

**Ayres Receives Rural Development Leadership Award**



Janet Ayres

**Dr. Janet Ayres** received the Indiana Association for Community Economic Development John Niederman Rural Development Leadership Award for her outstanding leadership in improving the quality of life, influencing policies and fostering opportunities for growth and development for the betterment of rural Indiana.

**Beck Gift to Enhance Ag Economics and Agronomy Facilities**



Scott & Sonny Beck

A gift from Beck's Hybrids will advance Purdue's work in education, research and outreach in agricultural economics and agronomy. In AgEcon, the gift includes \$1.4 million for remodeling on the 7th floor of the Krannert Building to provide improved student learning space, a distance education studio, and faculty and staff offices for the agricultural economics department.

**Florax Receives EIBERSA Prize**



Raymond Florax

**Dr. Raymond Florax** was awarded the 2014 European Investment Bank (EIB)-European Prize in Regional Science. The EIB-ERSA Prize in Regional Science recognizes the outstanding contributions of scholars to the advancement in regional science and in related spatial area studies. Recipients are chosen on the recommendation of an independent jury of six eminent regional scientists, four from Europe, one from

the Americas and one from the rest of the world.

**Adesina Named Forbes 'Africa Person of the Year'**



Akinwumi Adesina

**Dr. Akinwumi Adesina**, Nigeria's Minister for Agriculture and Purdue Agriculture alumnus, has been awarded the prestigious Forbes Africa Person of the Year recognition for his reforms in Nigeria's agriculture sector. Dr. Adesina, who received his MS and PhD in Agricultural Economics from Purdue, was honored for his work on behalf of African farmers, turning agriculture away from a development program and into a business activity that will generate wealth for millions of farmers.

**Hertel Delivers Research and Scholarship Distinguished Lecture**



Thomas Hertel

**Dr. Thomas Hertel**, Distinguished Professor of Agricultural Economics, was honored with the inaugural Purdue University Research & Scholarship Distinction Award, Purdue's most prestigious research honor for the social sciences.

**Award for Antitrust Achievement**



John Connor

On June 19, 2014 at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, Professor Emeritus **Dr. John M. Connor** was the recipient of the Alfred E. Kahn Lifetime Antitrust Achievement award, given annually by the American Antitrust Institute (AAI) as its highest honor.

**Beaulieu Receives Distinguished Rural Sociologist Award**



Lionel Beaulieu

**Dr. Lionel "Bo" Beaulieu** was selected by his peers to receive the Distinguished Rural Sociologist Award for 2014 due to his contribution to the field of rural sociology research and his remarkable service.

**Book of Great Teachers**



Freddie Barnard



Larry DeBoer



Frank Dooley



Marshall Martin

Four Agricultural Economics faculty, **Drs. Freddie Barnard, Larry DeBoer, Frank Dooley, and Marshall Martin**, were inducted into the Book of Great Teachers that honors outstanding teaching faculty who have demonstrated sustained excellence in the classroom.

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## Dept Head Comments – Ken Foster

Mark Twain said, “A person who won’t read has no advantage over one who can’t.”

It seems like an obvious statement on the surface, but in standard Professor style, I shall take this a step further. Information is moving faster than it has before – Twitter, Podcasts, e-mails, etc. – and we can often confuse an actual deep and careful contemplation of a topic with a superficial consumption of material. As a department, we are investing strategically in our communications enterprise. The focus is on leveraging impact from the research and knowledge of our faculty for students, prospective students, policy makers, and stakeholders in industry. We are now active on Twitter, LinkedIn, Facebook, and YouTube. We have launched a Podcast series, a KNOW campaign to highlight our faculty, and highlights of current and past students on our website. These activities, of which we are proud and hope you’ll check out, are usually meant to direct interested parties towards more in-depth information which often appears in written form – or complement said information. We hope that they’ll serve as tools to connect you with the knowledge you desire, and that our talented faculty and students work so hard to produce. And we’ve certainly had a lot to communicate this past year. It was exciting this summer to see a group of our undergraduate students dominate the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association’s Academic Bowl Competition. The Purdue Ag Econ team went undefeated in capturing the National Championship! The team will be in San Francisco next summer to defend their title. I’m sure that the Academic Bowl Team would agree with Mr. Twain when he said, “It ain’t what you don’t know that gets you into trouble. It’s what you know for sure that just ain’t so.” I believe I speak for all of my colleagues when I say that this is the enjoyable thing about being a professor – exploring the things that we know for sure, but might not be so. Thanks for all the support that you provide to us that makes our efforts to educate possible.



