

NEWSLETTER

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AWARD

Congratulations to the Farm Information Resource Management (FIRM) Team: J. Roy Black, Roger Betz, James Hilker, Adam Kantrovich, Dennis Stein, Curtis Talley, Katelyn Thompson, David Schweikhardt, Christopher Wolf who received the **2015 Institute Team Award** from MSU Extension for outstanding team efforts, collaboration, programming, outreach and impact. The award was presented on October 13 at the 2015 MSU Extension Key Partner and Staff Awards Banquet.

PEOPLE

Saweda Liverpool-Tasie was named associate editor of *Agricultural Economics*, the journal of the International Association of Agricultural Economists, effective September 2015.

SEMINARS

AFRE Seminar

JunJie Wu, Oregon State University. "Causes and consequences of Open Space in U.S. Urban Areas" October 22, 3:30pm, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Brown Bag Seminar

Benjamin Belton, AFRE MSU. "Aquaculture in Transition: Value Chain Transformation, Fish and Food Security in Myanmar". October 20, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Chaoran Hu, PhD AFRE. "Sources, Management and Analysis of Spatial Data." October 27, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

PUBLICATIONS

Tschirley, D, J. Snyder, M. Dolislager, T. Reardon, S. Haggblade, J. Goeb, L. Traub, F. Ejobi, F. Meyer. 2015. "Africa's Unfolding Diet Transformation: Implications for Agrifood System Employment," *Journal of Agribusiness in Developing and Emerging Economies* 5(2). <http://www.emeraldinsight.com/doi/pdfplus/10.1108/JADEE-01-2015-0003>.

Hernandez, R.A., J.A. Berdegué, and T. **Reardon**. 2015. "Modernizing Wholesalers and Guava Farmers in Mexico," *Agricultural Economics* 46, <http://dx.doi.org/10.1111/agec.12197>.

Tschirley, D., T. Reardon, M. Dolislager, and J. Snyder. 2015. "The Rise of a Middle Class in Urban and Rural East and Southern Africa: Implications for Food System Transformation," *Journal of International Development*, 27(5): 628-646. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1002/jid.3107>.

WORKSHOP

2016 Farm Foundation Cultivators Program invites applications for current students of agriculture to attend the Farm Foundation® Round Table through our *Cultivators* Program. Up to six upper class or graduate-level students from an accredited North American college or university will be selected from a competitive pool of applicants to participate in the Round Table meeting January 6-8, 2016 in Tucson, AZ. Round Table is an invitational group of 150 food and agricultural leaders who meet semi-annually to discuss issues of importance to agribusiness, the food system and rural communities. The sessions are intended to provide ideas and learning experiences that participants may use in their own activities. **The program for the Tucson meeting will focus on the future of agricultural trade.** Deadline is November 10, 2015

JOBS

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics is seeding to fill a tenure-track position for an Assistant or Associate Professor with research interests in the economics of natural resources and the environment. An interest in environmental issues related to agriculture is particularly desirable. Deadline date is December 1, 2015. https://www.aeaweb.org/joe/listing.php?JOE_ID=2015-02_111453910

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