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 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 Argentinian Consumers.”

At MSU’s 26th 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


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](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

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 NO LATER than 12 noon on Thursday; after 12, they will be in the next BI-WEEKLY edition.