

Fourth Annual Symposium for Agricultural & Applied Economics Research

Thursday, March 22nd – Friday, March 23rd, 2018; Texas A&M University

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- 5:00 – 5:30 PM *Opening Mixer and Poster Presentations* – refreshments served
- 5:30 – 6:30 PM *Inaugural Lightning Round Research (LRR) Competition – Round 1*
- 6:30 – 7:00 PM *Deliberation and selection of LRR First Round Winners* – refreshments served

Friday, March 23rd

- 8:00 – 8:30 AM *Breakfast and Poster Presentations*
- 8:30 – 8:45 AM *Welcome & Opening Remarks*
Dr. Parr Rosson
- 8:45 – 9:45 AM *Oral Presentations*
Wenbin Wu – Department of Agricultural Economics
Dynamic Modeling of Crop Yield Distributions: Implications for Crop Yield Insurance

Andrea Kelly – Department of Economics
Do Our Students have a Case of the Mondays? The Academic Impact of Moving to a Four-Day School Week

Bachir Kassar – Department of Agricultural Economics
Self-Serving Motivations of High- and Low-Income Individuals in Public Goods Provisions
- 9:45 – 10:00 AM *Break*
- 10:00 – 11:15 AM *Industry Panel*
Alexandra Frenzel – Analyst; BP
Holly Armstrong – Structuring and Commercial Development Analyst; BP
Kassie Kampen – MetLife Ag Investments; Associate Director
Mary Ledman – Keogh Ledman Associates, Inc.; Owner
Troy Thompson – Business Planning and Analytics Manager; Chevron
Todd Staples – President; Texas Oil & Gas Association
- 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM *Lunch & Industry Panelist Breakouts*
- 12:00 – 1:00 PM *Keynote*
Dr. Helen Jensen – Professor of Economics, Iowa State & 2012 AAEA Fellow
- 1:00 – 1:15 PM *Break*
- 1:15 – 2:15 PM *Oral Presentations*
Manuel Hoffmann – Department of Economics
Why do people not vaccinate?

Jesse Backstrom – Department of Agricultural Economics
Groundwater Regulations and Hydraulic Fracturing: Reporting Water Use in Texas

Meradee Tangvatcharapong – Department of Economics
The Impact of School Tracking and Peer Quality on Student Achievement: Regression Discontinuity Evidence from Thailand
- 2:15 – 2:30 PM *Break*
- 2:30 – 2:45 PM *LRR Competition Final Round*
- 2:45 – 3:00 PM *Awards Ceremony*