Announcements

Congratulations Marc & Janet! — Marc Bellemare and his wife Janet Hou's new baby, Sophia Ying-Qi Bellemare, arrived on Wednesday, November 25, at 11:35 am. Congratulations, Bellemare family!

Congratulations Phil! — Philip Pardy has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Election as an AAAS Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers, and recognizes scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Phil was elected in the Section on Agriculture, Food and Renewable Resources for his distinguished contributions to the field of agricultural economics, with particular emphasis on the economics of innovation, agricultural productivity and economic development. The new Fellows will be formally recognized at the AAAS annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in February.

Mark Your Calendar — The faculty meetings for spring semester are scheduled for 1:30-3:00 pm in room 119 on the following dates: January 22, February 19, March 11, April 15, and May 13.

Departmental Seminars and Events

Trade & Development Seminar — TODAY — Faress Bhuiyan, Assistant Professor of Economics at Carleton College, will present "Perceptions versus Reality: Life Satisfaction and Economic Position Relative to Neighbors," TODAY, December 4 at 10:30 am in 119 Ruttan Hall.

Final Defense — William Secor, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, will defend his dissertation "Three Essays on the Role of Ownership in the Food Economy" on Monday, December 7 at 9:00 am in 119 Ruttan Hall.

Environmental & Resource Economics Seminar — Corbett Grainger, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison will discuss "Property Rights, Regulatory Capture, and Exploitation of Natural Resources" on Monday, December 7, Noon-1:30 pm in 230 Ruttan Hall.

Agricultural & Applied Economics Seminar — Metin Çakır, Assistant Professor, Applied Economics, will present "Does 'Shrinkflation' Contribute to Food Price Inflation?" on Wednesday, December 9 from Noon to 1:30 pm in 119 Ruttan Hall.
Seminars in other Departments

**Minnesota Population Center** — Katie Genadek, Sarah Flood, and Joan Garcia

Roman will present "Couples Shared Time Across Decades, Countries, and the Life Course" on Monday, December 7, 12:15-1:15 pm in the MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall.

Calendar

**Today**
- Trade & Development Seminar, Faress Bhuiyan, Carleton College, 10:30 am, room 119
- Faculty meeting, 1:30 pm in room 119

**December 7**
- Will Secor, final defense, 9:00 am, room 119
- Env/Resource Economics Seminar, Corbett Grainger, Noon, room 230

**December 9**
- Ag/Applied Economics Seminar, Metin Çakir, Noon, room 119

**December 11**
- Holiday Luncheon, Noon, North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center

**December 16**
- Last day of instruction

Departmental Publications


Jobs

**PhD-Level Graduate Assistant** — The School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota is seeking a graduate research assistant. This assistant will provide research support to Dr. Lynette M. Renner and Dr. Clea McNeely. 

**Project Background:** We are seeking a self-motivated, statistically savvy graduate student to work on the impact evaluation of the Ramsey County Truancy Intervention Project (TIP) ([https://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/attorney/TIPOverview.htm](https://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/attorney/TIPOverview.htm)) and Family Truancy Intervention Project (FTIP) ([http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/attorney/FTIPOverview.htm](http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/attorney/FTIPOverview.htm)). These programs use a three-step method to help children and their families improve school attendance. Since the programs were established, they have served more than 35,000 students and there is preliminary evidence of success. The goal of the evaluation is to assess the long-term impact of TIP and FTIP on attendance, grade completion, graduation, academic achievement, and involvement in the adult criminal justice system. Two evaluation designs will be used: a regression discontinuity design and propensity score matching.

**Appointment:** The position is 25% time (10 hours per week), beginning January 14, 2016 and ending May 29, 2016 with potential for extension in subsequent terms. Total hours = 194 in spring semester (9.7 pay periods, 20 hours per pay period). Salary
Rate: $19.76 per hour (PhD), plus pro-rated benefits. Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Application Materials: Cover letter expressing your reasons for interest in the position and experiences related to the position; current vitae; and a solo- or first-authored writing sample. Apply To: All application materials should be sent to Lynette Renner, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, renn0042@umn.edu

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