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AESE Newsletter

Building the new AESE

Dear members and friends of the AESE:

As we approach the one year anniversary of the birth of AESE – the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education out of the old AEE and AERS – we can look back with great pride in how far we have come and great anticipation of what lies ahead. It would be impossible to recount all the changes that we have made and experienced, and we'd rather not remember all the bumps and obstacles encountered along the way, but it is safe to say that we have made huge progress in turning two separate departments into a functioning and powerful new unit. Now we are AESE.



We are now the largest department in the College of Agricultural Sciences. We have strong research and extension programs, and we have four growing undergraduate majors: Agricultural and Extension Education, Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Science, and Community, Environment, and Development. We have four graduate programs: Agricultural and Extension Education, Agricultural, Environmental, and Regional Economics, Rural Sociology, and Community and Economic Development. And we support and intersect with many other programs across the college and university, especially dual title programs, Shreyer Honors College (with a gratifying number of honors students), and various minors and certificates.

Last year I reported on the many retirements and other departures. This year as is appropriate for a year of transition, I have much exciting news about new hires. We have hired four new faculty members, three in Agricultural Economics: Scott Colby from Washington State, Doug Wrenn from Ohio State, and Kate Zipp from the University of Wisconsin, and one in Rural Sociology and Demography, Shannon Monnat from SUNY Albany and the University of Las Vegas - Nevada. We look forward to welcoming them all to University Park. We also have a

number of new staff members and more to come. In October, we welcomed Dan Azzara as the new Warehime professor. He and Mark Gagnon, the Harbaugh scholar, are doing exciting things, including building a university wide entrepreneurship and innovation program, housed in this department.

Staff also has seen many changes. After getting us through the first six months of our new structure, Anita Sprankle retired. Linda Mace once again graciously came back to bail us out while we searched for a new department administrative manager, and we are very pleased that we hired Jane Gardner, formerly of IUP, beginning this spring. Ashley Citarella is the new coordinator of undergraduate support services, replacing Megan Wilhelm, and we now have Patricia Spears-Taff on board to replace Julie Patosky who left her post at CEDEV for new challenges. We are completing searches for replacements for Donna Hawbaker and Robbie Swanger who retired. We miss all our old friends; we eagerly await and welcome new ones.

We also extend congratulations to the many faculty, students, and staff who have gained honors and awards, and continue to make us proud. Clare Hinrichs was promoted to professor of Rural Sociology and she just delivered the presidential address at the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society annual meeting. Mark Brennan was promoted to professor and has been appointed UNESCO chair in Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development, a rare honor for the department, college,

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and university. Lou Moore who retired last year has been named a recipient of this coming year's College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Alumni award. An endowment fund has been established in his honor, and we encourage you to contribute. A much larger account of all the honors that we can boast about can be found on the following pages.

We are only at the beginning of making a new department. Now, more than ever, we need your help. First, please keep in touch with us and support us as we continue the transition. Let us know of your news both personal and professional. I continue to meet more and more of you and look forward to every opportunity. Please attend our annual Fall Tailgate scheduled for September 21 this year. This will be a great occasion to catch up with old friends and meet new ones. Stop in and say hello when you are in town, and email us anytime at aeese@psu.edu and tell us what you are doing and how you are doing. Let us know of opportunities for our students: internships, jobs, contacts, etc. If you are an alumnus, please join the department alumni group and consider volunteering to build that organization. Finally, thank you for all your support, and please consider contributing to one of the department development funds to help us continue to provide the strong programs and opportunities that have made the old department great and will enable the new one to follow in its footsteps. Ways that you can contribute and support the department are listed on the back two pages of this newsletter. We ask you to help us make AESE strong!

Awards and Honors

Staff Awards

Donna Hawbaker, undergrad staff assistant, was awarded the College of Agricultural Sciences 2013 Staff Laureate Customer Service Award, which honors a staff member who demonstrates exemplary service to others inside or outside their unit and the college. Donna was also honored at a ceremony in the Pasquerilla Spiritual Center as one of six nominees for the 2012 Outstanding Adult Student Award sponsored by Penn State's Adult Learner Program. This award recognizes outstanding adult learners at University Park who demonstrate academic success while holding multiple roles, overcoming obstacles, and demonstrating leadership within the campus, classroom, or community. Also Donna is one of the recipients of the 2012 Collegiate Scholars Award sponsored by the American Society for Horticultural Science. This award honors the academic achievement of junior and senior undergraduates of horticulture. Donna's academic standing in the major (the top 15% of the class), her exhibited leadership abilities, participation in clubs/activities, and services to the department qualified Donna for this award. Lastly, Donna was selected as a recipient of the 2012-13 Penn State University

Women's Club scholarship! She has been awarded \$1500, which will be split between the fall and spring semesters this year. The donors of this scholarship were thrilled to make this award to Donna while she works towards her undergraduate degree.

Linda Mace, retired administrative support coordinator, was the 2012 winner of the College of Agricultural Sciences Staff Laureate Trailblazer Award. The Trailblazer Award honors a staff member who demonstrates creativity and innovation in the improvement of programs, services, products, or approaches in the workplace.

Sue Rossman, administrative support assistant to the department head, was awarded the 2013 Staff Laureate Spirit Award, which honors a staff member who demonstrates enthusiasm and an optimistic approach to work that creates an inclusive and supportive environment.

Faculty Awards

At the College of Agricultural Sciences' 2012 Celebration of Excellence & Achievement, special recognition was given to the following AESE people: **Daniel Foster**, assistant professor of agricultural and extension education, North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Award of Merit; and **Ted Alter**, professor of agricultural, environmental and regional economics, **John Ewing**, associate professor of agricultural and extension education, **Leif Jensen**, distinguished professor of rural sociology and demography, and **Rama B. Radhakrishna**, professor of agricultural and extension education, who were inducted into the College of Agricultural Sciences Community of Teaching Excellence Award.

At the Gamma Sigma Delta 2013 Initiation and Awards reception in the Forest Resources Building. **John Ewing**, associate professor of agricultural and extension education, was recognized by the teaching award for excellence in teaching, and **Spiro Stefanou**, professor of agricultural economics, was recognized by the research award for excellence in research. **Ann Tickamyer**, professor and head of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, was inducted into the Gamma Sigma Delta honor society.

NE Regional Awards were earned by members of the Agricultural Entrepreneurship/Economic & Community Development State Extension Team: Winifred McGee and **Lynn Kime**, senior extension associate, won the NE Regional Award for Educational Piece/Team for their handout titled "SWOT Analysis: A tool for making better business decisions;" **Charles Abdalla**, professor of agricultural and environmental economics, Neal Fogle, Carol Loveland, John Turack, and Peter Wulforst won the NE Regional Award for Education Technology-Team for their Marcellus Shale Educational

Webinar Series; and **Tim Kelsey**, professor of agricultural economics, was honored with a Distinguished Service Award.

Mark Brennan, professor of agricultural and extension education, was awarded the College's 2012 Community of Teaching Excellence Award. The award reflects Mark's commitment to the students and teaching programs within the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education as well as throughout the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Mark Brennan was awarded the 2013 Chair in Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). This is the first such chair within the Big Ten and one of only four at Land Grants. There are seventeen other chairs located in the U.S.

John Ewing was awarded the 2012 E.B. Knight Outstanding Journal Article Award sponsored by North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA).

John Ewing was awarded the 2013 NACTA Teacher Fellow sponsored by the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture.

Daniel Foster was one of four outstanding individuals recognized on behalf of the National Teach Ag Campaign at the National Association of Agricultural Educators convention in Atlanta, GA. The Teach Ag Campaign award is designed to highlight individuals who have displayed tremendous dedication and commitment to spreading the Teach Ag message and are working hard to ensure a quality supply of agriculture teachers across this country.

Leland Glenna, associate professor of rural sociology and science, technology, and society, and his co-authors are the recipients of 2013 Fred Buttel Scholarly Achievement Award from the Rural Sociological Society for the article, Glenna, L., R. Welsh, D. Ervin, W.B. Lacy, and D. Biscotti. 2011. "Commercial Science, Scientists' Values, and University Biotechnology Research Agendas" published in *Research Policy*.

Clare Hinrichs, professor of rural sociology, has been appointed to a three-year term as an associate editor for the journal *Renewable Agriculture and Food Systems* (Cambridge University Press).

Ted Jaenicke, associate professor of agricultural economics, has been elected president-elect of the Northeast Agricultural and Resource Economics Association (NAREA). Ted will serve a three-year term from 2013 to 2016 as president-elect, president, and past-president.

Ted Jaenicke had a sabbatical leave at the Food Economics Division in USDA's Economic Research Service in Washington, D.C.

Tim Kelsey was honored with the 2013 University Faculty Outreach award. This award recognizes Tim for extending his scholarship to external constituents resulting in a significant outcome for individuals, organizations, or communities in problem solving or development.



Lou Moore, professor emeritus of agricultural economics, had a surprise recognition ceremony at the annual Fulton Bank Ag Seminar in Lebanon, PA on February 2, 2012. Lou has spoken at this seminar every year but one in its 33 year history. John Blanchfield, the senior vice president for Agricultural Banking



of the American Bankers Association, led the presentation. Among the things Lou received were certificates of recognition for his service from the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, and the Pennsylvania Senate. Also Ron Fouche, the director of the Eastern Meat Packers Association, presented Lou with a 27 lb. Seltzer's Lebanon Bologna. Gideon Stoltzfus made a special Amish straw hat for Lou, festooned with Penn State decals (not a typical Amish decoration). AGBM alumni Morgan Firestone and Will Nichols made a "Jay Walking" style video to start the show. A number of the farmers presented Lou with cards, jam, and other gifts.

