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Letter from the Chair

Greetings!

What an exciting time we have approaching. AAEA has chosen “Envisioning the Future” as the theme for this year’s Annual Meeting. It is also a time for CWAE to look forward to exciting events planned at the meeting in Long Beach. CWAE is working closely with other sections and organizations to explore our vision for future professional development opportunities. We have a great schedule of events planned.

On Sunday, July 23, the CWAE Business Meeting will be held from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This is an important time to voice your ideas and opinions about CWAE and our vision for a strong future. There are many exciting activities ongoing, such as the tracking survey and the inception of a new CWAE Service Award. Please attend, we need your input!

After the Business Meeting, we will celebrate and meet aspiring professionals at the joint CWAE/Graduate Student Section Reception from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. This is an opportune time to explore informal mentoring relationships. I know the relationships forged at past CWAE Receptions have been invaluable to many careers. Please take this time to rekindle old relationships and start helping to build the careers of new economists.

CWAE strives to strengthen opportunities for our undergraduate economists. Once again CWAE will be sponsoring the Undergraduate Recruitment Fair during the Academic Bowl Competition on Monday, July 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Recruitment tables will be available for graduate schools, industry and government to meet top notch students from many North American

schools. Please contact the AAEA Office if your organization would like to sponsor a recruitment table.

On Monday we are excited to have government and university scholars collaborating on an Organized Symposium entitled, “Sustainable Ag: A Sustainable Career Path?” at 10:30 a.m. This session will highlight some of the programs and resources available for those who integrate sustainability issues into their land grant programs, as well as other government agencies, agribusinesses and NGO's who could enhance CSREES' programs and partnerships. Each of the panel members will explain what projects, programs and grant processes are underway in their areas, describe the culture and vision of various sustainable programs, and inform the audience on the grant request, panel and award processes to increase the transparency of those opportunities to participants who may want to apply in the future. This is a great time for new and seasoned economists to collaborate on research, teaching, extension and outreach ideas.

Tuesday, July 25, CWAE will collaborate with the Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section for an exciting luncheon from noon to 1:30 p.m. Dr. Deirdre McCloskey will be our featured speaker. Dr. McCloskey is a Distinguished Professor of the Liberal Arts and Sciences, Professor of Economics, History and English from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She will speak on “Women, Science and Agricultural Economics: A Novice Woman’s View.”

As you may have noticed, luncheon prices have increased. Please don’t let this deter you from this thought-provoking luncheon. It will be a great event! Also, as many scholars have done in the past, you may purchase a student luncheon ticket and sponsor

a student for the luncheon. Once again this is a time to introduce our students to new ideas and opportunities for their futures.

Don't forget to vote in our annual election. This is an important part of voicing your opinion for the future of CWAE. We have outstanding candidates willing to devote their time to continuing the legacy so many CWAE members and leaders have built. The board positions are essential to leading CWAE, so please take a few minutes, read the biographies and vote!

I look forward to an exciting and enriching meeting in Long Beach. With all of your input we can continue to strengthen CWAE and build professional opportunities for all of our members.

Cheryl DeVuyst
CWAE Chair

New Board Member Elections

Cheryl Brown and *Leonie Marks* are now completing their term on the CWAE Board. We send our special thanks for all of their efforts!

This year we need to elect two new members to the Board.

The Board manages the affairs and activities of CWAE. The Board consists of eight members: the current Chair, the past Chair, the Vice-Chair, four Members-at-large, all elected from the membership, and a representative of the AAEA Board. Board members must be members of the AAEA. Board members advise and assist the chairperson. The Board decides policy issues.

The four at-large members serve two-year

terms that begin on September 1st of the year they are elected. Two at-large members are elected each year so that the terms are staggered.

Election Process:

The online election is open June 15, 2006 until July 14, 2006 at 5:00PM CST. Current CWAE members (as of June 14th 2006) with valid email addresses will receive an email with instructions for casting your vote through the AAEA website. Paper ballots will be sent to members without valid e-mail addresses.

