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Announcements

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

- REMINDER: 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!
- 2016 Kermit A. Olson Memorial Lecture will take place on Wednesday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m. in 110 Green Hall. Guest speaker, Dr. Jim Simon from Rutgers University will talk about his work with international development programs and the models developed for them that assist rural poor, beginning at 4:00 p.m. A reception will be held following the lecture in 405 Aldermann Hall. Please [RSVP](#) for this event.
- China's Economic Transformation: Economists Ellen McGrattan, University of Minnesota, and Kjetil Storesletten, University of Oslo, will discuss their latest research on China's growth, innovation and capital flows. This event is free and open to the public, but [registration is required](#). Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in University Hall at the McNamara Alumni Center.

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

William D. Hutchison, Professor, Department of Entomology, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

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

Trade and Development Seminar

"Electoral Reciprocity in Programmatic Redistribution: Evidence from Honduras"

Experiments"

Sebastian Galiani, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland

Friday, April 8, 2016

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

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Reliable Reduction of Agricultural Runoff: Tradeoffs Involving Variation of Water Quality."

Beverly Wang, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Monday, April 11, 2016

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

Graduate Student Seminar

"The Extremes of African Agricultural Data: Rightsizing for Validity and Policy"

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- Inequality and Methods Workshop**

"MPC in action: How Data and Research from MPC are used to inform MN State Policies"

Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer

Friday, April 8, 2016

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

Minnesota Population Center Seminar

Epidemiology Cohorts and Population Health Management: Findings from the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke study

Monika Safford, MD, Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine, Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College

Friday, April 8, 2016

2:00-3:30 p.m., 3-100 Mayo Memorial Building

Estimating the Effect of Education on Mortality in the Presence of Migration: Evidence from the Jim Crow South

Bhash Mazumder, Chicago Census Research Data Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Monday, April 11, 2016

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

HPM Seminar

Geographic Variation in Media Messaging about the Affordable Care Act and Associations with Insurance Enrollment

Sarah Gollust, Ph.D., Andrew Wilcock, Pinar Karaca Mandic, Ph.D., Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

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

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

Screen Twice, Cut Once: Assessing the Predictive Validity of Teacher Selection Tools

Dan Goldhaber, Professor, University of Washington Bothell

Friday, April 15, 2016

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

Jobs

Post Doctoral Researcher

The Economic Research Service is seeking a post-doctoral researcher to work with ERS and the USDA Climate Change Program Office on a program of research and analysis designed to estimate the contribution of U.S. agriculture generally, and USDA programs in particular, to greenhouse gas emissions and production. The incumbent will identify and analyze national agricultural survey data to 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 USDA conservation programs. The work will focus primarily on practices most likely to affect greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in agriculture. Specific practices will be selected based on importance to USDA GHG emission estimation, USDA climate change program goals, and the limitations of data used to estimate adoption. Research will include analysis of existing USDA datasets, including the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) and the Census of Agriculture. [Apply online.](#)

Post Doctoral Researcher

The Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory (NGPRL) in Mandan, ND, seeks a Post Doctoral Research Associate (Interdisciplinary Research Agriculturist/Physical Scientist/Agricultural Engineer, GS-11) for a Two-Year Appointment. The incumbent will participate in a USDA-AFRI project with responsibility for research to assess the sensitivity of agricultural production systems in the Great Plains to climate changes. The incumbent will work individually and with regional team members to conduct simulation modeling and tradeoff analysis for crop and beef cattle systems. The research will provide spatially explicit information on agricultural vulnerabilities and guide climate adaptation planning for the major agricultural production systems in the Great Plains. This position requires a recent Ph.D. in agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, landscape ecology, geography, agronomy, or closely related field. Send application materials and references to [Dr. David Archer](#), USDA-ARS, NGPRL, P.O. Box 459, Mandan, ND 58554

Extension Agricultural Economist

Kansas Farm Management Associate, Southwest and K-State Research and Extension are looking to fill the position of Extension Agricultural Economist. This person will be responsible for planning and development of an Extension educational farm business management program for commercial farms cooperating with the Farm Management Association in Southwest Kansas. They will provide technical expertise to the area Extension educational program in farm management. For more information or to apply for this position contact [Mary Hunninghake](#). A complete application must include cover letter, resume, and official transcripts as well as three letters of reference.

New Departmental Publications

Bellemare, Marc F., Johanna Fajardo-Gonzalez, and Seth R. Gitter (2016), "Foods and Fads: The Welfare Impacts of Rising Quinoa Prices in Peru," Working Paper 2016-06, Towson University, Department of Economics. [Available online.](#)

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