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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ CONGRATULATIONS to Jean Kinsey, one of six distinguished alumni being honored by St. Olaf College for her lifelong achievements and professional contributions. Jean will receive an Alumni Achievement Award for her influential role at the intersection of consumer economics, agriculture and public policy on November 6, 2009 in a special ceremony at St. Olaf College's Founders' Day.
- ▶ THE ULTIMATE HOMECOMING, October 4-11 – Homecoming begins this Sunday, October 4 with an open house at the new TCF Bank Stadium from 1:00 – 4:00 pm. In addition to stadium tours, interactive academic “experiences” will be positioned on the concourse showcasing the world-class academics, research, and outreach at the University. TCF Bank tours will include the stadium field, Gopher locker room, and M Club Room. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to food networks in Minnesota. The event is free and open to the public. For a complete listing of Homecoming 2009 events, visit: <http://www.homecoming.umn.edu/>
- ▶ ZIMRIDE – New at the University of Minnesota! Parking and Transportation Services brings you Zimride, a simple way to find friends, classmates and co-workers who are going the same way you are. Combining social networks and route-matching, Zimride makes it easy to share the seats in your car or catch a ride. Zimriders can view profiles for common networks, interests and friends before deciding to share a ride.

It's simple. Have a car? Split the costs by driving fellow U of M community members. Don't have a car? Find a ride where you need to go. You save money, protect the environment, and gain access to carpool parking and many other benefits when you share your ride. Membership is free and easy. All U of M students, staff, and faculty are eligible to sign-up for the U's private Zimride Rideshare Community. For more information, visit: <http://www1.umn.edu/pts/drivers/zimride.html>

SEMINARS

- ▶ TRADE & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR – There will be no seminar TODAY, October 2.
- ▶ ENVIRONMENTAL & RESOURCE ECONOMICS SEMINAR – The series begins this MONDAY, October 5 with John Sheehan, Program Coordinator, Biofuels and the Global Environment, Institute on the Environment presenting “When Worlds Collide: Biofuels and the *Ethic* of Sustainable Development.” The seminar will be from 12:00 – 1:30 pm in Room 230 Classroom Office Building.
- ▶ MPC SEMINAR – The Minnesota Population Center series continues with a presentation by Daniel S. Hamermesh, Sue Killam Professor in the Foundation of Economics, University of Texas, Austin, titled “Grazing, Goods, and Girth: Determinants and Effects,” on Monday, October 5 from 12:15-1:15 pm in 50 Willey Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND DEADLINES

TODAY – David Just, Cornell University interviews for CEFM position (con't)

October 7 – Wednesday Department Coffee Break at 1:00 am, South End, 2nd Floor

October 8 – Harry M. Kaiser Outstanding Alumni Award Ceremony, 3:00 pm, Cargill Building

October 9 – Faculty Meeting at 1:00 pm, 119 COB

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ *Minnesota Applied Economist 722, Review of 2008-2009*, edited by Brian Buhr and Missy Sullivan. St. Paul, MN: University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics, 2009. Available online on AgEcon Search at <http://purl.umn.edu/53840>
- ▶ Tuck, Brigid; Cody, Claudia; Vilsack, Rachel. *Ethnic Chambers Business Retention and Expansion Strategies Program: Research Report*. St. Paul, MN: University of Minnesota Extension, 2009.
- ▶ Usset, Ed. "Marketing Inlook." *The Corn and Soybean Digest*, August 1, 2009. Online at: http://cornandsoybeandigest.com/marketing/ed_usset/0801-grain-market-inlook/index.html
- ▶ Usset, Ed. "Make Your Postharvest Marketing Plan Now." *The Corn and Soybean Digest*, September 1, 2009. Online at: http://cornandsoybeandigest.com/marketing/ed_usset/0901-make-postharvest-plans/index.html

JOBS

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

- ▶ IREE FELLOWSHIPS – The Initiative for Renewable Energy and the Environment (IREE), a signature program of the University of Minnesota's Institute on the Environment, is searching for outstanding candidates to fill four Global Energy Leadership Fellow positions. These full-time, postdoctoral research appointments are for one year, with the opportunity for renewal. The new fellowships are designed to support creative, cutting-edge work on solving the world's most challenging energy problems. Successful candidates will be part of a novel learning and training environment for the next generation of global scientific research leaders in the areas of renewable energy and the environment. As a unique feature of the program, the fellows must include an explicit international component in their research, preferably oriented toward issues in developing countries, and will be expected to spend a period of time in an international venue. Application deadline: Nov. 15, 2009. For complete information including applications procedures, visit: <http://environment.umn.edu/about/leadershipfellow.html>
- ▶ MANITOBA AGRICULTURE, FOOD & RURAL INITIATIVES is seeking a Policy Economist (Agriculture Industry Financial/Economic Analysis). The Policy Economist will be expected to analyze the economic conditions and financial situation for the agriculture industry in Manitoba, Canada. The position will report on agricultural income issues, examine economic models/studies related to farm income and initiate analysis on farm income that will form the basis for further policy development following an appropriate policy cycle model. Closing date: October 16, 2009. For a complete position description including application procedures, check out the October Job File in Waite Library.