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In Memory of Prof. Emilio Pagoulatos

Emilio Pagoulatos, 1947-2018, served as The ARE Department Head from 1987—2007. Emilio amassed an amazing quantity and breadth of scholarly research in areas including international trade and development, international agricultural trade, economic growth and development, and the intersection of international trade and domestic market power.



ARE Rankings Attest to National Prominence

The ARE faculty was ranked in the top five nationally by the latest metrics of Academic Analytics, which adjusts for size (full-time equivalent in research). Research productivity has been ranked in the top 20 worldwide among agricultural economics departments by Ideas/REPEC, based on citations but without adjusting for size. The department currently has 14 faculty (11 tenure-track and 3 non-tenure track), 115 undergraduate majors, as well as 47 graduate students (15 M.S. and 32 Ph.D). Currently, the Department is searching for a new head for Fall 2019, to take it to the next level.



Faculty News

Department welcomes Sandro Steinbach



Dr. Steinbach was newly hired as an Assistant Professor in the Department of ARE this fall. His main interests are in agricultural, health, and environmental economics. He completed his doctorate in Economics at ETH Zurich, a STEM university in Zürich, Switzerland in 2018, and his M.S. in Agricultural and Resource Economics at UC, Davis in 2014.

Lopez Named to Lamont's Policy Transition Team

Rigoberto Lopez, Department Head and Director of the Zwick Center for Food and Resource Policy, was appointed as member of Governor-Elect Lamont's Transition Policy Committee on Agriculture.

At Right: Gov-Elect Ned Lamont at Eastern Connecticut State Univ. on Nov. 27, 2018.



Professor Bovay Speaks at NY Produce Show



John Bovay, Professor and Extension Economist, presented at the New York Produce Show on December 12, 2018. This year he discussed food waste, the impact of regulations on food waste and markets.

Zwick Center Postdocs Move Up to New Jobs

Rebecca Boehm took a new position on December 17th, 2018 as an Economist on Food and the Environment for the Union of Concerned Scientists in Washington, D.C. **Shaheer Burney** took an agribusiness assistant professor position at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

Rebecca Boehm Published in DiCaprio's Website



Rebecca Boehm was also recently published in the Leonardo DiCaprio Foundation Blog, which supports innovative projects that protect vulnerable wildlife from extinction and focuses on other important environmental concerns. Her article was titled "U.S. Household Food Purchasing a Major Source of Greenhouse Gas Emissions".

Towe Offers Insight Into Flood and Climate Risk

Naturally@UConn recently quoted Charles Towe in an article about local communities and policy in relation to climate change. He and Ph.D. student Zhenshan Chen are studying the policies municipalities adopt and their influence on the decisions residents, renters, developers and investors make to live or build in flood zones. Towe and Chen's work is helping the Connecticut Institute for Climate Resilience and Adaptation (CIRCA) better understand the challenges and diverse goals of communities for future planning, particularly along the Connecticut coast.

CAHNR Appoints New Dean

Indrajeet Chaubey, of Purdue University, has been named dean of CAHNR. He begins his UConn appointment on March 1, 2019. At Purdue, he was responsible for international activities in the College of Agriculture.



Student News

Christopher Laughton Wins Big E Scholarship



M.S. graduate student **Chris Laughton** received the 2018-19 Connecticut Trustees of the Eastern States Exposition Graduate Scholarship (The Big E) in W. Springfield, MA.

Pictured L-R: Rich Roberts, Connecticut Trustee, Sandra Bushmich, Christopher Laughton (Recipient), Phil Prelli, Connecticut Trustee, Eugene Cassidy, President of the Eastern States Exposition

College Scholarship Recipients

Undergraduates

Michelle Allen
Amanda Arroyo
Hayley Brant
Maria Buzzelli
Nicholas Cordero
Anna Esposito
Kelly Finn
David Foberg
Josue Gonzalez
Risa Lewis
Gabe Marmolejos
Zayne Olsen
Mark Sniffen
Matthew Sniffen
Shaina Stamp
Elaine Wehmhoff
Betahem Wondmagegne

PhD

Thomas Krumel Jr.
Gabriel Marmolejos
Timothy Murray
Eric Owusu

Risa Lewis Attends COP24 Climate Conference

Undergraduate student **Risa Lewis** attended the COP24 (24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change) in Katowice, Poland, December 3-14 2018. The conference agreed on rules for the Paris Agreement, which will come into force in 2020 on how governments will measure and report emissions cutting efforts.



Shaina Stamp Featured in Naturally@UConn

Senior **Shaina Stamp** expects to graduate in Fall 2019. She studied abroad in Spain in Summer 2018, gaining experience interning with an Spanish Olive Oil company for one month. She hopes to combine her passion for environmental sustainability with her interest in business management while incorporating her creativity. She and Elaine Wehmhoff are the most recent recipients of the top DeFavero scholarship.



Student Receives FCE Scholarship, Interns with Rep. Joe Courtney



Daniel Munch received a \$1,500 scholarship from Farm Credit East in Spring 2018. Daniel hopes to apply his education in animal science, agricultural policy, and agribusiness to a career in the ag industry. After graduating earlier this year, he became an Agricultural Policy Intern to Rep. Joe Courtney (CT-2). Starting Fall 2018 he has been a graduate student at Cornell University's Dyson School of Applied Economics.

Alumni News

2013 ARE alumna **Emily Udal** was admitted to the MPA program (with fellowship) at Columbia University, with a concentration on energy and the environment. She starts classes on January 19th, and we congratulate her and wish her continued success.

2009 ARE PhD alumnus **Dr. Michael Cohen** has been named as Senior Vice-President and Chief Data Science and Analytics Officer for Marketing Evolution in New York City.

2002 ARE PhD alumna **Dr. Sara Scatasta** has taken a new position at Bosch Building Technologies in Germany.

Chris Bruno, former undergraduate and current M.S. student in ARE has been appointed by UConn President Susan Herbst to serve on the University's Environmental Policy Advisory Council (EPAC).

Eleonora deFalcis, (M.S. 2014) (shown right) is now a trade analyst in the Division of Chief Economist and Export Strategy at the International Trade Center (ITC) in Geneva, Switzerland.



Have a happy and healthy 2019!

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