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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ▶ Beatriz Gaitan, a former PhD student of the department, and advisee of Terry Roe, will be visiting the department in January. She is looking for a one or two bedroom furnished apartment close to the St. Paul Campus or Minneapolis Campus for the month of January. Please, if you know of any apartment available, contact her at beatriz.gaitan@vwi.unibe.ch. Thank you.

SEMINARS

- ▶ 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.
- ▶ TRADE & DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR – Omar Da'ar, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Applied Economics will speak on “Trade in Genetically Modified-Sensitive Industries and Role of Biotechnology, Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights Protection: Cross Country Analysis,” on Friday, October 30 from 10:30 to 11:45 am in Room 230 Classroom Office Building. (Note Room Change)
- ▶ HPM WEDNESDAY SEMINAR SERIES – Rosalie Kane, Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, will present “Can Nursing Homes be Habitable and Non-Institutional? Research Plans in Progress to Stimulate Culture and Policy Change,” on Wednesday, October 28 from 12:00-1:00 pm in Room D325/D327 Mayo Memorial Building.
- ▶ FORESTRY SEMINAR SERIES – Terje Kristensen, Graduate Student, Natural Resources Science and Management will present “Measurements of Carbon in Boreal Ecosystems Using Remote Sensing ,” on Wednesday, October 28 at 3:00 pm in 203 Green Hall.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND DEADLINES

October 29 – Applied Economics Seminar: Kevin Mumford, Purdue University, 10:30 am, Room 119 COB

October 30 – Friday @ 9:00 Coffee Break in Room 230 COB

October 30 – Trade & Development Seminar: Omar Da’ar, Applied Economics, 10:30 am, Room 230 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 4 –Agricultural Education Open House from 4:00-6:00 pm in Room 146 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

- ▶ **HEALTHY FOODS, HEALTHY LIVES INSTITUTE INVITATION** – Graduate students and undergraduate student leaders are invited to attend a student luncheon hosted by the Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute. The luncheon is an opportunity to learn more about the work of the Institute, meet with other students on campus working and researching food and public health issues, and discuss opportunities for expanded student involvement in HFHL's initiatives. From this luncheon, the Institute hopes to develop a Student Leadership Board to help shape our current and future research and educational priorities, as well as identify individuals who would like to take an active role in our current projects. Please visit our website to learn more about HFHL: <http://www.hfhl.umn.edu>. If you are interested in attending the luncheon or learning more about how you can get involved, please contact Kristine Igo at hfh1@umn.edu. An RSVP with confirmation from HFHL is required to participate in the luncheon - seating is limited.

PUBLICATIONS

- ▶ Usset, Ed. "Proactive Marketing: Farmers Need to Take a Proactive Approach When It Comes to Marketing Corn and Soybeans." *The Corn and Soybean Digest*, October 1, 2009. Available online at: <http://cornandsoybeandigest.com/marketing/1001-proactive-grain-marketing-approach/index.html>

JOBS

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

- ▶ **UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN – MADISON** is seeking an Outreach/Research Specialist (Grain Marketing). This position works under the direction of Professor T. Randall Fortenberry and coordinates the extension and outreach research activities associated with the Grain Marketing Program in the Renk Agribusiness Institute. Interact with Faculty, Extension Agents, Farmers and students to develop an extension program in the areas of grain marketing and work with faculty in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and UW-Extension. The candidate will oversee the daily activities of the Grain Marketing Program, actively participate in data gathering, and will collaborate and meet regularly with Renk Institute clientele. Visit: http://www.ohr.wisc.edu/pvl/pv_061905.html to view a complete position description that includes application procedures. Begin date: January 1, 2010. Application must be received by November 15, 2009.
- ▶ **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND at COLLEGE PARK** – The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources seeks an Assistant Professor who will develop distinguished research and teaching programs in one or more of the following areas: applied econometrics, agricultural and resource policy, environmental and resource economics, or experimental and behavioral economics in relation to the above fields. The appointee is expected to develop a creative research program that serves the public interest at the state, national or international level and is also expected to teach courses that fit into the instructional programs of the Department at the undergraduate and graduate levels and that enhance the overall quality of education in these programs. This is a nine month, tenure-track position. All candidates must apply online at <http://www.econjobmarket.org/>. Applications must be received by December 1, 2009 to be guaranteed full consideration but will be accepted until the position is filled. Preliminary interviews will be conducted at the January AAEA/AEA/ASSA meetings in Atlanta, GA.