



# *The BULLETIN*

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## **ABE Values, Vision and Mission**

***"The mission of the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering is to integrate life and engineering for enhancement of complex living systems."***

## **Departmental Updates**

### **MONDAY LUNCH FACILITATOR SCHEDULE**

Following is a list of the Monday lunch facilitators for the 2015 spring semester. Please make note of the scheduled dates on your calendar and contact Jana Lenz in the main office if you will be unable to moderate on your scheduled date.

4/13 Kent Rausch  
4/20 Alan Hansen  
4/27 Prasanta Kalita  
5/4 Joe Harper

### **ABE VISION 2020 RETREAT**

The ABE Vision 2020 retreat will be held on April 11, 2015. Please fill out the short survey [here](#). Please respond, even if you are not attending.

### **Student Awards Banquet**

The ABE Student Awards Banquet will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 12, 2015 at the I-Hotel. Please plan to attend to honor our outstanding students and faculty.

### **ASABE Lawnmower Summerization**

ASABE's largest fundraiser is quickly approaching. The ASABE annual Lawnmower Summerization will take place on Friday, April 17th and Saturday, April 18th. If you are interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions, e-mail Allison Nowak, chairperson, at [atnowak2@illinois.edu](mailto:atnowak2@illinois.edu). No prior experience is required, and food and drink will be provided to volunteers. Thank you in advance for helping support your ASABE!

### **SPRING 2015 ABE i4 SEMINAR SERIES "INSPIRING, INTRIGUING, INTERACTIVE, INTERESTING (i<sup>4</sup>)"**

Kishore Rajagopalan – <i>The Billion Gallon Water Challenge</i>	April 3
Bob Aherin – <i>Safety and Health Programs</i>	April 10
Irfan Ahmad – <i>Building Multidisciplinary Partnerships</i>	April 17
Jennifer Bernhard – <i>Sensing and Tracking Challenges</i>	April 24
Kari Wozniak – <i>Developing A Coursera Course</i>	May 1

## Congratulations!

**Dr. Prasanta Kalita**—Dr. Kalita is a co-recipient (with Dr. Mohammad Babadoost) of the **Sheth Distinguished Faculty Award for International Achievement**. Dr. Kalita is being honored for his efforts in water resources management, which have improved water quality and created pollution control connections spanning multiple continents. Congratulations, Prasanta!

**Ana Martin-Ryals**—Ana, a master's student in Bioenvironmental Engineering (advised by Dr. Yuanhui Zhang), has received a Fulbright Fellowship and will be conducting research at the University of Barcelona, Spain, beginning in September. Congratulations, Ana!

**Yijie Xiong**—Yijie, a Ph.D. student in ABE (advised by Dr. Richard Gates), was one of nine winners in the **Graduate Students International Research Grants Program**. Yijie will receive a grant for international research activities involving international travel. Congratulations, Yijie!

**Nora Onstad**—Nora received the **Illinois International Undergraduate Achievement Award**. Nora is a senior in ABE and she is being honored for her efforts with Engineers Without Borders, which included providing a community in rural Cameroon with water. See the ABE@Illinois Winter 2015 news magazine for more information on Nora and her work. Congratulations, Nora!

## Important Dates

April 11	ABE Vision 2020 Retreat
April 12	ABE Student Award Banquet
April 17-18	ASABE Lawnmower Summerization
May 6	Instruction Ends
May 8	Final Exams Begin
May 16 & 17	Commencement
May 18	Summer Term 1 Begins
May 25	Memorial Day
June 13	Summer Term 1 Ends
June 15	Summer Term 2 Begins
July 3	Independence Day observed
August 6	Summer Term 2 Ends
August 7	Final Exams Begin

Please contact or copy **Leanne Lucas (llucas@illinois.edu)** with any information to be included in a future ABE Bulletin. Thanks!