economics and Trade, Nanjing Univ, August to October 2007.

Colorado State U

- **New Appointments:** **Chris Goemans**, Asst Prof in Water Resource Economics; **Marco Costanigro**, Asst Prof in Agricultural Economics; **Gregory Graff**, Asst Prof in Agricultural Economics.
- **Appointment Changes:** **James Pritchett**, Assoc Prof; **Wendy Umberger**, Assoc Prof; **S. Lee Gray**, Prof Emeritus; **Jerry B. Eckert**, Prof Emeritus.
- **Return from Leave:** **Dawn Thilmany**.
- **Leaves:** **John Loomis**, Sabbatical, Aug. 15, 2007, until May 15, 2008.

U of Guelph

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **James Northey**, Program Officer, Anti-dumping and Countervailing Program, Canada Border Services Agency; **Simon Dessureault**, Retail Sales and Marketing Coordinator, Fruit d'Or Inc.; **Shreenivas Shellikeri**, Loblaws Companies Ltd.; **Predrag Rajsic**, Research Assoc, Univ of Guelph.
- **Resignation:** **Donna Ramirez Harrington**.

U of Idaho

- **New appointment:** **Aaron Johnson**, Asst Prof.
- **Awards:** **Joe Guenther**, Univ of Idaho, R.M. Wade Excellence in Teaching Award.
- **Retirements:** **Leroy Stodick**, 26 yrs.

U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- **New Appointment:** **Nicholas Paulson**, Asst Prof of Applied Financial Planning and Management.
- **Appointment Changes:** **Paul Ellinger**, Prof; **Angela Lyons**, Assoc Prof; **Joost Pennings**, Prof.

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Wei Shi**, PhD, Senior Assoc, Morgan Stanley, Investment Management; **Jianmei Zhao**, PhD, Asst Prof, China Academy of Public Finance and Public Policy, The Central Univ of Finance and Economics (CUFE).
- **Retirements:** **Don Uchtmann**, 33 yrs; **Michelle Morganosky**, 26 yrs.

Internat'l Food Policy Research Institute

- **New Appointments:** **John Okidi**, Research Fellow; **Clemens Breisinger**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Scott Drimie**, Research Fellow.
- **Appointment Change:** **Valerie Rhoe**, Program Coordinator.
- **Visitors:** **Dayo Phillips**, Economics Prof, Abeokuta Univ of Agriculture, Nigeria, from April 12-27, 2007; **Eduardo Castelo-Magalhaes**, Consultant, from May 5-19, 2007; **Zeinabou Drame**, Agricultural Economist, Institut d'Economie Rurale, Mali, from May 22-June 10, 2007; **Jupiter Ndjeunga**, Senior Scientist, International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, from May 22-June 12, 2007; **Jan Low**, Regional Leader, Sub-Saharan Africa, International Potato Center, from May 29-June 22, 2007.

Louisiana State U

- **New Appointment:** **Ashok Mishra**, Assoc Prof.
- **Appointment Change:** **Kurt Guidry**, Prof; **Krishna Paudel**, Assoc Prof with Tenure.
- **Awards:** **Roger Hinson**, Food Distribution Research Society, Frank Panyko Award for Distinguished Service; **Ramona Sinoha**, Food Distribution Research Society, William Applebaum Memorial Scholarship; **Rex Caffey**, APEX Award of Excellence in Communications, Louisiana Hurricane Recovery Web site.

U of Maryland

- **Award:** **Wesley N. Musser**, Northeastern Agricultural and Resource Economics Association, 2007 Distinguished Member Award.
- **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:** **Constant Tra**, PhD, Univ of Nevada at Reno.