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Postdoctoral appointments at the Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy

The Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy hired two outstanding Postdoctoral researchers- Rebecca Boehm and Shaheer Burney for the current calendar year.

Rebecca Boehm (PhD) has a joint appointment at the Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity and the Zwick Center. Rebecca earned her Doctorate from Tufts University. She concentrates her research at the intersection of diet, nutrition and environmental sustainability. She is also collaborating with extension of local foods.



Shaheer Burney (PhD) earned his Doctorate from the University of Kentucky in May 2017. Additionally, he also holds an MBA from The University of Louisville, Kentucky. His research focuses on food policy, household consumption behavior, and obesity. He will also engage in extension activities to supplement his research appointment as well as teach an agribusiness course in spring 2018.

Charles Towe promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure

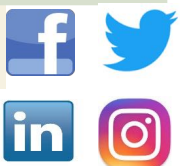
Charles Towe was promoted to Associate Professor with Tenure. Prior to UConn, Charles was an assistant professor at the University of Maryland and an ag economist at ERS/USDA. He is nationally known for his research in environmental economics and land use and is the current Richard DelFavero Fellow.



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Faculty and Student News

ARE hosts professional development workshop



The Department's Learning for International Development (LID) Unit hosted the program 'Advanced Strategic Management and Security using ICT' during the first 2 weeks in May. Four professionals from Kenya participated in this activity, which was coordinated by Prof. Boris E. Bravo-Ureta.

John Bovay to be presented award for Outstanding Article in JARE in July'17



Professor John Bovay will be presented with an award for outstanding article in the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* for their article, "GM Labeling Regulation by Plebiscite: An Analysis of Voting on Proposition 37 in California" at the Western Agricultural Association (WAEA) meeting to be held at Lake Tahoe July 9-11.

Dr. Chris O'Donnell visits ARE



Christopher O'Donnell with wife Adrienne.

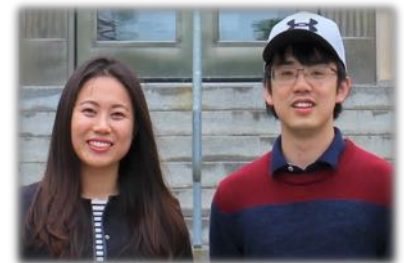
Dr. Christopher O'Donnell, Econometrics Professor in the School of Economics at the University of Queensland, Australia visited the Department between May 22-26, 2017. The visit was hosted by Professor Boris Bravo-Ureta with support from the project "Productivity, Growth, Irrigation Efficiency, and Climate Variability in U.S. Agriculture: Empirical Analyses with Emerging Methodologies", funded by USDA/NIFA.

Audrey Folta in the spotlight



Our student- Audrey Folta was featured in the UConn CAHNR news blog. Audrey describes her experience as an ARE major after initially starting out as an Environmental Studies major. She served as secretary of the Resource Economics Club during the academic year 16-17 and aspires to assume presidency in the forthcoming year. She has also been actively involved in promoting the ARE major to fellow Undergraduates and has represented ARE at career fairs. Looking ahead, she plans on applying for Doctoral programs in Economics and Business Structure.

ARE hosts three visiting students in AY16-17



Shen Cheng (Left) Zhongmin Xie

In Fond Memory: Bernie Zielinski

UConn CAHNR and Departments of Extension and Agricultural and Resource Economics lost a wonderful alumni, mentor, advocate and friend. Bernie was associated with the Fairfield County Farm Bureau and also served as CT Farm Bureau state Director. He was also bestowed upon the Outstanding Alumni Award from the University of Connecticut Agricultural Alumni Association in 1996.



Charles Zwick (Left) Bernie Zielinski (Right)

This year, ARE hosted three doctoral students for a period of one year starting Fall 2016. Ms. Shen Cheng is from China Agricultural University, Mr. Zhongmin is from Renmin University of China and Mr. Hiroaki Ueda (not in picture) is from the University of Tokyo, Japan.