Anouk Patel-Campillo, assistant professor of rural sociology, was awarded the 2012-13 Horace T. Woodward Faculty Development Fund in Agricultural Sciences.

On May 24, at the American Association for Agricultural Education conference in Columbus, **Rama Radhakrishna** along with three others, was elected as a Senior Fellow of the American Association for Agricultural Education.

Carolyn Sachs, professor of rural sociology and head of women's studies, will receive the 2013 Distinguished Rural Sociologist Award from the Rural Sociological Society in August 2013. The award honors RSS members who have made superior career contributions to the field of rural sociology through research, teaching, extension, public service, and/or public policy.

Jan Scholl, associate professor, and **David Abler**, professor of agricultural, environmental, and regional economics and demography, and Amy Paster, Helen Smith, Linda Klimczyk, Sherry Lonsdale, and Wayne Ellenberger (all from the Penn

State University Libraries), and Bruce Grindler received the First Place Award in 2012 National Internet Education, Technology at the National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Jan Scholl and Amy Paster and their team were selected as the 2013 recipients of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Science and Technology Section (STS) Oberly Award for Bibliography in the Agricultural and Natural Sciences for their "4-H and Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education (EFNEP) Research Databases." **Dave Abler** is also a member of the team.

Jim Shortle, distinguished professor of agricultural and environmental economics, and Rick Horan (PhD 1997) were awarded the 2012 American Water Resource Association's Boggess Award recognizing the best paper published in the *Journal of the American Water Resources Association* in the previous year. The award is for their paper "Economic and Ecological Rules for Water Quality Trading." Rick is an AERS alum and now professor of agricultural economics at Michigan State University.

Spiro Stefanou has been appointed managing editor of *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*. Last year he commenced duties as the Featured Article Editor, but the new position and title are the result of an administrative restructuring of the editorial activities. He will hold this position through 2016.

Graduate Student Awards

Gamma Sigma Delta 2013: Grad student initiates: **Caitlin Foley**, PhD AEE; **Heather Pray**, M.Ed AEE; **Shonel Sen**, PhD AEREC & Demography; **Jessica Shilladay**, MS AEE; **Ben Weikert**, MS AEE. Student awards: 1st place **Paige Castellanos**, PhD RSoc; 2nd place: **Rushan Kumar Nayak**, PhD AEE.

Two Rural Sociology graduate students received 2012 Graduate Student Grant awards through the USDA's Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. MS candidate **Leslie Pillen's** project is "A Comparative Assessment of Land Link Programs in the Northeast Region," and MS candidate **Kathleen Wood's** project is "The Human Cost of Food: Sustaining Farm Labor Using Alternative Labor Practices on Diversified Farms in Pennsylvania."

Shonel Sen, PhD AEREC and demography, and **Esha Zaveri**, PhD AEREC, were selected as Fellows to the Association for International Agriculture and Rural Development 2012 Future Leaders Forum. The Future Leaders Forum is a competitive fellowship that began in 1997 and is a collaborative effort among universities, the U.S. Agency for International Development, private sector companies, and member organizations of AIARD.

Hernan Bejarano, PhD AEREC, and **Anna Rachel Terman**, PhD RSOC, both received the 2012 Francena Miller and Michael Nolan Graduate Scholarship Award. They were presented with this award at the College Scholarship Banquet in October.

Hernan Bejarano has received second place for the 2013 Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section's (IBES) best student paper titled, "Do Cab Drivers Charge for Congestion? A Traffic Field Experiment in Lima, Perú." The award will be presented during the IBES section's business meeting to be held August 6, at the AAEA meetings in Washington, D.C.



David Ader, PhD RSOC and demography, won the 2012 Paul Hand Award for Graduate Student Teaching Achievement in the College of Agricultural Sciences. In Fall of 2011, Dave taught Introduction to Rural Sociology (RSoc 11) to over 90 students and received outstanding teaching evaluations. One student wrote, "David Ader I can say is the best professor I have had in 3 years at this university. He loves the subject matter and cares about every student." Dave has also been instrumental in furthering the international development option of the CED major by taking a lead role in the embedded study tour courses to Honduras in Spring 2010 and again this Spring, and teaching the Global Seminar (CED 410) this semester.

The Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer presented **Bruce Balfour**, graduate student in Community and Economic Development, with an Outstanding Partnership award for economic development. The Federal Laboratory Consortium for Technology Transfer (FLC) is the nationwide network of federal laboratories that provides the forum to develop strategies and opportunities for linking laboratory mission technologies and expertise with the marketplace.



Bruce Balfour (second from left) received recognition for an outstanding partnership for economic development in September in Livermore, California.



Dara Bloom (right) and Clare Hinrichs, Professor RSoc, Dara's advisor

Dara Bloom, PhD RSOC, was one of thirteen Penn State doctoral students who received a 2012-2013 Alumni Association Dissertation Award.

Dara Bloom received the 2013 Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award from the Rural Sociological Society. Bloom's

winning paper is titled "Standards for Development: Food Safety and Sustainability in Walmart's Honduran Supply Chains," one part of her PhD research in rural sociology.

Yetkin Borlu's (PhD RSOC) research proposal has been selected in the Master's Thesis and Dissertation Research Award Competition by the Rural Sociology Society. In his dissertation research, Yetkin is studying the socioeconomic transformation in Turkey in the 2000s that resulted with the loss of nearly 3 million agricultural jobs. The particular focus of his research is the expansion of industrial maize production in this period and the related transformation in social dynamics from a development model based on rural welfare to a model based on competitive markets.

John Eshleman, PhD RSOC and HDNRE, has been elected to the governing board of the Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society. John will serve a two-year term representing the interests of graduate students within the Society.

John Eshleman received the 2012-13 College of Ag Sciences Competitive Grant for his dissertation titled "Convergence and divergence among national agrifood movement organizations: A field-level approach." The award will allow John to hire research assistants to support his data collection process.

Matt Filteau's (PhD RSOC) paper titled "Deterring Defiance: Don't Give a Poacher a Reason to Poach" won the 2012 Rural Sociological Society's Olaf Larsen Graduate Student Paper Award.

Jennifer Hayden, PhD RSOC, has been awarded a 2012 USDA-NIFA Pre-doctoral Fellowship (two-year) in support of her dissertation research project titled "Unpacking the Farmer-Soil Relationship: Defining the Economic, Social and Environmental Impediments to Sustainable Agriculture in the U.S."

Kristal Jones, PhD RSOC, has been recognized by this year's W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Award for graduate students. The award is designed to recognize those at Penn State who make extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the international mission of the University. Criteria for the awards include leadership and support for international education, service to the international community, and research with a significant international component.

Heather Pray, MS candidate AEE, has been selected as a 2012 National Teach Ag Ambassador for the National FFA Convention this October in Indianapolis.

Shonel Sen (first row right), PhD AEREC and demography, was selected as one of the twelve Population Reference Bureau (PRB) Policy Communications Fellows for 2012-



2013. The fellowship involved a two-week training workshop in Washington, D.C., to find the policy relevance of the doctoral dissertation and to teach skills for effective communication to a policy audience. The nine month long fellowship provides a PRB research stipend along with conference travel allowances, involves preparation of policy briefs and web articles, and will conclude with a pre-PAA presentation and PAA 2013 attendance.

Carla Shoff's (PhD RSOC) and demography, poster won first place in the Social Sciences Division of the Gamma Sigma Delta Graduate Research Exposition. Her poster also won second place in the Social & Behavioral Sciences division of the Graduate School Research Exhibition. Her poster was titled "Spatially Varying Predictors of Teenage Birth Rates among Counties in the United States."

Daniel Tobin, PhD AEE and international agriculture and development, was selected as a U.S. Borlaug Fellow in the Global Food Security fellowship grant program. With this support, he will be conducting a series of comparative case studies in rural Peru. Daniel also received the Evans Family Award for Graduate Student Extension Achievement.

Undergraduate Students

Gamma Sigma Delta 2013 undergrad student initiates are **Alyssa Sheppard**, **Allison Hoover**, and **Mindy Stoops-Irvine**.

Five AEE students were on our 2012 National Champion Quiz Bowl Team - **Mackenzie McCollum**, senior and 2013 Student Teacher; **Caleb Wright**, junior and 2014 Student Teacher; **Ashley Tressler**, senior and 2013 Student Teacher; **Jeanne Case**, junior and 2014 Student Teacher; and **Emily Urban**, junior and 2014 Student Teacher, as the alternate. The students were quizzed on three areas: technical agriculture, professional education, and agricultural education organizations. This year the technical agriculture area was animal science.

Ariele Baggett's (Ag Sci and immunology and infectious diseases) 2012 undergrad research proposal titled "Imaging of Macrophages in the Intestine during Parasite Infection" was accepted by the College of Agricultural Sciences Undergraduate Research Program. She receive \$1750 in support of her fall research wages with Dr. K. Sandeep Prabhu.



