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## Congratulations to Drs. C. Dillon & M. Saghaian



Dr. Carl Dillon and Dr. Mehdi Saghaian have been promoted!

Dr. Dillon will be Full Professor and Dr. Saghaian will be Associate Professor with Tenure both effective July 01, 2008. Clearly, these promotions were well deserved and had been strongly supported at very level in the P & T process. Given their output volume and significant contributions to the department, college, university and profession neither result is a surprise. **Congratulations!**



## Awards: Dr. Larry Jones

Dr. Jones was awarded a beautiful plaque for his past years services as President of Gamma Sigma Delta National Agricultural Fraternity banquet, which was held on March 25, 2008 at the Fayette County Extension Office off Red Mile Road. **Congratulations!**



## Departmental Seminars

April 14, 2008 @ 11 am Dr. Peyton Ferrier from ERS will give a seminar "**Cherry Picking: Should Sellers Let Buyers Sort?**" Abstract:

Agricultural goods sold in supermarkets often vary significantly in quality, leading consumers to expend significant time and effort to sort goods. From seller standpoint, sorting only reallocates high quality goods to consumers who sort intensively and low quality goods to consumers who sort minimally. Because the lower quality goods are less attractive, sellers may be forced to lower prices. Why then do sellers allow sorting? This paper presents a demand model where sellers allow consumer sorting when it fosters quality discrimination despite the associated reduction sorting costs and quality efficiency loss. In general, sorting may allow sellers to improve the quality of goods for marginal consumers who constrain price-setting for sellers with market power. Despite the added costs and distributional inefficiencies, the total effect on price, amount sold, producer welfare and consumer welfare is shown to be ambiguous using simulations.

## Department Chair Appointment

Dr. Lynn Robbins has accepted a three year extension of his chair appointment though June 30, 2011.

# APRIL 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9Chairs	10	11	12
13	14 State Spec.	15 Tent. KDDC	16 DEAN	17 ABC	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

## Schedule of Events

- 4/9/08-Chairs Meeting
- 4/14/08-State Specialist & Assoc.
- 4/15/08 –Tent. KDDC Meeting
- 4/16/08-Deans Reception
- 4/17/08-ABC Banquet @ Good Barn
- May 2, 2008 Derby Potluck
- May 4, 08 UK Commencement
- May 7, 2008—Faculty Meeting
- May 12, 2008 Adm. Meeting
- June 4, 08 —Faculty Meeting
- July 2, 2008— Faculty Meeting

## Publications

Hu, W. (2008) “My Favourite Is Not on the Shelf: Effects of the Revealed-Preference Bundle on Consumers’ Stated Choice” *European Review of Agricultural Economics* 35(1): 29-50.

### Alumina News

Venkat Veeramani, a form Ph.D. student of Leigh Maynard, who graduated in 2005 and has been working for Discover Financial Services near Chicago, has been accepted into the Master’s Program in Financial Mathematics at the University of Chicago, which he will compete on a part-time basis while he continues working. This is a very competitive program, with many students already having PhD’s and work experience. We wish Venkat the best of luck pursuing this degree.



### AEC Student News

Tyler Sanderson, AEC graduate who has been working on Dr. Infanger’s Ag Development Board evaluation project, has been accepted into the Peace Corps assigned to the Republic of Georgia. He starts his Peace Corps assignment in June.

# Agricultural Economics Events & News:

## Derby

*Postluck Lunch*

**Friday, May 2, 2008 11:30 am – 1:30 pm**  
**Room 341 C.E. Barnhart Building**

Drinks will not be provided, so bring your own. Also bring your choice of a salad, meat, vegetable, fruit, rolls/breads, or dessert to share with the group. If you can't bring food, pay Patt Thompson, Rm. 301: \$6 Faculty, \$4 Staff, \$3 Students.

Pay \$1 more after Monday, April 28.