Kenneth Foster

BOILER UP!

### ***41<sup>st</sup> Annual James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture Friday, April 10, 2015 - Krannert Auditorium***

**Distinguished Speaker:** Helen H. Jensen, Professor of Economics and Head of the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development’s Food and Nutrition Policy Division at Iowa State University.

She will be providing insight into domestic food policies and integrating dietary guidelines and science into food policies and programs.

# DEPARTMENT EVENTS AND HONORS

## Faculty Awards Convocation



Allan Gray

**Dr. Allan Gray** received the 2014 Faculty Engagement Fellow award and **Dr. Nicole Widmar** received the Faculty Engagement Scholar award. These awards are for outstanding effort in engagement with local, state, national and global organizations. The award winners exemplify the best of Purdue's efforts to turn ideas into reality and make the world a better place by improving the lives of others while teaching their students to do the same.



Nicole Widmar

## 2014 AAEA Honors

Purdue faculty and students earned national recognition for teaching, leadership, and research at the joint annual meeting of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association (AAEA) held in Minneapolis, MN in July 2014. Our department was very well represented with 70 faculty and students participating in speaker series, sessions and poster presentations.



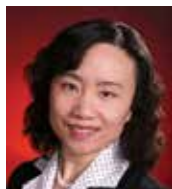
Joan Fulton

**Dr. Joan Fulton** received the Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award for 10 or more years of service. This award recognizes her work locally, nationally and internationally incorporating strong applied research with appropriate Extension delivery.



Chris Hurt

**Dr. Chris Hurt** was a member of the team with colleagues at the University of Illinois and The Ohio State University that received the AAEA Group Award for their "farmdocDaily" program.



Holly Wang

**Dr. Holly Wang** was elected to serve a 3-year term as a Director on the AAEA Executive Board. She will focus on enhancing the current AAEA membership and also drawing new clients from non-traditional sources to enlarge the member base.



Juan Sesmero

**Dr. Juan Sesmero** received the C-FARE/AAEA Early Career Professionals Leadership Award. He and five other recipients from across the country met in Washington DC to participate in a career development program which trained them in science policy communications exposed them to federal funding opportunities.



Lai, Gunderson, Ebenkamp, Miller, Johnson

The winning team of **Sam Ebenkamp**, **Josh Miller** and **Andrew Johnson** won the AAEA Academic Quiz Bowl. They were undefeated throughout the tournament. They were coached by doctoral student John Lai, and Dr. Michael Gunderson. Other students who participated include: **Elizabeth Blinn**, **Austin Gantzert**, **Daniel Gongwer**, **Alex Lamb**, and **Kaitlyn Winters**.



Luis Pena-Levano

**Luis Pena-Levano** and **Grace Melo** (University of Georgia) received 2nd place in the AAEA Graduate Student Case Study Competition. Their advisors were **Drs. Gerald Shively** and **Michael Wetzstein**.

## PUCESA Awards



Corinne Alexander

**Dr. Corinne Alexander**, associate professor of agricultural economics and grain marketing specialist, received the PUCESA - Purdue University County Extension Service Association - Mid-Career Award that recognizes those with between 11 - 20 years of service.



Nicole Olynk Widmar

**Dr. Nicole Olynk Widmar**, associate professor of agricultural economics and farm business management and production economics specialist, received the PUCESA - Early Career Award that recognizes those with less than 10 years of service.

## Mintert Named Director of the CCA



James Mintert

**Dr. James Mintert**, professor and extension economist, was appointed Director of the Center for Commercial Agriculture. Dr. Mintert joined Purdue's faculty in 2009 and served as the assistant director of Extension for agriculture and natural resources before taking on his director responsibilities at the Center.

