Recognizing Agricultural and Resource Economics’ achievements, growth, and innovation.

Ted Feitshans The North Carolina Association of Cooperative Extension Specialists awarded Ted for “Outstanding Subject Matter Program Developed by an Individual Specialist” for his work involving shale gas extraction (fracking).

Melissa Hendrickson received NASA Certified Educator training and NASA clearance to rent Lunar rock and meteorites for demonstrative purposes involving local middle schools.

Mitch Renkow and his team won the Opal Mann Green Award for their development of the SET (Strengthening Economies Together) program administered in three Sandhills counties last year.

Michael Walden received the Alexander Quarles Holladay Medal for Excellence, the highest award made by the University to recognized faculty career achievements.

Congratulations on another successful and growing departmental graduation!! We recognized 57 graduates this Spring and could not have done it without our amazing Undergraduate Coordinator’s team, faculty, and staff. Keep it up ARE!!
ARE IS EVERYWHERE!

⇒ Ed Kick will be presenting two papers at the Rural Sociological Society (RSS) hosted in New Orleans, Louisiana from July 31 to August 3rd

⇒ 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting will be July 27-29th in Minneapolis, MN.

⇒ ARE held its first Farm Tour on May 28th! Thank you to everyone who attended! Pictures will be available on ARE website http://ag-econ.ncsu.edu/ at a later date. The next ARE Farm Tours was on June 9th and will be on June 30th.

⇒ Ron Campbell took his ARE 106 class out and about to visit the Wake County Small Claims and Domestic Court during February. Ron is currently overseas teaching a class in Croatia and will return after June 23rd.

⇒ Ted Feitshans was appointed Vice Chair of the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association at its Council Meeting in Asheville on Thursday, May 15.

⇒ We are very excited to welcome TWO new Assistant Professors to our department: Dr. Julianne Treme and Dr. Kathryn Boys! Julianne is located in 4304 Nelson and can be reached at jtreme@ncsu.edu. Kathryn will be joining us in August and her office will be located in 4306. Her email is kaboys@ncsu.edu. Please take a moment to introduce yourself to our newest ARE members!

Unfortunately, with these introductions come some departures...

⇒ On July 1, Christy Perrin will join the Water Resources Research Institute of the UNC system as their Sustainable Resources and Community Programs Coordinator. WRRI is based at NCSU over on the Centennial side and is co-housed and managed with NC Sea Grant. She will coordinate the new NC Watershed Stewardship Network as part of her role. She has enjoyed 16 years of natural resource Extension work within the Dept. of ARE, as director of the Watershed Ed for Communities and Officials program and previously with the Natural Resources Leadership Institute. She expresses her gratitude for all the fabulous support that ARE faculty and staff have provided over the years, and hopes to cross paths with you in the future!

⇒ July 1 will be Steve Sexton’s last day with us as well as he prepares for his new career appointment with Duke University.

⇒ Last but NOT least is Herman Sampson’s retirement effective July 1! Everyone will be greatly missed and we wish them the best in their future endeavors!
Ted Feitshans published his *ARE 306: Agricultural Law* coursepack for next Fall semester.


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*I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.* - Mother Teresa
To make IT-related information more accessible to everyone we have placed all of our documentation/How-To Information into the "AREShared" folder on the server (that everyone is mapped to with the drive letter “S”) and have removed our website presence. This should make things easier to access from your ARE PC’s.

The shared folder of How-To Information will also reduce the effort in locating old emails that are sometimes lost or eliminated.

This is a “work in progress.” Please contact Scott directly if there are items you would like added to the ARE shared sub-folder “Computing Resources.”

Keep in mind outdated information should be brought to Scott’s attention as well. Updating of information will be handled in a timely fashion.

By now, everyone should have heard plenty about the Affordable Care Act (ACA). Information on how the ACA will affect NCSU hiring and current processes is now in full circulation and we want you well informed with the following critical bullets:

- ACA eligibility will include SPA, EPA, faculty, non-tenure track faculty, student employees (not work-study) grad RAs/TAs, and temporary employees.
- The control group will be all 17 UNC System schools and will combine an individual’s FTE to determine eligibility.
- State Health Care Plan eligibility occurs with:
  - 30+ hours (0.75 FTE) per week
  - working for 3 months or more
- Temporary positions (no matter what the hours) require a break in service equivalent to time worked (works three weeks, off for three weeks) before the 3 month eligibility “clock” starts over.
- Budgeting a grant? State Health Plan Insurance is $448.12 per month.
- New! ACA info site at [go.ncsu.edu/aca](http://go.ncsu.edu/aca) provides a situational calculator identifying when offering health insurance is required.