The biographies and vision statements for the three candidates: Fengxia Dong, Iowa State University; Donna Theresa Ramirez Harrington, University of Guelph and Madhu Khanna, University of Illinois are in the following section.

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Candidate Bios and Vision Statements

Fengxia Dong

Biography: Fengxia Dong is an Associate Scientist at the Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at Iowa State University. She is also an International Dairy Analyst for the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI). Fengxia Dong received a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Kansas State University with a

specialty in international trade and policy, and industrial organization. Currently, her research focuses on international trade issues concerning dairy markets and food safety as well as market development in China.

Vision: As growing numbers of women are pursuing professional development in the field of agricultural economics, I think CWAE is, and can continue to be, an important and helpful organization with the power to enhance the careers of women in agricultural economics through mentoring and networking. I would like to see CWAE increase the awareness of women's increasingly leading role in the agricultural economics field as well as the awareness of its existence and functions. Besides continuing to help its membership increase the opportunities in professional development and expand professional connections by using its networking activities, CWAE's active involvement in developing and supporting some programs for women will be important to decrease the bias toward women within the agricultural economics profession and attract more women to participate in CWAE networks. I would appreciate the opportunity to contribute to CWAE through service on the board.

***Donna Theresa
Ramirez Harrington***

Biography: Donna Ramirez Harrington is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (formerly the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business) at the University of Guelph. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. Her current research is in the area of technological innovation for environmental protec-

tion and firm strategy in the context of environmental regulation. She is also working on the role of non-mandatory environmental initiatives undertaken by the private sector in achieving its targets for climate change mitigation. Donna's experience on environmental issues also covers environmental instrument design and assessment of policy alternatives. She worked with the Philippine Environmental and Natural Resources Accounting Project as part of a team of environmental economists to analyze the health benefits associated with alternative market-based and command and control instruments aimed at reducing air pollution from mobile sources in Metro Manila.

Vision: CWAE has provided women in the agricultural economics profession an effective venue in which to network, exchange ideas, and create opportunities for professional development. I think these are valuable services that would not only advance our careers, but also develop better working relationships in the pursuit of broader professional goals.

There are two areas I envision CWAE to expand its roles in. One is in increasing the international exposure of our members' accomplishments and expanding our international linkages. This will allow CWAE and its members to take advantage of our diverse expertise, interests and experiences and share in the development of the profession internationally. This can also expand the sphere of influence that CWAE and its members have in agricultural economics and policy to the global arena. The second is related to the first, and it is encouraging membership among graduate students who are increasingly coming from various areas of the globe, bringing with them their own skills and experiences in agricultural economics. By getting them involved early, CWAE can better assist them earlier in their

professional development, and provide more opportunities to advance the leadership roles of women in agricultural economics at various stages in their career.

Madhu Khanna

Biography: Madhu Khanna is a Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley. She is a member of the Environmental Council and an affiliate of the Institute for Government and Public Affairs at the University of Illinois. She serves as an associate editor for the American Journal of Agricultural Economics and is on the editorial boards of the Journal of Soil and Water Conservation, Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics, and Review of Agricultural Economics. She is also on the Board of Directors of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economics.

Her research focuses on environmental policy and adoption of environmentally friendly technologies. She examines the effectiveness of voluntary initiatives by corporations and information disclosure for reducing toxic releases, analyzes alternative market based instruments for abatement of carbon emissions through sequestration in agricultural soils and the use of bio-energy, and the targeting of green payment policies for preventing nonpoint pollution from crop production. Her research has been funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency, US Department of Energy, and the Illinois Council on Food and Agricultural Research. She teaches courses in environmental economics and international trade. She has served on several peer review panels for the NSF, USEPA, and USDA. She has received several teaching and research awards from

the University of Illinois and was recently selected as a North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture Teacher Fellow. She was also the supervisor of an Outstanding Thesis Award in 2002 by the American Association of Agricultural Economics.

