



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Wind Science and Engineering Research Center™

Bi-Weekly Newsletter: Faculty, Staff and Ph.D. Student Updates

WiSE Personnel Changes:

Goodbye to

WiSE is saying “farewell” to Sara Grano, the Accountant who has handled the financial tracking of WiSE affairs. We will miss Sara, and wish her well in her future endeavors.



GOOD LUCK, SARA!

Hello to



Jodie Stone has accepted the position of WiSE Accountant and came on board June 01. She comes from a position in the TTU's Administration and Finance Office.

WELCOME ABOARD, JODIE!

Reese Site Mesonet Station Affected by Fire:

The Mesonet station at the Reese Technology Center caught on fire due to heavy winds last week. The local fire department were bought out, and when told that the field site generator contained 400 gallons of diesel fuel, cut a fire break with a maintainer and squelched the fire with the water after about three hours.

All told, the entire Mesonet station was burned with approx. \$12,000 in damage.



Congrats to WiSE Ph.D. Grad Chris Pattison:



WiSE Ph.D. student Chris Pattison earned his doctoral degree this Spring and will be awarded it in August. Chris wrote his dissertation on “Firming Wind Energy with Solar Photovoltaics” which analyzed economic estimates of the ability of wind farm operators to secure higher prices for power by reducing the uncertainty of production.

Chris graduated from the University of New Mexico with a B.S. in mathematics and education. He taught HS math for 12 years and then five semesters at Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell. Chris joined WiSE in August 2006 as part of the prestigious NSF-IGERT program and is now working with SGS Engineering here in Lubbock.

We love our grads!

**Congratulations,
Chris!**

Area Elementary School Pays Visit to WiSE Research Facilities:

More than eleven elementary school students from Big Spring's Forsan Elementary School paid a visit to the WiSE Research Facilities at Reese the other day.

Shown below: WiSE Ph.D. student Scott Gunter explains some details about the Ka-band Doppler radar truck and how it helps track bad weather.



WiSE Has Strong Presence at AWEA:



(Above): WiSE Ph.D. student Anant Jain poses by one of the exhibits. (Photo credit: Anant Jain.)

WiSE sent a contingent of faculty, staff and students to the annual AWEA conference held recently in California. Pictured above is the display stand from the exhibit area.

Mother Nature's Bad Temper Leads to Multiple Media Opps for WiSE/NSSA:

The recent tornado episodes that have caused havoc and destruction throughout the Southern states has led to multiple media opportunities for WiSE experts. Drs. Mehta and Kiesling and Instructor Larry Tanner have all been interviewed by various media outlets (a large number of them being national in scope) and this has helped get the word out about the great research and experts that we have here in WiSE. Here is a sampling of who has done what:

- Amarillo Globe News—Dr. Kiesling and Mr. Tanner about storm shelters
- The Birmingham News (AL) - Dr. Mehta about tornadoes
- The New York Times (national) - Dr. Kiesling about storm shelters (two different times)
- USA Today (national) - Dr. Kiesling about storm shelters
- HGProTV.com (national) - Dr. Kiesling about storm shelters
- Popular Science (national) - Dr. Kiesling about storm shelters
- Media in TX; local TV stations and newspapers, the Longview News-Journal, Amarillo Globe News, KRLD-TV (Dallas)
- Media across the nation: Tucson AZ, the Courier Post (South NJ), Tuscaloosa AL, the Tennessean newspaper (TN), Myrtle Beach SC...Dr. Kiesling and storm shelters

**Congratulations to all involved in promoting WiSE Research and TTU
and spreading the word about storm safety!**

ATMO Mondays Schedule BA Room 156 at 11:10am

This series is finished for the academic year. We look forward to 2011-2012!

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WiSE Wednesday Schedule EE room 217 at 3:30pm

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