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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ FRIDAY COFFEE at 9:00 – The Graduate Club is hosting a weekly coffee break that begins today. Stop by Waite Library between 9:00 and 9:30 for coffee, bagels, doughnuts and conversation. Open to all!
- ▶ COME CELEBRATE Agricultural Education's new campus location! Open House with ribbon cutting ceremony will be on Wednesday, November 4 from 4:00-6:00 pm, with a short program at 4:15 pm. Stop by 146 Classroom Office Building and see the new office space, visit with faculty and staff, and meet with AgEd alumni and supporters. Please RSVP at http://ag-ed.cfans.umn.edu/news/Open_House_RSVP.htm by October 26.

SEMINARS

- ▶ TRADE & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR – Eugenie Maiga, Ph.D. candidate, Applied Economics will speak on “The Impact of Mother’s Education on Child Health and Nutrition in Developing Countries: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in Burkina Faso,” TODAY from 10:30 to 11:45 am in Room 119 Classroom Office Building.
- ▶ APPLIED ECONOMICS SEMINAR – Kevin Mumford, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Purdue University, will speak on “Do Family Wealth Shocks Affect Fertility Choices? Evidence from the Housing Market Boom and Bust,” on Thursday, October 29 from 10:30 am to Noon, Room 119 Classroom Office Building.
- ▶ FRONTIERS IN THE ENVIRONMENT SEMINAR – Stephen Polasky, Applied Economics, will discuss “Mind the Gap: Building Bridges to Mainstream the Value of Ecosystem Services in Everyday Decisions,” on Wednesday, October 28 from Noon to 1:00 pm in the IonE Seminar Room 380, VoTech Building.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND DEADLINES

TODAY – Trade & Development Seminar: Eugenie Maiga, Applied Economics, 10:30 am, Room 119 COB
October 29 – Applied Economics Seminar: Kevin Mumford, Purdue University, 10:30 am, Room 119 COB
October 30 – Halloween Potluck from 11:30 am-1:00 pm in Room 119 COB
November 2 – Job Market Workshop: Jay Coggins, 10:00 am, Room 119 COB
November 4 – Wednesday Department Coffee Break at 10:00 am, South End, 2nd Floor COB
November 10 – TFIC Student Networking Conference: 1-5 pm, Coffman Memorial Union, U of MN

OPPORTUNITIES

- ▶ JOB MARKET WORKSHOP SERIES – The next two workshops will be held on November 2 and 9; Jay Coggins will lead a series of workshops for all graduate students on managing the job market. The series is aimed both at students who plan to be on the market this year and at students who are a year or two away. One can't begin planning too early. The sessions will be held in 119 Classroom Office Building from 10:00 to 11:30 am. The second workshop covers the search process from the department's perspective and, closely related, how to handle interviews. The third will be led by Professors Glewwe and Roe and will cover the markets at USDA, IFPRI, the World Bank, and other public institutions. **(Note the date changes; the October 26 workshop has been rescheduled)**

- ▶ REMINDER – The 2009 Minnesota Economic Association Annual Conference will be held on Friday, October 30, at the Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University. Registration and a continental breakfast begin at 9:00 am. Full program details are available at the MEA website at <http://www.minneapolisfed.org/mea/>
- ▶ REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS: HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES INSTITUTE has released a request for interdisciplinary research projects related to food and health. The Institute will award up to one research grant of \$50,000-100,000 in each of the following areas: food policy, prevention of obesity and chronic disease, and food safety. Criteria for funding are interdisciplinary, innovation, potential impact, utilization of new collaborations, quality of the research proposal, and potential for future external funding. Deadline is November 23. For more information, see request for proposals at <http://www.hfhl.umn.edu/> or e-mail: hfhl@umn.edu
- ▶ DOCTORAL DEGREE COMPLETION WORKSHOP – The Graduate Student Services and Progress (GSSP) will present a degree-completion workshop for doctoral students on November 16 from 10:00-11:00 am in 402 Walter Library. Topics include tips for completing Graduate School forms, dissertation submission, special registration categories, and graduation information. The workshop will consist of a PowerPoint presentation followed by a question-and-answer period and is designed for Graduate School students midway through their student career, but all Graduate School students are welcome. Director of Graduate Studies (DGS) Assistants are also invited. Space is limited, so reservations are required. Please RSVP at, <https://onestop2.umn.edu/training/courseDetail.jsp?course=GS1002&category=GSSP&unit=GS>

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Blumenthal, Marsha; Kalambokidis, Laura; Turk, Alex. "Charitable Contributions in a Voluntary Compliance Income Tax System: Itemized Deductions versus Matching Subsidies." Report to the Internal Revenue Service in fulfillment of IRS/TIRNO-08-P-00787, 2009.
- ▶ Lohano, Heman D.; King, Robert P. "A Stochastic Dynamic Programming Analysis of Farmland Investment and Financial Management." *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics*, v.57, no.4, December 2009. Online at <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext/122652311/PDFSTART>

JOBS

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

- ▶ CORNELL UNIVERSITY – The Department of Applied Economics and Management is searching for an individual to fill a new, two-year (renewable) post-doc position in Professor Chris Barrett's research group. The successful candidate will be expected to develop high quality, peer-reviewed publishable research, to supervise graduate and undergraduate research assistants, and to contribute to the development of successful grant proposals. To view a complete position description that includes application procedures, visit: http://aem.cornell.edu/faculty_sites/cbb2/post-doc.htm