

**2012 Graduate Research Symposium  
Agricultural, Food, and Resource Economics  
March 22-23, 2012; Agricultural Hall, Room 75**

**Thursday, March 22**

Time	Speaker	Project Status	Title
2:00 PM	Introduction and Welcome		
2:20-4:20 Session I: Idea and Completed Stage Research			
2:20PM	Carson Reeling	Idea	A compensating premium for the prospect of ruinous risk in conservation technology adoption
2:40 PM	Leah M. Harris	Idea	No fences needed: Coordinating farm management to provide ecosystem services
3:00PM	Hillary Sackett	Completed	The Future of Sustainable Food Labels: A Consumer Preference Analysis
3:20 PM	Henry Akaeze	Completed	International Agricultural Land Transactions in Africa: “Land Grabbing” or “Attracting Investment?”
3:40 PM	Peter Richards	Completed	Exchange rates, soybeans, and environmental degradation in South America
4:00 PM	Assa Dembele	Completed	Demand for fresh fruit in a Detroit food desert

**Friday, March 23**

Time	Speaker	Project Status	Title
8:30 AM	Scott Swinton		Introduction to MSU’s program in Ag., Food, and Resource Economics. Facility Tour. (Prospective students only)
9:30 AM	<i>Introduction and Welcome</i>		
9:40-11:40 Session II: International Development			
9:40 AM	Rie Muraoka	In-Progress	Inequality, Income Growth, and Poverty: Household Level Evidence from Rural India
10:00 AM	Uchook Duangbootsee	In-Progress	Welfare Effects under Deficiency Payments Program and Support Purchase Program: Case of Thai Rice Industry
10:20 AM	Brenda Lazarus	In-Progress	Nonfarm Income in Rural Mali
10:40 AM	Sonja M. Perakis	In-Progress	Changing Spatial Maize Price Relationships in West Africa
11:00 AM	Michael Dolislager	In-Progress	Processing Change – Evaluating and Projecting consumption Patterns in Mozambique
11:20 AM	Ayala Wineman	In-Progress	Narrowing the concept-to-measurement gap in food security, using a multidimensional household food security index in Zambia
11:40 -12:40 PM Lunch in the Atrium			

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<b>12:40 – 1:40      Session III: Environment and Sustainability</b>			
12:40 PM	Max Melstrom	In-Progress	Interspecies Management and Habitat Investments to Protect Endangered Species
1:00 PM	Anne Weir & Carson Reeling	In-Progress	A comparative breakeven net return threshold to guide development of conservation technologies with application to perennial wheat
1:20 PM	Guilherme Signorini	In-Progress	Economic Institutions for Electricity: An application to the Brazilian case
1:40 PM	Scott Weicksel	In-Progress	Valuing Great Lakes Beach Attributes Using a Choice Experiment
2:00PM	Gi-Eu Lee	In-Progress	Michigan Public Opinion about Agricultural Adaptation to Climate Change
<b>2:20-2:40      Break</b>			
<b>2:40-4:00      Session IV: Regional Development &amp; Markets</b>			
2:40PM	Christina Plerhoples	In-Progress	Fiscal Stress and the Implementation of Municipal Residency Laws
3:00 PM	Adam Lovgren	In-Progress	Controlling for Selection Bias in Entrepreneurial Assistance Program Impact Studies
3:20 PM	Francis Smart	In-Progress	Explaining the Existence of Food Deserts through Population Mobility, Purchasing Power, and Established convenience Store Strongholds
3:40 PM	Vivek Pandey		(To be announced.)
4:00 PM	<i>Awards</i>		
4:30 PM	<i>Adjourn</i>		
5:00 PM	<i>Happy Hour</i>		There will be a post-symposium happy hour, details to be announced.