

Information on Scholarship and Fellowship Recipients in the Applied Economics Department for AY 15-16

Emery Castle Graduate Scholarship in Economics

Three students have been selected to receive Emery Castle Scholarships for AY15-16. These scholarships provide awards to graduate students working toward a degree in any field of applied economics who have demonstrated academic excellence. Scholarships are awarded to outstanding students working toward a MS or PhD in Applied Economics.

The Castle Scholarship award recipients for AY 15-16 are:

Caleb Dickson, PhD candidate in Applied Economics

Caleb Dickson is a third year PhD student who recently passed his oral exam and has been advanced to candidacy. During his graduate studies at OSU, Caleb has maintained near perfect classroom performance, and has been actively involved in the graduate program as a GTA, GRA, and an Instructor for the Math Boot camp. He holds a BS from University of Southern California and an MS from University of Illinois-Chicago. His research addresses improvements in agricultural household welfare through output market access and land market efficiency in developing countries.

Stephanie Price, PhD student in Applied Economics

Stephanie Price is a third year PhD student working with John Antle on ex ante impact assessments of technology in African agriculture. She has been involved with the Next Generation Ag Systems model project and producing a set of papers for a special issue of the journal Agricultural Systems from a 2014 Gates Foundation-funded workshop. Stephanie has demonstrated academic excellence while at OSU and holds a MS degree from the University of Washington.

Jialing Yu, PhD candidate in Applied Economics

Jialing Yu received her BS and MS from Peking University and entered the PhD program in fall 2011. She is currently in her fourth year. Her dissertation research focuses on welfare and distributional impacts of the US Federal crop insurance program. She has coauthored papers and posters for the AAEA and AERE conferences; her major advisor is Dr. JunJie Wu. Jialing intends to pursue an academic career upon completion of her doctoral degree.

D. Barton DeLoach Distinguished Graduate Awards

Two **D. Barton DeLoach Distinguished Graduate Fellowships** are awarded on a competitive basis to outstanding students in Applied Economics, Economics, and Forest Resources. The awards are given annually and can be given in addition to a GRA.

The DeLoach award recipients for AY 15-16 are:

Chris Lauer, PhD student in Applied Economics (Scholarship)

Chris Lauer began his PhD in the AEC department 2012. His major advisor is Claire Montgomery, Department Head of the Forest Engineering, Resources and Management Department. The specific research problem that Chris is attempting to address is how landowners with different management objectives and constraints manage forests under fire risk when their properties are adjacent to one another. To that end, he is developing his optimization algorithm as a game and currently intends to apply his model to southwest Oregon where the landscape is checkered with different forest land use and management.

Dede Long, PhD student in Applied Economics (Fellowship)

Dede Long is in the second year of her PhD in the department of Applied Economics. She is co-advised by Christian Langpap and David Lewis. Dede's dissertation research topic is aimed at integrating an empirical sorting model of residential location and land market adjustments in the Portland Metropolitan area with quantitative models of the effects of the built environment on health. This project will be the first integration of a sorting model with a health model and has the potential to make a substantial contribution.

Robert Johnson Fellowship

The **Robert Johnson Fellowship** is awarded to an outstanding graduate student in the program, with Ph.D. students at the dissertation stage receiving preference.

The Johnson Fellowship award recipient for AY 15-16 is:

Roshan Adhikari, PhD student in Applied Economics

Roshan Adhikari is a second year PhD student who began in the Applied Economics department in fall of 2013. His research interests focus on the sustainability of agricultural systems in developing countries, including climate change impacts, adaptation and mitigation, and assessment of environmental and social impacts of agricultural technologies. Roshan's career goal is to become a professor of Agricultural and Natural Resource Economics at an institution similar to OSU to continue his research on the sustainability of agricultural systems and to utilize his training in economics to address potential economic and environmental outcomes in developing countries like Nepal. Roshan received his Bachelors in Economics and Mathematics from Whitman College in Walla Walla, Washington.

J.D. Rowell Endowed Fellowship

The **J.D. Rowell Endowed Fellowship** is available to graduate agricultural and natural resources economics majors at Oregon State University. Preference is given to students interested in agricultural marketing and master's degree candidates.

The J.D. Rowell award recipient for AY 15-16 is:

Jenna Way, MS student in Applied Economics

Jenna Way received her undergraduate degree in Environmental Economics and Policy in the Spring term of 2014 and entered into Applied Economics graduate program the following Fall. Through the Regional Approaches to Climate Change (REACCH) program, and with her major advisor Clark Seavert, Jenna's research contributes to the development and refinement of decision support tools for growers. She has also played an integral role in the coordination of the REACCH summer intern program, and in assisting Seavert in adding an environmental component to his capital investment analysis software, AgBiz Logic™.

The selection committee for these awards included Christian Langpap, David Lewis, Jeff Reimer, and Susan Capalbo.