Jillian Gordon, AEE - production option, was selected as a 2012 National Collegiate Agricultural Ambassador for National FFA. She provided presentations and facilitate workshops to audiences of all ages who are interested in learning more about the agriculture industry. She received a \$1000 scholarship and a digital camera.

Kelcey Grogan, CED major, was named the outstanding senior in Penn State's College of Agricultural Sciences Class of 2013. Kelcey was named to the dean's list all eight semesters she was at the University. A Golden Key National Honor Society member, she is a certified strength and fitness instructor who this year chaired the Penn State Fitness Instructors' involvement in the Penn State Dance Marathon.

Allison Hoover, undergraduate student in AEE, was among this year's winners of the W. LaMarr Kopp International Achievement Awards. The awards recognize those at Penn State who make extraordinary contributions to the advancement of the international mission of the University. Criteria for the awards include leadership and support for international education, service to the international community, and research with a significant international component.



Allison in Costa Rica, Summer 2012

Dana James was selected as the 2012 INTAG student to receive an award in the amount of \$1000 to travel to the World Food Prize in October in Des Moines, Iowa. The award is supported by the Office of International Programs, the Office of Undergraduate Education, and the Office of the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Jenna Moser, sophomore in AEE - production option, was selected as the 2012 Pennsylvania candidate for National FFA Officer.

Josh Walker, AEE senior and 2013 student teacher at Mohawk High School, was selected as the national winner in the National Alpha Tau Alpha Essay Contest for his entry titled "Agricultural Development: Selfish Gain or Altruistic Service?"



Caleb Wright, AEE major, won the 2013 Harkins Family Emerging Leader Undergraduate award. Students chosen for this opportunity work with CAS Deans in the form of a mentorship. On top of this, they received a \$1500 scholarship!

International Activities

AESE has a long history of engagement in international research and in welcoming students from other lands to study at Penn State. Moreover, efforts directed to expanding multicultural experiences and global education have increased rapidly in recent years. The undergraduate CED major offers an option in International Development and our graduate programs in AEREC, RSOC, and AEE offer dual degrees in International Agriculture and Development (INTAD). During the last eighteen months alone, our students have participated in a variety of international experiences, including short visits abroad embedded in specific courses, participation in semester long study abroad programs, individual study opportunities, and/or engagement in research projects in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, and South America.

International Embedded Courses



Group meets with local watershed association to discuss issues with water availability and quality.

INTAG 497/AGBM 499E/F Comparing US/French Agricultural & Food Systems was taught in 2012 and in 2013. This three-credit course explores differences/similarities in the food systems of the U.S. and France by covering overarching

topics that include: genetically modified organisms, bio-fuels, organic food, food safety, animal welfare, the role of large agribusinesses, and diet and health. In the spring semester, the class met for fifteen weeks, after which students travel to Paris for a two-week short course hosted by the French university, AgroParisTech. This portion of the course features in-class presentations by AgroParisTech faculty and field trips around Paris, including a trip to the world's largest wholesale market at Rungis, and a day trip to the Champagne region to visit an agricultural high school and an independent grower/bottler. Of the twelve students enrolled in Spring 2013, two were department majors:



The group watches a woman sort the daily catch of fish.

Hannah Masser (AGBM) and **Ana Greenberger** (CED). The course was taught by **Edward Jaenicke**, associate professor of agricultural economics, and **Dan Azzara**, Warehime professor of agribusiness. Ketja Lingenfelter, study abroad coordinator, assisted.

CED 499B, Local Economic Development in the Developing World (Honduras), was taught in spring semester 2012 by **David Ader**, instructor in rural sociology, **Leif Jensen**, distinguished professor of rural sociology and demography, and **Melanie Foster**, Ag College coordinator of programs in Latin America. This course provided an overview of challenges facing local economic development initiatives in rural communities through weekly class sessions and a one-week trip to the Yeguaré Valley in southern Honduras. Partnering with Zamorano University, participants were exposed to local efforts to reduce extreme poverty and improve the local economy through visits to NGOs, local governments, grass roots organizations, and cooperatives. The hands-on experience provided students an opportunity to experience issues facing local economic development initiatives in southern Honduras and to observe applications of their classroom learning within the CED major.

AGRO/CED 499A, Issues in Economic, Community, and Agricultural Development in Kenya: Eco-Village, has been offered each spring semester since 2010. The course is part of an initiative to develop viable economic and youth development options for street children in Kenya. Students learn about cultural, economic, and social conditions in Kenya and then partner with a government sponsored center, the Children and Youth Empowerment Centre, in Nyeri, Kenya to work with former street children to help develop enterprises and skills they will need to live independently. Various teams of students work with staff at the center on projects including peer mentoring programs, agricultural production, waste to value projects, and entrepreneurship train-the-trainer programs. During 2012 and 2013, twenty-three students participated in this course. **Janelle Larson**, associate professor of agricultural economics, **Mark Brennan**, professor and UNESCO chair in rural community, leadership, and youth development, **Leif Jensen**, distinguished professor of rural sociology and demography, **Leland Glenna**, associate professor of rural sociology and science, technology, and society, and **Sjoerd Duiker**, associate professor of soil management, provide leadership on the program. Students **Brad Olsen** (AEE) and **Kristen Babbie** (RSOC) assisted on the 2013 trip.

AEE 499A, School-based Agricultural Education across the Globe: An experience in Korea. In 2012, partnering with Seoul National University (SNU) and the University of Florida, students visited South Korea for ten days following ten sessions of preparatory class meetings. While in South Korea, they worked with SNU students to develop and deliver agricultural lessons to secondary students at Suwon High School for Agriscience. Other highlights included: touring the Kyujanggak Institute for Korean Studies, visiting the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), the Yeosu Self-Management High School, the Future Farmers of Korea (FFK) student



PSU, SNU, & UF students and faculty at Suwon High School for Agricultural Sciences. Note the American Flag being flown above the High School.

organization, the Korean Agricultural Educators Association (KAEA), and conducting an alumni dinner with PSU alumni from the Seoul area. Nineteen Penn State students participated in the experience, led by **Daniel Foster**, assistant professor of agricultural education, and **Laura Rice**, AEE PhD candidate. In February 2013, students from Seoul National University visited State College, toured Penn State, and visited secondary school-based agricultural education programs in Pennsylvania while participating in a Pennsylvania FFA student



2012 graduate Katelyn Harshman (current Agriscience Teacher at Union City, IN) and Jillian Gordon (2015 Student Teaching Candidate) with the Suwon secondary agriscience teachers they instructed.

conference. Plans are currently underway to continue the relationship with a return trip in 2014.



Students learning about tropical forestry and helping to reforest the land surrounding a reservoir.

INTAG 499H, Exploring Community, Leadership and Reconciliation: Vietnam and Cambodia.

For the second year, INTAG 499H took a diverse group of honors students from the College of Agricultural Sciences and the wider university to Vietnam and Cambodia. In total, twenty-five students have taken part in the program over the past two years. The trip, and related Spring semester course, explores community based reconciliation, rebuilding, and development in post war rural and urban Vietnam and Cambodia. In the field, students interact with students/faculty at Nong Lam University (Vietnam), visit major agricultural development sites (coffee, tea, fruit, rubber), meet with rural community development specialists (local capacity building, tourism, entrepreneurial development, aquaculture), and coordinate with government/NGO agencies involved in post

war rebuilding (infrastructure, civil society, economic development, and service provision). The program will continue in the future and will expand to bring Vietnamese students and faculty to Penn State. **Mark Brennan**, professor and UNESCO chair in rural community, leadership, and youth development, and **Anouk Patel-Campillo**, assistant professor of rural sociology, provide leadership for the course.



Students visit a farmer's market in Curitiba to learn about marketing agricultural products and urban agriculture.

INTAG 499C/CED 499C: Sustainable Agriculture and Development in Brazil was offered during spring semester 2013. This course explored critical issues in agriculture, biodiversity, and development in southern Brazil. Weekly class sessions examined agricultural systems from a holistic perspective, considering social, economic, and political factors surrounding Brazilian agriculture and development today. During class, students prepared presentations about various aspects of Brazilian agriculture and led discussion with fellow classmates. A ten day study tour to southern Brazil allowed the students to apply their knowledge and experience the topics discussed in the classroom first-hand. While in Brazil, students visited various public and private agricultural research institutes, private companies, an organic farm, and government organizations. Participants were hosted by the University of Sao Paulo Luiz de Queiroz School of Agriculture (ESALQ) and the Federal University of Parana. Nineteen students participated in the class. **David Ader**, instructor in rural sociology, teaches the course.

INTAD 820: International Agricultural Development, a newly created course designed to be the core of the dual degree program in International Agricultural Development, was developed in response to a growing demand for a graduate education program that engages students in the examination of relevant international development topics. In 2013, six AESE students spent spring break traveling to the Dominican Republic. The trip included visits to national markets, farm tours, local cultural experiences, and hands-on learning with students from local universities and colleges. The purpose of the trip was for students to gather information on the current situation of agriculture in this developing country. This information was then used to complete a hypothetical Request for Applications (RFA) as the final project in the class.