## Martin Named Founding Director of Soybean Center



Marshall Martin

**Dr. Marshall Martin**, senior associate director of agricultural research, assistant dean of agriculture and a professor of agricultural economics, has been named founding director of the Purdue University Soybean Center. The center will work with research, Extension and education to advance and improve the production and use of soybeans.

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IAMA Case Study Team



John Lai

### Students Win International Case Study and Poster Competition

A team of AgEcon graduate students won the international case study competition at the International Food and Agribusiness Management Association conference in South Africa on June 14, 2014, beating out 20 teams from all over the world. The winning team shown in the photo L to R: **David Bousios, Brian Bourquard, Rachel Carnegie, John Tobin, and John Lai.** The team was coached by **Dr. Michael Gunderson.** **John Lai** also won the award for best graduate student poster.

### Excellence in Research Awards



Otto Doering



Ben Gramig



Kevin McNamara

Twenty-four Agriculture researchers were recognized by the university at the Excellence in Research Awards dinner on November 18, 2013, for having received a grant for \$1 million or more during Fiscal Year 2013. AgEcon faculty recognized were **Drs. Otto Doering, Ben Gramig, and Kevin McNamara.**

### Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry

Agricultural leaders were honored with the Purdue Agriculture Certificate of Distinction at the 2014 Ag Alumni Fish Fry. The award recognizes outstanding contributions to the agricultural community and the broader society. The honorees from agricultural economics were:



William Biddle

**D. William "Bill" Biddle**, BS '64, West Lafayette, Ind., founder of Biddle Seeds Inc.



David Howell

**David** (BS '69, MS'71) and **Mary Howell** are first-generation farmers who built Howell Farms, an operation that includes more than 4,000 acres of corn, soybeans, tomatoes, and pumpkins in Middletown, Ind.

### Widmar Receives Emerging Scholar Award



Nicole Widmar

**Dr. Nicole Olynk Widmar** received the prestigious Emerging Scholar Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association at their annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, held February 1 – 4, 2014. The Emerging Scholar award is designed to highlight the work of high-performing assistant professors with 3 – 5 years of experience in their profession.

### 2014 Distinguished Ag Alumni

The College of Agriculture presented its highest honor, the Distinguished Agriculture Alumni Awards on March 7, 2014 to 11 alumni. This annual event recognizes mid-career Purdue Agriculture graduates who have a demonstrated record of outstanding accomplishments, made significant contributions to their professions or to society, and have high potential for future professional growth. Honored alumni from AgEcon were:



John Becherer

Since 1994, **John Becherer** (MS '87) has served as the CEO of the United Soybean Board. The board consists of 70 soybean producers

appointed by the U.S. secretary of agriculture who are charged with investing soybean check off funds to benefit U.S. soybean producers.

### Dr. Anetra L. Harbor (MS '02, PhD



Anetra Harbor

'06) has held economist and analyst positions with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) since 2006. She is currently a policy analyst with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Beltsville, Md., where she is a member of the Resource Economics, Analysis and Policy Division (REAPD).



Richard Tolman

**S. Richard Tolman** (MS '78) joined the National Corn Growers Association in 2000 and currently serves as the chief executive officer of the St. Louis-based group that represents 40,000 dues-paying corn growers and the interests of more than 300,000 farmers who contribute through corn check off programs.

### Yeager Receives Teaching for Tomorrow Award



Elizabeth Yeager

**Dr. Elizabeth Yeager** was selected as a recipient of the 2014-2015 Teaching for Tomorrow Fellowship Award by the Office of the Provost.

### Wang Chosen for Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy



Holly Wang

**Dr. Holly Wang** was chosen to participate in The Entrepreneurial Leadership Academy at Purdue University. This professional development program is aimed at mid-career or senior faculty who have entrepreneurial interests.

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## Consumer Science Names Downey as Associate Director



Scott Downey

**Dr. Scott Downey** has been named associate director of the Purdue Center for Professional Selling in the Department of Consumer Science. The Purdue Center for Professional Selling serves students from all majors across campus who are interested in careers in professional sales.

## Purdue Extension Names Beaulieu as Assistant Director



Lionel "Bo" Beaulieu

Purdue Center for Regional Development director, **Dr. Lionel "Bo" Beaulieu**, has taken on additional duties as assistant director of Purdue Extension Economic and Community Development.

