

**NEWSLETTER**

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**PEOPLE**

Welcome! **Dr. Thomas S. Lyons** has accepted MSU's offer to join AFRE as Professor (with tenure) and the next Director of the Product Center. As a well-recognized national expert in entrepreneurship, he is an excellent addition to our department and is poised to make notable contributions to the Product Center and AFRE's Agribusiness Management and Food Industry Management field areas. His appointment will be effective on September 1, 2016

Congratulations! A number of faculty members have recently been elected to serve in leadership roles for the AAEA, including **Scott Swinton** as President-Elect of AAEA. Other AFRE faculty taking on new leadership roles in our professional association include:

- **Saweda Liverpool-Tasie:** Chair-Elect, AAEA Africa Section
- **Nicky Mason:** Secretary-General, AAEA's Africa Section
- **Titus Awokuse:** Chair-Elect, AAEA's National Association of Agricultural Economics Administrators (NAAEA)
- **Titus Awokuse:** Member, C-FARE, AAEA's Priorities and Solutions Steering Committee

Congratulations! **David Ortega** (and **Maolong Chen** - Phd) for winning AAEA's Quality of Communication Award for a series of articles which were published in *Choices* (<http://www.choicesmagazine.org/choices-magazine/theme-articles/2nd-quarter-2015/emerging-markets-for-us-meat-and-poultry-in-china>). The theme of this collection was based off of a grant which David received from the USDA and also based, in part, from the MS thesis research of Maolong Chen, his graduate student. This award emphasizes the potential for obtaining quality output from collaborations with our graduate students in AFRE.

**JOBS**

**Cornell University**, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, is seeking a candidate for a Postdoctoral Research Associate for a position in Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. This position is a long-term research initiative focused on solving problems of poverty, malnutrition, and rural development in India. [https://apps.hr.cornell.edu/recruiting/facultyview.cfm?posting\\_id= Postdoctoral-Associate\\_WDR-00007578](https://apps.hr.cornell.edu/recruiting/facultyview.cfm?posting_id= Postdoctoral-Associate_WDR-00007578)

**University of Vermont**, Gund Institute for Ecological Economics seeks a Research Coordinator to support our interdisciplinary research and education efforts. This position will help set strategic directions, coordinate research activities among fellows and students, work with Institute fellows to develop collaborative grant proposals, and manage the Institute's budget. Deadline June 6, 2016. <https://www.uvmjobs.com> (position #00022789).

**University of Oklahoma, Dept. of Geography & Environmental Sustainability** is seeking a one-year postdoctoral researcher to conduct non-market evaluation of ecosystem services in the US Rio Grande River Basin and assess people's willingness to pay to protect the river water resources. Deadline is June 1, 2016. Interested applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Dr. Jad Ziolkowska as soon as possible at [jziolkowska@ou.edu](mailto:jziolkowska@ou.edu) for further details about this research opportunity.

**Social, Behavioral and Economic Sciences (SBE) of the National Science Foundation** has a Science Analyst job that requires PhD MS in social or economics science (if MS then also 2 years experience). This position reports to the Division Director of SES and will primarily provide support for the activities and programs within the division. The position includes a wide spectrum of scientific research grants policy and process administration activities in support of the organization. In addition, the employee will provide support for reports, analyses and presentations regarding the research portfolio of the Division. Deadline is 6/3/2016. <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/439716200>

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