Vision: I believe that CWAE is a valuable forum for networking and exchange of information among women agricultural economists as they navigate through their professional careers. As a new assistant professor, I benefited from CWAE sponsored discussions and articles about the experiences of senior women faculty balancing family and careers and establishing themselves in a largely male-dominated profession. I have mentored several women through their graduate program and early stages of their academic careers while they were simultaneously building their families. I always enjoy networking opportunities provided by the CWAE annual luncheon at AAEA Meetings.

I would like to see CWAE grow into a stronger organization by reaching out to more women, especially those entering or getting ready to enter the profession. I would like CWAE to enlarge its membership and provide more mentoring opportunities, particularly for women graduate students. I believe it is important for CWAE to increase its activities, including organizing workshops for professional women and recognizing women for their professional accomplishments. I would work towards making women's issues an integral part of AAEA's professional agenda. To achieve this vision would require increased collaboration with other organizations within AAEA and outside. It would also require increased fund raising. If elected to the board of CWAE, I would devote my energy to these efforts.

Editors' Note

The newsletter is published 3 times a year and delivered to the membership electronically. It is also posted on the CWAE website <http://www.aaea.org/cwae/>. If you have notes of interest; professional accomplishments; or comments that you think are relevant to CWAE please send them to Leonie Marks (marks1a@missouri.edu) or Siân Mooney (smooney@uwoyo.edu).

The CWAE Tracking Survey Scheduled for 2006-2007

By Jennie Popp,
University of Arkansas
and
Doris Newton
Economic Research Service

In 1993, three AAEA subcommittees wrote a proposal to the AAEA Foundation to develop an agricultural economics professionals tracking system. The committees were CWAE, Employment Services Committee (ESC), and the Committee on the Opportunities and Status of Blacks in Agricultural Economics (COSBAE). CWAE members conducted the first survey in 1998 and repeated it in 2001.

It has been nearly five years since that last survey. Currently, a committee led by Jennie Popp (University of Arkansas) and Doris Newton (USDA Economic Research Service) is reviving the tracking survey and has targeted late 2006/early 2007 for its distribution.

The purpose of the tracking survey is to track the progress of agricultural economics professionals and their professional choices and investigate changes over time. It will focus on a series of variables that affect job satisfaction, retention, employment, choices, responsibilities, and advancement. Additionally, the committee has sought to recognize differences that exist within the agricultural economics profession by type of employment (academic vs. government vs. private sector for example) and is constructing different survey components that can specifically address issues pertinent to type of employment while encompassing other issues that are relevant across all types of agricultural economics employment.

A significant development for this new effort is the creation of a tracking survey advisory board. We have successfully identified eight professionals who have volunteered to review and offer comment on the survey design and process.

The committee has already identified two groups of individuals who will be targeted for the survey:

Academics – M.S and Ph.D. level professionals who are employed in agricultural economics positions at 1862, 1890 and 1994 institutions;

Government – M.S and Ph.D. level personnel who are employed with USDA Economic Research Service and/or associated with the USDA Economist Group organization.

(These groups have been targeted as contact information is reasonably easy to obtain. We would like to enlarge the survey sample – to include the private sector for example – but need more input from those involved with the private sector)

If you are in the private sector or do not fit the definitions of Academic or Government

described above and you would like to participate in the tracking survey, please send your name, mailing address, email address and phone number to Jennie Popp (jhpopp@uark.edu). If you would be willing to serve on a committee to help expand our sample beyond the defined Academic and Government community, we would greatly appreciate your assistance. Please let Jennie know.

We will announce the distribution of the survey and provide regular updates on our progress through the CWAE newsletter. We hope we can count on your assistance in this important survey. Please direct any comments or questions to Jennie (jhpopp@uark.edu) or Doris (dnewton@ers.usda.gov). Thank you in advance.

- Jennie and Doris

Graduate Student Corner

Publishable Dissertations: The one-paper versus three-paper option

By: Michelle Mullins and Christiane Schroeter

Do you sometimes feel overwhelmed during your graduate studies? Probably yes—given that most graduate students have to juggle their time spent on courses, research, work, and family, all while trying to get published and find a job. But in the midst of those struggles, one topic typically goes unrecognized: the decision of a doctoral student whether to write a one-paper publishable dissertation or a three-paper publishable dissertation.

