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**PEOPLE AND AWARDS**

PhD student **Mary Doidge** was awarded a 2016 ESPP Climate, Food, Energy and Water Summer Research Fellowship. Her summer research project is entitled, “A behavioral approach to land use changes in North and South Dakota.”

PhD student **Maolong Chen** won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 2015-2016 Shao Chang Lee Best Graduate Student Paper Competition of the MSU Asian Studies Center for his paper, “Emerging Markets for U.S. Pork in China: Experimental Evidence from Mainland and Hongkong Consumers.”

The new [Mali Food Security Policy Research Program](#), led by Professors **Steven Haggblade**, **Melinda Smale**, and **Veronique Theriault**, was approved on March 28. Under the aegis of the AFRE Food Security Policy Innovation Lab, the new USAID-funded program promotes inclusive agricultural productivity growth, improved nutritional outcomes and enhanced livelihood resilience through an improved policy environment.

**SEMINARS**

AFRE Seminar

**Nicolai Kuminoff**, Arizona State University. “Estimating the Heterogeneous Welfare Effects of Choice Architecture: An Application to the Medicare Prescription Drug Insurance Market.” April 7, 3:30pm, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Brown Bag Seminar

**Gaurav Arora**, PhD Student, Iowa State University. “Crop Competitiveness Due to Historical Weather Fluctuations and Future Climate Change.” April 5, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

**Aissatou Ouedraogo**, PhD Student, AFRE Dept. “Productive Resource Control and Intra-household Labor Allocation” April 12, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

**JOBS**

**USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** has an opening for an Agricultural Economist, applying economic principles to NRCS conservation planning and implementation activities and serving as an advisor on the development and implementation of State conservation economic policy. Deadline: April 6

<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/434491300>

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