## Trustees Approve Faculty Promotions



Maria Marshall



Nicole Widmar

On April 4, 2014 the Trustees approved faculty promotions for the 2014-2015 academic year. **Dr. Maria Marshall** was named a full Professor. She conducts applied research and Extension programs in small and family business management and development, food marketing, and entrepreneurship. **Dr. Nicole Widmar** was named an Associate Professor. She conducts research and Extension activities focused primarily on farm business management and production economics and assisting with and providing support for agricultural producer decision making.

## 40th Annual James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture & Awards



J.B. Penn

The 40th Annual Snyder Lecture took place on April 11, 2014. Established in 1975 as a memorial to a deceased faculty member, the James C. Snyder Memorial Lecture is the Department of Agricultural Economics' signature event held to support continuation of the professional efforts established by James Snyder during his brief but brilliant career. The Department was extremely honored to have alumnus **Dr. J.B. Penn**, Chief Economist at Deere & Company and Purdue AgEcon alumnus, was the event's keynote speaker. Dr. Penn presented "Reflections on the Agriculture Industry – Another New Era Ahead?"

## Following the lecture, Dr. Ken Foster presented Department awards:

### Graduate Poster Competition



Tim Smith

**Tim Smith** 1st Place: "Understanding Childhood Malnutrition in Nepal: A Hierarchical Regression Approach"

**Luis M. Pena Levano** 2nd Place: "The Contribution of FDI in the Elasticity of Substitution"

**Rachel Carnegie** 3rd Place: "Quality Demand in Urban China: Restaurant Managers and Their Customers"

### Ph.D. Dissertation and Master's Theses Awards



Azza Mohamed

**Azza Mohamed** 2013 Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation: "Welfare Impacts of False Codling Moth Threatening California Oranges"

Advisor: Philip Paarlberg

**Aaron Cook** 2013 Outstanding Master's Thesis: "Climate Change in Malawi: Household Level Impacts and Adaptations"

Advisors: Jacob Ricker-Gilbert and Juan Sesmero

**Zhihua Hu** 2013 Honorable Mention Master's Thesis: "Are the U.S. Crop Insurance Premiums Fair Across Regions and Crops?"

Advisor: Tim Baker

## Dept. Outstanding Service Awards



Michelle Query

The Outstanding Clerical Service Award was presented to **Michelle Query** who is the office manager for CAB, the Center for Food and Agricultural Business



Carol Wood

The Outstanding Administrative Professional Award was presented to **Carol Wood** who is the Computer Services Manager for the department. She is responsible for the Ag Econ computer network for approximately 200 faculty, staff, clerical and graduate students.

## APEX Awards Presentation

In recognition of those individuals with a strong connection to the Department of Agricultural Economics who have made outstanding contributions in their fields.



John Cranfield

**Dr. John Cranfield** is a Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Guelph who obtained his doctoral degree in AgEcon at Purdue. His research focuses on the economics of consumer behavior and demand analysis at the individual,

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household and market level innovation in the agri-food and biotechnology sectors, and economic and anthropometric history.



**Rob Mann**

**Rob Mann** and his wife graduated from Purdue in 1988 and began farming in Cloverdale, Indiana at White Oak Farms as general partners along with his parents and his three brothers. This partnership is an 8,000 acre grain production farm. Rob's daughter and son-in-law (also Purdue graduates,) help operate the farm.



**Mark Petry**

**Mark Petry** is the Deputy Director of the New Technologies and Production Methods Division of USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). Major areas of responsibility included food safety, biotechnology, intellectual property protection, WTO policy, and the oilseeds, cotton, forestry, and sugar sectors. Mark earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Purdue University.



**Jane Ade Stevens**

**Jane Ade Stevens** is CEO for Indiana Soybean Alliance, the Indiana Corn Marketing Council and Indiana Corn Growers Association. In her job she oversees the corn and soybean check-off programs. In addition, she manages the membership and policy organizations that are separate from the check-off. In 2011 Stevens received the Purdue University Agriculture Alumni Certificate of Distinction. She currently serves on the board of directors for a number of organizations, including Qualisoy, Center for Food Integrity, U.S. Farmers & Ranchers Alliance, Center for Agricultural, Science and Heritage, and Purdue University's College of

Agriculture Dean's Advisory Council. Jane obtained her Bachelor's degree from Purdue University.

