PEOPLE
Debbie Conway is retiring as the department’s graduate secretary November 1, 2016. Debbie has served MSU for 26 years, with 15 years with AFRE Department and 11 years with Engineering. Current and many former students, as well as faculty, have benefitted greatly from her warm and dedicated assistance, so much of which occurs behind the scenes. AFRE has been very fortunate to have had Debbie as the graduate secretary, and she will be missed! Debbie’s last official day is tomorrow, Oct 20, and so this newsletter is going out a bit early this week to recognize Debbie before she leaves, and to remind everyone of her retirement celebration on Oct. 20 in room 202 from 2-4. Everyone is invited!

Estrella Starn started her new position 10/7/16 as AFRE’s Academic Program Coordinator for the Graduate Program. Estrella has been at MSU since 2000, and she has had experience as a Graduate Secretary since 2005, most recently with the Department of Art, Art History and Design. We are very excited to have her join us!

FUNDING AVAILABLE
2017-2018 IAF Ph.D. Grassroots Development Fellowship Competition Announcement
The deadline for applications for the 2017-2018 Fellowship Cycle of the IAF Grassroots Development Ph.D. Fellowship Program is JANUARY 11, 2017.
Complete application information and instructions are available at www.iie.org/iaf.

PUBLICATIONS
Thomas Jayne, At Last, Evidence that African Agriculture is Powering Economic Transformation. The Conversation, September 26, 2016,


SEMINARS
AFRE Seminars

Daniel Hellerstein, Economic Research Service-USDA, Washington DC. “Pollinator Health and Land Use”. October 20, 3:30pm, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Elizabeth Yeager, Kansas State University (AFRE Production Economics & Farm Management Position Candidate). “Economic Efficiency Adjusted for Risk.” October 24, 10:30pm, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Brown Bag Seminar

Scott Swinton, AFRE Dept. “Limitations of Auctions for Cost-effective Payment of Farmers to Abate Phosphorus Runoff.” November, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture
**PUBLICATIONS**


**JOBS**

UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability is seeking open rank faculty position with interests and experience in the following areas of research as they pertain to environmental and/or energy economics -- environmental valuation, environmental policy, corporate sustainability, political economy, behavioral economics, environmental health, international economics, econometrics, experimental economics.”


The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center (CIMMYT) is looking for a strong candidate for the position of Socio-economist (Latin America) based in Mexico. As the announcement indicates: We are seeking an innovative, self-motivated, and results-oriented candidate for the position of Socio-economist to work on improving maize (and wheat) agro-food systems in Latin America. Applications online due by November 7. More information available: [http://www.cimmyt.org/jobs/socio-economist-latin-america/](http://www.cimmyt.org/jobs/socio-economist-latin-america/)

Mississippi State University, Department of Agriculture Economics, is looking for an Assistant Professor-Tenure Track, 9-month appointment. Applications will be received until January 12, 2017, or until a suitable candidate is found. Visit [www.msujobs.msstate.edu](http://www.msujobs.msstate.edu) and search postings for PARF3493893.

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