

People

U of Arkansas

- **Award:** **Corey Fortin, Arby Abdula, and Caroline Boen**, AAEA, Graduate Student Case Study Competition, Second Place.
- **Honorary Position:** **Bruce Ahrendsen**, Board Member, International Network for MBA in AgriBusiness, Affiliated with the Association for European Life Sciences Universities.
- **Resignation:** **Rob Hogan**.

U of California, Berkeley

- **Awards:** **Jeffrey T. LaFrance**, AAEA, Fellow; Comision Nacional del Sistema de Ahorro para el Retiro, Premio de Pensiones, 2007, Cash Prize for “Efficiency Analysis of the Market for Pension Retirement Funds in Mexico: A Demand and Supply Perspective”.
- **Visitors:** **Yutaka Arimoto**, Univ of Tokyo, Postdoctoral Scholar, Aug. 1, 2007–July 1, 2008; **Gal Hochman**, Asst Prof, Technion, Israel, Visiting Researcher, Sept. 1, 2007–Oct. 31, 2008; **Pauline Grosjean**, France, Ciracy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Scholar, Sept. 1, 2007–Aug. 31, 2008; **Christian Traegar**, Germany, Ciracy-Wantrup Postdoctoral Scholar, July 1, 2006–Oct. 31, 2008; **Nisvan Erkel**, Asst Prof, Univ of Melbourne, Australia, Visiting Scholar, Aug. 1, 2007–Dec. 31, 2007; **Charles Kolstad**, Prof, Univ of California, Santa Barbara, Visiting Scholar, Sept. 1, 2007–Dec. 31, 2007; **Bruce McWilliams**, Prof, Instituto Tecnologico Autonomo de Mexico, Visiting Scholar, Aug. 1, 2007–Dec. 31, 2007.

U of California, Davis

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Jose Cancino**, PhD, Asst Prof, Catholic Univ of Chile, Santiago; **Mimako Kobayashi**, PhD, Asst Research Prof, Univ of Nevada, Reno; **Rocio Uriá**, PhD, Economist, Iberdrola.

Cornell U

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Katherine Bishop Mason**, MPS, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Maryland Department of Agriculture; **Gabriel John Power**, PhD, Asst Prof, Texas A&M Univ; **Paulo Jose Santos**,

PhD, Lecturer, Univ of Sydney; **Satoru Shimokawa**, PhD, Asst Prof, Hong Kong Univ of Science and Technology; **Ahmad Ali Slaibi**, PhD, Senior Economic Consultant, R.W. Beck, Inc.; **Rena Yoneyama**, MS, Analyst, The Development Bank of Japan.

U of Delaware

- **Appointment Change:** **Titus Awokuse**, Assoc Prof.

U of Florida

- **Position Taken by Recent Graduate:** **Damian Adams**, PhD, Asst Prof, Oklahoma State Univ.
- **Obituary:** **Robert Firch**, Prof Emeritus of Agricultural Economics.

U of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

- **New Appointment:** **Meredith Blumthal**, Visiting Experiential Learning Coordinator.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Thibaut Martial Chirouzes**, MS, Developmental Sales Representative, Syngenta; **Robyn L. Stevens**, MS, Research Technician, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center.

International Food Policy Research Institute

- **New Appointments:** **Angelino Viceisza**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Fleur Wouterse**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Rahul Rawat**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Lora Iannotti**, Postdoctoral Fellow; **Brave Ndisale**, Research Fellow; **Purnima Menon**, Research Fellow; **David Laborde**, Postdoctoral Fellow.
- **Honorary Position:** **Kwadwo Asenso-Okyere**, Member of Executive Committee, African Association of Agricultural Economists.
- **Visitor:** **Ira Matuschke**, Independent Collaborator, Sept. 1–Dec. 30, 2007 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Kansas State U

- **Award:** **Pedro Garay**, Selected to Attend the Youth Forum of the Consulta de San Jose 2007.

U of Kentucky

- **Retirements:** **David Hiesterberg; Craig Gibson; Terry Moss**.

U of Massachusetts Amherst

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Chunxiang (Lisa) Li**, PhD, Senior Researcher, Ernst and Young; **Qian (Sarah) Cai**, MS, Energy Markets Analyst, Direct Energy.

Michigan State U

- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Crystal Jones**, MS, Business Consultant, Informa Economics, Inc.; **Edward Mazhangara**, PhD, Adjunct Faculty, Economics Instructor, Lansing Community College; **Nicole Bradshaw**, MS, Visiting Specialist, Michigan State Univ.

U of Minnesota

- **Award:** **Chengyan Yue**, AAEA, Outstanding PhD Dissertation, Honorable Mention.
- **Positions Taken by Recent Graduates:** **Julio Barragan**, PhD, Instructor, Univ of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez; **Rachael Dettmann**, MS, Economist, USDA-Economic Research Service; **Laura Hildreth**, MS, PhD Program in Statistics, Iowa State Univ; **Lialila Tajibaeva**, Asst Prof, Ryerson Univ.

Mississippi State U

- **New Appointments:** **Kelly Schaefer**, Research Assoc; **Yuhuan Zhang**, Ford Foundation Fellow.
- **Appointment Changes:** **Charlie Forrest**, Prof Emeritus; **Marty Fuller**, Prof Emeritus; **David Laughlin**, Prof Emeritus.
- **Award:** **Steve Turner**, College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Alumni Association at the Univ of Georgia, Award of Excellence.
- **Visitors:** **Michael Thomas**, Florida A&M Univ, Seminar Presentation, Aug. 13, 2007; **David Letson**, Univ of Miami, Seminar Presentation, Aug. 13, 2007.