WELCOME NEW STUDENTS
During orientation August 26-27, the Department welcomed 85 new students. The 21 new grad students include 13 PhD and 8 MS students who jointly hail from 13 countries. The 64 incoming undergrads included 36 freshmen and 28 transfer students. The group includes 40 majoring in Agribusiness Management, 19 in Food Industry Management, and 5 in Environmental Economics and Policy. Most come from Michigan, but members of the incoming group also come from New York, Connecticut, Illinois, California and China.

PEOPLE
Mariam (Sako) Thiam (MS 2013) took a position as Consultant in Financial Analysis with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank in Columbus, OH, in November, 2012.

Min Chen (PhD 2013) began work as a Senior Risk Modeler at the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac) on August 26, 2013.

Dale Yi (PhD 2013 expected) began work as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at University of Adelaide in Aug. 2013.

SEMINARS
Brown Bag Seminar

Thomas Reardon, Michigan State University. “Getting started with research: How to write a thesis, article or proposal.” Wednesday, September 11, 12:00 – 2:00pm, Room 75 AGH.

AFRE tidbits from AAEA meetings


Most page views for a member profile on AAEA website in 2013 (up to July 19, 2013): David Ortega.

PUBLICATIONS

CALL FOR PAPERS
Global Science and Technology Forum (GSTF) is dedicated to promoting research and development and offers an interdisciplinary intellectual platform for top notch scientists, researchers, academics and industry professionals in Asia Pacific to actively consult, network and collaborate with their counterparts across the globe, is pleased to invite you to submit your research papers for review and publication in the Gstf Journal on Agricultural Engineering (JAE). The submission deadline for the JAE Vol.1 No.1 is on 18 October 2013. http://globalstf.org/journal-jae.php

JOBS
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations seeks an Economist, location Rome, Italy. Under the overall supervision of the Director, AGS, and direct supervision of the Senior Officer, Agro-food Industry Group, the incumbent will participate in the development and implementation of programme activities relating to socio-economic and managerial...
aspects of agro-food processing industries and post-harvest systems in developing countries.  

**Postdoctoral Scholar: Science and Technology Innovation Strategy in the United States and China**
Center for International Environment and Resource Policy, The Fletcher School, Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts, United States.  The postdoctoral scholar is expected to contribute to a thorough literature review, the development of a theoretical framework regarding cooperation and competition between the US and China, the development of an indicator database to assess innovation and policy performance, and the completion of at least one scholarly article.  Deadline: September 16, 2013  http://fletcher.tufts.edu/CJERP/About/JobOpportunities

**University of Maine, Postdoctoral Research Associate.**  The successful candidate will join a team of researchers from the University of Maine and the University of New Hampshire working on a multi-year, large-scale NSF-funded research project.  The position will focus on applying economics to interdisciplinary research of emerging water and coastal resource management issues.  Deadline: September 16, 2013  http://umaine.edu/colleges/graduate-school/

**Kansas State University** and Extension and Department of Agricultural Economics.  This position would plan and develop and Extension educational farm business management program for commercial farms cooperating with the Farm Management Association in Northeast Kansas.  Provide technical expertise to the area Extension educational program in farm management.  Deadline October 14, 2013.  http://www.kfma.ksu.edu

**Food Security and Livelihoods Program Manager, South Sudan (1788) Northern Bahr el Ghazal, South Sudan** - The Food Security and Livelihoods Program Manager is responsible for all Food Security and Livelihoods (FSL) projects in the Northern Bahr el Ghazal region.  The work is with vulnerable households to provide the means to improve and secure food production.  Responsibilities include developing new projects (in coordination with the Program Development team and Area Coordinator), supervising project staff, overseeing project implementation and management, leading on reporting, and working closely with government counterparts.  The FSL Program Manager (PM) should demonstrate a strong Christian faith and willingness to work together for the good of the team.  http://www.samaritanspurse.org/our-ministry/employment-listings/, click on "International Positions," click on "Food Security and Livelihoods Program Manager, South Sudan (1788)" and click on "Apply Now" at the bottom of the page.

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