PEOPLE
Scott A. Weicksel won the Department’s Best M.S. Thesis Award of 2012 for “Measuring Preference for Changes in Water Quality at Great Lakes Beaches Using a Choice Experiment” (major prof: F. Lupi).


And finally ... the answer to the 2013 San Diego AEA program Crossword Puzzle, clue #49-Across:
Michigan State’s Anderson: S-O-R-E-N

SEMINARS
AFRE Seminars
Keith Harris, Kansas State University. “Bioscience Networks and the Animal Health/Nutrition Corridor.” Thursday, February 21, 3:30pm, Room 75 Agriculture Hall.
Yan Jin, Zhejiang University, China. “The Rapid Rise of Cross-Regional Agricultural Mechanization Services in China.” Thursday, February 28, 3:30pm, Room 75 Agriculture Hall.

Brown Bag Seminars
Francis Smart, “A new approach to correlated Random Coefficients: LATE no more.” Tuesday, February 19, 11:50am, Room 75 AGH.
Robert Shupp, “How to write an academic journal article.” Wednesday, February 27, 12:15pm, Room 75 AGH.

PUBLICATIONS

HUMOR
Valentine ideas for economists: http://fosslien.com/heart/

CALL FOR PAPERS
Yale University Global Health & Innovation Conference 2013. Presented by Unite For Sight, 10th Annual Conference. The Global Health & Innovation Conference is the world’s largest global health conference and social entrepreneurship conference. This must-attend, thought-leading conference annually convenes more than 2,200 leaders, changemakers, students, and professionals from all fields of global health, international development, and social entrepreneurship. Conference is being held on April 13-14, 2013. http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference

INTERNSHIP
E3 Network’s internship program offers graduate students in economics the opportunity to engage real world environmental issues during the summer months. Interns are paired with other economists in the E3 Network and/or with non-profit organizations to conduct research during the summer months. The
deadline for applications for summer 2013 is March 8.  http://www.e3network.org/

JOBS
Chemonics seeks food security analysts with expertise in agricultural economics, livelihoods, nutrition, pastoralism/livestock, and related areas to join the Decision Support Group (DSG) of the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET) III (www.fews.net). Strong French skills required. Send resume and cover letter to fews3dsdsg@chemonics.com by February 28, 2013.
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, The Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics seeks candidates who will develop a nationally recognized research and Extension outreach program in agricultural commodity market analysis. Deadline is: March 15, 2013. Web Site: http://jobs.illinois.edu
Western Kentucky University, Department of Agriculture seeks an assistant/associate professor of agricultural economics with interest in agricultural entrepreneurship, marketing, and sales. Deadline is March 18, 2013. http://www.wku.edu/employment/faculty.php
UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability. Post Doc Position on Water Policy. This is a unique opportunity for a post doctoral researcher with an interest in water policy in California. The position will be located at the UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability, but the researcher will have an opportunity to work with scholars, practitioners, water managers at all levels, and policy makers.

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