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Charles and Barbara Zwick , center, surrounded by ARE faculty in April 2015

In Memoriam of Dr. Charles J. Zwick

Charles J. Zwick, an economist, banker, and philanthropist who was a two-time graduate and donor of the ARE department, passed away April 20th, 2018. Charlie contributed generously to the development of the ARE department and the establishment of the Zwick Center for Food & Resource Policy. (continued inside).

ARE Student Address at CAHNR Commencement



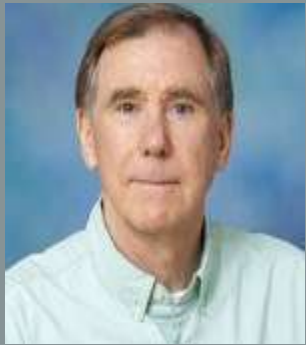
Alyssa Condon, a Spring 2018 graduate, delivers the student address during the College of Agriculture, Health, and Natural Resources Commencement ceremony. (Peter Morenus/UConn Photo)



Faculty & Alumni News

What's the buzz?

According to UC Davis Prof. Daniel Sumner, legalizing marijuana will generate \$1.8 Billion in tax revenues in the Golden State. He presented "Economics of State Cannabis Regulation and Taxation" on May 17th.



Remembering the Husky who balanced the Federal Budget

It is with a heavy heart that we received the sad news that Charlie, Charles J. Zwick, passed away on Friday, April 20, 2018 in his 92nd year.

Charlie received his bachelor's degree and master's degree in Agricultural Economics in ARE at UConn. Later,

he earned his doctorate in economics from Harvard University while serving as an Economics Instructor, and then the RAND Corporation, the government, and the private sector.

He has the distinction of being the only director of the U.S. Bureau of the Budget under President Lyndon Johnson balance the U.S. Federal budget until the Clinton Administration.

Charlie established the Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy in October 2010 through a \$1 million donation, later extended by 500,000 in 2015.



Postdoctoral Fellow Recognized for SNAP myth debunk



Shaheer Burney, who is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy, published provocative new findings on the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in high impact journal *Food Policy*. UConn Today publication wrote a story on Burney and his findings regarding the SNAP that seemed to disprove a negative perception held among many: that the program pushes members away from healthy eating habits. "SNAP is doing what we are hoping it will do, which is improving food security and increasing expenditures on meals prepared at home and farmer's markets rather than food from [fast-food] restaurants [and vending machines]" says Burney. Other work at Zwick is being conducted by postoc Rebecca Boehm on diet quality consequences of climate change and healthcare access on the diet of the poor.

Where are they now?

Steven W. Omamo
M.S. ARE 1988



Current Organization:
UN World Food Program
(WTP)
Position: Deputy Director,
Policy and Programme
Coordinator of Food
Systems

Student News

Farm Credit East hosts six students for Agribusiness Internship

The ARE department teamed up with Farm Credit East, ACA, to provide select students experience with a leading Agribusiness firm. Led by Professor Emma Bojinova, the program bridges students with the industry in order to promote professional development, boost networking, and give students a chance to self-study through this 1-credit internship course in topics like accounting and finance in agriculture. The program rounded up with a 2-day visit to Farm Credit's headquarters in Enfield.



Graduate student sweeps College's Best in Teaching

Timothy Murray, in his final years of completing the ARE PhD program has been awarded CAHNR's *Outstanding Graduate Teacher of the Year* award. In conjunction with his personal studies, Tim has excelled in the Finance and Business Management courses he has taught for the department.



CAHNR's Naturally@UConn Student Spotlight



Sophomore Risa Lewis was featured in CAHNR's news column *Naturally@UConn.edu*. Risa is an ARE major concentrating in Environmental Economics and Policy, interested in food sustainability and behavioral economics. Risa chose ARE because "it combines two of my major interests, economics and the environment, [which] will serve as a good basis for my future goals."

ARE Major to feel Global Presence in Senegal

Kelly Finn, an ARE major with a concentration in International Development has won a Boren Scholarship to study Wolof and French in Senegal apart of the program's African Flagship Language Initiative. The Boren Scholarship is a highly competitive national program for U.S. undergraduate students to study languages critical to U.S. national interest, security, and international affairs. Kelly will spend the academic year abroad in the country's capital, Dakar, taking classes in addition to interning at an NGO.



Spring 2018 Visitors

Jimena Masaro – Assistant Professor, Universidad Nacional del Litoral, Argentina

Sanchez Philocles – Undergraduate student, Zamorano University, Honduras

Wei Zhang – Assistant Professor, Connecticut College

Zhiming Yang – Assistant Professor, Beijing Science & Technology University, PRC

Consuelo Moraga - PhD student, University of Talca /Göttingen, Chile

Spring 2018 Graduates

Bachelor of Science

Michael Arteaga	Audrey Folta	Hilbert Pierce II
Julia Bailey	Kevin Harris	Chad Poker
Collin Brady	Paul Hickey	Keegan Roberts
Vincent Camin	Ryan Hollander	Julia Schnelting
Brandon Cole	Thomas Hopkins	Cameron Stapleton
Marina Coleman	Connor Liebel	Kevin Stewart
Cydnee Cook	Viviana Maldonado	Brian Thomas
Christopher Corum-Giles	Christopher Mignano	Victoria Travers
Christopher Dandeneau	Alexander Miller	Daniel Tyrrell
Joseph Danielson	Adam Moffitt	Sean Welch
Tyler Davis	Ryne Nakama	Anne Wilson
Benjamin Devers	Oke Okifo	Nicholas Zeleny
Kimberly Dineen	Meghan Patulak	
Lauren Flynn		

Master of Science

Shlomi Davidi
Gunnar Eubanks
Xin Feng
Junhao Guo
Yifan Hu
Mei Yu Huang
Haofeng Lu
Jiawen Wei
Ian Yue
Changbo Zhang

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