PASSAGE
Robert D. Stevens, Professor Emeritus, passed away July 10, 2014, in Reading, Massachusetts. Dr. Stevens taught and conducted research at MSU on agricultural development and health economics from 1964 to 1990, including overseas assignments in Lebanon, South Vietnam, and East Pakistan.

SEMINARS
AFRE Seminars

Juan Sesmero, Purdue University. “Distortive Institutions, Strategic Behavior, and Groundwater Demand.” Thursday, September 18, 3:30pm, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Michael Carter, University of California, Davis. “Subsidies and the Persistence of Technology Adoption.” Thursday, September 25, 3:30pm, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Brown Bag Seminars
Andrew Dillon and others, MSU. “Preparing to Go on the PhD and MA Job Market.” September 16, 12:00pm, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Lindon Robison, MSU. “Theoretical Foundations for Behavioral Economics.” September 23, 12:00 pm, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

PUBLICATIONS


AAEA GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS
The Agricultural and Applied Economics Association has several special-purpose graduate scholarships all with deadlines of application deadline is October 6, 2014.

- Luther G. Tweeten Scholarship provides support for graduate student research on socioeconomic problems of Africa, especially addressing issues of food, population, and environment that affect economic development, poverty, and food security. At least one (1) grant of up to $2,000 will be awarded for use during the 2015 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs associated with fieldwork in Africa such as research materials, programs, and/or travel expenses. See http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/luther-g-tweeten-special-purpose-fund/applications.

- Chester O. McCorkle Jr. Student Scholarship. This scholarship will support applied research by a graduate student on economic issues relating to agriculture. At least one (1) scholarship of up to $2,000 will be awarded. Funds can be used for research related expenses, data collection, tuition and program related expenses such as fees, books, supplies and equipment, provided the items are required of all students in the program. See http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/chester-o-mccorkle-jr-student-scholarship/

- **Sylvia Lane Mentor Fellowship** provides an opportunity for early career female scholars working on food, agricultural, or resource issues to collaborate with an established expert at another university, institution, or firm. At least one (1) fellowship of up to $2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2015 calendar year. The funding is designed to cover the costs of travel and expenses for the awardee to work directly with the mentor on a specific project. Preference will be given to new mentoring relationships as opposed to continuing an existing one. See: http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/sylvia-lane-mentorship-fund/call-for-applications.

- **Uma Lele Mentor Fellowship Award** supports a mentorship relationship with a view to promote high quality research of a policy/problem solving nature in countries with food insecurity and environmental pressures. It is meant to promote collaboration between an early career scholar who is a citizen of and resides in a developing country and a distinguished mentor. The award is intended to cover the costs of travel and expenses for a scholar and mentor to work together on a specific research project in a high priority area for the scholar’s country. The maximum fellowship grant will be $5,000. See http://www.aaea.org/trust/special-purpose-funds/uma-lele-mentor-fellowship-fund/uma-lele-mentor-fellowship-award-call-for-applications.

**JOBS**

Farm to Institution Data Manager, Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems (CRFS)

This position will manage data collection, maintenance, analysis and reporting for CRFS’s Farm to Institution efforts, including Cultivate Michigan, Michigan Farm to School and Hoophouses for Health.

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.