Leif Jensen, distinguished professor of rural sociology and demography, **David Ader**, instructor in rural sociology, and Michelle Haagen, International Programs Office, College of

Agricultural Sciences, will be travelling to Cuba in Summer 2013. The purpose of the trip will be to establish relationships with Cuban universities and scholars and thereby lay the groundwork for future study abroad opportunities for students in the International Development Option of AESE's Community, Environment and Development major, and other interested Penn State students.

Semester-long Study Abroad Programs

Between January 2012 – May 2013, nine CED students, six AGBM students and one AEE undergraduate student participated in semester long study abroad programs:

- Spring 2012: **Kelcey Grogan** (CED) Alcala, Spain; **Gabriela Kappes** (CED) Capetown, South Africa; **Michael Martino** (AGBM) Rome, Italy; **Abigail Miller** (AGBM) Florence, Italy; **Rachel Pacifico** (CED) Barcelona, Spain; **Angela Palermo** (CED) Limerick, Ireland; **Brett Promisloff** (CED) Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- Summer 2012: **Megan Arnold** (CED) New Zealand & Australia; **Jeanette Blank** (AEE) North Queensland, Australia; **Sean Cosenza** (CED) New Zealand & Australia; **Melany Cruz Rodriguez** (AGBM) Shanghai, China; **Emily Dunlap** (CED) Seville, Spain.
- Fall 2012: **Lina Montopoli** (CED) Costa Rica.
- Spring 2013: **Blanca Villa** (AGBM) Quito, Ecuador; **Natasha Field** (AGBM), Dublin, Ireland; **Kayley Ellis** (AGBM) Dublin, Ireland.

Individual International Experiences

A month-long, study-abroad trip to Kenya last year turned into an extended stay for **Caroline Gimmillaro**, CED with minor in economics, so she could continue helping at-risk youth in that country. Caroline originally went to the Children and Youth Empowerment Centre in Nyeri, Kenya as part of a study-abroad program embedded into one of her classes. The center is a residential and educational program for street-dwelling children and other vulnerable youths. She ended up staying an additional month when she landed an internship with the U.S. based Zawadi Fund International, which supports the center.

Give Others The Chance to Have an Adventure (GOTCHA) has awarded **Katie Harper** funds to offset her Spanish Immersion Course in Costa Rica during May and June 2013. Trustee Emeritus and former PA Secretary of Agriculture, Boyd Wolff and wife, Margaret, have endowed this fund in International Agriculture to help undergraduate students offset the costs of studying abroad.

Allison Hoover (AEE undergrad) received an International Undergraduate Research Award for Honors Thesis research on agricultural education in high schools in Costa Rica in Summer 2012.

Dana James (CED and ERM) received a World Food Prize Scholarship. Dana's award enabled her to attend the World Food Prize events in Des Moines, IA in October 2012 where she engaged with leading experts and policy makers in international agricultural development.

Barry Forgeng (AGBM) and Marissa Gibson were Joseph Cordivano Sr. Memorial Award recipients. These students were awarded scholarships to enable them to participate in embedded study tour classes to Brazil (Barry) and Costa Rica (Marissa), with international travel in March 2013.

Ana Greenberger (CED) worked on independent research in France and Brazil from May–August 2013.

Kristal Jones (RSOC PhD candidate) has been working on a four-year project titled "Seed Networks as Roots of Change: Examining the Effects of Participatory Plant Breeding Projects." The project focuses on the impacts of sorghum and millet breeding efforts in Mali, Burkina Faso, and Niger. It is funded by the McKnight Foundation and runs through the International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT).

Leslie Pillen (RSOC MS candidate) received a Critical Language Scholarship from the U.S. State Department to study Hindi in Jaipur, India, Summer 2012.

Katie Tavenner (RSoc PhD candidate) was studying and working in South Africa Spring 2013.

Yetkin Borlu and **Dara Bloom** (RSOC PhD candidates) presented papers at the World Congress of Rural Sociology in Lisbon, Portugal, in July 2012.

Enhancing International Work

Preparing students and faculty to be global citizens and leaders has become an increasingly important aspect of higher education. To strengthen department efforts in this area, an endowment fund was recently initiated by a \$5,000 gift from **Lou Moore**, alumnus and retired faculty member, to support domestic and international outreach efforts by faculty and staff. Others have contributed to the fund, bringing the current endowment to over \$16,000. However, additional contributions are needed to reach a minimum of \$25,000 before the fund can be activated. Contributions of any size are welcome. If you would like to contribute to this endowment, please send a check made out to Penn State with LOU MOORE ENDOWMENT written in the memo to:

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M.E. John Lectures

The M.E. John Lecture is an annual event sponsored by the friends and family of the late Dr. Macklin E. John and the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education. Since January 2012, two lectures have been presented:

M.E. John Lecture, March 30, 2012
David Just, Cornell University
"Food Marketing, Food Policy and Obesity:
It's Not What You Think"

Consumers regularly and predictably contradict standard assumptions of economic analysis such as making decisions that prevent them from reaching rationally intended goals. Non-rational food decisions occur because consumers may be distracted or pressed for time. Because food decisions are made with little thought, food policies designed to appeal to highly logical thought (e.g., fat taxes, detailed information labels) are likely to have little impact. As a general principle, when individuals behave irrationally, markets will feed perverse and sub-optimal behaviors. Given the limited ability of individuals to retain and use accurate health information coupled with varying levels of self-control, profit motivations of marketers can become pernicious—though not necessarily malicious. Alternative policy options that do not restrict choice were outlined, which enable consumers to make better decisions. These options allow for profit motivations of marketers to align with the long-term well-being of the consumer.

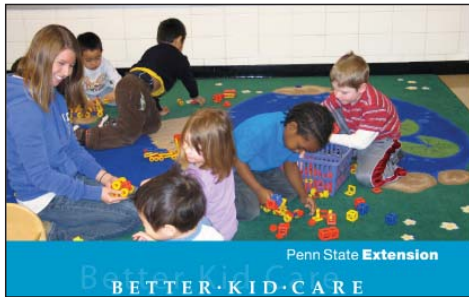
M.E. John Lecture, April 19, 2013
David Wallinga, Senior Advisor in Science, Food, and Health
"Growing Health: A Vision for U.S. Food and
Agriculture Policy"

The U.S. faces daunting challenges in food and agriculture. Likewise, the health care system suffers from an epidemic of food and diet-related, chronic diseases that threatens to bankrupt both private and public budgets. The food system, along with the agricultural ecosystem on which it depends, faces increasing challenges from a changing and uncertain climate, fossil fuel reliance, and uneven economic development. Emerging, however, is a new science-based vision of ecological public health, with support from nutritionists, nurses, hospital systems, and physician groups. This vision is based on the premise of a "triple bottom line", of not only improved public health, but also ecosystem resilience and rosier long-term economic health.

Program News

The Department houses a number research and consumer service centers that provide support, education, and ongoing analysis for a wide range of issues.

BETTER KID CARE is an outreach educational program of Penn State Cooperative Extension supported with funds from the Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning. The program provides professional development opportunities for professionals and educators working



in child care and youth development. In 2011 Better Kid Care launched an online On Demand learning system from which participants select from more than 125 learning modules. Since the launch, more than 28,000 childcare professionals from 27 countries and all 50 states have completed 91,000 online modules. Similar outreach to professionals caring for military-connected children were completed by 7,200 professionals in military-impacted communities in 13 targeted states. CYTTAP trainings impacted more than 100,000 military children who are benefitting through improved quality at the child care programs they attend. **Claudia Mincemoyer**, professor of agricultural and extension education, is program director.

The **CENTER FOR ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (CECD)** within AESE was created to strengthen the College's and Department's outreach and research initiatives across the Commonwealth. Activities have included the 'Road to Renaissance' annual publication series, which provides an analysis of employment trends in Pennsylvania; research studies of the economic implications of Marcellus Shale development, for the dairy industry, on the local tax base, and on state tax collections; and an active web presence highlighting CECD research activities. Faculty involved with the CECD have also conducted economic impact analyses of sport fishing, the equine industry, the dairy industry, timber harvesting. Graduate and undergraduate students have participated in many of these studies, giving them hands-on experience as part of their academic experience. **Theodore Alter**, professor of agricultural, environmental and regional economics, and **Timothy W. Kelsey**, professor of agricultural economics, serve as co-directors of the Center.

CONSUMER SERVICES INFORMATION SYSTEM (CSIS) focuses on regulated public utilities, consumer complaints, education, and low income utility consumer issues through an ongoing contract with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (PUC). It provide information system design and testing, survey research, data analyses, policy review and recommendations (specializing in energy conservation, poverty assistance programs, consumer rights, and utility regulatory policy), and program evaluation for the PUC. It also manages the Low Income Energy Usage Reduction Program for PA and works closely with the National Weatherization Program evaluation group. Since January, 2012, the Project has conducted two statewide surveys, designed and conducted national and state weatherization program evaluations, completed an analysis of utility collections policies, implemented a new online remote data analysis system, and designed quality control procedures for training case investigators for the PUC. Project directors are **Theodore Alter**, professor of agricultural, environmental, and regional economics, and **John Shingler**, research associate; **Mollie VanLoon** is senior project associate.

