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SEMINARS

AFRE Graduate Research Symposium, Michigan State University. Thursday, March 17; 2:15-4:45pm and Friday, March 18, 10:00am-3:30pm. Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

AFRE Seminar

Karina Shoengold, University of Nebraska. "An Investigation of the Effect of Transaction Costs on the use of Markets in Common Property Resource Management: a case study of groundwater." March 10, 3:30pm, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Brown Bag Seminar

Lindon Robison, Professor AFRE Dept. "Resolving Economic Anomalies by Accounting for Relational Goods in Mixed Exchanges." March 15, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Mukesh Ray, PhD., AFRE Dept. "Risk Behavior as Determinant of Technology Adoption: Evidence from India." March 22, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

PUBLICATIONS

Porter, M. 2016 (in press). "Effects of Microcredit and Other Loans on Female Empowerment in Bangladesh: The Borrower's Gender Influences Intra-Household Resource Allocation." *Agricultural Economics*
[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/\(ISSN\)1574-0862](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/journal/10.1111/(ISSN)1574-0862)

Skevas, T., **S.M. Swinton**, **S. Tanner**, G. Sanford, and K. Thelen. 2016 (in press). "Investment Risk in Bioenergy Crops." *Global Change Biology – Bioenergy*. <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/gcbb.12320/epdf>

Peralta, A. and **S.M. Swinton** (2016). "Food vs. Wood: Dynamic Choices for Kenyan Smallholders." *Sustainable Agriculture Research* 5(1): 97-108. <http://ageconsearch.umn.edu/bitstream/230605/2/P10-p97-108.pdf>.

Sheahan, M., J. Ariga, and **T.S. Jayne**. 2016 (in press). "Modeling the Effects of Input Market Reforms on Fertiliser Demand and Maize Production: A Case Study from Kenya." *Journal of Agricultural Economics*
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1477-9552.12150/abstract?campaign=wolearlyview>

Published in the annual agricultural economics outlook issue of [Michigan Farm News](#), Vol. 93, No. 3, February 15, 2016:

- **Wolf, C.**, and **Wittenberg**, E. 2016. "Expect land prices to decline." p. 7.
- **B. Knudson** and **J. Whims** 2016. "Profitability under pressure." P. 9.
- **J. Hilker** 2016. "Market Outlook." pp. 10-11.
- **L. Borton** and **J. Jones** 2016. "[Plan your tax, tax your plan](#)." p. 12.
- **C. Wolf** 2016. "[Dairy profits may be status quo for 2016](#)." p. 14.
- **J. Whims** 2016. "Are three interest rate hikes coming?" p. 16.
- **D. Schweikhardt** 2016. "Policy and trade outlook: a more effective safety net." p. 18.
- **D. Schweikhardt** 2016. "[Farm income is uncertain](#)." p. 19.

INTERNSHIP

World Bank Group, Department of Development Economics (DECSI) / Agriculture & Food global Practice (GFADR). Summer internship position with the Enabling the Business of Agriculture team at the World Bank Group headquarters in Washington DC. <http://eba.worldbank.org/>

CALL FOR PAPERS

The Water Research Centre at Queen's University in Kingston, Ontario, Canada is pleased to invite you to submit an abstract to the Water Initiative for the Future (WatIF): International Graduate Student Conference **July 2016**. WatIF hopes to *empower the leaders of tomorrow for the future of the world's water* and create a community of young water leaders.

<http://www.waterinitiativeforthefuture.org/join-us.html>

International Food & Agribusiness Management Association (IFAMA), Wageningen University and Danish Food Cluster, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 26th Annual IFAMA World Conference and the 12th Wageningen International Conference on Chain and Network Management (WiCaNeM), which will be held in Aarhus, Denmark between the 19th and the 23rd of June 2016. www.ifamaEurope.org

JOBS

Sustainability Research Institute at the University of Leeds is recruiting for a new tenure-track lecturer in "Sustainability, Economics, and Low-Carbon Transitions." For those unfamiliar with the UK system, "lecturer" corresponds to "assistant professor" in the US, and does not mean one's spends all (or even most) of one's time teaching! We are looking for an enthusiastic and self-motivated environmental social scientist with a focus on sustainability, economics and low-carbon transitions. Deadline April 15th. <http://jobs.leeds.ac.uk/ENVEE1098>

K-State Research & Extension's Kansas Farm Management Association program is searching for candidates to provide leadership to the KFMA program in the role of Executive Extension Agricultural Economist in South Central Kansas. K-State, cooperating with Kansas Farm Management Association South Central, has issued this search for individuals to join our dedicated team of professionals. Deadline March 25, 2016. <http://www.agmanager.info/KFMA>

USDA's FSA-Global Policy Analysis Division posted a new position on the USAJOBS website on February 29, 2016. They are very interested in hearing from ag economics graduate students who might be able to fill this role. The position is for a GS-9/11/12 agricultural economist. Details and application instructions are located at: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/430709100/> Applicants should apply directly with the USAJOBS website, and if they have questions there are contacts listed on the job announcement.

All announcements should be sent to Debbie Conway, Editor, in Room 202 Morrill Hall of Agriculture or e-mail: conway@msu.edu NO LATER than 12 noon on Thursday; after 12, they will be in the next BI-WEEKLY edition.