Success Story: Andrew Markus & Jesse Silkoff



Andrew Marcus (left) Jesse Silkoff (right).

Uconn Alumni Jesse Silkoff and Andrew Markus who graduated with a degree in Applied and Resource Economics in 2011 have found great success in their joint venture– MyTennisLessons and FitnessTrainer.com. The e-business helps match potential clients with tennis coaches and fitness trainers by Geographic proximity. During their time at UConn, they won the top-prize worth \$10,000 after entering a business plan competition at the School of Business; which subsequently gave their business a financial fillip. They currently run the business out of Austin, Texas and have found great success in this online venture. They duly credit their UConn education and ARE faculty for their immense contribution towards their business.

Diouma Faye promoted to General Manager



ARE Alumna, **Diouma Faye**, (M.S. 2015) has been appointed to the position of General Manager of the Agricultural Domain in Louga, Senegal. She was formerly working as an agronomist engineer for Programme National des Domaines Agricoles Communautaires”

ARE Senior receives full scholarship for Summer Abroad

Senior ARE Undergraduate, **Danielle Chaloux**, received a full scholarship from the Spanish Ministry of Agriculture to attend a summer abroad program June 5 - 28, 2017 to study the "Spanish food culture: The Mediterranean diet & agro-food industry" course in Zaragoza, Spain.

Jessica Pusz promoted to Marketing Specialist



ARE alumna Jessica (Kukielka) Pusz (BS 2006, MS 2008) has been promoted to Product Marketing Specialist at Siemens Energy, Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina. Prior to that, she spent two years in Berlin, Germany in Siemen’s R&D division.

Kathleen Barada advances to Junior Coffee Trader position



Kathleen Barada (BS 2015) has been appointed Junior Trader–Coffee Platform at Louis Dreyfus Company, in Wilton, CT. She was hired by Dreyfus upon graduation as a Trader Trainee for the cotton platform while still being a student summer intern.

Michee Arnold Lachaud, ARE PhD 2014, started his new position as an Assistant Professor in Agribusiness at Florida A&M University on March 1, 2017.

Spring 2017 Graduates

Bachelor of Science

David Benedetti • Sarah Benenati • Anthony Blake • Sebastian Brems • Amida Brimah • Scott Caggainello • Samuel Carling • McCargar, Casey • Danielle Chaloux • Danisha Charles • John Ciesla • Connor Cinque • Tyler Cooke • Hannah Cordisco • John Corley • Rachel Coxe • Jordan Crowley • Kayla Deluca • Dylan Demers, • Kamari Dudley • Katharine Eagleson • Daniel Fortin • Matthew Fresk • David Gaines • Claudia Gornia • Samuel Greenalch • Audree Herrerasyonds • Imbo Tyler • Joseph Janice • Kevin Konarski • Keith Krueger • Jooma Kunnas • Courtney Lehn • Malina Maladore • Margaret Manning • Noah Matthews • Joshua Miller • Rachel Mulligan • Gabriela Napolitana • Julia Paolino • Chad Poker • Nicholas Richards • Samuel Savage • Clay Sosnowski • Ferdaous Soufi • Richard Spezzano • James Sullivan Jr. • Michael Surface • Jack Sweeney • Maureen Torres • Zackary Toto • Christian Trigos • Atisha Vaghji • Jason Wai • Ryan Wallack • Lisa Zimmer •

Master of Science

Catherine Higgins de Ronde • Yijing Liang • Eric Michael Simning • Ian Tsu-Long Paul Yue • Xiaoming Xu • Mingrui Yang; • Zhiyue Zhu • Ting Cao • Bijie Hao • Nadege Philomene Kenfack • Gabriel David Mamolejos •

Doctor of Philosophy

Bao Wenqiang • Pengfei Liu • Lingqiao Qi • Di Yang • Madiha Zaffou

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