**Wear a Derby Hat! We will have a contest for most original & prettiest.**

## Agribusiness Club Banquet

The UK Agribusiness Club would like to invite you to the annual banquet Thursday, April 17 at 6pm in the Good Barn. A \$5 donation for tickets is appreciated, and to receive a ticket please email [kelly.davidson@uky.edu](mailto:kelly.davidson@uky.edu).

Electronic tickets are expected to be sent out soon, so please RSVP by Friday, April 11. Hope to see you all there!

## A New Member to the AEC Family

Matthew Tucker Mattox was born this morning at 9:44! He weighs 8 lb. 15 oz. and is 20-1/2" long with broad shoulders, large feet, a little bit of dark hair, and very strong lungs! Mom and Dad are doing fine. This makes grandchild number 4 for Phyllis. Congratulations Phyllis!

# Retirement Receptions:



*Agri. Econ. Celebrated  
 Charlotte Moss's  
 Retirement Reception*

*46.5 Years of Service was  
 Tuesday, March 18, 2008 2-4 pm*





# Job Listings

Location	Position	Closing Date/ Available Date	Contact/Info.
<b>University of Copenhagen</b> Faculty of Life Sciences	Assistant/Associate Professors in Applied Microeconomics	May 1, 2008	Applicant will be assessed according to the Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation Executive Order # 170 of 17. March 2005. The application marked 621-149 sent to Institute of Food Resource Econ. Rolighedsvej 25, 1958 Frederiksberg C. by March 7, 2008- noon.
<b>Michigan State University</b> Department of Economics (50%) and Agricultural Economics (50%)	Michigan State University Department of Economics (50%) and Agricultural Economics (50%)	August 16, 2008	<a href="http://www.aec.msu.edu/openpositions/bioenergyprof.pdf">http://www.aec.msu.edu/openpositions/bioenergyprof.pdf</a>
<b>Texas Tech.</b> Assistant Prof. in Agribusiness & Applied Economics of College of Agri. Sciences & Natural Resources Position #: 2009 TLF 055	Texas Tech. Assistant Prof. in Agribusiness & Applied Econ. Emphasis is Agri. Business/Marketing	September 1, 2008	Dr. Jaime Malaga, Search Committee Chair (806) 742-0261 Ext 241 Fax: (806) 742-1099 Texas Tech Univ. Box 42132 or <a href="mailto:Jaime.malaga@ttu.edu">Jaime.malaga@ttu.edu</a> Lubbock, TX 79409
<b>Oregon State</b> University Instructor, Extension Community (Economist) Western Oregon Position #: 0002153	OSU Full time Instructor. Twelve month fixed-term.	September 1, 2008	<a href="mailto:Kathy.carpenter@oregonstate.edu">Kathy.carpenter@oregonstate.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:bruce.weber@oregonstate.edu">bruce.weber@oregonstate.edu</a> .
<b>Oregon State</b> University Instructor, Extension Community (Economist) Eastern Oregon Position #: 0002155	OSU Full time Instructor. Twelve month fixed-term.	September 1, 2008	<a href="mailto:Kathy.carpenter@oregonstate.edu">Kathy.carpenter@oregonstate.edu</a> or <a href="mailto:bruce.weber@oregonstate.edu">bruce.weber@oregonstate.edu</a> .
<b>Univ. of New Hampshire,</b> research & academic programs w/ Organic Dairy Research Farm	Open Rank Tenure-Track Position- Organic Dairy	Reviewing Begins 3/31/08 until closed	P.C. Tsang, Search Committee Chair, Univ. Of New Hampshire, Dept. Of Animal & Nutritional Science, 129 Main St. Kendall Hall Durham, New Hampshire 03824. <a href="mailto:paul.tsang@unh.edu">paul.tsang@unh.edu</a> . (603) 862-3479

