Agricultural & Resource Economics & Economics Departments
Graduate Research Symposium
Lory Student Center, Room 210
February 6, 2009

9:00am
Introduction
Dr. Stephen Davies, Chair, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics

Research Proposals:
9:20am
Local Impacts of Cruise Tourism in Belize
Erin Hicks, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

Research in Progress/Preliminary Results
9:40am
Water Use, Sharing, and Willingness to Pay: A Survey of Western Households
Jennifer Thorvaldson, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

10:00am
Hedonic Property Valuations of Disamenities Associated with Military Lands and National Forests in Colorado: Relative Economic Values of Noise Intensive Activities
Charlotte Ham, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

10:20am
Estimating the Economic Cost of Bird and Rodent Damage to Selected California Crops
Karin Gephardt, Department of Economics, Colorado State University

10:40
Break

11:00am
Do Wages or Profits Drive Growth in Transition?: A Structuralist Analysis of Growth Tendencies in Transition Economies
J. Harlan Johnstone, Chian Jones Ritten, Department of Economics, Colorado State University

11:20am
Tax Competition and Environmental Quality
Nate Peach, Department of Economics, Colorado State University

11:40am
The Potential for Algal Biodiesel Production Systems to Generate Monetizable Carbon Credits
Patrick Flynn, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University
12:00pm
Lunch

Research near Completion
1:00pm
External Validation of CV Using a Hypothetical Referendum: Comparing WTP Estimates Between Voters and Non-Voters in Southern New Hampshire
Daniel Deisenroth, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

1:20pm
Consumer Willingness to Pay for Locally Made Specialty Food in New Hampshire: Effects of Promotional and Local Branding Programs
Osman Hamdan, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

1:40pm
Factors Influencing Feedlot Operator Adoption of Best Management Practices for Ammonia Emissions
Carolyn Davidson, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

2:00pm
Break

2:20pm
Comparison of Two Models for Measuring Consumer Heterogeneity
David Gebben, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

2:30pm
Willingness To Pay (WTP) for Air Quality Improvements in Fairbanks, Alaska
Kawa Ng, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, Colorado State University

3:00
Judges’ Meeting and Break

3:30pm
Results Announced