Agricultural and Resource Economics & Economics Department

5th 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 DeVecchio, 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 CO2 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.