Announcements

**Holiday Schedule** — All University offices will be closed on December 24 and December 25. The next edition of *Marginal Memos* will be on Tuesday, December 29.

**Dual M.S. Approved** — The Board of Regents approved the Carlson School of Management and College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (Twin Cities campus) dual M.S. in Applied Economics / M.B.A. degree program. ~ Mike Boland

**From CFANS OIT, Holiday Phishing Scams** — Phishing e-cards, fake shipping notifications, spurious charities—scams abound this holiday season. Read about how to guard against electronic scams this holiday season [here](#).

Calendar

December 23
- End of semester

December 24-25
- All University offices closed

January 1
- All University offices closed

Opportunities

**GIL Fellowship Program** — The World Bank’s Africa Gender Innovation Lab (GIL) is hiring three GIL Fellows from Sub-Saharan Africa. The Lab conducts rigorous impact evaluations of development interventions to generate evidence on how to close gender gaps in productivity, earnings, and assets.

The GIL Fellowship Program aims to develop the skills of prospective PhD students – as well as recent PhD graduates – from Sub-Saharan Africa to prepare them for a PhD or help them jumpstart their post-doctoral research career. We seek two types of candidates: those who wish to do research in a quantitative discipline (e.g., economics) and those who wish to conduct qualitative research. Applicants will be asked to indicate a preference for a quantitative or qualitative fellowship position.

More details can be found below:

**Who:** Women and men (under the age of 36) who are nationals of a Sub-Saharan African country and plan to pursue – or have just completed – a PhD in economics, public policy, statistics, sociology, or a related field

**What:** One-year fellowship (World Bank term staff position)

**Where:** Washington DC-based position with travel to Sub-Saharan Africa
**When:** Apply by January 6, 2016  
**How:** Follow this link to apply on the World Bank’s website: [http://goo.gl/7VpkEL](http://goo.gl/7VpkEL)

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**Jobs**

**Sales Account Manager** — The Center for Farm Financial Management has a position open for a Sales Account Manager. This person will work as part of the CFFM team to develop relationships and manage sales of FINPACK primarily to agricultural and commercial lenders. Here is a link to the position description: [http://cffm.umn.edu/OUT/Sales_Account_Manager.pdf](http://cffm.umn.edu/OUT/Sales_Account_Manager.pdf). If you know of someone who may be interested, please pass this information on to them.

**Administrative Associate 2** — The Center for Farm Financial Management is searching for an Associate Administrator. This position has broad responsibilities that include conference coordination, software and educational software distribution, and project support. The full position announcement is at [http://cffm.umn.edu/out/Admin.pdf](http://cffm.umn.edu/out/Admin.pdf). Please spread the word.

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** — The Frank Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia invite applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow in general equilibrium modeling and public policy to begin in fall 2016. We welcome applications from scholars who have earned doctorates in economics, public policy, or related fields. This position is focused on the development of policy-relevant general equilibrium modeling for use in state-level analysis but in the context of multi-level governance, including federal and international. The research fellow will also work with the Batten School’s Center for Leadership Simulation and Gaming on using models in policy simulations.

We wish to advance the art of state-level policy evaluation by developing tools for evaluating state-level policies and that account for temporal dynamics, regional interactions, and the nested interactions with other levels of governance. Relevant policy contexts include environmental policies, tax policies, infrastructure investments, and other important public policy issues. Candidates are expected to have completed their doctoral degrees by August 1, 2016.

All candidates must apply online. Paper and emailed applications will not be considered. Your application will not be complete until all required documents are available on Econjobmarket.org and you receive a confirmation number for the submission of your Candidate Profile from Jobs@UVA.

There are two required steps to complete an application: (1) Register with UVa's employment system: Apply to the advertised position and complete a candidate profile through Jobs@UVA (which is located at [https://jobs.virginia.edu](https://jobs.virginia.edu)). To submit your candidate profile, search for posting 0617732 and follow the directions. Do not submit job market materials to Jobs@UVA. This step should only take a few minutes to complete. (2) Submit your job market materials to [https://econjobmarket.org](https://econjobmarket.org). Applicants should submit a CV, one research paper, and three references.

**Assistant Professor** — 50th Anniversary Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Agricultural and Environmental Economics--Lancaster University is opening a full-time faculty position in Agricultural and Environmental Economics, with a focus on sustainable development. Celebrating 50 years of academic excellence, Lancaster University has opened 50 new academic appointments, focusing on areas of research excellence. Such lectureships are especially research focused during the first five years, with little or no teaching at all during the first two years. Early career academic staff will further benefit from strong development or research support and adequate mentoring needed to achieve ambitious research objectives.

Candidates should have a Ph.D. in economics, with research interests in agricultural, development or environmental economics. An interest in economic development and
food security, related to environmental change is particularly desirable. A quantitative background together with some experience in dealing with satellite-based and/or geo-referenced data would be an asset. The lecturer is expected to build bridges across disciplinary boundaries within the University. An interest in the role of agricultural companies within sustainable development is welcome. The Lecturer is expected to publish his/her research outputs in high-quality economic journals and in scientific journals of general interest. In addition, candidates are expected to consider appropriate outreach vehicles to ensure that their scientific contribution also has real-world “impact”.

The Department of Economics is part of the Lancaster University Management School (LUMS). LUMS is a world-ranked international business school which has topped the UK research rankings for nearly two decades. The Economics department is one of the largest in the School with over forty faculty members. For more information, please visit: http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lums/economics/

For further information, please contact Jean-Francois Maystadt (j.maystadt@lancaster.ac.uk). Preliminary interviews could be conducted at the January 2016 AEA meetings in San Francisco and RES meetings in London.

Chief of the Conservation and Environment Branch — Senior economists are sought for a position as Chief of the Conservation and Environment Branch, Economic Research Service, USDA. ERS serves as the economic research and policy analytical arm of the USDA. The mission of ERS is to provide objective economic information and analysis to inform public and private decisions regarding agriculture, food, the environment, and rural America. To learn more, please visit www.ers.usda.gov.

Branch Chiefs are responsible for leading high quality, technically complex programs of research, analysis, and information dissemination for 15-20 Ph.D. economists. Primary responsibilities include creating the overall vision for developing a high-impact program of research and analysis; providing input as needed into the planning and implementation of research projects; allocating staff and other resources necessary to accomplish the branch’s research mission; and managing, mentoring and reviewing branch staff and their outputs to maintain high technical quality and standards of performance. Closing date: January 11, 2016

Vacancy Announcement Number: ERS-S16N-0005 is open to all U.S. Citizens. You may use the following link to view/apply for this position: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/424665700

We will be at the ASSA meetings and would be happy to discuss this opening. For additional information, or to set up a meeting in San Francisco, please feel free to contact: Marca Weinberg (Weinberg@ers.usda.gov)