Especially in a graduate program that does not have specific requirements, the choice

between a one- or three-paper publishable dissertation-type can be difficult and is left to the student and their advisor. This choice can be affected by many factors: the type of research, the preference of the advisor, the area of emphasis of the student, and even the future job objectives of the student. In addition, each option offers different publishing and research opportunities.

For students planning to enter academia, a three-paper publishable dissertation might have the advantage that three papers can give students a leg-up on the number of publications required for the academic job search or even tenure. Depending on the school where a student wishes to interview for their first position, a department may prefer the diversity of research knowledge a three paper dissertation can bring. But some proponents of the one-paper dissertation argue that quantity is not the same as quality. Some schools may prefer a one-paper dissertation in their interviewees, showing focus and mastery of particular topic.

For students planning to enter government or the private sector, the choice can be just as frustrating. Although government and industry do not necessarily place as much emphasis on publishing in peer-reviewed journals as academia does, the choice of one- or three-paper can still affect the student's current and future job choice. For those students entering and wishing to stay in private industry or government, the choice probably may consequently not be as relevant as for students who would potentially like to return to academia in the future.

Graduate students from the University of Missouri's (MU) Agricultural Economics department recently recognized this struggle and held an informal forum where a number of new and established faculty members informed students about the merits and detri-

ments of each choice. Ultimately the choice between a one- or three-paper dissertation is up to the individual student, but just as students at MU found advice from faculty members, we encourage you to seek out some guidance as well. It may alleviate some of your stress during graduate school.

Keep in mind that writing your dissertation should be enjoyable, given the length of time you spent on it. You only get one chance at choosing your topic and dissertation type, so choose wisely and have fun! And, if you are interested in hearing more about our personal experiences or want obtain advice from experienced academic, government and industry leaders about the dissertation process, getting published or interviewing for a position, please attend the AAEA-GSS activities at the 2006 meeting in Long Beach, CA this summer!

Congratulations!

Congratulations! section acknowledges all tenure, promotions and awards that our members have received in the last few months. Please share your news with us so that we may promote the achievements of the members of CWAE!

Grants, Publications, Conference Participation

Mariah Dolson Tanner Ehmke, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming has received a grant of \$7,200 from the University of Wyoming Faculty Grant-in Aid. Her project is called “*Building a Holistic Understanding of Childhood Overweight and Obesity: Incorporating Family Economic Behavior,*

Parenting Styles, and Health Attitudes and Behavior.”

Tanya Roberts, ERS, organized a feature in *Choices* 20(2) on food safety economics, and is chair of a committee that has organized a pre-conference for 2006 AAEA meetings titled, “*New Food Safety Incentives and Regulatory, Technological, and Organizational Innovations*”. Tanya was an early CWAE board member.

Corinne Valdivia and **Leonie Marks**, Agricultural Economics at the University of Missouri Columbia, are involved in a SANREM CRSP (*Sustainable Agriculture and Natural Resource Management Collaborative Research Support Program*) *Long Term Research Project: Adapting to Change in the Andean Highlands: Practices and Strategies to Address Climate and Market Risks in Vulnerable Agro-Ecosystems*. This four year research and capacity development project involves a consortium of four US universities (MU (lead institution), KSU, U Conn, ISU) three universities and a research non-governmental organization in Peru and Bolivia (Universidad Mayor de San Andres, Universidad Nacional Agraria La Molina, Universidad de la Cordillera and Fundación PROINPA), and the International Potato Center. Funding for this program to the University of Missouri Columbia consists of 1.2 million from USAID through Virginia Tech, the Management Entity for the SANREM CRSP, and over 30 percent matching from the US institutions involved.

Changes in Appointment/Promotions

Nicole Ballenger has taken the position of Associate VP Academic Affairs at the University of Wyoming. Nicole is on leave from her former position of Head within the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wyoming.

