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We hope you enjoy reading about the progress and accomplishments of alumni, faculty, students and staff in this issue of SESnews. All of us at the School of Economic Sciences with you a pleasant, prosperous and joyous New Year. Go Cougs!

Ron C. Mittelhammer, SES Director

Distinguished Professorship Update

Thank you for your generous support in helping to complete the Distinguished Professorship Endowment. We are now just $20,000 away from reaching minimum endowment level (streaming pledge). Once this level is achieved, the endowment will produce an annuity stream of funds that will provide support for the research program of a Distinguished Professor in Agricultural and Human Economics in perpetuity.

Faculty Honors

Ken Canons and Eric Joeng received the Transportation Research Board Best Paper in Agricultural and Rural Transportation Award.

Harley Chouinard was honored as an Outstanding Mentor of WSU through the Women and Leadership Forum.

BBT March was a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis in 2007.

Jiabin Chen had a chapter on biopharmaceuticals in the Encyclopedia of Agricultural Biotechnology. This book was published by the American Society of Agricultural Economics Association of Communication Award for 2007.

Yonghui Chai was elected to the Executive Committee of the American Economics Association.

Jeff LaFarrance, a new faculty member, was awarded AAAS Fellow status in 2007.

New Faculty Hires

Mark Gibson (PhD, University of Wisconsin-Madison), Assistant Professor, will teach microeconomics and macroeconomics. He studied under Tim Cagan.

Heather Johnson (PhD, Oklahoma State), Assistant Professor (tenure-stream), is a Wharton alums with a marquis in Agricultural Economics earned in 1994. She joined the IMPACT Center as a research analyst and teaches undergraduate courses in the fall semester. She has served as an associate professor of Agricultural Economics at the University of Idaho.

Jeff LaFarrance (PhD, UC Berkeley), Professor. Jeff has served as a professor at UC Berkeley to join WSU. He is an internationally recognized expert in demand theory, consumer welfare, and the household impacts of food policy interventions. An award-winning researcher, he has published widely in journals such as the Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Environmental and Agricultural Economics.

Rahima Mansur (PhD, Ohio State University), Assistant Professor and Health Extension Economist. Bhatti will teach health economics. He earned his PhD from Brown University.

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