AWARDS
Award winners from among the 15 presentations at the Graduate Research Symposium on March 21-22, 2013 are:

- **Completed Research:** Carson Reeling, “Biosecurity investments, strategic interactions, and the role of expectations in livestock disease management.”
- **Research In Progress:** Leah Harris, “Going Once, Going Twice, Bought from the Lowest Bidder! Designing Procurement Auctions to Improve Water Quality in the Lake Erie Basin.”

SEMINARS
AFRE Seminars
Qiuqiong Huang, University of Minnesota. “Water Management and Dynamic Efficiency of Groundwater Use in Northern China.” Thursday, April 4, 3:30pm, Room 75 Agriculture Hall.
Nicole Mason, MSU. “Fertilizer subsidies and voting behavior: political economy dimensions of input subsidy programs.” Thursday, April 11, 10:30am, Room 75 Agriculture Hall.
Wolfram Schlenker, Columbia University. “Crop Yields and Internal Migration in the United States 1970-2010.” Thursday, April 11, 3:30pm, Room 75 Agriculture Hall.

Brown Bag Seminars
Kirimi Sindi, “Building a sweet potato value chain: The Rwanda Super Foods project.” Tuesday, March 26, 11:50am, Room 75 AGH.
Andrea Leschewski, “A fast food oasis in a food desert: Fast food restaurant pricing and allocation strategies.” Tuesday, April 2, 11:50am, Room 75 AGH.
Steven Longabaugh, “GIS for the uninitiated: Introduction to basic analysis and resources for further study.” Tuesday, April 9, 10:30-11:30am, 152 Natural Resources Bldg.

PUBLICATIONS

**CALL FOR PAPERS**

**23rd Annual IFAMA Conference** will held June 16-20, 2013/Atlanta, Georgia, USA. There has never been a more important or exciting time in history for global food and agribusiness. The membership of IFAMA understand the critical importance of developing the talents and technologies necessary to feed our world today and in the coming decades. IFAMA, serves as a platform to unite and mobilize a committed, multi-disciplinary membership including: industry, academia, students and NGOs working towards a common vision of an impactful, responsible and sustained agribusiness industry. [www.ifama.org](http://www.ifama.org)

**2013 Global Conference of Agriculture Economics and Environment Research** is being held September 28-30, 2013 in Kuala Lumpur Malaysia. The GCAEER 2013 aimed at presenting the most recent research results carried out in the area of agriculture economics and environment. The idea of the conference is for scientists, scholars and college students in the academic society and practitioners and engineers in the industrial community from around the world and to present ongoing research activities, and hence to foster the Industry-academic cooperation. Deadline is June 15, 2013.


**INTERNSHIP**

West Water Research, is seeking graduate students for the summer internship program. The program is an ideal opportunity for those who are seeking professional experience in water rights marketing, water asset valuation, and water resource investments. WestWater has a strong tradition of hiring interns upon graduation and is actively seeking early stage professional interested in developing a career with the company. [http://www.waterexchange.com/](http://www.waterexchange.com/)

**U.S. Borlaug Fellows Graduate Research Grant**

It’s not too late to apply for a U.S. Borlaug Fellows in Global Food Security graduate research grant. These grants support graduate students who conduct food security related research in a developing country setting and in collaboration with a mentor from an International Agricultural Research Center (IARC) or a qualifying National Agricultural Research System (NARS) unit. Grant amounts range from $15,000/6 month stay; $20,000/12 month stay; $40,000/24 month stay. **U.S. citizenship is required**, and applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited U.S. university at the time of application. Application Deadline: Monday, April 1, 2013. Applications are available at the program website

**JOBS**

The Economic Research Service (ERS) has 2 openings for Agricultural Economists at the GS-9/11 level. The individuals will be identifying, analyzing and presenting technical and economic information and brief analytical reports on various commodity or livestock issues. Closing date is April 5, 2013 links to the announcements are:

ERS-S13N-0023: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/337567600](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/337567600)
ERS-M13N-0024: [https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/33758380](https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/33758380)

The Nature Conservancy, is currently seeking three candidates that will work as a team in the new Human Dimensions Program. The team will use their combined skills to carry out applied research, advancing science and practice through field-based projects around the globe. Deadline is April 10, 2013. [www.nature.org/careers](http://www.nature.org/careers)
University of Kentucky, Agricultural Economics, Assistant Professor, Regular Title Series. The successful applicant will develop a nationally recognized research and teaching program in the general area of agricultural management and production economics. Deadline is June 15, 2013.  
http://www.uky.edu/UKjobs/

The University of Wisconsin – River Falls invites applications for two tenure-track undergraduate faculty positions (100% teaching) at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. The positions are full-time, nine month, tenure-track undergraduate faculty positions (100% teaching) at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics. Appointment date: August 26, 2013. Please see the University’s website http://www.uwrf.edu/HumanResources/EmploymentOpportunities/UnclassifiedEmployment.cfm

Church of Central Africa Presbyterian Synod of Zambia (CCAP/Zambia). This position entails working with the leadership of CCAP/ Zambia to further develop the CCAP’s understanding of and engagement in development, food security, and sustainability issues in Zambia. The mission worker will provide leadership including organizing and implementing training opportunities, seminars and workshops and follow-up accompaniment. The mission worker will work with CCAP departments and various bodies as they expand existing services and activities and will collaborate with ecumenical organizations working in areas such as agriculture, clean water, micro-credit, health and education. The Specialist will collaborate with other PCUSA personnel in East Central Africa.  http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/msr/application/

The Nature Conservancy, Agriculture Strategy Director – Africa. The Nature Conservancy believes that sustainable intensification is the basis our agriculture strategy. We are looking for an Agriculture Strategy Director to better define this strategy for Africa and to help position The Nature Conservancy to bring value-added science, policy and resource support to the sustainable intensification of agriculture in Africa.  www.nature.org/careers

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