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## **PEOPLE**

Congratulations to **Ruthi Bloomfield** who has been promoted to the rank of Senior Academic Specialist effective May 1, 2016.

Congratulations to **David Tschirley** assumes the new role of Co-Director of the Food Security Group (FSG) of the AFRE Department effective July 1, 2016.

**Dr. Kandeh Yumkella** (Ag Econ faculty member 1992-96) is competing to be the SLPP candidate for the Presidency of Sierra Leone (the election will be in 2017)!!! See: <http://www.thesierraleonetelegraph.com/?p=9922>  
Kandeh joined MSU's Department of Agricultural Economic as an assistant professor for Agribusiness. From 1992-94, Kandeh took a leave of absence from MSU to serve as Sierra Leone's Minister of Trade, Industry and State Enterprises. After returning to MSU in 1995, in 1996 he resigned to accept a high-level position at UNIDO, where he has held several senior positions in the UN system, including Director General of INIDO.

**Ashesh Prasann** (PhD 2016) begins work as a Young Professional in the Agriculture Global Practice at the World Bank on September 12, 2016.

**Tim Hodge** (PhD 2013) begins his new job as Assistant Professor of Economics in the School of Business Administration at Oakland University.

**Stephen Morgan** (AFRE PhD student) and **Christine Sauer** (AFRE Master student) had the honor to be invited to attend the Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security held at Purdue University. Every summer 40 graduate student are selected to participate in the institute and have a chance to hear from security experts.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Ward Anseeuw, **Thomas Jayne**, Richard Kachule and John Kotsopoulos. The Quiet Rise of Medium-Scale Farms in Malawi. *Land*, 2016, 5, 19; doi:10.3390/land5030019 <http://www.mdpi.com/2073-445X/5/3/19>

## **JOBS**

**K-State Research & Extension's Kansas Farm Management Association** program is searching for candidates desiring to join our team of professionals as Extension Agricultural Economists. K-State, cooperating with Kansas Farm Management Associations Northeast and Southeast, has issued this search for individuals interested in assisting farms and ranches to develop strategies linking farm production and financial information to management decisions to improve profitability. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a career with a growing, nationally recognized educational program having a demonstrated financial impact and making a difference for those involved in Kansas agriculture. Deadline July 18, 2016. <http://www.agmanager.info/KFMA>

**USGS** (United States Geological Survey) is seeking candidates for a social science research position at the USGS Fort Collins Science Center. They are looking for someone with a recent PhD or Masters, for a 1-year position (I believe with the potential to extend for longer depending on performance and funding availability). The position will be helping to organize a interdisciplinary science effort focused on understanding the social and social-ecological systems that may be affected by the ecological impacts of drought and climate change, and the complex adaptive systems in which public lands managers make decisions about managing the effects of drought. Interested candidates can contact ([schusterr@usgs.gov](mailto:schusterr@usgs.gov)) and ([burkardtn@usgs.gov](mailto:burkardtn@usgs.gov)) to learn more and get a copy of the full job description.

**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.**