



TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY

Wind Science and Engineering Research Center™

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

State Farm Donates Generous Check to WISE:



State Farm Texas Regional Offices donated a generous check of \$55,000 to the WISE Center on Saturday, February 26 at an event focused on National Severe Weather Awareness Day.

“State Farm has been a valuable partner to our Center for many years,” said Dr. Schroeder (above left). State Farm representative Peter Griffith is shown above presenting the check. Thank you State Farm!

WISE Ph.D. program applicants visit TTU for Interview day:

A group of selected WISE Ph.D. candidates were invited to visit the Lubbock campus for Interview Day, a full day of meetings and conversations about the WISE Ph.D. program and a chance for the applicants to shine. The WISE Center wishes to thank all the faculty members, students, and staff who made this event a success.

Below (L-R): the candidates who visited along with Kelsey Seger, Ph.D. Program Coordinator and Dr. Kishor Mehta, Horn Professor in WISE.



The McDonald-Mehta Lecture Series: Dr. Jamie Brown Kruse



Above (L-R): Dr. Jim McDonald, Dr. Jamie Brown Kruse, and Dr. Kishor Mehta at the end of the lecture. Drs. McDonald and Mehta are the co-founders of the McDonald-Mehta Lectures.

March 2 was the date for the third lecture of this year’s McDonald-Mehta Lecture Series. Dr. Jamie Brown Kruse, former NOAA Chief Economist and Director, Center for Natural Hazards Research at East Carolina University was featured.

Dr. Kruse covered the intricate organization of NOAA and its many related federal agencies, and emphasized how important it is for future research to be interdisciplinary and include social, behavioral and economic sciences.

Dr. Kruse’s lecture was well attended and was featured on the front page of the Daily Toreador the following day. Thanks to all involved!

National Severe Weather Awareness Day a Success:



Both WISE and ATMO students worked all day on February 26th at the Science Spectrum to help educate families in the community about what actions to take in a severe weather event. More than 1,500 people attended the event, which was co-sponsored by State Farm (see article), KCBD-TV, the Science Spectrum, and TTU.

Great job to all who were involved!

New Mesonet Station #61 Set Up:



Wes Burgett reports another Mesonet station is up and running, this one at Caprock Canyons State Park. Partners include Texas Parks and Wildlife, the City of Quitaque, and the National Weather Service in Lubbock. Real-time data will be coming soon! Unfortunately, no buffalo would stand in the picture. *(Photo: Wes Burgett.)*

WISE Students and Faculty Give Sticknet Talk to New Deal students:



Dr. Eric Bruning, assistant professor in ATMO, along with Joseph Hill (ATMO student) and Rich Krupar III, WISE Ph.D. student, all were involved in a presentation to high school students at New Deal High School just outside Lubbock.

Approximately 15 students were in attendance, and according to Dr. Bruning, Rich should be commended on “a very nice job describing the StickNets and [his] research with them.” Dr. Bruning also adds that it was evident among the students that they were interested. Great job, Rich!

Speaking of Rich: he also gave a great interview with Fox-34 News last week concerning the Spring tornado season and how people in the community should prepare.

Way to go, Rich!

ATMO Mondays Schedule BA Room 156 at 11:10am

March 14—Spring Break—no lecture

March 21—Steve Cobb
(NWS-Lubbock)

March 28—Erin Kashawlic

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WISE Wednesday Schedule EE room 217 at 3:30pm

March 9—Dr. Brian Ancell (ATMO)
- Richard Walker

March 16—Spring Break—no lecture

March 23—Amber Reynolds
- State Farm Insurance

March 30—Andrew Widmer
- Richard Krupar