### 2014 Annual COA Food Drive



The College of Agriculture held its 5th Annual Food Drive competition to collect food and monetary donations to support the Lafayette Food Finders Food Bank. For the 3rd year in a row, AgEcon led the department challenge. **Lou Ann Baugh** and **Carol Wood** co-chaired the event. The combined efforts resulted in the final AgEcon tally providing the equivalent of 14,190 meals. The traveling antique pitchfork trophy remains in the department for the third straight year!

### Outstanding Service to Students



**Andy Oppy**

At the College of Agriculture Awards program, **Andy Oppy** was presented with the Outstanding Service to Students award. Andy is an undergraduate academic advisor who assists students with academic, career and personal planning. He also assists with student recruitment, scholarship distribution and supports the Academic Coordinator with other functions.

### Business Service Award



**Jill Hufford**

**Jill Hufford** was the recipient of the College of Agriculture Business Office Service Award. The award was established to recognize the significant efforts of business office staff members who consistently exert effort above and beyond expectations to help accomplish the College's strategic goals.

## NEW FACULTY AND STAFF



**Dominique van der Mensbrugge**

**Dr. Dominique van der Mensbrugge** is Research Professor and Director of the Center for Global Trade Analysis (GTAP). He received his undergraduate degree in mathematics at the Université Catholique de Louvain in Belgium, and a PhD in economics from the University of California, Berkeley. Previously he worked as Senior Economist and Team Leader of the Global Perspectives Studies Team at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Lead Economist in the Development Prospects Group at the World Bank, and Senior Economist at the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The focus of his work has been on long-term structural change of the global economy and the analysis of global economic policy issues. He is one of the world's experts on global computable general equilibrium modeling.



**Rhonda Phillips**

**Dr. Rhonda Phillips** is the Dean of the Purdue Honors College and Professor of Agricultural Economics. She is responsible for developing and implementing the new Honors College to serve students across all disciplines at the university. Dr. Phillips previously served as Associate Dean for Barrett, The Honors College at Arizona State University and as a professor in the School of Community Resources and Development. She also served as Senior Sustainability Scientist in ASU's Global Institute of Sustainability. Dr. Phillips received her doctorate in city and regional planning and a M.S. in economics from the Georgia Institute of Technology; and an M.S. in economic

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development and a B.S. in geography from the University of Southern Mississippi. She is author or editor of eighteen books.



Michael Weztstein

**Dr. Michael Weztstein** is a Professor of Agricultural Economics. He received his B.A. in Economics from California State University, Sacramento, and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from the University of California, Davis. In 1979, Weztstein joined the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics faculty at The University of Georgia and in 2009 was named Josiah Meigs Distinguished Teaching Professor. He has received both the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association undergraduate and graduate teaching awards, and recently received the USDA National Teaching award. His primary research focus centers on applied microeconomic theory with emphasis on natural resource and environmental impacts upon agricultural production policy.



Adriela Fernandez

**Dr. Adriela Fernandez** joined the department as the Director of Latin American Programming and also as a Limited Term Lecturer. She will teach The Economic Geography of World Food and Resources and a Maymester Study Abroad course, and Food Security and Sustainable Development, a collaborative bilingual course taught jointly with faculty and students from the University of Colombia, South America. Her research and teaching center on education and development in Latin America, in particular the role of international education in promoting knowledge and development in the Twenty-First Century. She holds a B.S. degree in Economics from Universidad de Chile in Santiago,

Chile, a M.S. degree in Agricultural Economics and a Ph.D. in Political Economy from Purdue University.



Jessica Eise

**Jessica Eise** is the Director of Communications where she oversees and coordinates a comprehensive communications strategy for the department. Ms. Eise specializes in developing strategic social media strategies, video production, publication analytics and overseeing a cohesive and updated web presence. Jessica holds a BA in political science and international affairs, and a MA from New York University in journalism and international relations. Prior to joining Purdue she worked in international media as well as at the American Immigration Lawyers Association as their News Media Specialist. Jessica has worked as a freelance journalist.



