

Thursday March 30

Welcome Reception: 7:00 – 9:00pm Oleander Room

Friday, March 31 White Sands Room

7:30 – 8:20	<i>Coffee and Refreshments</i>
8:20 – 8:30	<i>Welcome and Introductions</i>
8:30 – 9:50	Session 1: Finance and Risk Management
9:50 – 11:10	Session 2: Agricultural Policy
11:10 – 11:25	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:25 – 12:25	Keynote Lecture
	“Strategic Uncertainty and Counter-Party Risk” Steve Wu (Purdue University)
12:25 – 13:30	<i>Lunch (on own)</i>
13:30 – 14:30	Session 3: Crop Insurance Industry
14:30 – 15:50	Session 4: Potpourri
15:50 – 16:05	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:05 – 17:05	Session 5: Dairy
18:30	<i>Dinner (TBD, not hosted)</i>

Saturday, April 1 White Sands Room

7:30 – 8:30	<i>Coffee and Refreshments</i>
8:30 – 9:50	Session 6: International Issues in Risk and Uncertainty
9:50 – 11:10	Session 7: Environmental Economics
11:10 – 11:25	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:25 – 12:00	Business Meeting

Session 1: Finance and Risk Management

- “The Long-Term Financial Impacts of Federal Crop Insurance”
Jennifer Ifft, Josh Woodard, and Jing Yi
- “Synthetic Options: Potential Usefulness and Effectiveness in Agriculture”
Joseph Atwood and Laura Wardwell
- “Forecasting Cropland Values and Hedging Adverse Changes”
Erin Hardin
- “Ag-Analytics Risk Management Education”
Josh Woodard and Jenny Ifft

Session 2: Agricultural Policy

- “Distributional Implications of Existing Crop Insurance Programs”
Eric Belasco
- “Analysis of SCO Use by Crop and Region”
Nick Paulson
- “The Value of Crop Insurance to U.S. Farmers”
Reid Johnsen, Ethan Ligon, and Madeline Schatzberg
- “Basis Risk and Effectiveness of Rainfall Index Insurance for Pasture, Rangeland, and Forage”
Jisang Yu, Monte Vandevveer, and Jerry Volesky

Session 3: Crop Insurance Industry

- “State of the Crop Insurance Industry”
Tom Zacharias
- “Recap of the U.S. Crop Insurance Industry Gains and Losses for the 2016 Crop Year”
Oscar Vergara, Julia Borman

Session 4: Potpourri

- “A Model of Overconfidence in Subjective Probabilities”
Clayton P. Michaud, Thomas W. Sproul, Calum G. Turvey
- “Evaluation of Returns and Delivery Costs of Private Crop Insurance Companies”
Gary Schnitkey, Joshua Woodard, and Bruce Sherrick
- “Hedging Against Irrigation Costs by Means of Index-Based Weather Insurance”
Matthias Buchholz and Oliver Musshoff
- “Pesticide Risk/Benefit Analysis under Various Federal Statutes with Emphasis on Endangered Species Evaluations: A Status Report”
C. Robert Taylor and Bernalyn McGaughey

Session 5: Dairy

- “Mean-Reversion in Dairy Prices and Horizon-Specific Subsidies for Dairy Insurance Products”
Marin Bozic, John Newton, Josh Woodard
- “Spatial Effects of Supplementary Coverage in Dairy Margin Protection Program”
Hernan A. Tejeda, Man-Keun Kim, and Taehoo Kim
- “Dairy Cattle Insurance Will Change Dairy Farmers’ Anti-Risk Inputs?”
Yuangeng Zhao and Xuguang Zhang

Session 6: International Issues in Risk and Uncertainty

- “The Single Farm Payment and Income Risk in Irish Farms 2005-2013”
Ed Knapp and Jason Loughrey
- “Can We Improve the Protection Capability by Increasing Insured Amount? Rethinking on the Scheme of Chinese Agricultural Insurance”
Ke Wang, Xiaowei He, Yugu Xioa, Qiao Zhang, and Holly Wang
- “The Effect of Price Risk and Market Participation on the Demand for Nutrition among Agricultural Households in Bangladesh”
Kelly Davidson and Jaclyn D. Kropp

Session 7: Environmental Economics

- “Optimal Forest Management in the Presence of Fire Risk and Fuel Biomass in Florida”
Ibtisam Al Abri and Kelly Grogan
- “Are All Colonies Created Equal? The Role of Honey Bee Colony Strength in Almond Pollination Contracts”
Brittney Goodrich
- “Climate, Insurance, and Innovation: The Case of U.S. Agriculture”
Ruiqing Miao
- “The Last Race Effect: Risk Preferences or Time Preferences”
Thomas W. Sproul, Clayton P. Michaud