The **ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES INSTITUTE (ENRI)** seeks to improve understanding and management of living systems, landscapes, and human-environment interactions with the objective of sustaining and enhancing ecosystem services and human well-being through teaching, research, and outreach. It administers the College's cross-departmental major, Environmental Resource Management (ERM). ERM ranks 5th in enrollments in the College and continues to grow. The program offers enrichment opportunities for students including study abroad programs, internships, career services, and research participations. ENRI's research and outreach priorities include water quality issues related to agricultural and urban runoff in PA and the Chesapeake Bay watershed. This work has largely been conducted through ENRI's Agriculture and Environment Center (AEC). **Jim Shortle**, distinguished professor of agricultural and environmental economics, is director of ENRI.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL CENTER FOR RURAL DEVELOPMENT (NERCRD) is part of a system of four Land Grant University-based centers with regional focus and national impact. Key activities include establishing national networks of educators and faculty working in foods systems and agricultural economic development; securing competitive grant funds; and publishing and presenting scientific papers to various audiences, including the leadership of the Northeast U.S. Land Grant Universities. In addition, The Center works in the areas of local job creation and self-employment, as well as balanced use of natural resources. The comprehensive Annual Report 2012 is at www.nercrd.psu.edu. **Stephan Goetz**, professor of agricultural and regional economics, is the director of NERCRD.

The **PENNSYLVANIA WOMEN'S AGRICULTURAL NETWORK (PA WAgN)** supports women in agriculture by providing learning environments, networking, and empowerment opportunities. Through USDA New & Beginning Farmer Rancher Program (NBFPR) and Farmers' Market Promotion Program (FMPP) grants, PA-WAgN launched several major projects in the past 18 months: 1) It established Specialty Mentor Programs in small fruits/vegetables, dairy, on-farm education and value-added products, animal production, and urban-farming. Mentors host on-farm visits and "farminars" (webinars) to share their experiences. 2) PA-WAgN conducted two one-day symposia at Penn State hosting more than 150 participants at each event. 3) It worked to develop a farmers' market in Lewistown. Graduate students **Jennifer Hayden** and **Madeline Franklin** have worked with local community members to present CookShop to deliver nutritional education and cooking demonstrations to educate residents on the benefits of using farm-fresh products. **Carolyn Sachs**, professor of rural sociology, is the director of PA WAgN.

The Penn State **CENTER FOR PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT** is committed to the operation of a comprehensive program of professional personnel development for career and technical education. The portion of the Center that is housed in AESE focuses on the development of teachers in agricultural education. The Center is one of three centers recognized by the Pennsylvania Department of Education/Bureau of Career and Technical Education. In the past 18 months, the Center has worked with agricultural education teachers from across the state to develop programs that meet the technical and pedagogical needs of these teachers. Recent workshops include landscape/hardscape education, and small gas engines. The New and Beginning Teacher program allows teachers entering the agricultural education profession to interact with other new teachers. In addition, experienced teachers are assigned as mentors to first year teachers. CPPD also coordinates the certification status of each student to ensure a timely reception of their teaching certificates and tracks job opportunities for graduates.

Visitors

Mariano Sanchez, professor of sociology at the University of Granada in Spain, was a visiting scholar in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education for the 2012-2013 academic year. Dr. Sanchez's academic areas of specialization include gerontology, intergenerational studies, and civic engagement. He worked with **Matt Kaplan**, professor of agricultural and extension education, on several projects in the areas of "active aging," multigenerational classrooms, and workplace environments.

Magnus Kellermann, Research Associate and Lecturer, Environmental Economics and Agricultural Policy Group, at the Technical University of Munich, will be visiting the department Fall 2013. His research interests involve decomposing the measurement of efficiency, technical change, and productivity gains using stochastic frontier approaches. He is working this semester with **Spiro Stefanou**, professor of agricultural economics.

New Faces

C. Daniel Azzara is the new Alan R. Warehime Professor of Agribusiness. Dan comes to us from Hershey where he has



worked the past twenty-five years. For the last ten years he served as vice president and senior vice president of Global Research and Development at Hershey. These positions involved leading the Global R&D function as well as membership on

the Hershey Executive Team reporting directly to the CEO. As the head of Global R&D, he was responsible for technical strategy, product development, quality assurance, and product improvement. Acting as a director of the company, he was involved in a variety of decisions including mergers and acquisitions, global expansion, innovation strategy, supply chain optimization, and overall company strategy. Dan holds both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Food Science from Penn State. Among his recognitions, Dan was selected as a College of Agricultural Sciences Outstanding Alumnus Award (2003) and Commencement Speaker (2006).

Kathleen (Katey) Burke has joined the NERCRD as the Center's new administrative support assistant. Katey previously worked in the Office of the Dean for the College of the Liberal Arts, also at Penn State University. She was attracted to this position in part because she has personal interests in local and regional foods.

Ashley Citarella is the new coordinator of undergraduate student support services in AESE. Ashley comes to us with prior experience as assistant director and career consultant for the College of Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University where she advised approximately 1400 students. She completed her M.A. degree in student affairs in higher education at Indiana University of Pennsylvania where she also was graduate assistant and adviser to the IUP Ambassadors, an undergraduate student organization at IUP that recruited students. Ashley's Bachelor's degree is in secondary mathematics education from Penn State.

Jane Gardner joined AESE in May as the new department administrative coordinator/operations manager. Her responsibilities include oversight of the administrative, financial, and student support staffs in the unit. Jane was previously employed as the director of business development and training at IUP.

The AESE department has made three successful faculty hires and is eager to welcome them to campus during the coming months:

- **Shannon Monnat** in Rural Sociology,
- **Doug Wrenn** in Environmental and Resource Economics,
- **Scott Colby** in Agribusiness Management, and
- **Katherine Zipp** in Environmental and Resource Economics.

Retirements and Partings

Alessandro Bonanno, assistant professor of agricultural economics, left Penn State to accept a faculty position at Wageningen University in the Netherlands.

Donna Hawbaker, AESE undergrad staff assistant, retired from Penn State on April 30, 2013. Donna will be working with Ted Alter while pursuing her bachelor's degree.

Pam Hearn, business and web manager of the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development (NERCRD), retired June 30, 2012.

Pamela Hileman, administrative support assistant for NERCRD, accepted a new position in Education Technology Services in early February 2012.

Mark Leach, assistant professor of rural sociology, left the Department for a position at the U.S. Census Bureau in Washington, D.C.

Linda Mace, administrative support coordinator, retired on June 30, 2012.

Julie Patosky, CEDEV administrative coordinator for the past three years, resigned in February 2013 to accept a position as Director of the Altoona Campus of the Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.

In September, **Kristen Saacke Blunk** took a new position outside of Penn State in support of the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation's Chesapeake Bay.

Anita Sprankle, AESE administrative coordinator July-December 2012, retired from Penn State at the end of December.

Robbie Swanger, administrative support assistant, retired on June 30, 2013 after 30 years of service to the department. She plans to have more time with her granddaughter and do volunteer work with Pets Come First.

Megan Wilhelm, coordinator of undergraduate services, accepted a position with Akron University doing similar work to her PSU AESE position.

In Memoriam

Lee M. Day, age 90, died April 23, 2013. Dr. Day joined the Department in 1967, and became Department Head in 1969, serving until 1974, when he became Director of the Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development at Cornell University, retiring in 1988. He earned his B.S. degree in 1947 and M.S. degree in 1948 from Iowa State University and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1953, after serving in the U.S. Navy.

Donald J. Epp, age 73, died March 4, 2013. Dr. Epp served in the Department from 1967 to 2002, retiring as Professor Emeritus. He was instrumental in developing the Resource Economics program. He also served as assistant director of the Land and Water Research Institute, and received the Excellence in Advising Award. He earned his B.S. degree in Agricultural Economics from the University of Nebraska in 1961. He then served in the U.S. Army, and was honorably discharged as a 1st Lieutenant. He completed both M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Agricultural Economics at Michigan State University.

Milton C. Hallberg, age 76, died November 15, 2012. Dr. Hallberg served in the Department from 1965 until 1998, retiring as Professor Emeritus. He also served twice as interim department head. He earned his B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Illinois, and his Ph.D. from Iowa State University. Dr. Hallberg was a visiting economist at the USDA Economic Research Service; visiting professor at Oklahoma State University, University of Sydney, Australia (twice), Christian-Albrechts-University, Kiel, Germany, and Queens University, Belfast, Northern Ireland, as well as lecturing at universities in several other countries.

Jerome K. Pasto, age 97, died March 17, 2013. Dr. Pasto served in the department from 1950 to 1968 when he was appointed Associate Dean of Resident Education. He retired in 1980 as Associate Dean Emeritus and Professor Emeritus. Dr. Pasto earned his B.S. degree in Agronomy from Cornell University in 1938, and worked for the Soil Conservation Service until World War II began, when he joined the U.S. Navy. After the war he earned his Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Cornell University. Dr. Pasto is well known for beginning the Pasto Agricultural Museum.

Research, Grants, and Contracts

Grants and contracts obtained from various foundations, government agencies, and private benefactors provide funding for virtually all of the research activities in AESE, including much of the support for our graduate students. Individual grants/contracts range from a few hundred dollars to several million dollars.

Funded research and outreach work in the Department has dealt with a wide range of concerns, including agricultural issues, food security and safety, energy, the environment, economic development, youth and family, recreation, education, and other social and economic issues in the state, the nation, and the world. A sampling of a few of these activities is described below.

