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Dr. Greg Perry on the Department

As a new department head, I have been impressed with the talented group of faculty in DARE. Equally impressive is that they see the value of sharing their knowledge and expertise with the larger community. As a result, the university is frequently contacted by the news media wanting a scientist's perspective on current events. According to the communications director in the College of Agricultural Sciences, within the college DARE faculty are far and away the most often quoted in the news media. Permit me to share a few examples.



- Greg Graff was quoted in an article published in *Science* regarding a recent ban by the European Union Court of Justice on not allowing patents involving use of human embryos.
- Dawn Thilmany McFadden was quoted in the *New York Times* in an article about the reasons why there is a shortage of farm laborers in a time of high unemployment.
- Marshall Frasier was mentioned in the local newspaper for his leadership over Ag Adventure, an activity where Fort Collins third graders spend a day at a local experiment station learning more about agriculture.
- Norm Dalsted has been quoted in several Colorado newspapers commenting about the corn crop locally and nationally, with implications for prices.
- Dustin Pendell published a study that was picked up by the news media evaluating the export market benefits of a national animal identification system for beef and pork.
- Steve Davies was quoted in the *Greeley Tribune* explaining how the 9/11 crisis placed food on the national security map.
- Steve Koontz appeared in the *Denver Post* and the *Grand Junction Daily Sentinel* on the strong demand this year for livestock feed.
- Greg Perry was interviewed on a regional radio program regarding upcoming changes in commodity policy programs and the federal deficit discussions.
- Jay Parsons was quoted in the *Northern Colorado Business Report* regarding the recent increases in wheat prices.

Please note that these quotes have all appeared in the media just in the four months I have been at CSU. If we were to expand the search back a couple of years I expect that virtually all DARE faculty would have appeared in one or more media outlets. It is this ability to reach both professional and lay audiences that sets apart DARE and makes it one of the best programs of its kind in the United States.

Colorado State University Delegation Visits China

Provost and Executive Vice President Rick Miranda led a Colorado State University delegation on a 10-day visit to China focused on establishing CSU-Coca Cola Water Scholarships for Chinese students, creating partnerships with government, business and non-government organizations, and strengthening existing relationships. James Pritchett represented the College of Agriculture Sciences and the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics on the trip which traveled from Beijing to Shanghai with additional meetings in Wuxi.

Growing populations, increasing food demand and sprawling urbanization create opportunities for addressing water sustainability issues in China. The delegation discussed water resource issues and approaches while visiting Beijing's office of United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the local office of the World Wildlife Fund. A critical partner for these two organizations is Coke-China, and the delegation explored joint programs with Coke-China including applied research and demonstration projects in water sustainability with associated research symposia.

The delegation visited the Chinese Institute for Water and Hydropower Research (IWHR) in Beijing. The Institute's President, Kuang Shang, invited CSU to participate in the Global Water Project which IWHR hosts. Silvia Morimoto, the UNDP deputy country director for China, invited CSU to be involved with UNDP's 30-member council of water experts. These invitations indicate the growing collaboration between Colorado State University and its international partners.

Water sustainability is a global issue involving agriculture, environmental and urban interests. Optimizing the use of water resources for food and the environment is a challenge facing land grant universities, private business and government in the United States and China faces similar issues as its economic development progresses. Future cooperation between the two countries will lead to the exchange of faculty, the training of students and facilitate joint research that helps to meet this challenge.



4th ANNUAL DARE/ECON Graduate Student Symposium

The 4th annual Dare/Econ Graduate Student Symposium will be held February 10, 2012. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase your research and to receive feedback. New graduate students are encouraged to participate in order to share their research with the rest of the graduate students in the DARE and ECON departments.

There is NO registration fee and the symposium includes access to all sessions for the duration of the day, one lunch, and coffee breaks. Submissions may fall into one of three categories:

- **“Proposal”** stage projects are those upon which a literature review has been conducted and all research questions and hypotheses have been documented.
- **“In-Progress”** projects are those which satisfy all of the requirements of the Proposal stage, but in addition have had data collected (if necessary) and preliminary models and results documented.
- **“Near Completion”** projects are those which satisfy all of the requirements of the In-Progress stage, but in addition have had final models run and results and tentative conclusions documented. Near Completion projects should be nearly ready for submission to a peer-reviewed journal or as a final report.

