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Marginal Memos

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Announcements

Congratulations to ApEc alumni, Travis Smith, who won the AAEA Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award for his dissertation entitled, "Distributional analyses on diet quality in the United States."

Smith, Travis. 2016. "Distributional analyses on diet quality in the United States." PhD Dissertation, University of Minnesota. Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation. American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 98 (2): 659-60.

Available at: <http://ajae.oxfordjournals.org/content/98/2/659.2.full?etoc>

Dissertation available at: <http://hdl.handle.net/11299/167578>

CFANS Funding Announcement

MnDRIVE: Global Food Ventures Graduate Fellowship Program

Agency: MnDRIVE Global Food Ventures

Due Date: 2016-04-22

Notes: The MnDRIVE Global Food Ventures requests applications (from current PhD and Master's students in CFANS, CVM and SPH only) for the graduate fellowship program. The initiative will support extracurricular professional development of graduate students. Fellows will participate in several cohort professional development and experiential learning activities to broaden their understanding of our food supply chains and agribusinesses.

Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, April 1, 2016, 4:15pm; [The Dubliner](#)
- ApEc International Dinner, Friday, April 15, 2016, 5:00 pm, North Star Ballroom. You can now [RSVP](#) for this event, and find more detailed information about suggested donation and a dish to share (if you wish to bring one). Looking forward to seeing you there!
- Retail Tour with Dr. Boland, April 15, 2016. Retail Tour attendees will be transported by bus, leaving St. Paul Campus at 6:30 am and returning at 12:30 pm. The tour group will go to the SuperValu Test Kitchens and warehouse, visit a retail grocery store and hear presentations from their manager, hear from speakers from Kemps Dairies and Midwest Dairy Association, and a dairy farmer. Brunch will be provided. Space is limited to 20. [RSVP Online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

""The El Niño Southern Oscillation and Economic Growth in the Developing World"

David Ubilava, Assistant Professor, Economics, University of Sydney

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development Seminar

"The Return of Child Labor on the Farm, The Case of Rural Tanzania"

Esther Delesalle, Visiting Scholar, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Friday, April 1, 2016

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

Graduate Student Seminar

"Sub-Saharan Farming Landscape"

Ian Luby, Ph.D. Candidate

Friday, April 8, 2016

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

"Changing Family Planning Policies in China"

Xiaochun Qiao, Institute of Population Research, Peking University

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

3:30-4:30 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

Going Entrepreneurial? IPOs and New Firm Creation

Paige Ouimet, Kenan-Fleger Business School, University of North Carolina

Friday, April 1, 2016

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

Jobs

Post Doctoral Researcher

The John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University is currently searching for a post doctoral researcher to join their program. The Post-doctoral research associate will support an active multidisciplinary team utilizing large local, state, national and international food databases reporting regional characteristics, product formulations, sales, dietary intakes, consumer knowledge and behavior and public health impacts. These activities will include database development, coding, tabulation, analysis and interpretation. The post-doc will collect primary and secondary data; analyze and report research insight; conduct literature reviews; assist in grant proposal development; and support the development of reports, journal articles and other media.

To apply, please submit your application online at OSU and provide a letter of interest, CV, writing sample and have two letters of reference emailed to [Dr. Neal Hooker](#)

Department Head

Colorado State University invites applications and encourages nominations for appointment as Head of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (DARE) at the College of Agricultural Sciences. The Department Head provides leadership for all programmatic and administrative functions including on campus and online resident instruction, research, Extension and engagement. The successful candidate will demonstrate an ability to achieve complex goals and objectives, which is evidence of high level leadership, communication, and management skills.

To ensure full consideration by the search committee, applications must be received by close of business on April 11, 2016. Applications should include statement addressing (1) the required and desired qualifications described above, (2) a one-page statement of the candidate's administrative philosophy, (3) a vision statement for the future of DARE of no more than 3 pages, (4) a current curriculum vita, (5) contact information for three references including your professional relationship with each reference listed. References may be contacted at a semi-finalist or finalist stage; references will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates. Questions about the position responsibilities should be directed to [James Pritchett](#), Executive Associate Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, Colorado State University, (970)-491-5496.

Sales and Marketing Specialist

The Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) is seeking a Sales and Marketing Specialist to drive growth of an existing customer portfolio and generate new leads for sales of FINPACK and other organizational products. The Sales and Marketing Specialist will work closely with senior leadership, web communications, and technical support to maintain relationships with existing customers, create and execute marketing strategies to aid in generating sales leads and acquiring new customers, and drive product evolution in response to user needs. For more information and to apply to this position, visit the [University of Minnesota Job Website](#).

New Departmental Publications

Hanson, M.J., A. Keller, M.A. Boland, and W.F. Lazarus. 2016. "The Debate about Farm Nitrates and Drinking Water." Choices. Quarter 1. [Available online](#).

Haynes, Monica, Gina Gensing, Michelle Scott, and Tim O'Neill. 2016. "East Bethel business retention and expansion strategies program: Research report," edited by Michael Darger, University of Minnesota Extension. Not available online.

King, Robert P., Cael Warren, Colin Cureton, Courtney Hoolihan, Katherine Young Grannon, and Marilyn S. Nanney. 2016. How healthy is hunger relief food? American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 98 (2): 533-48.
[Available online](#)

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