Mary Bohman has taken the position of Director of the Resource & Rural Economics Division as of September 2005. Mary joined ERS in 1997 and previously served as Deputy Director for Research for ERS's Market and Trade Economics Division (MTED) and Chief of MTED's Europe, Africa, Middle East Branch. Other positions held include details to the Office of Science and Technology Policy and Under Secretary for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, and faculty member in Agricultural Sciences at the University of British Columbia from 1990-1997.

Elise Golan is the new Deputy Director for Research and Product Coordinator for ERS's Food Economics Division. She recently served as the Branch Chief for the Diet, Safety, and Health Economics Branch at ERS. Her research has focused on the economics of food choice, the distributional consequences of food policy, the economics of food labeling, traceability, product differentiation, and domestic and international food safety policy.

Joy Harwood is now Director of the Economic and Policy Analysis Staff and Chief Economist for USDA's Farm Service Agency. In that capacity, she manages a group of 40 economists, whose focus, among other activities, is on developing white papers and other analyses for regulatory and legislative decision-making. Much of the work involves the intersection of economic, legal, and political interests.

Before her recent move, she spent 19 years at the Economic Research Service, where she held various positions, including Chief of the Field Crops Branch and Deputy Director for Market Outlook. During the 1990 Farm Bill debate, she worked in the Office of Senator Bob Dole, was the acting Associate Administrator of USDA's Risk Manage-

ment Agency for several months in 1998, and spent 4-months at the U.S. International Trade Commission in 2003-04. Joy has served CWAE as Chair, newsletter editor, and member of the Board. She and her husband, Craig Jagger, Chief Economist for the House Ag. Committee, have two young daughters.

Eluned Jones has been promoted to the position of full professor at Texas A&M.

Doris Newton is currently completing a 1-year federal government executive leadership training program and will graduate from the program in September. Doris currently works for the ERS and is also working on the 2006-2007 CWAE tracking survey and former CWAE board member and newsletter editor.

Janet Perry is now serving as Deputy Director for Market Analysis and Outlook in the Market and Trade Economics Division at ERS. Janet was previously Chief of the Animal Products Branch, where she oversaw the market analysis program for livestock, dairy, poultry and fish. Her own research centered on the evolution of the market structure of agriculture, particularly how contracting has changed the movement of products from the farm to the consumer. Janet has served CWAE as Chair, newsletter editor, CWAE list owner, and member of the Board.

Christiane Schroeter accepted a position as Assistant Professor in Agribusiness at Arkansas State University. She started her work at ASU in January 2006.

Her dissertation "Determining the Impact of Food Price and Income Changes on Body Weight" won the Outstanding Dissertation Award of the Year 2005 of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University.

Kitty Smith became Associate Administrator of ERS in September 2005. Kitty has been with ERS for 24 out of the last 30 years, in a variety of research and administrative positions, most recently as Director of the Agency's Resource Economics Division.

Kitty served as a member of the first Standing Committee for the Committee on Women's Opportunities in Agricultural Economics (COWOP) in 1981, along with Drs. Ardelle Lundeen (Chair), Sylvia Lane (Vice Chair), Linda Lee, Barbara Redman and Margo Rich Ogus. That Committee provided the leadership for the group that later developed into CWAE.

Lorie Srivastava joined the Department of Economics at Kwantlen University College, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Lorie was previously at the University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Obituary

Hilda Chris Bolling

A Life Worth Living, a Good Friend to Know. August 8, 1942 to April 12, 2006

Our dear friend and associate, Hilda Chris Bolling, known to us as Chris, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly during the evening of April 12, 2006 at her home in Woodbridge, Virginia. She had spent the day at work at the Economic Research Service, had participated actively in the Speak-ERS Toastmasters Club at noon, and passed away quietly at her home in Occoquan, Woodbridge, Virginia during the evening hours.

