

Davis College Research Award

Dr. Stephen Devadoss is the AAEC nominee for the **Davis College Research Award**. Dr. Devadoss 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. In the time Dr. Devadoss has been in the department he has established himself as an outstanding teacher, researcher, and mentor.

Dr. Devadoss is nationally and internationally recognized in the Agricultural Economics profession. He is a Fellow of the Western Agricultural Economics Association and received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Southern Agricultural Economics Association. 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 Barnie E. Rushing Jr. Distinguished Research Award in 2024 from the Texas Tech Parents Association. His graduate students have received over 65 awards and recognition for their academic accomplishments. Stephen has mentored many graduate and undergraduate students who have pursued successful careers.

Dr. Devadoss has published over 155 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 as a member of 7 graduate committees.

Dr. Devadoss' research is primarily focused on international trade and market issues. He is successful in obtaining federal grant funding for his research and publishing in highly regarded research journals. He has published extensively in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, the *Journal of Agricultural and Applied Economics*, and the *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. He publishes with his current graduate students and continues to publish with his former graduate students. According to Google Scholar, Stephen's work has 3510 citations, 1703 since coming to Texas Tech.

Dr. Devadoss has a strong commitment 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 made significant contributions 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 a mentor and a friend. Students find him very approachable, which makes it easy for students 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 properly 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 **Davis College Research Award**.

Phillip Johnson
Chair, AAEC