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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ ONLINE OPEN ENROLLMENT began on November 1 for the 2010 benefits year. If you are satisfied with your medical and dental plan choices, you do not need to re-enroll. If you do nothing, your current plans will continue into 2010. If you wish to have a flexible spending account in 2010, you must enroll during Open Enrollment. This year, instead of mailing the Guide for UPlan Benefits Enrollment, you can read it online at [http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/prod/groups/ohr/@pub/@ohr/documents/asset/ohr\\_asset\\_046761.pdf](http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/prod/groups/ohr/@pub/@ohr/documents/asset/ohr_asset_046761.pdf) Another way to learn more about UPlan program changes and rates for 2010 is to view the narrated presentation at <https://umconnect.umn.edu/openenrollment09/> Medical and Dental options: You may elect different medical and dental plans. This is also the time to add medical or dental coverage or cancel the coverage.
- ▶ NEW CFANS HOME PAGE – We've launched version 2 of the CFANS home page, <http://www.cfans.umn.edu>. Since the college merger in 2006, the CFANS web site has been basically the same; we thought it was time for some cosmetic as well as organizational changes. We're happy with the results, and hope you find it useful too. Please take a look around the website, and if you have a few minutes, fill out the pop up survey. Our communications and web teams would appreciate your feedback. – Al Levine

## SEMINARS

- ▶ APPLIED ECONOMICS SEMINAR – First of a special 3-Part Series. Paul Glewwe, Professor, Applied Economics, will speak on “Econometrics of Program Evaluation,” on THURSDAY, November 5 from 10:30 am to Noon, Room 119 Classroom Office Building.
- ▶ TRADE & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR – Uttam Sharma, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Applied Economics will speak on “Public and Private Schools in Nepal: A Comparative Perspective,” on FRIDAY, November 6 from 10:30 to 11:45 am in Room 119 Classroom Office Building.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND DEADLINES

- November 4 – Wednesday Department Coffee Break at 10:00 am, South End, 2nd Floor COB
- November 4 – Employee Health & Benefit Fair from 10:00 am to 4:30 pm, North Star Ballroom
- November 4 – Agricultural Education Open House from 4:00-6:00 pm in Room 146 COB
- November 5 – Applied Economics Seminar: Paul Glewwe, Applied Economics, 10:30 am, Room 119 COB
- November 6 – Trade & Development Seminar: Uttam Sharma, Applied Economics, 10:30 am, Room 230 COB
- November 9 – Job Market Workshop: Jay Coggins, 10:00 am, Room 119 COB
- November 10 – TFIC Student Networking Conference: 1-5 pm, Coffman Memorial Union, U of MN

## OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ RECEPTION – CARE International/U of MN Partnership: Education and Development Initiatives in Eight Countries. When and Where: Monday, November 9, 2009, 3:30-5:00 pm, Room 101 University International Center, 331 17th Avenue. The College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) and faculty, staff and students from Organizational Leadership, Policy and Development are hosting 20 CARE staff from 8 countries (Bangladesh, Cambodia, Ghana, Honduras, India, Malawi, Mali, and Tanzania) for a workshop on measuring and understanding impact of educational initiatives on girls and boys in marginalized communities. If you are interested in or currently do work in any of these countries, or want to learn more about education and development, CARE, or the U of MN research partnership, please come by the Gallery Walk and meet these international guests. RSVP to Cheryl Morgan at [morga003@umn.edu](mailto:morga003@umn.edu).
- ▶ GLOBAL SPOTLIGHT – The Office of International Programs, as part of its Global Spotlight initiative, is pleased to announce four all-University grant programs: two for faculty and two for graduate students. During this biennium, the focus of the faculty grants and one of the graduate student grants is on the Global Spotlight themes of Africa, and water in the world. For all awards, completed applications are due in the Office of International Programs by noon on Monday, February 15, 2010. Awards will be announced by mid-April. For questions about the grant program, please contact Carol Klee at 612-625-9521 or [klee@umn.edu](mailto:klee@umn.edu) or visit: <http://www.international.umn.edu/spotlight/grants.php>

## PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Ghosh, Koel; Senauer, Ben. "Adequacy of Federal School Lunch Reimbursement Adjustments." *Choices*, v.24, no.3, 3rd Quarter 2009 <http://www.choicesmagazine.org/magazine/article.php?article=85>

## JOBS

**For further information on these jobs, visit the November Job File in Waite Library.**

- ▶ The NOVEMBER 2009 issue of JOE is available online at <http://www.aeaweb.org/joe/>
- ▶ USDA AGRICULTURAL SERVICE, Dairy Programs is seeking two (2) Agricultural Economists to join the Economic Analysis Staff. The Staff is responsible for providing economic information and analysis related to milk and dairy products, including the impact of changes in dairy marketing factors that directly influence Federal milk marketing orders and other dairy programs. They are looking for economists that want to be involved with maintaining and improving their modeling efforts. The vacancy announcement can be viewed at <http://www.usajobs.gov/>. Vacancy Announcement number – 24DY-2010-0001. The closing date is November 16, 2009.
- ▶ SOUTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY – The Department of Economics proudly announces the establishment of the Milton Nies Endowed Chair. The Chair will develop a nationally recognized research, teaching and outreach program in enterprise and new venture development, entrepreneurship strategies, finance and management or related areas. The Chair will be a leader in the Entrepreneurial Studies program in the Department of Economics, which includes an undergraduate major and minor, a certificate program, and a potential graduate program. The appointment will be for nine-month academic year, with tenure, and a starting date as negotiated. Review of applications will begin January 10, 2010, and continue until the position is filled. SDSU accept applications only online at <https://yourfuture.sdbor.edu>. Search by position title, view job announcement, and click on “apply for this posting.”