Chris was born in East Nicolaus, California on August 8, 1942, a small town north of

Sacramento where her parents owned a rice farm. Coming from a farm background, Chris went for graduate studies at the University of California, Davis. She was a trail blazer and was the first women to get an advance degree in Agricultural Economics at Davis in 1966. In September of that year, she started work for the Federal Government at the CIA as an economic analyst and stayed there almost four years before joining the Economic Research Service in June of 1970, where she was one of the first women with graduate degrees hired by the Agency. At Economic Research Service, she completed almost 40 years of service, an incredible accomplishment by any standard. Her recent work included analysis of foreign direct investment, and of the Brazilian agricultural economy. Chris was a dedicated Toastmaster and had a very active role in the ERS club, serving as president several times and in District 36 leadership, serving as area and division Governor multiple times. Chris was looking forward to her retirement and had recently bought a condo in Virginia Beach where she expected to spend a lot of her retirement time. After services in Woodbridge, Virginia, her ashes will be taken back to her family home in East Nicolaus, California and spread over the family farm.

Job Announcements

Please confirm the information included in these announcements with prospective employers including the closing date. Thank you!

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY Assistant Professor (Marketing and Food Systems)

This is a 12-month tenure track position with approximately 70% of effort devoted to research and 30% to teaching. The successful applicant is expected to develop a nationally recognized research program in marketing and food systems, publish in peer-reviewed journals, successfully seek extramural funding, teach two or three courses per year, provide quality advising to both undergraduate and graduate students, participate in professional societies, and collaborate with research and extension colleagues in agricultural economics and other sciences.

This position is part of an effort to strengthen the College of Agriculture's Target of Opportunity in Food Systems Innovation. In addition to Agricultural Economics, other positions that may contribute to this Target of Opportunity include Biosystems and Agricultural Engineering, Nutrition, Food Science, Agronomy and Horticulture. The goal of the Target of Opportunity in Food Systems Innovation is to enhance industry efforts involving value-added foods, food safety and functional foods. Kentucky has over 300 food processors and numerous small-scale specialty item entrepreneurs. Among the larger ones in the Lexington-Louisville-Cincinnati area are firms such as Yum Brands (\$7.2B in sales), Papa Johns (\$1.0B), Brown-Forman (\$2.2B), Kroger (\$47.5B), Chiquita (\$2.3B), Fazoli's, and Procter and Gamble.

A Ph.D. in agricultural economics, economics or closely related field is required.

Salary is open and competitive. Benefits include TIAA-CREF retirement, group health and life insurance, vacation, disability, and family leave. Faculty consulting leave is permitted, subject to approval.

Application can be made by forwarding a letter of application, vita, transcripts of all academic work, and the names/addresses of three references. Application deadline is April 1, 2006 or until a suitable applicant is found.

Contact: Dr. Michael R. Reed, Search Committee Chair, Dept of Agr. Econ., Univ. of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40546-0276. Phone: (859) 257-5762. FAX: (859) 323-1913 e-mail: mrreed@uky.edu

UNIVERSITY OF MAINE Resource and Environmental Economics

The Department of Resource Economics and Policy at the University of Maine invites applications for a tenure-track, assistant professor position in the field of resource and environmental economics. Responsibilities include advising graduate (M.S.) and undergraduate students and teaching three courses per year.

Candidates must demonstrate the capacity for excellent teaching and the potential for high-quality scholarship and publications. The successful candidate must develop a research program that attracts external funding and addresses environmental issues of importance to state and federal policymakers. Candidates with an interest in applied policy analysis are especially encouraged to apply.

Potential on-campus collaborations exist with the Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, Canadian-American Center, School of Marine Sciences, Cooperative Extension and other units.

Required qualifications include a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics, Economics, or a closely related field by the time of appointment. Please send a cover letter, vitae, three letters of references, and a sample of research to: George Criner, Chair, Department of Resource Economics and Policy, Attn: Assistant Professor Search Committee, 5782 Winslow Hall, Room 206, University of Maine, Orono, Maine 04469-5782. Review of applications will begin Feb. 1, 2006. The position will begin in September of 2006, with a possibility of an earlier start date if it is mutually agreeable and funding is available.