To be considered for the symposium, please submit an abstract of no more than 150 words by **January 27, 2012**. Your topic may be anything related to Economics. Please email your abstract, title (150 character limit), along with your name and submission category in a Word document to Sam Evans at sgevans@rams.colostate.edu. You will be notified of your acceptance by the 3rd of February, 2012.

The Symposium website can be found at: <http://dare.colostate.edu/grad/symposium.aspx>.

Congratulations, **Becky Goldbach**, for winning the 2012 Western Extension Committees **Young Professional Award** and an all expenses paid trip to Hawaii in January.



Graduating Seniors—FALL 2011



Ag Business – 1st Major:

Major:

Stephanie CHAIN
Nathan CRAIG
Mikaela ELLINGSON
Brian ENGLAND
Travis GARCIA
Troy KIMMEL
Lindsay OSTLIE
Laurie SEYMOUR
Joanna SHEFFERD

Ag Business – 2nd

Jacob CONE
Brier GOETZ
Renae GRACE
Michael McTERNAN
Jeffrey STERKEL
Shae THOMAS

Ag Education:

Courtney HUDSON

Ag Economics – 1st Major:

Allyssa SNOW
Jennie WILLIAMS

Minor:

Sara GRIESS

Allison L. GUNTER, MS
Erin L. HICKS, MS
Christopher K. NICOLETTI, MS

PUBLICATIONS

Meldrum, James R., Patricia A. Champ, and Craig A. Bond. 2011. "Valuing the Forest for the Trees: Willingness to Pay for White Pine Blister Rust Management," *USDA Forest Service Proceedings RMRS-P-63*. pp. 226-234.

Bond, Craig A. 2011. "Investigating the Optimality of Proactive Management of an Invasive Forest Pest," *USDA Forest Service Proceedings RMRS-P-63*. pp. 295-302.

INTERNSHIPS

Farm/Ranch Internship at Paint Rock Canyon Enterprises. Hands-on experiences with non-traditional approaches to production agriculture. The business consists of a commercial Black Angus cow/calf herd of 1200 head that calve in March and April, and their hay production. Spring and summer are the busiest times. Although cattle work is involved, the primary focus is on irrigation and hay production. The majority of the positions are available in the summer. For more information, visit the website at www.hyattranch.com.

Quality Assurance Intern at Dairy Farmers of America, Fort Morgan, CO. The qualified candidate will be a junior or senior in the fall of 2012, with degree focus in Food Science, Ag Science, or Animal Science. Student will support in the area of food safety and quality. <http://www.dfamilk.com/careers>.

If you need information on other available jobs or internships, contact

Beka Crocket,

the Career Center Liaison in Room 125 Shepardson, or through

CareerRAM at: <https://cc-scooby.career.colostate.edu/colostate/>

JOBS

Feed Ingredient Merchandiser, Golden, Colorado. Provide company with consistent profits by generating sales and purchase contracts. Minimum of 3-5 years work experience in large scale Agricultural Feed Sales, with a bachelor's degree in Ag Business or other related discipline, and/or an appropriate combination of experience and education. Contact Marilyn Van Zanten, Management Recruiters: (605) 978-5404.

Resource Conservation/Agricultural Planner for Marion Soil & Water Conservation District, Salem, OR. Closes Wednesday, November 30. A minimum of a Bachelor's Degree with major coursework in agricultural sciences. Please visit www.marionswct.net and look under the "About" tab at top of homepage for job announcements or call (503) 391-9927.

Upcoming Events

- Building Farmers and Ranchers Development Program conference; **November 30 - December 2, 2011**. Campus Hilton.
- College of Ag Sciences Winter Recognition, **December 6, 2011** 4:30PM to 5:30PM, Cherokee Park Ballroom, Lory Student Center.
- DARE Faculty and Grad Student Holiday Potluck, B-301 Clark, **December 14, 2011**.
- College of Ag Sciences Commencement: **December 17, 2011**, 12:30 PM Main Ballroom, Lory Student Center.
- National Western Stock Show; **January 7 - 22, 2012**; Denver.



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