Ted Alter, professor of agricultural, environmental and regional economics, has worked with Dr. Paul Martin of the University of New England in Australia on outreach and research projects related to natural resource management, invasive animal control, and community development/engagement with a \$6.3 million grant from Invasive Animal Cooperative Research Center Initiative (IACRC) in Australia. Other Penn Staters involved in the project include: **Rama Radhakrishna**, professor of agricultural and extension education, **Jeffrey Bridger**, senior scientist, **Michael Fortunato**, post-doctoral researcher and lecturer, **William Shuffstall**, senior extension educator, and Peg Shuffstall. In June 2012, Drs. Alter and Martin - along with Assistant Director of Iceland's Soil Conservation Service - led a week-long workshop on "Soils, Governance and Society" in Reykjavik, Iceland. This global initiative brought together scholars from Penn State, Australia, Canada, Ghana, Kenya, Mongolia, New Zealand, Spain, Sweden, the Netherlands, Uganda, the United Kingdom, and the United States to explore resource governance issues.

Jim Dunn, professor of agricultural economics, and **Jay Harper**, professor of agricultural economics, continued two international programs begun by Lou Moore and Don Evans more than twenty years ago. These programs, funded by grants of from the Foreign Agricultural Service of the USDA, provided training in agricultural economics in a market economy to scholars and government leaders in formerly Soviet Union countries. During 2011 fall semester, the Faculty Exchange Program brought college and university faculty to Penn State for intensive training. Participants attend classes, seminars, and field trips to Pennsylvania farms and businesses. During spring 2012, Jim and Jay visited these scholars at their home universities to provide additional support and to assist universities in the region as they work to develop

viable agricultural economies. The Cochran Program brought extension educators, ministers of agriculture, farmers, and agribusiness leaders from various Eastern European nations to the U.S. to learn more about specific agricultural issues. The latest group were dairy farmers from Moldova.

Karen Fisher-Vanden, associate professor of environmental and resource economics, is co-principal investigator of a recently awarded \$12 million project funded by the National Science Foundation on Sustainable Climate Risk Management (SCRiM). Centered at Penn State, SCRiM links a transdisciplinary team of scholars at nineteen universities and five research institutions across six nations to answer the question, "What are sustainable, scientifically sound, technologically feasible, economically efficient, and ethically defensible climate risk management strategies?"

As director of the Clearinghouse for Military Family Readiness, **Daniel Perkins**, professor of human development and family studies, secured more than a million dollars from a partnership that USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture has with the U.S. Air Force and Navy. The Clearinghouse focuses on research, evaluation, and outreach to enhance the health and well-being of U.S. military families. The U.S. Air Force Family Advocacy Research Project Program Implementation Evaluation involves both implementation evaluations and the development of a multi-media campaign to promote the importance of mental well-being while reducing the stigma associated with seeking help. The Navy Youth Sports & Fitness Research Project focuses on youth sports and fitness programming.

Carolyn Sachs, professor of rural sociology and womens' studies, and **Kathryn Brasier**, associate professor of rural sociology, are the principal investigators on grants totaling \$370,00 from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture for a project on building sustainability for new and beginning women farmers.

Leland Glenna, associate professor of rural sociology and science, technology, and society, is involved in two projects in Sub-Saharan Africa. Scholars at Penn State and Tuskegee University are collaborating on a two-year, USAID-funded project titled "Sustainable Technologies for Orange and Purple-fleshed Sweet potatoes in Ghana." The primary goal of the project is to promote the production and consumption of nutritious sweet potatoes in Northern Ghana. Leland is also collaborating with **Janelle Larson**, associate professor of agricultural economics, and other Penn State scholars on a project funded by the Alliance for Education, Sciences, Engineering, and Development in Africa (AESEDA) to promote youth and enterprise development at the Children and Youth Empowerment Center, an organization that houses and educates former street children.

Al Luloff, professor of rural sociology, Jim Finley, professor of forest resources, **Leland Glenna**, and **Jeffrey Bridger** have a grant totaling \$349,000 from the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture to address the question: Can the Biofuel Industry Access Biomass from Nonindustrial Private Forests? This three-year project is a mixed-methods research study of multiple sites across the eastern U.S. (roughly using the Mississippi River as the dividing point) designed to assess both private landowners and community willingness to engage with the nascent biofuel industry. Key informant interviews, facilitated groups, and a region-wide household survey will be conducted.

Stephan J. Goetz, professor of agricultural and regional economics and director of the NERCRD, **Clare Hinrichs**, professor of rural sociology, and others have a Global Food Security competitive grant totaling \$5 million from USDA's National Institute of Food and Agriculture for enhancing food security of underserved populations in the Northeast through sustainable regional food systems development. This multi-institutional, five-year grant examines how regional supply chains can be expanded to increase the supply of regionally sourced foods into communities currently lacking access to healthy foods.

Stephan J. Goetz is the project director for a USDA/NIFA funded Policy Research Center grant totaling \$768,000. The National Agricultural and Rural Development Policy Center (NARDeP) conducts research on policy issues related to farms and the agricultural sector; families, households, and local economies; consumers, food and nutrition; and the environment in rural communities. The directors of the regional rural development centers at Michigan and Utah State Universities are co-PIs on this project.

Robert D. Weaver, professor of agricultural economics, serves as principal investigator on two recent grants totaling more than \$400,000. One, funded by USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture will develop management decision support tools for U.S. Dairy producers that allow them to evaluate the economic and environmental performance of their current and prospective practices. In a second grant from USDA and the Sustainable Agricultural Research program, the team will develop state-of-the-art decision support tools to evaluate feed management practices that may contribute to nitrogen and phosphorus management. Both grants provide funding for collaborative effort in economics and dairy sciences.

James Shortle, distinguished professor of agricultural and environmental economics, **David Abler**, professor of agricultural, environmental and regional economics and demography, and **Jayson Harper**, have a grant totaling more

than \$350,000 from the USDA Office of the Chief Economist on the economics of agricultural compliance with major new U.S. Environmental Protection Agency water quality regulations for restoration of the Chesapeake Bay. The project is estimating the costs of watershed implementation plans developed by the states in the Chesapeake Bay watersheds, and exploring options that could be used to reduce the costs to agriculture government agencies that finance agricultural pollution controls.

Undergraduate and Graduate Programs

Undergraduate Instruction

The Department offers four undergraduate majors leading to Bachelor of Science degrees – Agribusiness Management (AGBM), Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE), Agricultural Science (AgSc), and Community, Environment, and Development (CED) - and a 2-year Associate Degree program in Agricultural Business Management. Altogether, these programs enrolled nearly 500 students during spring semester 2013. In addition, the Department offers undergraduate minors in: Agribusiness Management, Agricultural Communication, Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, Environmental and Renewable Resource Economics, Leadership Development, and Youth and Family Education. There are more than 100 students minoring in one or more of these areas.

Agribusiness Management (AGBM) focuses on the application of business principles to real-world issues and opportunities within the agricultural and life sciences industries. Students take courses in both agricultural sciences and business, including marketing, management, human resources, finance, and accounting with specialties related to the food and fiber industry. With 169 students AGBM is the Department's largest major and thriving. Throughout the recession, the demand for the AGBM graduates has been strong since the Food System is not as prone to recession as the economy overall. The students in the major include people of a wide variety of backgrounds, including those from farms, small towns, and cities in the U.S. and a sizeable number of international students. The related AGBM minor is also large, enrolling Animal Science majors in the Business option, and others from across the college and the university. Graduates of AGBM are working throughout the economy, including for some major agribusiness firms, such as Tyson Foods and Cargill, plus many small and medium sized firms, agricultural banking (both commercial banks and Farm Credit). In addition to those students employed directly in farming, many are in the farm input sector or the farm product processing sector, commodity procurement, international trade, and state and

federal government. The undergraduate club for AGBM is the Penn State Chapter of the National Agri-Marketing Association (NAMA). In addition to on-campus meetings, each spring the club competes in a national marketing competition against other universities. This year in Kansas City nine students (**Cassidy Cheddar, Megan Dewalt, Julian Cardona, Katie Laughlin, Chris MacCauley, Austin Benner, Kelsey Johnson, Jean Case, and Tania Lemus**) presented their marketing plan for the Propector, a composter for dead animals from poultry, hog, and dairy farms. **James W. Dunn**, professor of agricultural economics, is the coordinator of the AGBM undergraduate program.

Associate Degree in Agricultural Business (two year AGBM). This two-year program helps to prepare students for employment in commercial agriculture and in businesses serving agriculture. The program has five options: general agricultural business, crop production, animal production, horticulture, and food systems. The first year of study is often taken at the Berks, Altoona, or Mont Alto campuses. For students in the horticultural and food systems options, the second year is also at the Berks campus. For the remaining options, the degree must be completed at University Park. A total of fifteen students are enrolled in this program. **James Dunn** also coordinates this program.

The Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE) program and Agricultural Sciences (AgSc) prepare students for positions in education and leadership in agriculture, including schools and colleges, cooperative extension, business, trade and professional associations, and government agencies. AEE has three options: Environmental Science, Leadership Development, and Production. Currently 79 students are enrolled in AEE. The Agricultural Science (AgSc) major with 114 student enrollees, enables students to develop programs of study to serve their individual needs by assembling courses selected from various departments within the College of Agricultural Sciences. **John Ewing**, associate professor of agricultural and extension education, serves as coordinator of both the AEE and AgSc Programs. Under his leadership, The Teach Ag Society, an undergraduate organization, was formed to promote agricultural education across the university, state, and nation. Members of the Collegiate FFA have served as volunteer judges at high school career development events where they not only serve the agricultural education community, but gain experiences to prepare them to be future teachers and agriculture leaders. **Caleb Wright**, AEE major and 2014 student teacher candidate, was selected as the 2013 Harkins Family Emerging Leader candidate. Students chosen for this opportunity work with College of Agricultural Sciences Deans on an academic credit-based project. **Meagan Slates, Caleb Wright, Jillian Gordon, Janae Herr, Matt Reutlinger, and Matt Dodson** were chosen to

serve as the inaugural group of Teach Ag Avengers. This group works to "...cultivate awareness for agricultural and extension education." Their vision is to "...empower individuals through involvement in agricultural and extension education; inspiring them to discover their career potential to influence and participate in the future of agriculture."

The Community, Environment, and Development (CED) major focuses on the relationships and interactions among people, natural resources, the environment, and development. The major was designed for students who wish to create opportunities and tackle problems facing communities, regions, and the world, and address challenges associated with development and the environment. CED is a multi-disciplinary major, which means students take courses in sociology, economics, geography, environmental resource management, and political science. Three options are available: community and economic development, environmental economics and policy, and international development. CED students are given the freedom to specialize in a variety of areas, which offer students the capacity to develop specific skills and knowledge they might apply in a future career. The CED program currently has approximately 100 majors, including 14 Schreyer's Honors Students. In addition to pursuing environmental law and graduate degrees, CED graduates currently work in diverse careers, from JP Morgan Chase to Village Hope Core International, a non-governmental development organization specializing in microfinance in Kenya. They are also taking leadership roles in startup companies, working in well-established housing construction companies, applying their expertise in various public sector development agencies and organizations, and serving in the Peace Corps and Americorp. **Leland Glenna**, associate professor of rural sociology and science, technology, and society, serves as coordinator of the CED undergraduate program.

Graduate Education

Post-baccalaureate degree programs offered by the Department include: Agricultural, Environmental, and Regional Economics (AEREC), Rural Sociology (RSOC), Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE), Applied Youth, Family, and Community Education (AYFCE), and Community and Economic Development (CEDEV).

The Agricultural, Environmental and Regional Economics (AEREC) Graduate Program provides training in economics and quantitative methods as applied to the food and agricultural system, natural resources and the environment, and regional economic development. Both Master of Science (MS) and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degrees are offered, and students can enroll in dual degree programs in Demography,

Operations Research, and International Agriculture and Development. The program coordinator is **Richard Ready**, professor of agricultural and environmental economics. One Masters and thirty-one Doctoral students are currently enrolled. The program attracts both domestic and international students including those from Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. Students graduating in 2012 and 2013 have gone on to positions in colleges/universities, government, and industry both in the U.S. and abroad.

The Rural Sociology (RSOC) Graduate Program offers MS and PhD degrees and dual degree options in Demography; Human Dimensions of Natural Resources and the Environment (HDNRE); International Agriculture and Development; and Women's Studies. There are currently eleven Masters and eighteen Doctoral students enrolled. The program focuses on four signature areas: Agriculture & Food Systems, Community & International Development, Natural Resources & Environment, and Rural Social Demography. Students are actively involved in research in the U.S. and in a variety of other locations in Africa, Asia, and South America. During 2012-13 many shared their work at professional conferences such as the Rural Sociological Society (RSS) Annual Meetings, the Conference on Agriculture, Food and Human Values, and/or other national and international venues. **Clare Hinrichs**, professor of rural sociology, serves as program coordinator.

AESE offers a Master of Professional Studies (30 credits) and a Graduate Certificate (15 credits) in **Community and Economic Development (CEDEV)**. Both programs are offered entirely online through Penn State's World Campus and are designed to meet the needs of community and economic development professionals and those aspiring to work in this area. Both are targeted to individuals interested in developing their knowledge and skills to work with citizens and leaders to establish and maintain viable communities and community organizations. The CEDEV program currently has 155 active MPS students and 77 students enrolled in the Graduate Certificate Program. In addition to the online instruction, the program includes an annual Summer Institute that brings students, alumni, and other professionals interested in community and economic development to University Park for three days of intensive study and discussion. The 2013 Summer Institute, focused on Sustainable Local Economic Development. For additional information, see cedevinfo@psu.edu. A new initiative undertaken this year is to strengthen partnership with Penn State Economic and Community Development Extension through a series of webinars on Entrepreneurial Communities. A second initiative is the development of nine-credit options to allow interested students to increase expertise in particular areas. One of these planned options is in entrepreneurship and regional development. A second focuses on international development. Finally, the CEDEV program

would like to acknowledge the important contributions **Julie Patosky** has made to the CEDEV program since she joined us in February 2010. She has been essential to the growth and effective functioning of the program and introduced many systems to support interactions with applicants, students, and alumni. Julie accepted another position; we wish her well in her new role. **Patricia Spears-Taff** has joined CEDEV as Program Manager and Academic Advisor. **Diane K. McLaughlin**, professor of rural sociology and demography and associate head of AESE, is the coordinator of the CEDEV graduate programs.

A graduate degree in **Agricultural and Extension Education (AEE)** offers the following core areas of study: Educational Processes, Leadership Development and Communications, Program Development, and Research. Three degrees are offered: Master of Education (MEd), Master of Science (MS), and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD). The MEd program currently has three enrollees. It is designed to meet the needs of persons currently employed or desiring employment in agricultural education. The degree can be earned in residence during the academic year or through annual three-week summer sessions. The Master of Science (MS) program, with eleven current enrollees, attracts students who are interested in formal or non-formal education in the agricultural or human sciences. Graduates become teacher-educators and/or work in industry, for nonprofit organizations, and for international agencies. The PhD program has ten enrollees.

A Master's of Education program in **Applied Youth, Family, and Community Education (AYFCE)** focuses on educational programming for youth and families within communities. The curriculum prepares students to assume leadership roles in educational and human services organizations designed to enhance the well-being of youth and families within community settings. A total of five students are currently enrolled in this program.

Congratulations 2012-13 Graduates!

AESE Undergraduate Graduates

Spring 2012

AG BM:

Bond, Stephen E; Boop, Jennifer J; Christian, Heather M; Cunningham, Jared J; Deputy, Matthew J; Dreyfuss, Dustin J; Effendi, Edward J; Farrell, Matthew D; Hiss, Richard C; Howett, Stephen M; Johnson, Margaret C; Kamel, Chris N; Knauff, Shawn J; Leslie, Inglis; Liddick, Sarah D; Lopez Magana, Jose J; Miller, Spencer G; Morreale, Nicholas A; Mosimann, Jason P; Palta, Karan R; Poorbaugh, Nathan D; Schaffer, Jacob D; Sheaffer, Sarah A; Shearer, Andrew J; Signorelli, John Mic; Smith, Krystal M; Tartt, Chris G; Tartt, Phillip C; Taylor, Maximilian J; Velez, Vivianne M; Wheat, Samantha A; Wilson, Sara C; Wilt, Corey M

AEE:

Arnold, Brittany N; Dimarzio, Jessica K; Folk, Kristie M; Harshman, Katelynn A; Haussener, Philip M; Kuhn, Emily A; Masser, Douglas T; Moser, Krista M; Schirmer, Cameron D; Smith, Danielle J; Walker, Chelsea D

AG SC:

Bassett, James J; Bates, Derek W; Bernhardt, Joshua A; Bond, Samuel M; Cook, Alan R; Cowden, Courtney J; Drummond, Caitlin L; Mitchell, Chase S; Morris, Anne E; Oblock, Nicole B; Poole, Nathaniel D; Taylor, Michael P; Walor, Michael D; Wilson, William M; Wise, Philip D

CED:

Blalock, Alayna L; Chajkowski, Kaitlyn; Cornell, Daniel P; Creany, Noah E; Digiulio, Laura A; Dreibelbis, Erica R; Elcock, Andrea R; Freeman, Cierra L; Gimmillaro, Caroline; Goga, Andrew N; John, Samantha A; Killian, Alyssa D; Klinger, Kendra B; Lovallo, Kayla A; Lynch, Charles V; Mcclintic, Tara A; Mele, Jon S; Newkumet, Michael M; Righter, Greta B; Robertson, Shawna M; Scannell, Stephanie; Steiner, Claire R; Taneyhill, Lauren M; Tejada, Merliz; Thieman, Andrea M

Summer 2012

AG BM:

Graydus, Jolene C; Johnson, Gregory A; Saylor, Michael L

AG SC:

Mctish, Elizabeth J; Shaiyen, Myers M; Watt, Joshua L

CED:

Macqueen, Katelyn D; Palermo, Angela C

Fall 2012

AG BM:

Augsburger, Eric J; Bartley, Brandon T; Brett, Daniel P; Cao, Itha Y; Edsall, Jennifer E; Gesell, Kurt R; Hendrickson, David R; Hough, Katie L; Jew, Justin T; Markovich, Amanda C; Mcintire, Jared F; Miller, Andrew J; Mitchell, Kylie S; Morgan, Ashley D;