Jeremy Douglas

**Jeremy Douglas** is the Web and Information Technology Specialist for the Center for Global Trade Analysis. He will be enhancing the web site and web learning systems already in place, as well as supporting the center in their technology needs. Jeremy has a degree in computer graphics technology from Purdue. He worked for six years at Purdue in the Department of Agricultural Information Technology, and most recently was employed in the private sector developing a web development knowledge base.

## RETIREMENTS



Penny Pava

**Penny Pava** retired from Purdue University after 20+ years of service on August 22, 2014. Since 2007 she was the administrative assistant and departmental schedule deputy in the

undergraduate advising area. In 2011 Penny was awarded the Department of Agricultural Economics 2011 Outstanding Service Award.



Alan Miller

**Alan Miller** was honored at a retirement celebration on August 25, 2014. Alan, a Farm Management Specialist, celebrated over 19 years of service to Purdue University in farm business management Extension education and training. Alan coordinated the annual Indiana Farm Management Tour and the annual Farming Together Workshop. In 2003 Alan was awarded the PUCESA Team Award and in 2008 the PUCESA Senior Award.



Neisha Kennedy

At a retirement celebration on August 28, 2014, **Neisha Kennedy** celebrated 29+ years of service to Purdue University. Neisha worked in the business office processing biweekly payroll and auditing travel reimbursements for the entire department.

## DEPARTMENT NEWS

### *Extension Publications Explain U.S. Ag Policy*



Roman Keeney

Agricultural economist **Dr. Roman Keeney** is producing a series of publications to help farmers, policymakers and taxpayers better understand changing U.S. agricultural policy and develop informed opinions about them. The Purdue Extension free publications found under the series title of "APEX," an acronym for Ag Policy Explained, will delve into public policy issues and how they affect the agricultural economy.

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### **Afghan Training Program**



Kevin McNamara

The College of Agriculture embarked on a 3-year program to help faculty at Herat University in western Afghanistan better provide academic programs supporting their nation's agriculture. "The goal of the partnership is to strengthen their faculty by helping them to develop teaching techniques they can adapt to their needs in Afghanistan," said **Dr. Kevin T. McNamara**, assistant director of International Programs in Agriculture and professor of agricultural economics.

### **Center for Commercial Agriculture**



Jim Mintert

The Center consists of professionals and faculty dedicated to producing knowledge for the farmers leading production agriculture. Led by Director, **Dr. Jim Mintert**, and Associate Director, **Dr. Michael Langemeier**, the CCA's vision is to be the leading source of management education and knowledge generation for the farmers in the business of producing the world's agricultural products. The perspective is global and science-based, but with impact for stakeholders in their local setting. Visit the Center on the web:

### **Center for Food and Agricultural Business - CAB**



Allan Gray

During fiscal year 2014, under the direction of **Dr. Allan Gray**, the Center for Food and Agricultural Business continued its tradition of developing and delivering management

education for agribusiness professionals. Through more than 120 days of programming, the center facilitated learning activities that exposed participants to different points of view, allowing them to gain new perspectives. The center's open enrollment programs drew 425 agribusiness managers from 38 states, and its custom programs reached 694 professionals from 24 states and countries spanning the globe. For more information about the center, visit: [www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab](http://www.agecon.purdue.edu/cab).

### **Center for Global Trade Analysis - GTAP**



Dominique van der Mensbrugge

Under the direction of **Dr. Dominique van der Mensbrugge**, the Center for Global Trade Analysis coordinates the Global Trade Analysis Project, a global network of researchers and policy-makers who analyze international policy issues, includes data on bilateral trade patterns and production, consumption and intermediate use of commodities and services. The GTAP Data Base is a fully documented, publicly available global data base which contains complete bilateral trade information, transport and protection linkages. For further information: <http://www.gtap.agecon.purdue.edu/>.

### **Indiana Council for Economic Education - ICEE**



Jeffrey Sanson

The ICEE celebrates 60 years in 2014. In 1954, the ICEE at Purdue University offered its first summer workshop for teachers. Through partnerships with education, government, agriculture, business and other non-profits, ICEE served over 1,000 teachers throughout the Hoosier state in 2013-14. Each year the ICEE network provides professional

development to Indiana teachers and youth educators on a variety of economic and financial education topics. **Jeffrey Sanson** is the ICEE Director.

