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## New ARE Department Head



Dr. Kimberly Rollins has been appointed as the new ARE Department Head, starting on August 23, 2019. Dr. Rollins is currently a professor in the Department of Economics at the University of Reno-Nevada. Prior to that, she was an associate professor at the University of Guelph in Ontario, Canada. Dr. Rollins got a Ph.D. in Agricultural and Applied Economics from the University of Wisconsin in 1990. She brings a wealth of research, outreach, and teaching experience, including being awarded over \$6 million in new extramural grants and contracts since 2011 at UNR. Her research and teaching expertise is on environmental and natural resource economics. Her past experience includes advancing diversity, equity and inclusion, such as working with under-represented groups such as a Canadian First Nation. She envisions a department with an inclusive culture that promotes the highest professional development and satisfaction for each faculty member, student, and staff person, relying on collaborative leadership and shared vision.

## Alumna Helped Found First Food Stamp Program



Isabelle Kelley, who was the first woman to receive a degree in Agricultural Economics from UConn, was memorialized by the New York Times for her contributions during her life. Although Kelley died in 1997, the Times sought to highlight her accomplishments as her death originally went unreported. Among her achievements, she played a role in six presidential administrations from FDR through Nixon, developing and directing the food stamp program (now known as SNAP). She also used her role to improve hiring practices for women and people of color.

# Faculty News

## Bovay to Virginia Tech



Assistant Professor and Extension Economist **John Bovay** will join the faculty of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech as an assistant professor starting in August. John specializes in food safety and food policy, and we wish him continued success in his new position.

## Bojinova Receives 2019 CAHNRA Recognition



On March 27, 2019, **Emma Bojinova** received the 2019 CAHNR Alumni Association Award for Excellence in Teaching at the 2019 CAHNR Awards and Honors event. The award is an acknowledgment of her outstanding dedication and teaching record.

## Steinbach Hits Ground Running

Professor **Sandro Steinbach** started his first fall semester with garnering a \$500k NIFA grant and subsequently, he has got another \$150,000 internal funding. In addition, he published in articles in *Economics Letters* and the *European Journal of Health Economics*. Moving forward, he will hire a postdoc and fund four PhD students to conduct his research program and continues to target top journals and competitive funding.



## Fiala in Myanmar, Published in Top Journals



In February, **Nathan Fiala** traveled to Myanmar to work with Mercy Corps and the government to help improve transparency in governance. He is seen here in the picture on the left meeting with villagers to discuss local development projects. Also, Prof. Fiala's papers "Do anti-poverty programs sway voters? Experimental evidence from Uganda", and "Trusting Former Rebels: An Experimental Approach to Understanding Reintegration after Civil War", were published in journals *Review of Economics and Statistics*, and *The Economic Journal*.

## Njuki to ERS- USDA



Dr. **Eric Njuki** will join the Economic Research Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture as a Research Agricultural Economist. Eric has been a postdoc and an assistant research professor. We wish him continued success in his new position.

## Nancy Bockstael Working With Towe



University of Maryland Professor Emeritus Nancy Bockstael has been working with **Charles Towe** and Ph.D. student **Zhenshan Chen** on a CIRCA-sponsored project for the past year. They are investigating the effects of sea level rise and coastal flooding on housing prices in the flood plain of Connecticut's coastal towns. Bockstael, an AAEA Fellow with a distinguished academic career.

# Student and Alumni News

## Krumel Wins Award, Selected for Duke Summer Institute



Ph.D candidate **Thomas Krumel Jr.** was selected as the recipient of the 2019 AAEA Teaching-Learning-Communication (TLC) section graduate student teaching award. Additionally, he was also selected to participate in the 2019 Summer Institute on the history of Economics at Duke.

## Ph.D. Graduates Placed in Academic Positions



Ph.D. graduates **Timothy Murray** and **Anwasha Chakrabarti** will be joining faculties at new schools, with Murray joining the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington as a tenure-track Assistant Professor, starting August 2019. Anwasha Chakrabarti will become a post-doctoral researcher at the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, in Piacenza, Italy in May 2019.



## Owusu and Adugna Conduct Training in Ethiopia

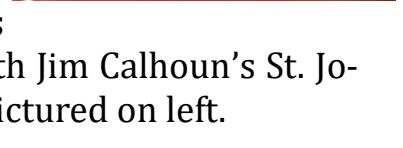
**Eric Owusu** and **Berihun Adugna** (pictured on right) conducted training for enumerators in Ethiopia (Mar 15 - 23) on the use of Survey Solutions, the World Bank's Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) tool. This is for data collection on the NSF-funded Project: PIRE—Taming Water in Ethiopia.



## Brimah Still Chasing NBA Dream



2015 B.S. graduate **Amida Brimah** currently plays for the San Antonio Spurs' affiliate in their developmental league for young talent, and still hopes to make his NBA debut. He used his offseason time by training with Jim Calhoun's St. Joseph assistant coach, Glen Miller, Miller with Brimah pictured on left.



## Where Are They Now?

Annie Wilson  
B.S. ARE 2018  
**Current Organization:** Old Mission Capital LLC  
(Chicago, IL)  
**Position:** Middle Office Analyst

Jessica Kukielka (Pusz)  
M.S. ARE 2008  
**Current Org:** Siemens Energy, Inc  
(Providence, RI)  
**Position:** Product Marketing Specialist



Carina Immer  
B.S. ARE 2017  
**Current Org:** COFCO Int.(NYC)  
**Position:** Coffee Trading Trainee



## Scholarship Recipients Undergraduates

Jaime Calderon  
Nick Cordero  
John Edwards  
Kelly Finn  
Josue Gonzales  
Christian Heiden  
Meghan Henderson  
Risa Lewis  
Frederick Pacheco  
Mark Sniffen  
Shaina Stamp  
Elaine Wehmhoff  
Betty Wondmagegne

## Grad Students

Francesco Biancardi  
Khanal Binod  
Christopher Bruno  
Sijia Chen  
Allison Grabarz  
Liam Hinsley  
Thomas Krumel  
Xiaoying Nie  
Eric Owusu

## Spring/Summer 2019 Graduates

### **Bachelor of Science**

Johnathan Albert	Erica D'errico	Owen Maloney
Michelle Allen	Wayne Ducharme	Christopher Mishler
Rosemarie Andrews	Anna Esposito	Rebecca Moody
Amanda Arroyo	David Foberg	Rodney Moore
Jeffrey Baksa	Charles Frazine	Zayne Olsen
Colin Beesley	Mary Harrell	Christopher Orszulak
Hailey Belsito	Jacob Hauser-Ramsey	Shangtong Pan
Hayley Brant	Peter Hecht	Jonathan Plickys
Connor Bunovsky	Ellis Jennings	Megan Reiser
Kyle Buss	Jeffrey Kersten	Mary Ricci
Maria Buzzelli	Barrett Langendoerfer	John Seymour
Daniel Carrington	Ryan Lesko	Matthew Sniffen
Brian Cespedes	Anthony Libera	Santana Sterling
Lu Chen	Kasey Mahan	Katherine Zwick
Kyle Crist	Elizabeth Mahonski	

### **Master of Science**

Francesco Biancardi  
Julia Dumaine  
Alison Grabarz  
Yinhe Jiao  
Rui Sun  
Yue Yin

### **Ph.D.**

Anwasha Chakrabarti  
Xi He  
Yuan Niu  
Timothy Murray  
Giulia Tiboldo

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