**THE INTERNATIONAL FOOD
POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE
Division Director - REF #06-107 (R)**

International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) is seeking an experienced Senior Researcher and Manager to provide intellectual and managerial leadership for its Markets, Trade and Institutions Division (MTID). This is a five-year, fixed-term, renewable appointment reporting to the Director General and serving on the Senior Management Team (SMT) of the Institute and is based at IFPRI's headquarters in Washington, D.C.

IFPRI (www.ifpri.org) develops sustainable solutions for ending hunger and poverty in the developing world. It carries out research, capacity strengthening, and policy communications to develop those solutions and to catalyze policy action. The Markets, Trade and Institutions Division (MTID) analyzes the economic forces that promote mar-

ket efficiency, reduce transaction costs and contribute to institutional and infrastructure designs that foster the functioning of markets that does not leave out the poor, be they consumers, farmers or laborers. The Division examines the impact of globalization, trade agreements and market reforms on the food system. Its outreach strengthens research capacity in developing countries and influences and facilitates innovative decisions to improve the functioning of markets and trade and the institutions that govern them. The division works on issues at global level, as well as regional and national level.

Essential Duties:

- Identify new research directions; design, facilitate, and publish innovative research within the agenda of MTID and the broader context of the IFPRI Strategy.
- Manage broad and complex projects involving multi-disciplinary teams of staff and external partners.
- Raise funds to support division activities and manage the division budget.
- Lead division staff (currently 25) to reach established goals and ensure that staff members are treated in a fair, equitable and supportive manner.
- As a member of the SMT, participate in shaping overall direction of IFPRI through activities such as setting research priorities, developing short- and long-term goals, and developing management policies.

Required Qualifications:

- Doctorate degree in a discipline of Economics, or Agricultural Economics.
- Minimum of eight years experience in conducting research related to economic development in, or for, developing countries and interaction with senior policy makers within those countries.
- Ability to raise funds and facilitate collaborative activities.
- Management and administrative experi-

ence.

- Excellent skills in both verbal and written English.
- Strong interpersonal communication skills.
- Willingness to frequently travel internationally.

Preferred Qualifications:

- Experience in building cross-cultural, global teams.
- Working knowledge of a second major language (preferably French or Spanish).
- Strong analytical and quantitative skills.

IFPRI is one of the international agricultural research institutes organized under the umbrella of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR). The mandate of IFPRI is to identify and analyze alternative national and international strategies and policies for meeting world food needs in ways that conserve the natural resource base, with emphasis on low income and on the poorer groups in the countries.

IFPRI offers a multicultural, collegial research environment with competitive salary and excellent benefits. IFPRI is an international and equal opportunity organization and believes that diversity of its staff contributes to excellence. We encourage women and developing country professionals to apply.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Screening of applications will begin on March 20, 2006 and continue until the position is filled. Email as attached word documents a detailed letter of interest that summarizes your experience as it relates to the position, curriculum vitae, and the names and contact information, including email addresses of at least three references to: IFPRI HRS, REF. #06-107, 2033 K Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

E-mail: IFPRI-HRINTL@cgiar.org. Please include REF. #06-107 in the subject line. **Applications that do not include the position number and the job title will not be considered.**

HOUSTON ADVANCED RESEARCH CENTER

Director Ecological Economics Program

Applications are being solicited from ecological, environmental or resource economists to direct the Center's ecological economics program. This program uses economic approaches to estimate non-market values of the natural environment and introduce these values into planning and decision-making processes. The individual will have the opportunity to develop and conduct innovative and policy-relevant ecological economics research and interact with other scholars, the policy community and other stakeholders.

The successful applicant will be an ecological, environmental or resource economist with a Ph.D. in economics and be familiar with grant writing as well as publishing in peer-reviewed periodicals.

Applicants should submit a full CV through the HARC website:

<http://www.harc.edu/jobs>. Click on the job title. Follow directions for file submission. No phone calls, please.