### **The Passing of Peter Harrington**



Peter Harrington

**Peter V. Harrington**, former Executive Director of the Indiana Center for Economic Education (1971-97), passed away on Tuesday, August 5, 2014. Mr.

Harrington was instrumental in building the network of university centers for economic education in Indiana. Under Peter's leadership, thousands of teachers around the state of Indiana participated in graduate credit-courses in economic education offered by the university centers. In addition to the center network, he built a state and community wide support network.





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## Faculty Years of Service Awards:



**Dr. Joe Balagtas** –  
10 yrs



**Dr. Jim Eales** –  
20 yrs



**Dr. Larry DeBoer** –  
30 yrs

## Administrative Professional Advancements:



**Angel Aguiar, GTAP** –  
advanced to Level 4



**Kristyn Childres, CAB** –  
advanced to Level 4



**J.W. Fansler, ICEE** –  
advanced to Level 4



**Shelly Surber, ICEE** –  
advanced to Level 4



**Ginger Batta, GTAP** –  
advanced to Level 5



**Amy Cochran, CAB** –  
advanced to Level 6

## OUTSTANDING GRADUATE STUDENTS



**A. Adesina and P. Hatzenbuehler**

Development. Patrick returned to campus in August 2014 after working as a visiting research fellow with Purdue Ag Econ alumnus, **Dr. Tahirou Abdoulaye**, at IITA Headquarters in Ibadan, Nigeria. In the photo, Patrick is shown with Nigeria's Minister for Agriculture, and Purdue AgEcon alumnus, Dr. Akinwumi (Akin) Adesina.



**Myriam Bounaffaa**

Myriam will interact with

the Global Affairs Strategic Advisory Council and other visitors to the Purdue campus, and serve as student representatives for the Office of Global Affairs.



**E.M. Sajeev**

**E.M. Sajeev** was selected for the Cultivators Program at the 2014 Farm Foundation Round Table meeting in Houston, Texas.



**David Bousios**

At the College of Agriculture Award ceremony, **David Bousios** received the Teaching Academy Graduate Teaching Award.



**David Perkis**

At the College of Agriculture Award ceremony, **David Perkis** received the award for

Outstanding Teaching Assistant for leading sections of AGECEC 203 and AGECEC 217.



**Jeffrey Peters**

**Jeffrey Peters** was selected by Purdue University and the Oak Ridge Associated Universities from a pool of applicants from around the world to attend the “5th Lindau Meeting on Economic Sciences” in

Lindau, Germany. About 460 young scientists from more than 80 countries were selected to meet with the 19 Nobel Laureates.

# 2014 UNDERGRADUATE ACHIEVEMENT

The CMA Group Trading Challenge is a four-week electronic trading competition where teams of undergraduate and graduate students trade a variety of CME Group products in a simulated trading environment. The competition included 390 teams from 207 universities in 31 countries. Purdue had two undergraduate teams and both advanced to the final round. The two teams were: Purdue AGECE 321 with **Jay Theobald, Ethan Anson, Tyler Williams, Jonathan Pelsy** and **Hugo VanRoessel**; and Purdue PQFC/AGECE with **Danning Li, Yue Liu, Huiyuan Zhao, Daron Wilson** and **Jonathan Maurer**. Both teams were coached by **Dr. Corinne Alexander**.



**Travis Martin** – College of Agriculture and Dept. of AgEcon Outstanding Senior



**Morgan Dawson** – College of Agriculture and Dept. of AgEcon Outstanding Junior



**Andrew Johnson** – Department of AgEcon Outstanding Sophomore



**Brandon Brunt** – College of Agriculture and Dept. of AgEcon Outstanding Freshman

Ag Ambassadors: **Jared Baird, Katie Barnett, Jake Bohlander, Brandon Brunt, Brent Budreau, Morgan Dawson, Andrew Fraser, Jessica Harsh, Holly Hopkins, Nicole Korniak, Breanna Lawyer, Grace Mears, Clayton Michael-Butler, Shelby Swain**