# Job Positions

Location	Position	Closing Date/Available & Contact Info.
<b>University of California, Santa Cruz</b> , Department of Economics	Assistant/Associate Professor, International Economics	<b>July 1, 2008</b> <a href="http://www2.ucsc.edu/ahr/academic_employment/bulletin_flyers_originaldocs_pdfs/07-08/572-08.pdf">http://www2.ucsc.edu/ahr/academic_employment/bulletin_flyers_originaldocs_pdfs/07-08/572-08.pdf</a>
<b>University of Arkansas</b> at Little Rock, Institute for Economic Advancement.	Senior Research Professor of Economics/State Economic Forecaster Demographic Researcher/Census State Data Center Mgr. Economic Development Research Specialist Regional Economic Researcher	<b>July 1, 2008</b> <a href="http://www.iea.uair.edu/ieastaff/pdf/StateForecater.pdf">http://www.iea.uair.edu/ieastaff/pdf/StateForecater.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.iea.uair.edu/ieastaff/pdf/ED-TA.pdf">http://www.iea.uair.edu/ieastaff/pdf/ED-TA.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.iea.uair.edu/ieastaff/pdf/RegionalEconomic.pdf">http://www.iea.uair.edu/ieastaff/pdf/RegionalEconomic.pdf</a>
<b>Bismarck State College</b> Agriculture/Technology and National Resources	Assist. Prof. of Agriculture, Tech & Nat. Resources	<b>Open</b> <a href="http://www.bismarckstate.edu/hr/jobs.asp">http://www.bismarckstate.edu/hr/jobs.asp</a> .
<b>Food System Leadership Institute</b> (FSLI) is currently accepting new Fellows.	New Fellows	<b>Open</b> <a href="http://www.fсли.org">http://www.fсли.org</a> or Dr. Ken Swartzel @ <a href="mailto:krs@ncsu.edu">krs@ncsu.edu</a> (919) 513-2063.
<b>Christian-Albrechts-University</b> , Kiel Germany. A call for Professor of Consumer and Health Economics.	Professor	<b>April 15, 2008</b> Please send information to the Dean of the Faculty of Agricult. & Nutritional Sciences Christian-Albrechts-Univ. Kiel Olshausenstr. 40 D-24098 Kiel, Germany
<b>Office of Research, Nutrition &amp; Analysis in the Food and Nutritional Services</b> (FNS) Alexandria, Virginia	Social Science Research Analysis	<b>April 10, 2008</b> <a href="http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=69404051&amp;jbf574">http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=69404051&amp;jbf574</a>
Dept. of Agri. Econ & Social Sciences in the Tropics & Subtropics <b>Univ. Hohenheim Stuttgart, Germany</b>	Doctoral Student Position for Agricultural Economist	<b>April 2008 &amp; On</b> Attn. Ms Contag Institute 470-c Univ. Hohenheim 70599 Stuttgart, Germany <a href="mailto:contag@uni-hohenheim.de">contag@uni-hohenheim.de</a>
<b>Purdue University</b> -West Lafayette, IN- Dept. of Economics, various positions	Various Assistant Professor positions Ext. Specialist, Agri. Econ; Instructor/Assistant Professor-Full time.	<b>April 1, 2008 &amp; On</b> Attn. Chair/Recruiting Committee, Dept of Economics, Krannert School of Management, Purdue University, 403 W. State St., West Layette, IN 47907-2056.
<b>Kansas State Univ.</b> Research and Extension	Visiting Assistant Professor FY 2008/2009.	<b>May 15, 2008 &amp; On</b> Attn. Karl Harborth, Ph.D. Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist Southeast Area Ext. Office, 308 West 14th, Chanute, KS 66720-2895. (620) 431-1530.
Arizona State University, Morrison School of Mgt. & Agribusiness, Tempe, AZ.		<b>April 15, 2008 &amp; On</b> Attn. <a href="mailto:ProfSearch@asu.edu">ProfSearch@asu.edu</a> , Dr. Tim Richards, Morrison School of Mgt. & Agribusiness, Arizona State University, 7001 East Williams Field Road, Mesa, AZ 85212. (480) 727-1488 fax (480) 727-1961.