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Two Weeks Notice



THIS WEEK

September 1

Labor Day - University Holiday

September 3

10:00 AM - Commons
Departmental Cookie Social

3:10 PM - 2020 Agronomy
Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium
Presenter: **Alicia Presto**, East Central Iowa
Council & Waste Mitigation

September 4

4:10 PM - 2050 Agronomy Hall
Agronomy Seminar
*Sustainable Intensification in the Corn Belt:
Continuous Living Cover, Geodesign, and
Anticipatory Governance*
Presenter: **Nick Jordan**,
Department of Agronomy and Plant Genetics,
University of Minnesota
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NEXT WEEK

September 10

10:00 AM - Commons
Departmental Cookie Social

3:10 PM - 2020 Agronomy
Sustainable Agriculture Colloquium
Presenter: **Douglas Smith**, Senior Wildlife
Biologist, National Parks Service

September 11

4:10 PM - 2050 Agronomy Hall
Agronomy Seminar
*Sustainability Trade-offs in Iowa Crop Systems:
Is Diversity Always Good?*
Presenter: **Mike Castellano**,
Department of Agronomy, Iowa State University
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Agronomy Blotter

Happy to you...

Happy Birthday:

- August 31 -
Rita Brueland
Baker Lab
- September 4 -
Tsing-Chang Chen
Courtesy Faculty
- September 4 -
Thomas Kaspar
Collaborator
- September 4 -
Russ Mullen
Professor

"The actions of men are
the best interpreters of
their thoughts."
— John Locke

Pesek–Pierre Colloquium Sept. 30; Claim a \$300 Film Prize

This fall, the Pesek Colloquium on Sustainable Agriculture, the Pierre Soil Science Lecture, and the Science Communication Project at ISU will be collaborating to explore the craft and discipline of science communication – with a focus on sustainable agriculture and soil science.

The collaborative event will be held on September 30, 2014 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union.

Pesek–Pierre Colloquium

Location: Great Hall, Memorial Union
*Communicating Science through Stories in
Film: A Dialogue about Agricultural Sustainability and Soil*

Presenters: **Deborah Koons Garcia &
Kate Scow**

Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 8:00 PM

Pierre–Pesek Challenge

Students can claim a \$300 prize for making a video that communicates sustainability topics using video. The best two minute (or less) video communicating issues surrounding sustainability of food, soil, and other natural resources will

garner the prize. Deadline for video submission is September 22.

Full details at:
http://agron.iastate.edu/pesek_pierre_challenge/
Need some inspiration for your video? Take a look at these Story of Soil videos:
<https://www.soils.org/discover-soils/i-heart-soil>

Symphony of the Soil Film Screening

Deborah Koons Garcia's film *Symphony of Soil* will be screened the day prior to the Pesek–Pierre event. Garcia is a filmmaker with a Master of Fine Arts degree from the San Francisco Art Institute and runs her own production company, Lily Films.

Garcia worked with Kate Scow on the project. Scow is a professor of soil science and a soil microbial ecologist at the University of California at Davis, where she also directs the Russell Ranch Sustainable Agriculture Facility.

Symphony of Soil
Monday, September 29, 2014, 8:00 PM
1131 National Swine Research &
Information Center

NOTES

First Floor Main Hallway Cleaning Underway

The main hallway areas on the first floor have been stripped and cleaning work will continue for the next few weeks. Be aware that you may need to find an alternate route through the building to avoid work areas.