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Calendar

- January 21: Pizza lunch with Dean Buhr, 11:30 am, Waite Library
- January 22: Faculty Meeting at 1:30 pm, room 119

Opportunities

Call for Papers- Students are encouraged to prepare a White Paper for the OIRA (Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs) teaching module. Questions and topics are available [here](#). Submit your paper to commons@thecre.com

Invitation to Meetings with Monsanto Scientists, Thursday February 25

On Thursday, February 25, a group of scientists from Monsanto Headquarters in St. Louis will be visiting the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. Two events will be held to facilitate discussions. Group meetings have been scheduled for 1:45pm in:

- 101 Hayes Hall
- 401 Hayes Hall
- 408 Hayes Hall

The second opportunity to interact with Monsanto personnel will be held in room 306 Borlaug Hall from 3:15-4:30 on February 25. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact [Donald Wyse](#).

Jobs

Economist

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has an open economist position in the Air Economics Group (AEG) of the Health and Environmental Impacts Division, in the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards located in Durham, NC. This position will open on January 20, 2016 on the OPM website (www.usajobs.gov) for all U.S. Citizens, no prior Federal experience required, and will close on January 26, 2016. This position is advertised at the GS-12 level under the Economist (0110) job series with promotion potential to GS-13. Please contact Darryl Weatherhead via email at weatherhead.darryl@epa.gov with additional questions.

Prior experience conducting-cost benefit analysis using economic and environmental models is preferred, though not required. Individuals should be able to work in a multi-disciplinary team setting and be able to manage many different tasks. Problem solving and communication skills are essential as we are often faced with unique challenges,

including lack of data and inadequacy of existing methods. AEG works with professionals within the government, academic and private sectors, including university faculty and non-profit researchers.

Post Doctoral Researcher

The EPG has received a grant to analyze the banks' role in enabling or constraining the diffusion of and innovation in new energy technologies in developing countries. The successful candidate will be responsible for carrying out the research in this project, potentially supported by PhD and master's students. Relevant disciplinary fields for this project include, but are not limited to: finance, economics, public policy, and development or innovation studies.

Requirements

You hold a PhD in one of the aforementioned disciplines or a related social science. Your academic record underlines your ability to publish in top-ranked journals in the fields of economics, finance, public policy, or development/innovation studies. Your working style is team-oriented and you have strong communication skills. You are highly proficient in English; German is not necessary but is an additional asset. Proficiency in an additional language, particularly one spoken in the developing world, is desirable.

Your application should include a letter of motivation, your CV with the contact details of two referees, your publication list, a research proposal giving an overview of your research interests and plans (max 5 pages), and a sample of your work. Please send your complete documents by email to: Tobias Schmidt, Professor of Energy Politics, ETH Zurich, tobiasschmidt@ethz.ch

More information about the group is available at www.epg.ethz.ch. The review of applications will start on February 15, 2016. The position will remain open until filled.

Seminars

[Occupational Choice and Return to Skills: Evidence from the NLSY79 and O*Net](#)

Friday, January 22, 2016

12:30-2:00 pm Carlson L-126

Juan Chaparro, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

"Gender Inequality in the Life Cycle. The Effect of Parenthood on the Division of Unpaid Work"

Monday, January 25, 2016

12:15-1:15 pm MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

[Joan Garcia Roman](#)

"Exploring Attribution and Risk Adjustment"

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

12:15-1:15pm, 2-250 Moos Tower

Rob Krieger, PhD, Research Associate and Doug Wholey, PhD, Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management

"Understanding How to Stop Wood Decay Without Toxins: How Acetylation Works"

Friday, January 29, 2016

2:00pm, 365 Borlaug Hall

Christopher G. Hunt, PhD, Research Chemist, USDA Forest Products Laboratory

Departmental Publications

Bellemare, Marc F.. "Farmers markets and food-borne illness." IN:*New York Times*, Sunday Review, January 15, 2016. [Available online](#)

Brown, M.E.; Antle, J.M.; Backlund, P.; Carr, E.R.; Easterling, W.E.; Walsh, M.K.; Ammann, C.; Attavanich, W.; Barrett, C.B.; **Bellemare, M.F.**; Dancheck, V.; Fund, C.; Grace, K.; Ingram, J.S.I.; Jiang, H.; Maletta, H.; Mata, T.; Murray, A.; Ngugi, M.; Ojima, D.; O'Neill, B.; Tebaldi, C. "Climate change, global food security, and the U.S. food system." U.S. Global Change Research Program. December 2015. [Available online](#)

New Additions to Waite

Microeconomic theory: basic principles and extensions, 11th ed., Walter Nicholson and Christopher Snyder, Mason, OH: South-Western, Cengage Learning, 2012.
Call number: 338.5 N530 2012

Determining the economic value of water: concepts and methods, Robert A. Young and John B. Loomis, Washington, D.C.: Resources for the Future, 2014.
Call number: 333.91 Y69 2014

Water: the epic struggle for wealth, power, and civilization, Steven Solomon, New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 2010.
Call number: 553.7 S65 2010

The Great Lakes water wars, Peter Annin, Washington, D.C: Island Press, 2006.
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