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**PEOPLE AND AWARDS**

At the March 11 faculty meeting, it was announced that Prof. **Richard Horan** will take over as AFRE Associate Chairperson and Director of Graduate Studies on May 16, 2016. He will replace **Scott Swinton**, who has held that post since January 2011.

The AFRE Graduate Research Symposium on March 17-18 included 15 presentations. It climaxed with award winners in three categories of presentation:

- Research at the Idea Stage: **Mary Doidge**, "The Potential Role of Regret in Land Conversion Decisions."
- Research in Progress: **Jeffrey Bloem**, "Measuring Hope: An Empirical Approach with Validation from Rural Myanmar."
- Completed Research: **Florencia Colella**, "Consumer Preferences for Retail Channel and Beef Steak Attributes: Experimental Evidence from Argentinean Consumers."

At MSU's 26<sup>th</sup> Annual International Awards Ceremony on March 23 (3:00pm, Huntington Club, Spartan Stadium), four AFRE members will be honored:

- Ralph H. Smuckler Award for Advancing International Studies and Programs at MSU  
**Duncan H. Boughton** and **Eric W. Crawford**
- John K. Hudzik Emerging Leader in Advancing International Studies and Programs Award  
**Saweda Liverpool-Tasie**
- Joon S. Moon Distinguished International Alumni Award  
**Nango Dembele**
- Special Recognition Award for Promoting International Understanding  
**Anne Schneller**

**SEMINARS**Brown Bag Seminar

**AFRE Dept. Faculty Panel.** "Preparing to go on the PhD and MA Job Market." March 15, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Mitchell NJ, Riley RT, Egner PA, Groopman JD, **Wu F** (2016). Chronic aflatoxin exposure in children living in Bhaktapur, Nepal: Extension of the MAL-ED study. *Journal of Exposure Science and Environmental Epidemiology*. Epub ahead of print: <http://www.nature.com/jes/journal/vaop/ncurrent/full/jes201587a.html>

Mitchell NJ, Bowers E, Hurburgh C, **Wu F** (2016). Potential economic losses to the US corn industry from mycotoxin contamination. *Food Additives and Contaminants*. Epub ahead of print:

<http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/19440049.2016.1138545?af=R&#.VtnlQo-cHIU>

**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. **For more information on WatIF 2016, abstract submission requirements and to submit your abstract please visit our website:** <http://www.waterinitiativeforthefuture.org/abstract-submission.html>

**The Global Center for Food Systems Innovation (GCFSI)** has just announced the 2016 Frugal Innovation Practicum to take place in Lilongwe, Malawi. Please see [the link here](#) for more info on the program and application details.

## **JOBS**

**The Agriculture and Food Section (AF) of the Congressional Research Service (CRS)** is seeking an Analyst in Agricultural Policy. Analyst duties include preparing objective, non-partisan analytical studies and descriptive background reports on issues of national significance; providing personal consultation and assistance to congressional committees, Members, and staff on public policy issues throughout the legislative process; and participating in or leading team research projects and seminars. Deadline: April 8, 2016 <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/431957200/>.

**USDA Economic Research Service** is seeking a post-doctoral researcher to identify and assess national trends in agricultural conservation practice adoption; and develop a program of research on the determinants conservation practice adoption, including the role of financial and technical assistance from USDA conservation programs. The work will include analysis of national agricultural survey data, such as the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) and Census of Agriculture micro data. <http://www.ers.usda.gov/about-ers/careers-at-ers/employment-opportunities/ers-postdoctoral-program.aspx>

Visiting Assistant Professor of Economics, **Kalamazoo College**. Details at [https://www.aeaweb.org/joe/listing.php?JOE\\_ID=2016-01\\_111455299&issue=2016-01&keyword\\_search=&section=0&jel=all&country=all&recent\\_only=Show+all+listings+published+since+February+1%2C+2016&from=2016-02-01&to=2016-02-26&listings\\_order\\_by=date\\_posted\\_a&lpp=50](https://www.aeaweb.org/joe/listing.php?JOE_ID=2016-01_111455299&issue=2016-01&keyword_search=&section=0&jel=all&country=all&recent_only=Show+all+listings+published+since+February+1%2C+2016&from=2016-02-01&to=2016-02-26&listings_order_by=date_posted_a&lpp=50)

**Harvard University Department of Economics** is seeking a postdoctoral candidate for a two year position working on a project to explore opportunities for and examine impact of mobile-phone based agricultural extension in developing countries. The candidate would work under the supervision of Professors Michael Kremer and Shawn Cole (Harvard Business School). The position will start in summer or fall 2016 and will be based in Cambridge, Massachusetts but will require considerable international travel (or possible base in Kenya). There may be some opportunities for engagement with projects in India and potentially other locations in the developing world

The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the **University of Saskatchewan** has a tenure track position for an Assistant Professor. Areas of interest include either agricultural commodity marketing, risk management or industrial organization, or a closely related area. <http://agbio.usask.ca/departments/agricultural-and-resource-economics/index.php>

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