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## Marginal Memos

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### Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, February 5, 2016, 4:15pm; Waite Library
- The Food Industry Center (TFIC) Luncheon Series  
 Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.  
 Room 202, St. Paul Student Center  
 \*Complimentary buffet lunch starting at 11:30

Mary Wilcox, Vice President of Business Development, Midwest Dairy Association will discuss: "Consumer Trends/Nutrition/Product Research Trends Around Protein and Clean/Clear Labels." Please register for this event [here](#) by February 19.

### Announcements

#### Graduate Student Commencement Ceremony

CFANS will be holding a commencement ceremony for graduate students, family and friends on May 6, 2016 on the St. Paul Campus in the North Star Ballroom. A reception will follow immediately.

Registration is now open and must be completed by March 4, 2016. Those who register after March 4, 2016 are welcome to participate, but will not be included in the program.

For more information and to register, visit: <http://cfans.umn.edu/academics/grad-resources/commencement>

Congratulations, Grads!

#### Phil Pardey and Jason Beddow win award for paper in the *Journal of Economic History*

Congratulations to Professor Phil Pardey and Jason Beddow for winning one of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) research awards for their paper, "[Moving Matters](#)," published in the *Journal of Economic History*.

### Jobs

#### Agricultural Economist

The Economic Research Service (ERS) seeks a commodity analyst to lead a national outlook program for wheat and dry pulse crop markets. They will serve as a Senior Economist who independently designs and delivers a market outlook and analysis program, including applied research on emerging economic and policy issues that impact these sectors.

For more information on the position, including requirements and how to apply, [click here](#). Closing date is Tuesday, February 8.

### **Post- Doctoral Fellow**

Michigan State University seeks a Community Behavioral Health Research Associate for an initiative by the four Regional Rural Development Centers in conjunction with the US Department of Health and Human Services and the US Department of Agriculture.

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development is seeking a post-doctoral fellow who can actively engage with the NCRCD advisory board, land-grant university administrators, faculty and Extension staff to develop and disseminate curriculum and to write refereed journal articles in the areas of: innovations diffusion for rural development, sustainable communities, leadership development and entrepreneurial communities.

For complete details and to apply go to:

[http://ncrcrd.msu.edu/ncrcrd/north\\_central\\_state\\_postings1](http://ncrcrd.msu.edu/ncrcrd/north_central_state_postings1)

### **Foreign Affairs Officer (Trainee)**

The Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service is seeking a Foreign Service Officer Trainee who will be responsible for participating in development of their training plan, attending and performing work as directed by the supervisor, and working toward developing a strong FAS knowledge base and learning job related skills. The training period may be up to four years.

In order to qualify for the GS-11 level based on education, applicants must have successfully completed at least three full years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a Ph.D. degree in agricultural marketing, economics, agricultural or applied economics, agricultural business, or another field of study directly related to the position.

To apply please visit: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/427788000>

### **Post- Doctoral Fellow**

The University of Michigan Energy Institute is hiring a post-doctoral fellow to support research with the US EPA on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. The successful candidate will contribute to this research, assist in supervising and integrating masters-level graduate student projects, and publish policy analysis papers on this topic. Applicants should have expertise in engineering and economics based mathematical modeling and an ability to apply such tools to energy and climate policy analysis for the transportation sector.

To apply, submit a letter of interest, CV, 2-3 published papers and contact information for three references through the [University of Michigan jobs portal](#) no later than March 1, 2016.

### **Departmental Seminars**

#### **Trade & Development Seminar**

*The Impact of a Community Development and Poverty Reduction Program on Early Childhood Development in Morocco*

Caroline Krafft, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Catherine University  
Friday, February 5  
10:30-12:00p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

In Morocco, where issues of inequality and poverty are high on the national agenda, a community development program, the National Initiative for Human Development (INDH), targeted high-poverty areas for additional investments. This presentation examines whether, in addition to reducing poverty, such programs can also promote human development, specifically early childhood development.

## Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

*The Derivation of Discount Rates with an Augmented Measure of Income*

Nicholas Mueller, Associate Professor of Economics, Middlebury College and NBER

Monday, February 8

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

This presentation will explore the implications of augmented measures of income and growth for discounting.

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

## Seminars in Other Departments

**Minnesota Population Center-** Inequality & Methods Workshop

*Efficient Identification of Heterogeneous Treatment Effects in Randomized Experiments via Anomalous Pattern Detection*

Edward McFowland III (Business)

Friday, February 5, 2016

12:15-1:30 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

*Commuter Couples and Careers: Gender Asymmetric Correlates of a Shared Personal Sacrifice*

Marta Murray Close, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Monday, February 8, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

## Conservation Biology Seminar Series

*What's the Buzz About Native Bees?*

Crystal Boyd, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Monday, February 8, 2016

4:00-5:00 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

## Health Policy & Management

*Patient Involvement in Decision- Making and Use of Cesarean Delivery*

Laura Attanasio, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Minnesota, Division of Health Policy and Management

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower

## CHRLS Seminar Series

*Genotypic Function and the Nature and Effects of Organizational Affective Tone*

Andrew Knight, Assistant Professor of Organizational Behavior, Washington University

Friday, February 12, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

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