AgEcon Envoys: **Abbey Amos, Armenda Boyer, Kamille Brawner, Jacquelyn Brown, Jared Burke, Jason Carey, Kinzie Davis, Bridget Elston, Andrew Johnson, Luke Leichty, Lindsey Marchal, Lauren Peacock, Seth Pollert, Kelsey Shaw, Savannah Steinke, Daron Wilson**

Agricultural Student Council: **Jared Baird, President; Andrew Johnson, Treasurer; Nellie Bell, Brandon Brunt, Sarah Correll, Katie Carrol, Samuel Ebenkamp, Christy Kettler, Gavin Kissell, Kurt Lambright, Kalyn Rose, Tana Simmons, Mitchell Smith, Shelby Swain, Cody Walburn**

Mortar Board National College Honor Society: **Luke Leichty**

Black Caucus, GPA 3.0 and above: **Sephora Hibbler**

2nd place, Townsend Communication in Agriculture: **Ethan Hall**

1st place, Presentational Speaking Competition: **Andrew Johnson**

2nd place, Presentational Speaking Competition: **Cole Smith**

3rd place, Presentational Speaking Competition: **Katie Carroll**

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Bartlett Family:	2014: Dillon C. Zumwalt, 2015: Jaquelyn Brown
CoBank (Farm Bureau):	2014: Bridget F. Elston, 2015: Erin Morrison, Tyler Potts Schmidt
David and Stacey Hefty Outstanding Senior:	2014: Jackson Troxel, 2015: Travis Martin
Donald and Joyce Villwock:	2014: Morgan R. Dawson, 2015: Joan M. Jordan
Dr. Lawrence P. Bohl:	2014: Aubrey A. Fleck, Jerry R. Wallis
Dr. Steven Erickson Memorial	
Indiana Challenge Match:	2015: Aaron Dunajeski, Paige Pearl, Jared Burke
F. Van Smith:	2014: Douglas R. Wicker, 2015: Kurt Lambright
Farmers National Co. Foundation:	2014: Tyler J. Love, 2015: Ethan Stevenson
Honors Research:	2015: Andrew Sokolchik, Erin Whitaker
Indiana Challenge Match, AgEcon:	2014: Jourdan L. Bender, 2015: Clate Kaiser
Indiana Challenge Scholarship:	2015: Bridget Elson
Indiana Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers:	2015: Tyler Potts Schmidt
Jim and Neta Hicks:	2014: Jared L. Baird, Jared M. Burke, Jason D. Carey, Kyrsten L. Dunham, Bridget F. Elston, Elizabeth B. Lecher, Luke E. Leichty, Paige A. Pearl, Kelsey L. Shaw, Jay M. Theobald, Douglas R. Wicker, Daron A. Wilson, Dillon C. Zumwalt 2015: Jaclyn Bauer, Brandon Brunt, Amy Burbrink, Katie Carroll, Zachary Frazier, Christy Kettler, Breanna Lawyer, Ethan Truax, Emily Wyrick
John Deere Foundation:	2014: Ethan S. Demerly
Leighton M. and Helen May Geyer:	2015: Armenda Boyer
Leland E. Ott:	2014: Angela N. Abney, Amy L. Burbrink, Jordan A. Gillenwater, Lukas D. Koester, Andrew J. Mason, Seth M. Pollert, Shelby E. Swain, Ethan W. Truax, Caroline G. Wildhaber, Philip J. Williams
Lowell Hardin, Fellowship:	2014: Abbey N. Amos, Kelly M. Beeker, Andrew M. Johnson 2015: Abbey N. Amos, Kelly M. Beeker, Nicole Larkey, Grace Mears
Mathias Hartman Family:	2014: Aaron A. Dunajeski, 2015: Jason Carey
Marshal Martin Public Policy:	2014: Joan M. Jordan, 2015: Abbey Amos
Mid America Crop Life Assoc. Young Leader:	2015: Nolan Sampson
Raymond "Mick" Ortman:	2014: Alexander N. Lamb, Kurt M. Lambright, 2015: Jared Baird, Luke Leichty, Daron Wilson
R. Dean Dyson Memorial:	2014: Nolan A. Sampson, 2015: Adam Messmer
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