Nissley, Derek J; Rice, Tanya R; Rohrbaugh, Scott A; Tomlinson, Jordan R; Wakefield, Thad W; Watson, James D

AEE:

Mayes, Brandi L

AG SC:

Allwein, Kasandra L; Brown, Glenn M; Brown, Jarett E; Fabin, Brittany A; Fetrow, Mark R; Letham, Jodi L; Nice, Brent F; Rishel, Kasey R; Robison, Samantha M; Schellhamer, Amanda; Seigworth, Megan S; Weigand, Tess E; Woodward, Charles S; Yeager, Brandon S

CED:

Beauchamp, Bridget L; Bhuiyan, Yunus A; Cao, Itha Y; Chismar, David T; Devine, Joshua R; Doppelheuer, Tyler D; Kristofik, Carly M; Sheinberg, Samantha

Spring 2013

AG BM:

Benner, Austin S; Berty, Andrew E; Bieber, Matthew D; Cardona, Julian; Chen, Zhuo Qing; DeWalt, Megan T; Forgeng, Barry M; Gandy, Ashley N; Hannigan, Andrew J; Jaendl, Luke D; Jiminez, Veronica J; Koo, Kang-Rim; Leslie, Sarah R; Maisel, David F; Marino, Paul M; Martin, Chevy D; Martino, Michael N; Meyer, Courtney E; Miller, Abigail L; Patel, Asha D; Samuel-Jakubos, Oliver; Schreiber, Adam B; Shively, Nicholas G; Slater, Eric M; Stoltz, Matthew R; Villa, Blanca G

AEE:

Adam, Philip J; Aukamp, Jamie L; Blank, Jeanette M; Brubaker, Kristy L; Cook, Tahirah L; Gearhart, Kaydee L; Marsh, Britney A; McCollum, Mackenzie; Peachey, Adam J; Tressler, Ashley E; Walker, Joshua M; West, Alyshia M; Wright, Cortney C

AG SC:

Abu Samah, Siti Nuru; Albert, Michael C; Assainte, Christina; Aurand, Tyler E; Baggett, Ariele Y; Borzell, Dominic A; Caswell, Katherine E; Cochran, Ryan A; DeStefano, Thacher N; Fidel, John C; Fleming, Mitchell J; Franco-de-Andrad, Mar; Kirby, Seth C; Robinson, Dana M; Souter, Chelsea M; Spackman, Dayton J; Zerby, Matthew L

CED:

Allegra, Suzanne E; Arnold, Megan E; Cosenza, Sean V; Crosby, Monika L; Cross, Paige L; Davis, Kylie R; DeChico, Nicholas J; Edward, Nick; Grogan, Kelcey A; Hoh, Rachel L; James, Dana M; Kappes, Gabriela Z; Lyons, Brynn E; Pacifico, Rachel M; Passauer, Emily M; Pedro, Abiola J; Peterson, Mary T; Promisloff, Brett E; Redovan, Joshua T; Robertson, Danielle; Schuster, Morgan E; Thompson, Sara E; Williamson, Samantha; Wilson, Timothy C; Wolf, Leigh A

Congratulations 2012-13 Graduates!

AESE Graduate Student Graduates

Spring 2012

RSOC

Badayos-Jover, Mary, PhD; Nonoguchi, Atsuko, PhD; Roka, Krishna, PhD

AEREC:

Fleming, David, PhD

Summer 2012

RSOC:

Kelly, Andrew, MS; Filteau, Matthew, PhD; Longmire, Cynthia, PhD; Shoff, Carla, PhD

AEREC:

He, Guanze, MS; Mahinchai, Montira, MS; Hu, Yong, PhD; Shee, Apurba, PhD; Oh, SooHyun, PhD

Fall 2012

AEE:

Heilman, Rebecca, MEd; Olson, Bradley, MS

RSOC:

Gunsallus, April, MS

AEREC:

Edmundson, Caitlyn, MS; Li, Shujie, PhD

Spring 2013

AEREC:

Bejarano, Hernan, PhD;

Meng, Xiao, PhD; Saborio-Rodriguez, Maria, PhD

2012

CEDEV MPS Degree

Peirce, Jason; Kromer, Nathan; Gitzen, Glen; Ball, Robert; Trow, Jennie; Pasquarella, Kimberley; Bailey, Karen; Doueiry, Tracy; Day, Jeffrey; King, Kristen; James, Linda; Nammari, Hana; Dougherty, Bryan; Valdez, Jared; Harkins, Christopher; Kasserman, Kristy; Da Silva, Andre

CEDEV Certificate Program

Lemons, Shawna; Abraham, Arnoux; Giesbrecht, Stephen; Magnuson, Andrea; Price, Theresa; McCool, Anthony; Tomko, Richard

Spring 2013

CEDEV MPS Degree

Linares, Ruth; Sianghio, Alyssa; Hernandez, Julie; Cullum, Mary; Monsalve, Sandra; Randall, DeShonna; Miller, Lauren; Bowers, Sara; Weber, Ryan

CEDEV Certificate Program

Renzelman, Clint

Alumni News

Save the Date! September 21, 2013

2013 Alumni Tailgate & Reunion

The 2013 Alumni Tailgate and Reunion is scheduled for **Saturday, September 21** (Kent State Game) in the Ag Arena. More information to follow!

2012 Alumni Tailgate & Reunion

Approximately seventy faculty, staff, students, retirees, and alumni enjoyed the 2012 AESE Alumni Tailgate and Reunion inside the Ag Arena. The activities included a meet-and-greet, a catered buffet, and a brief program before everyone headed off to Beaver Stadium for the football game, Nittany Lions vs. Temple Owls.



AESE Affiliate Alumni Group

Just a year ago, the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology and the Department of Agricultural and Extension Education at Penn State were officially combined to form the new Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education (AESE). The merger joins together not only the faculty, staff, and students of two distinguished units within the College of Agricultural Sciences but also unites the nearly 4,000 living alumni who have graduated from these two departments across the years. The accomplishments of these alumni and the contributions they have made and continue to make to the betterment of their communities, the state, the nation, and the world represent a proud legacy.

The AESE Alumni Affiliate Group seeks to foster linkages among former students from AEE, AERS, and AESE, and between these alumni and the ongoing work of the Department. As such, the organization can contribute to the

impact of the research and outreach activities of the unit, and, most importantly to supporting and enriching the learning experiences of our students.

We invite all alumni of AEE, AERS, and AESE to join the AESE Alumni Affiliate Group and to actively participate in our work. Why should YOU belong to the AESE Alumni Affiliate Group?

1. To keep up-to-date on Departmental changes.
2. To renew/maintain/establish friendships with other alumni, faculty, staff, and students.
3. To participate in the Annual Alumni Tailgate Party and Business Meeting.
4. To aid in mentoring programs and provide opportunities for internships for students.
5. To enhance the Department's impact in the College and in the larger society.
6. To show appreciation for your college experience.
7. Because membership cost is "dirt cheap" but benefits are great!

If you would like to be more involved, please contact any of your board members. We welcome your help in strengthening the impact of the group's work and in recruiting new members.

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Bob Storch, (c) 607-329-9821; (h) 570-297-3176; troycow@epix.net. Ag Business Management 1965. Bob has been self employed as a dairy farmer and breeder of registered Holsteins. He has served as a past member of the CASS Board and as President of the Department’s Alumni Affiliate Group, and continues his membership on that organization’s board as an ex officio member.

Jim Valent, (c) 814-571-8600; jcvale@monsato.com. Ag Economics & Rural Sociology, Marketing Emphasis 1993. Technical Agronomist for Monsanto, Channel Brand. Life Member, Penn State Alumni Association; Member, Penn State Centre County Chapter; Member, College of Agricultural Sciences Alumni Society; Former Secretary, Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity Alumni Board; Former Trustee, Pennsylvania FFA Foundation. Married to Lori Valent, 1995 Education, and father of Alyssa-16, Andrew-13, and Alexander-10. Owner J.Valent Photography LLC.

Paul Wolgemuth, 717-203-4497; wolgemuth@aol.com. Ag Business Management 1965. Received an MBA from NYU in 1968. Worked as a CPA with a national accounting firm for 8 years and then returned to his family farm in Elizabethtown where egg production was their primary enterprise until 2005 when the business was sold. Other activities include service as a board member for a hospital, a retirement community, and the Farm & Home Foundation of Lancaster County.

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Science 2005 from Delaware Valley College. Penn State Teacher Education Program/Teacher Certification 2010. Current graduate student at Penn State, obtaining M.S. degree in Agricultural and Extension Education – expected degree completion 2013. Current Induction and Professional Development Specialist for the Center for Professional Personnel Development within the Agricultural Education Program. Previously taught agricultural education for two years at Kennard-Dale High School in York County.

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Several long-standing and new scholarship endowments from alumni and former faculty and staff have enabled us to maintain a stable level of scholarships to our undergraduate and graduate students. However, with continuing budget cuts, growing numbers of students, continually rising tuition, and soaring textbook costs, there is an urgent need to increase our ability to provide quality educational experience that will prepare them for employment and leadership roles in the 21st century.

Your gift will make a difference! Philanthropy is possible for everyone, as any size gift helps the Department. No matter the amount, gifts provide welcome support in our quest for excellence.

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