HARC is a private, not-for-profit applied scientific research facility dedicated to moving knowledge to action to promote technologies and policies that improve human well-being and protect the environment.

HARC is located in The Woodlands, Texas, 30 miles north of Houston. The organization offers competitive compensation and excellent benefits, as well as the opportunity

to work in a stimulating collaborative environment. More HARC information can be found at www.harc.edu. Additional information about The Woodlands is available at www.thewoodlandstx.com.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
Assistant professor

Assistant Professor in the Division of Resource Management located in the Davis College of Agriculture, Forestry and Consumer Sciences. This is a nine-month, tenure-track position. The initial salary will be commensurate with qualifications and experience. Summer research and teaching appointments are possible.

Responsibilities: To develop nationally recognized interdisciplinary programs in teaching, research and outreach in applied spatial analysis. Expectations include teaching graduate and undergraduate level courses in applied spatial analysis and strengthening the quantitative component of the Division's curricula, in general. The research program may include natural resource use and management, environment, forestry, agribusiness management, marketing, agricultural production, regional science, economic development, land use, energy, econometrics, geographic information systems or other relevant area.

Qualifications: An earned doctorate in natural resource economics, agricultural economics, economics or a related discipline with at least one field of emphasis in economics is required. Background and training must include evidence of expertise in applied statistics or econometrics and spatial analysis, including GIS. Candidates are expected to have a strong commitment to teaching excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Candidates must

demonstrate the ability to conduct research and disseminate results in leading academic journals.

Location: West Virginia University's (WVU) campus is located in Morgantown (Morgantown.com and Morgantown.org). WVU is the state's major research, doctoral degree-granting, land-grant institution. It serves over 26,000 students in 175 degree programs offered by one of the 14 academic schools and colleges. The Division of Resource Management offers B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees.

Application: Applicants should submit an application letter; a detailed resume of his/her education, experience and qualifications; college transcripts (unofficial transcript acceptable); and the names, mail, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of three references. All correspondence should be sent to:

Dr. Tim T. Phipps, Recruitment Committee
Division of Resource Management
PO Box 6108
Morgantown, WV 26506-6108
Tim.Phipps@mail.wvu.edu

Review of applications will begin on June 1, 2006. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The position will be available starting August 16, 2006 or later by mutual agreement. West Virginia University is committed to widening its faculty diversity. Women and minority applications are encouraged to apply.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS
Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics

Assistant/Associate Professor, Applied Financial Planning and Management

Description: The Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics is seeking to fill a tenure-track position in applied finance, with emphasis on agricultural finance, personal finance, financial planning and/or financial management.

Responsibilities: The person filling this position will be expected to: (1) conduct nationally-prominent, applied-finance research and (2) contribute successfully to the Department's undergraduate programs in agricultural finance, consumer economics, personal finance and financial planning/management (generally two courses per year) through classroom teaching and undergraduate advising.

Qualifications: Ph.D in Agricultural Economics, Consumer Economics, Consumer Finance, Economics, Finance, or related fields.

Department: The mission of the Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (www.ace.uiuc.edu) is to improve the economic and environmental well-being of producers, consumers, and families by drawing on faculty expertise in economics, business, and law. The Department has about 36 faculty members with expertise in teaching, research, and outreach in applied economics, business, law, applied finance, policy analysis or public policy. Currently about 560 undergraduate students and 80 graduate students are enrolled in the Department.

Salary/Appointment: Competitive; based on qualifications and rank; 9-month academic year; tenure track; 45% teaching and 55% research.

Closing/Starting Date: To ensure full consideration, apply by July 1, 2006. Starting date is negotiable after close date.

Application: Candidates for this position should submit a current vita, sample of written work, and the names, postal and e-mail addresses, and phone numbers of at least three references to:

Melissa Warmbier
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Additional Information: Dr. Madhu Khanna by phone: (217) 333-5176 or by email: khanna1@uiuc.edu.

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