

# The Syllabus

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A newsletter for Master of Agribusiness students, alumni and friends

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## South America trip scheduled for 2004

The Master of Agribusiness program is offering travel to South America in 2004. The trip will include travel to Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay, and is scheduled for February 27 through March 10.

Daniel Conforte, a Universidad ORT Uruguay professor teaching the MERCOSUR section in the international elective, will lead the tour. Stops on the trip range from visits to farms involved in soybean, corn, rice and beef production, to tours of a fertilizer plant and a visit with grain traders.

There is also time scheduled for sightseeing. Tourist stops include the Foz de Iguazu waterfalls, a tour of historical Buenos Aires and a stop at colonial Colonia.

Alumni, current students and friends of the program are invited. Those wanting a more detailed itinerary and breakdown of costs are asked to contact Meagan Cramer, mcramer@agecon.ksu.edu.

*If you are interested in attending, please register with Allen Featherstone at afeather@agecon.ksu.edu or Meagan by October 1.*

### Approximate Cost

#### Single

\$3,700\* without continuing education credit  
\$4,700\* with continuing education credit

#### Individual + companion

\$6,000\* without continuing education  
\$7,000\* with continuing education credit

\*All costs are estimates. They may change based on  
airfare, hotel rooms, meals, etc.

### Itinerary

#### Friday

Leave for Brazil

#### Saturday

Arrive in Campo Grande,  
transfer to Dorado.

#### Sunday/Monday/Tuesday

Visits in Dorado

#### Wednesday

Foz de Iguaza waterfalls.  
Depart for Rosario, Argentina.

#### Thursday

Arrive at Rosario

#### Friday

Visits in Rosario. Depart to  
Buenos Aires.

#### Saturday

Tour Buenos Aires

#### Sunday

Depart for Montevideo,  
Uruguay

#### Monday

Visit Punta del Este

#### Tuesday/Wednesday

Leave for US. Arrive home.

## Congratulations to our spring graduates

### Lautaro Perez Rocha, Class of 2002

*"Assessment of the Chilean Beef Market and Consumer Perceptions Towards Imported Beef"*

### Mark Seitz, Class of 2003

*"U.S. Apple Prices: The Impact of China's Increased Apple Production and the U.S.A. Tariff on Chinese Apple Juice Concentrate"*

**Lautaro Perez Rocha**, alumni, and his wife Soledad, announce the birth of their daughter Manuela. She was born April 13 at 2:46 a.m. in Montevideo, Uruguay.

**Matt McKamey**, class of 2005, and his wife, Cindy, gave birth to Mattison Leslee on May 3. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. Mattison has two older brothers, Carson and Jackson.

**Mercedes Firpo Casado de Achaval**, class of 2002, and her husband, Blas, gave birth to Irene Casilda Casado de Achaval on April 29. She has an 8 year old sister and 5 year old brother.

**Alex Offerdahl**, class of 2005, is engaged to Danielle Krajacich.

**Craig Hagood**, class of 2005, will marry Jeanette Popsack July 27 in Las Vegas.

**Yvonne Goodman**, class of 2003, will be promoted to Associate County Agent in Franklin Parish, Louisiana July 1.

**Josh Wolters**, class of 2002, has accepted a new job within Case IH as a Technical Manager. He will work with dealers and customers on product performance and service related issues.

## MAB awarded by ADEC

The Master of Agribusiness program received honorable mention in the American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC) Excellence in Distance Education Award.

This is the third consecutive year the program has been honored by ADEC.

## Barkley named chair for Distinguished Teaching Scholars

Dr. Andrew Barkley, professor of agricultural economics and MAB instructor, will serve as K-State's 2003-2004 Coffman Chair for Distinguished Teaching Scholars.



undergraduate teaching issues," he said. "Bringing together teachers from different disciplines and at different stages in their career to share ideas about teaching and learning can be a productive and fun exercise."

"Dr. Barkley has a very strong record and has been a leader in the classroom and in the scholarship of teaching," James Coffman, K-State provost, said.

In his new role, Barkley will promote effective teaching at the university.

"I will have the opportunity to help sponsor several events to discuss

"Students rave about his enthusiasm for the subject matter, clarity of community and emphasis on learning," Dan Bernardo, agricultural economics department head, said.

Barkley has received numerous other teaching awards, and consistently receives high marks from MAB students. Congratulations!

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## Upcoming Events

### July 21

*Optimization Techniques begins (first year students)*

### July 25

*Approval to schedule final examination due for summer graduation*

### August 8

*Final copy of thesis due to grad school for summer graduation*

### August 25

*Agribusiness Risk Management begins (first year students)*

### September 8

*Advanced Food and Agribusiness Management begins (second year students)*

### January 4-9

*On-campus session*

### March 21-26

*On-campus session*