President's Academic Achievement Award

Dr. Stephen Devadoss is the AAEC nominee for the **President's Academic Achievement Award.** He joined the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics as the Emabeth Thompson Endowed Professor in Risk Management in 2016. Before coming to Texas Tech University, he was a Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho. Dr. Devadoss has established himself as an outstanding teacher, researcher, and mentor in the department.

Dr. Devadoss is nationally and internationally recognized in the Agricultural Economics profession. His numerous accolades, including being a Fellow of the Western Agricultural Economics Association and receiving a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, speak to his exceptional qualifications. He is the Past President of the Western Agricultural Economics Association, serving as President in 2023. Over his career, he has received over 70 honors and awards for research, teaching, and advising, including the prestigious Barnie E. Rushing Jr. Distinguished Research Award in 2024 from the Texas Tech Parents Association. These recognitions and awards are a testament to his outstanding contributions and make him a highly deserving candidate for the President's Academic Achievement Award.

Dr. Devadoss has published over 158 journal publications and over 250 other publications and presentations. Over his career, Stephen has received over $8.0 million in grant funding and advised 34 Ph.D. and M.S. students' dissertations and theses. Since coming to Texas Tech, he has published 43 journal articles, received over $2.778 million in grant funding, was chair/co-char for 9 Ph.D. and M.S. students, and served on 7 graduate committees.

Dr. Devadoss's research, which is primarily focused on international trade and market issues, has made significant contributions to the field of Agricultural Economics. He has successfully obtained federal grant funding for his research and published in highly regarded research journals. His extensive publications in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, and the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*, along with his impressive citation count of 3510 according to Google Scholar, 1703 of which were since coming to Texas Tech, underscore the impact and relevance of his work.

Dr. Devadoss is strongly committed to academic excellence at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He teaches four courses – AAEC 4306 (International Agricultural Trade), AAEC 5316 (International Agricultural Trade), AAEC 6316 (Advanced International Trade and Policy), and AAEC 6315 (Applied Microeconomics I). He has significantly contributed to the department's graduate programs, especially the Ph.D. program. Stephen's excellence as an instructor stems from his dedication to teaching, the well-being of his students, and his willingness to spend many hours with them. Students consider him not only as a teacher but also as a mentor and a friend. Students find him very approachable, making it easy to talk with him both in and outside the classroom.

Over his career, several of his students have been recognized for their research. Most recently, Nathan Holtman received the 2023 Outstanding Thesis Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association, Western Agricultural Economics Association, and the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association. Nathan is the second student of Dr. Devadoss to receive the Outstanding Thesis Award from these associations in the same year.

Dr. Devadoss has been a proponent of rigor in our curriculum so that students are adequately prepared, and he has been willing to step in and teach whenever needed. One of the unique aspects of his teaching style is that he incorporates his research rigor into his classes and challenges students to work hard. Students accept this challenge because he develops within each student a vision of how analytical techniques and economic theory can be used in the "real world."

Dr. Devadoss is a deserving candidate for this prestigious award. Stephen is an outstanding faculty member, and I am honored to recommend him for the **President's Academic Achievement Award.**

Phillip Johnson
Chair, AAEC