

**Agricultural and Resource Economics & Economics Department**

## **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Graduate Research Symposium**

**Colorado State University, Clark Building, Room C307**

**February 15, 2013**

**8:00 am** *Breakfast & Introduction*

### **Session 1: Proposal**

**8:30 am** *A Hierarchical Bayesian Model of Quality Expectations and Reputations in Markets for Experience Goods*, Allie Gunter, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

**8:50 am** *Harvest plan: Assessing the financial viability and potential economic contribution from a western slope regional food hub for volunteers of America (VOA)*, Eyosiyas Tegegne, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

**9:10 am** *Mitigation of Selenium in the Lower Arkansas River Valley Utilizing Cost-Effective Best Management Practices*, Misti Sharp, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

**9:30 am** *Estimating Convergence during Transition: An Attempt at Hitting a Moving Target*, Micah DelVecchio, Department of Economics.

**9:50 am** *Water replenishment through agricultural water savings in the lower South Platte River Basin*, Jenny Sidwell, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

**10:10 am** *Break*

### **Session 2: In-Progress**

**10:30 am** *An Empirical Analysis of the Relationship between Public Expenditures and Gender Disaggregated Employment Levels in China*, Tabitha Knight, Department of Economics.

**10:50 am** *The Effect of Information on Consumer Demand under Alternative Pricing Schemes: An experimental analysis*, Liesel Hans, Department of Economics.

**11:10 am** *Non- Market Valuation of Biochar for Forest Fire Management in the Larimer County*, Maryam Tabatabaei, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

**Lunch**    **11:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**Session 3: In-Progress**

**12:30 pm** *Willingness to Pay to Avoid Groundwater Contamination Caused by Hydraulic Fracturing: A Contingent Valuation Study of North-Central Colorado*, Brian Quay, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

**12:50 pm** *The Resiliency of Farmers and Ranchers to Drought in Colorado*, Ron Nelson, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

**1:10 pm** *Global imbalance and economic performance for the G20 countries*, Hujin Kim, Department of Economics.

**1:30 pm** *Break*

**Session 4: Near-Completion**

**1:50 pm** *The Rental Next Door: The Impact of Rental Proximity on Home Values*, Wendy Ursey, Department of Economics.

**2:10 pm** *Mitigating the Value Loss of a Changing Climate: Water Allocations and Welfare Effects*, Alex Maas, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

**2:30 pm** *The Impact of Demographic Change on Economies of Scale in Household Expenditures and CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions*, Tony Underwood, Department of Economics.

**2:50 pm** *Towards Optimizing the Health and Well-Being of Retired Thoroughbred Racehorses*, Michelle Kibler, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics.

***Awards Presentation & Faculty Panel*** discussing the lessons and reflections of the job market will tentatively be held on ***Friday, February 22 at 3pm.***