



## Marginal Memos

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### Announcements

Congratulations to Maxwell Mkondiwa on being selected as an Early Career Scientist and invited to participate in the ISPC Science Forum 2016, "*Agricultural research for rural prosperity: rethinking the pathways*," sponsored by the CGIAR Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC). This year's program is being held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, April 12-15, 2016.

[Science Forum 2016 link.](#)

### Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, March 11, 2016, 4:15pm; [The Dubliner](#)
- ApEc International Dinner, Friday, April 15, 2016, 5:00 pm, North Star Ballroom. On March 15th the Grad Club will send the official RSVP form, which will include more detailed information about the event.
- "Flipped Teaching- Adaptive Teaching in a Flipped Hybrid Class" A Talk by Professor Donald Liu (part of the Innovation in Teaching Series).

The flipped hybrid class to be discussed in this presentation takes the flipped approach one step further; students are held accountable for their at-home learning by completing formative assessments before coming to class. These assessments are adaptive, adjusting the level of the questions to meet students' individual learning needs so that they can all be successful in reaching the learning objectives. The majority of class time is spent on hands-on collaborative problem solving, facilitated by the professor and the TAs.

This informal talk will take place on Friday, March 25 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in 135B Ruttan Hall. [Registration appreciated.](#)

### Departmental Seminars

#### Graduate Student Seminar Series

*Seasonal Hunger: Heterogeneous Impacts of Seasonal Price Changes on Seasonal Consumption in Zambia*

Friday, March 11, 2016

Akinori Kitsuki, Ph.D. Candidate

1:30-2:30 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

*Charting the early years of metropolitan planning in Dade County: Between governance and demographic change"*

Hector Fernando Burga (Humphrey Institute)

Friday, March 11, 2016

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

#### Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

*Job Changes and the Returns to Seniority*

Joe Ritter, University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics

Friday, March 11, 2016

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

### Jobs

#### Economic Analysis Internship

The Office of the State Economist, Economic Analysis Unit at Minnesota's Management & Budget is responsible for preparing and presenting forecasts of Minnesota's state tax revenues.

The Economic Analysis (EA) summer internship provides an excellent opportunity for a graduate student to participate in EA's research and to experience our economic and revenue forecasting process up close. The internship is designed to provide valuable work experience for students considering careers in economics, finance, public policy, statistics, or related areas. The internship will be located on the State Capitol Complex in downtown St. Paul and will continue for 10-12 weeks.

To be eligible for this internship, you must meet the following requirements: A student at an accredited educational institution; AND your advisor must certify that you will either receive academic credit or fulfill an academic requirement. The signature of a sponsoring academic instructor is required prior to beginning an Internship. For questions contact [Laura Kalambokidis](#). [Apply online](#) using job posting 3571.

#### Agency Policy Specialist

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is seeking a Child Care Strategic Planning Specialist. This position will lead the strategic planning of data and technology systems that promote quality in care and education practitioners and programs in Minnesota, as well as lead child care quality management performance management, evaluation and research projects and direct the use of early childhood data. [Apply online](#) using job posting 3402.

#### Agricultural Analyst

The Agriculture and Food Section of the Congressional Research Service is seeking an Analyst in Agricultural Policy. Analyst duties include preparing objectives, non-partisan analytical studies and descriptive background reports on issues of national significance; providing personal consultation and assistance to congressional committees, Members and staff on public policy issues throughout the legislative process; and leading team research projects and seminars. [Apply Here](#).

#### Visiting Lecturer

Bard College's low-residency MBA in Sustainability program, based in new York City, has openings for visiting lecturers to teach the following courses in the fall semester of 2016: Marketing; Accounting and the Integrated Bottom Line; and Economics for Business Decisions.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, CV, and names and contact information

for three references to [Interfolio](#). Applications will be reviewed as received.

### **Post- Doctoral Researcher**

The Economic Research Service is seeking a post-doctoral researcher to identify and assess national trends in agricultural conservation practice adoption and develop a program of research on the determinants conservation practice adoption, including the role of financial and technical assistance from the USDA conservation programs. The work will include analysis of national agricultural survey data, such as the Agricultural Resource Management Survey and Census of Agriculture micro data.

Further details and application can be found [online](#).

### **Assistant Professor in Economics**

The Department of Forest Resources in Umeå, Sweden is seeking an assistant professor to conduct research and teaching within the field of forest- /natural resource economics, with focus on sustainable use, in alliance with SLU's overall research strategy. Furthermore, the assistant professor is expected to develop a strong research group and actively apply for external funding. The position is a research career opportunity and to develop a research field is therefore the main task. The assistant professor is also expected to teach at bachelor- and master levels, supervise students and to be assistant supervisor for PhD students. The assistant professor should also take part in the department development work as well as pedagogic development and is expected to qualify for promotion to senior lecturer within the four-year employment period.

More information and application can be found [here](#).

### **Departmental Publications**

Wang, Y., Zhao, S., Yang, Z., & Liu, D. J. (2015). Food versus crude oil: what do prices tell us? Evidence from China. *China Agricultural Economic Review*, 7(3), 435-447.

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