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NGA Competition Team

Fred Parker brought on the competition for some Agribusiness students! Las Vegas, NV hosted the National Grocers Association (NGA) Show early this February and 14 NCSU students participated in the Student Case Study Competition and WGA 5K Fun Walk/Run. Fred states “They had a great experience despite not winning, and made numerous contacts in both industry and with fellow students from around the country through several networking and mentoring events during the NGA Conference, including a 5K scholarship fundraiser that all NCSU students participated in. This was NCSU’s second time attending NGA.”

Study Abroad Grant

Melissa Hendrickson received a $10,000 grant from the CHS Foundation to help offset some of the program costs for students participating in the Italy/Croatia International Agribusiness Field Experience.

Please Welcome!

Ben Kittner (not shown) joins ARE as an instructor for the 2015 Spring semester. Ben is teaching ARE 112. His office is located in 3307 Nelson.

Tracy Medlin joined ARE in November as the department’s Business Services Coordinator. Her office is located at 3341 Nelson.

Doris Sande (not shown) joins ARE as a Postdoctoral Research Scholar. Her office is located in 4346 Nelson.

Derek Washburn joined ARE in November too. Derek is a Program Associate working specifically with the Farm Schools. His office is located in 3343 Nelson.

Brittany Whitmire (not shown) will be joining ARE as the Dairy Extension Associate. Her office will be based in Brevard, NC. Brittany begins her position April 1st.
⇒ Seminars and workshops are in full swing!

AG-ECON SEMINARS
http://ag-econ.ncsu.edu/research/are-seminar-series
Coordinators: Tom Vukina and Xiaoyong Zheng
Location: 4210 Nelson Hall
Time: Tuesdays, 3:00—4:15 pm
(see calendar via above link for exact dates of seminars)

ECONOMETRICS WORKSHOPS
http://www4.ncsu.edu/~dpellet/workshop/index.html
Coordinators: Dept. of Economics
Location: NCSU, Duke, and UNC
Time: Various—see workshop link

MACRO/INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR
http://www4.ncsu.edu/~njtraum/seminar/seminar.htm
Coordinators: Giuseppe Fiori, Ivan Kandilov, and Nora Traum
Location: 4210 Nelson Hall
Time: 3:00 pm
(see calendar via above link for exact dates of seminars)

MICROECONOMICS WORKSHOPS
http://www4.ncsu.edu/~rghammon/workshop.html
Coordinators: Bob Hammond (Econ. Dept.)
Location: 4210 Nelson Hall
Time: Wednesdays, 3:00—4:15 pm
(see calendar via above link for exact dates of seminars)

CEnREP: LUNCH COLLOQUIUM
http://www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/workshops/colloquia.php
Coordinators: Laura Taylor and Roger von Haefen
Location: NCSU Campus
Time: Fridays, 12:15—1:15 pm
(see calendar via above link for exact dates of seminars)

CEnREP: TREE SEMINAR SERIES
http://www.ncsu.edu/cenrep/workshops/TREE/index.php
Coordinators: Laura Taylor and Roger von Haefen
Location: RTI International
Time: Thursdays, 3:15—4:45 pm
(see calendar via above link for exact dates of seminars)

CALS Calendar of Events also provides seminar information as well:
http://harvest.cals.ncsu.edu/dean/index.cfm?pageID=10569

Do you have a seminar you would like to announce? Feel free to contact the department staff!

⇒ Atlantic Coast Pipeline Meeting—Ted Feitshans and Guido van der Hoeven provided information to the public concerning the legal and tax effects of a natural gas pipeline in Nashville, NC.

⇒ The Conservation Partner Award—was presented to Ted Feitshans “In Recognition of Outstanding Support of Farmland Preservation and Agricultural Education.” Wake Soil and Water Conservation District presented Ted with the award.

⇒ Estate Planning for Forest Landowners—REMTELY!- Congratulations to Ted Feitshans as he pioneers the possibilities as a remote panelist for the 40 attendees in Gatesville, NC right from the department’s sophisticated video conferencing system in the 3302 conference room! Thank you to Guido van der Hoeven for supporting Ted from afar.

⇒ Kansas Christmas Tree Growers Association—Guido van der Hoeven was hosted as the featured speaker concerning income tax reporting for the Christmas tree growers on January 24, 2015.

⇒ Land Grant University Tax Education Foundation—Guido van der Hoeven, Chair of the LGUTEF, attended the winter meeting in Orlando, FL on February 8th.

⇒ Workshop on Intercultural Skills Enhancement-Melissa Hendrickson, along with 15 other individuals, have been invited by the Provost Office to participate in WISE to focus on “enhancing global student learning in the context of study abroad.”


All that is valuable in human society depends upon the opportunity for development accorded the individual.

- ALBERT EINSTEIN-
Kaspersky

New Antivirus Program (Kaspersky) to replace our current ‘Webroot’ program on ALL devices.

Conference Room

Please continue to alert ARE-IT on upcoming usage and make time for trial sessions. I can’t stress enough how important this is considering every time conference room (3302 Nelson) has been used we are running into issues.

IT Support

Our IT work-study student, Daniel, has relocated to the common area of the 4300 suite. If you need IT assistance, please contact us at arehelp@ncsu.edu.

Thank you,
Scott

(ARE IT Administrator)

HR News

Adverse Weather Policy Change

- Effective January 1, 2015 all employees who lose work time due to University closings for adverse weather and other emergency conditions, **must make up the time within 90 days**. Employees have the option to charge their weather-related time loss to vacation, bonus, or compensatory time. This act applies to all employees subject to the State Human Resources Act.


- **STATUS Exceptions** concerning the Adverse Weather Policy are defined at: [http://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-04-20-07](http://policies.ncsu.edu/regulation/reg-04-20-07)

J-1 (Exchange Visitors)

- The Department of State has revised some of the regulations involving J-1 visas.
- The Office of International Services (OIS) has very informative literature on their website to share with departments concerning the changes and process of hosting exchange visitors. Visit: [http://internationalservices.ncsu.edu/forms-departments](http://internationalservices.ncsu.edu/forms-departments) and read the “Pre-Arrival Guide” to receive further information.