



# The BULLETIN

March 20, 2013

## ABE Values, Vision and Mission

*"The mission of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering is to integrate life and engineering for enhancement of complex living systems."*

### Teachers Ranked as Excellent

The following teachers/teaching assistants have been ranked as excellent by their students. Congratulations to all!

#### Fall 2012

Bhalerao, Kaustubh TSM 435  
Bulnes Garcia, Carlos (TA) ABE 223, ABE 224  
Grift, Tony\* ABE 463  
Hansen, Alan ABE 361, ABE 466  
Kalita, Prasanta\* ABE 224  
Maughan, Justin (TA) TSM 233  
Roy, William (TA) ABE 224  
Singh, Vijay ABE 488  
Zhang, Yuanhui ABE 501

#### Spring 2012

Aherin, Robert TSM 421  
Bhalerao, Kaustubh ABE 446  
Cooke, Richard TSM 352  
Hansen, Alan TSM 262, TSM 464  
Harper, Joe TSM 100  
Kalita, Prasanta\* ABE 456  
Rodriguez, Luis TSM 311  
Zhou, Yan (TA) ABE 226

(TA) Teaching Assistant

\* Instructor ratings were outstanding.



### ABE Graduate Student Reception

In honor of **National Graduate Student Appreciation Week** the Department would like to honor our own Graduate Students with an Appreciation Reception on Thursday, April 4th from 2-4 p.m. in Room 217. We hope everyone can find some time to stop by and show their appreciation for all these students do!



### ABE Spring Award Banquet

The ABE Spring Student Awards Banquet is scheduled for Sunday, **April 14**, at the I-Hotel and Conference Center in the Illinois A Ballroom. The hotel is located at the corner of First Street and St. Mary's Road in Champaign.

- Social hour will start at 4:00 p.m.
- Dinner at 5:00 p.m.
- Program at 6:00 p.m.

Ticket prices will be \$15 for Students and \$30 for Faculty/Parents/outside guests. Tickets will go on sale this week until noon on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.

### Congratulations to Graduate Student

Ms. Yun Yin has been selected to participate in the 2013 uS Borlaug Summer Institute on Global Food Security at Purdue University. Only 30 students from US Institutions are invited to participate. Congratulations Yun!

Chris Wilhelmi has been selected to receive a Lemann Graduate Fellowship for the 2013-14 academic year. His fellowship will allow him to conduct his thesis research in Brazil. Congratulations Chris!

## I<sup>4</sup> Seminar Series

View upcoming seminars [here!](#)

[April 5](#) - Presented by: Dr. KC Ting

**Value Added Vision of Graduate Programs in the ABE Department—A Micro Retreat**

[April 12](#) - Presented by: Joseph Monical, ABE  
**Middle East Water and Livelihoods Initiative: Enhancing sustainability in rural households and communities through interdisciplinary, international partnerships**

## Monday Brown Bag Topics

Join us for the ABE Brown Bag at 12 p.m. in 217

[April 8](#) **Laboratory Safety**

Presented by Steve Ford and Duane Kimme, ABE

[April 15](#) **NO MEETING**

Please plan to attend the Professor for a Day, Allen Ryder, presentation in the Monsanto Room in LIAC.

## ABE External Advisor Committee

**ABE External Advisory Committee Meeting ...** Mark your calendars! The ABE External Advisory Committee meeting has been scheduled for Monday, April 15th. The meeting will be held in LIAC in the Heritage Room from 9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. Coffee and pastries will be available at 8:30 a.m. Specific details will be announced at a later date.

## Alumni Award

ABE Alumni Anne Ryerson (MS '05) received the 2013 Junior Engineer of the Year award. Anne is a Product Safety & Compliance Engineer with John Deere She is an active member in standards development of the ASABE and in local outreach programs. Congratulations!

## ACES James Scholar wins Award

Ashley Jiang, has been named the winner of the 2012 Carol Andreae Haynes Sophomore Achievement Award. Ashley is the first James Scholar from ABE to receive this award. You can read her award-winning essay on the Academics@ACES [website](#).

## ASABE Lawnmower Summerization

The ASABE Student Branch will be holding its annual Lawnmower Summerization Days fundraiser on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. \$30 includes a blade sharpening, mower clean, oil change, air filter cleaning and test run. New spark plugs add a \$2 charge. Pickup and drop-off services is available for \$10. Registration forms must be returned by mail or e-mail by Monday, April 1st! If you have any questions, please contact Leigha Curtin at (815)488-3966, [curtin3@illinois.edu](mailto:curtin3@illinois.edu) or Austin Roepke at (618) 322-9357, [roepke1@illinois.edu](mailto:roepke1@illinois.edu).

## Important Dates to Remember

April 5, 2013	<b>Last day to take final exam for May Doctoral Degree</b>
April 12, 2013	<b>ACES Faculty Meeting</b> , LIAC Heritage Room; Noon-1pm. <b>Last day to submit name for May degree list</b>
April 13, 2013	<b>ACES Student Awards Banquet</b> , Hilton Garden Inn, 2-4pm
April 14, 2013	<b>ABE Student Spring Awards Banquet</b> , I-Hotel and Conference Center, 4-7:30 p.m.
April 15, 2013	<b>ABE External Advisory Committee Annual Meeting</b> , Heritage Room 8:30-3:00 p.m.
April 15, 2013	<b>ABE Professor for a Day</b> , Noon Seminar presentation Monsanto Room, LIAC
April 15, 2013	<b>ACES Alumni Association Award of Merit Luncheon</b>
April 15, 2013	<b>College of ACES and Paul A. Funk Recognition Awards Banquet</b> , I-Hotel
April 15, 2013	<b>Students removed from the current Graduation list can be readed</b>
April 19, 2013	<b>Last day to deposit May doctoral dissertations</b>
April 26, 2013	<b>Last day to deposit May master's theses</b>
May 11, 2013	<b>ACES Convocation</b> , Assembly Hall, 3:30-7pm
May 12, 2013	<b>Campus Commencement Ceremonies</b>
May 27, 2013	<b>Memorial Day Holiday</b> -Offices Closed
June 1, 2013	<b>Pulling for ABE@Illinois</b> , Expo Gardens, Peoria, IL