Announcements

Mark Your Calendar — The CFANS Fall College Assembly is on Thursday, December 17 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon in 105 Cargill Building. The agenda and WebEx information will be emailed prior to the meeting. Refreshments served at 9:30.

In the News — The USDA recently released *Climate Change, Global Food Security, and the U.S. Food System*, a peer-reviewed scientific assessment that identifies climate change effects on global food security. The assessment a contribution to the U.S. National Climate Assessment, is called for under the President’s Climate Action Plan, and was led by USDA. Visit the USDA’s Office of the Chief Economist’s webpage to view a video discussion. The complete report is available online. Marc Bellemare is one of the authors.

Departmental Seminars and Events

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.

Environmental & Resource Economics Seminar — Hamid Mohtadi, Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee and Adjunct Professor of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota will present "Natural Resources, Taxation and Transparency: Shedding New Light on an Old Question" on Monday, December 14, Noon-1:30 pm in 230 Ruttan Hall. (co-authors Michael L. Ross and Stefan Ruediger)

Seminars in other Departments

Frontiers in the Environment — "Can Energy Use Data Reduce Electricity Costs and Environmental Impacts? Guest speakers: Alexandra Klass, IonE Resident Fellow and Distinguished McKnight University Professor, Law School; and Elizabeth Wilson, IonE Resident Fellow and Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Wednesday, December 9, Noon to 1:00 pm in the Humphrey Forum, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs. (West Bank campus)

Health Policy & Management Seminar — Titilope Adeniyi, PhD Student, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, UMN will present "The Effect of Illness on a Spouse's Healthcare Utilization" on Wednesday, December 9, 12:15-1:15 pm in D199 Mayo Memorial Building.

MPC Inequality & Methods Workshop — The final workshop of the semester will feature Jason Fletcher, Public Affairs and Sociology, University of Wisconsin-
Madison. He will present "Trends in Educational Mobility Across Time and Place in the Early 20th Century US" on Friday, December 11, 12:15-1:30 pm in the MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall. (West Bank campus)

**Calendar**

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

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

**December 14**  
• Env/Resource Economics Seminar, Hamid Mohtadi, Noon, room 230

**December 16**  
• Last day of instruction

**December 23**  
• End of semester

**December 24-25**  
• All University offices closed

**Jobs**

**Postdoctoral Position** — A postdoctoral position is available in the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute at the Pennsylvania State University. Successful candidates will become part of an interdisciplinary research network on Sustainable Climate Risk Management (SCRiM, scrimhub.org). Centered at Penn State and linking 18 universities and five research institutions in six nations, SCRiM addresses the question: What are sustainable, scientifically sound, technologically feasible, economically efficient, and ethically defensible climate-risk management strategies? SCRiM catalyzes fundamental, mission-oriented, and transdisciplinary research to characterize climate risks and trade-offs associated with risk management instruments such as mitigation, adaptation, and geoengineering. The network provides unique opportunities for research, education, outreach, decision support, and professional development. SCRiM postdocs enjoy ample opportunities for transdisciplinary research collaboration as well as professional mentoring by a team of experts in relevant disciplines. The position is available immediately and will remain open until filled. Initial appointment will be for a period of one year, with excellent possibility of renewal for one or more additional years. To apply, visit [https://psu.jobs/job/60928](https://psu.jobs/job/60928).

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