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## Marginal Memos

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### Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, February 12, 2016, 4:15pm; [Stout's Pub](#)
- Mark your calendars! The annual International Dinner will take place on April 15th. More details forthcoming.
- Wednesday, February 17th, 8:00 a.m., B26 Ruttan Hall. Bagel breakfast hosted by our new undergraduate student activity coordinators Becca Steen and Carmen Kryzer. Stop on down for a quick bite to start your day off right.

### Announcements

#### New Economic Talent 2016 Competition

Students are invited to participate in the 2016 international competition, open to bachelor's and master's students in any field as well as recent graduates (up to one year after graduation). The competition has two rounds and selected finalists are invited to present their paper in Prague. Submit a complete paper in English on a topic in any sub-field of Economics, broadly defined. Submission deadline is March 15, 2016. For more detailed information visit [www.cerge-ei.cz/talent](http://www.cerge-ei.cz/talent).

#### Vernon W. Ruttan Lecture on Science and Development Policy

Tuesday, February 23, 2016  
 2:00pm, Cargill room 105

Hans Binswager-Mkhize, Professor, University of Pretoria and China Agricultural University is the featured speaker. The lecture is free and open to the public. Please register at: <https://cfans.wufoo.com/forms/z11wxcza16vnxgh/> for planning purposes.

For more information about the Ruttan Lecture Series, visit <http://www.instepp.umn.edu/about-us/events/ruttan-lectures>

### Opportunities

#### CIFAP Call for Proposals

The Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy (CIFAP) is looking to fund a limited number of research projects by graduate students and faculty. Individual awards are not to exceed \$10,000 (\$15,000) for graduate students (faculty), are to be spent within on calendar year of notification of funding . Researchers are also encouraged to apply together as a team, in which case the funding limit per research project is not to exceed the sum of individual funding allowances. For more information on how to submit

a proposal, [visit our website](#)

### **MPC Summer Diversity Fellowship Program**

The MCP is now recruiting students for the MPC's Summer Diversity Fellowship Program. This fellowship is designed to help recruit undergraduate or graduate students to work on its U.S. or international demographic data resources. Projects and units with openings include: Terra Populus, IPUMS-International, MCP Information Technology, and a faculty-led research project with Carolyn Liebler on race in America.

More information on potential project details is available at: <http://z.umn.edu/127u> .

Submission deadline is February 29, 2016.

### **Graduate Scholarships for MS Environmental Policy, Asia- Focus, at The Bard Center for Environmental Policy**

This generous scholarship opportunity is available for graduate study in the MS Environmental Policy and MS Social Climate Science and Policy programs at the Bard Center for Environmental Policy. Students must be nationals of China, Japan, or Korea. For a complete description of these scholarships and to get information on application, visit the [Applied Economics Student Network on LinkedIn](#).

### **Departmental Seminars**

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

*Childhood Obesity Among the Poor in Peru: Are There Implications for Cognitive Outcomes?*

Suzanne L. Wisniewski, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of St. Thomas

Friday, February 12

10:30-12:00p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

This paper exploits three rounds of panel data provided by the Peruvian dataset of the Young Lives study to investigate the relationship of child obesity on cognitive outcomes, measured by the Picture Peabody Vocabulary Test.

#### **Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar**

*Hopeful Prospects: How to Achieve Conservation and Development in 2050*

Steve Polasky and Peter Hawthorne, Department of Applied Economics and Institute on the Environment

Monday, February 15

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

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

*Peer Effects in the workplace: Experimental Evidence from Malawi*

Jason Kerwin (with Lasse Brune and Eric Chyn)

Friday, February 12, 2016

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

*What's Not on The Map (and What That Means for Intelligent Technologies)*

Brent Hecht; University of Minnesota, Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Monday, February 15, 2016

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

### **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

### **Human Capital Research Collaborative: Brown Bag Research Seminar**

*Rural/Urban Differences that Emerge Early in the Life Course: Maternity Care and Child Care*

Katy Kozhimannil and Carrie Henning-Smith; University of Minnesota, School of Public Health

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

12:00-1:00 p.m., Humphrey School of Public Affairs, room 205|

### **Health Policy & Management**

*RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders: A New National Research and Training Program*

Sarah Gollust and Ezra Golberstein, Division of Health Policy and Management and

Michael Oakes, Division of Epidemiology and Community Health

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

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

### **Jobs**

#### **Postdoctoral Research Associate**

The University of Nevada is seeking a full-time Postdoctoral Research Associate position for a National Science Foundation/ USDA NIFA funded Water Sustainability in Snow-Fed Arid Land Rive System grant (Water for Seasons project). Based in the Department of Economics, the successful candidate will conduct research related to analysis of decision-making by agricultural producers, operators of water utilities, regional water managers, and at a policy/institutional level.

For more information and to apply for this position visit:

<https://www.unrsearch.com/postings/19888>

#### **Assistant Professor**

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness is seeking and Assistant Professor. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the internationally recognized research program, teach undergraduate and graduate programs and maintain and enhance the Arkansas Global Rice Economics Program. The successful candidate will have a 20% teaching appointment and will be encouraged to work with other departmental faculty on outreach activities. To apply for this position please visit:

<http://jobs.uark.edu:80/postings/11490>

#### **National Program Leader**

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture is in search of a National Program Leader. This position involves supporting and leading research to enhance the development of rural entrepreneurship; enhance technology transfer from colleges, universities and other research laboratories to rural enterprises; develop new and creative economic or social opportunities to enhance rural community vitality; evaluate the institutional, sociological, or economic factors affecting decision making and application of technology; and promote the adoption of private strategies and public policy options to enhance investments in rural businesses and communities.

The closing date for this announcement is February 25th. [Click here to apply.](#)

**FAO is on a hiring binge! Feel free to view all of the open positions here:**

<http://www.fao.org/employment/vacancies/professional/en/>

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