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Marginal Memos

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Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, February 19, 2016, 4:15pm; [The Dubliner](#)
- Faculty meeting, Friday, February 19th, LUNCH to be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by meeting. 119 Ruttan Hall.
- The Food Industry Center (TFIC) Luncheon Series: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.



Mary Wilcox, Vice President of Business Development with Midwest Dairy Association, will discuss, "Consumer Trends/Nutrition/Product Research Trends Around Protein and Clean/Clear Labels." Please [RSVP](#) by Friday, February 19th

Announcements

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 [here](#).

For more information about the Ruttan Lecture Series, [visit our website](#).

Opportunities

Call for Proposals

The 2016 North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Graduate Student Grant Call for Proposals is [now available online](#).

Graduate students enrolled at colleges or universities in the North Central region can

submit proposals for up to \$12,000 to fund sustainable agriculture projects that will be part of their educational programs. Proposals must be completely submitted to the online system by 4:00p.m. CDT, on April 14, 2016.

Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

The Localization of Processed Food Products Over Time

Andrew Cassey, School of Economic Sciences, Washington State University

Friday, February 19

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

Andrew will present on if there are changes in the industrial localization of processed food products industries over time, documenting that localization of processed food industries has not changed over time in the United States despite changes in demographics, transportation costs, the importance of manufacturing to the economy and unionization rates.

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Wednesday, February 24

Hans P. Binswanger-Mkhize, Professor, University of Pretoria and China Agricultural University

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

A brief introduction to social network analysis: From descriptives to statistical inference.

Zack Almquist (Sociology/Statistics)

Friday, February 19, 2016

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

CHRLS Seminar Series



What's the Matter with Leadership: A Polemic and Agenda

Tim Judge, Franklin D. Schurz Professor of Management, University of Notre Dame

Friday, February 19, 2016

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

Jobs

Climate Change Faculty Positions

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) is seeking to fill two faculty positions for its newly launched interdisciplinary [research program on Climate Change](#). The program focuses on building an interdisciplinary understanding of the

challenges to and solutions for achieving low-carbon, local environment-friendly and equitable development in India and South Asia.

The applicant may have a background in any area of economics, engineering, urban planning, environmental science, public policy, political science, development studies or related field. Ph.D. and at least two year research experience required.

To apply, email your CV, names and contact information of three references, a concise and clear proposal (five pages) and a letter describing your professional goals and interests to:

The HR Officer

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur P.O. Bangalore 560 064

hr@atree.org

Post Doctoral Research Opportunity

Economic Incentives for Stormwater Management, Environmental Control and Climate Change Resilience. Seeking a qualified economist or suitably trained scientist to join the research team. Someone with a degree in another social science or ecology with a good background in microeconomics would be seriously considered. For more information on this position, including how to apply [visit the website](#).

Post Doctoral Research Associate

The Environmental Change Initiative at the University of Notre Dame seeks a Postdoctoral Research Associate to join their Notre Dame Global Adaptation Project. The successful candidate will engage an interdisciplinary group of faculty to advance the understanding of climate change adaptation. A variety of research projects are possible, depending on the expertise of the selected candidate, but emphasis should be on advancing knowledge of how adaptation to climate pressures impact the human condition.

For more information about the position, contact [Patrick Regan](#). To apply, send a cover letter, CV and names of three reference in one PDF file to [this email address](#).

Assistant/Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics

Illinois State University is hiring an Assistant/Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics. Educational background in agribusiness, agricultural economics or closely related discipline. Candidates must have completed a doctorate or reasonably expect to complete by May 15, 2016.

To assure full consideration, apply online to posting number 0707368 on the [University of Illinois job website](#). and send a letter of application, full vitae including transcripts, and contact information for three references to:

Mrs. Kathy Scott, Administrative Assistant to the Chair

Campus Box 5020

Illinois State University

Normal, IL 61790

Summer Intern at ERS

The Economic Research Service is seeking summer interns; a great way for graduate and undergraduate students to gain valuable research experience working on a variety of agricultural research topics, not to mention exploring the wonder of summer in DC!

These positions require individuals with a solid foundation in economic theory and strong quantitative skills; experience with data collection, econometric analysis, data base management and/or mathematical programming and models; and good communication skills.

Application information can be found [here](#). The closing date to apply is February 22, 2016.

Departmental Publications

Trenz, Helen Markelova. 2015. *The price is right: Examining demand for medical care in the presence of deductibles.* Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics. [Available online.](#)

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