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## Marginal Memos

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### Announcement

Congratulations to Elaine Reber for winning the 2016 Little Red Oil Can Award and Doris Mold for the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award! Join us in celebrating them, as well as the graduating senior class and mentor program honorees at the [10th Annual Borealis Night of Excellence on April 20th](#). Congratulations Elaine and Doris!

### 2016 Midwest International Economic Development Conference

The 2016 MIEDC, hosted at McNamara Alumni Center May 6-7th, is creeping up on us!. You can still register until April 23, as well as find out more information about presenters, papers and topics on the [website](#). For more information, contact [Sadie Brendalen](#).

### Events

- THIS FRIDAY! The ApEc International Dinner has finally arrived! It will take place this Friday, April 15, 2016 at 5:00 pm, North Star Ballroom. [RSVPs](#) for this event are still encouraged. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### Departmental Seminars

#### Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Kevin A.T. Silverstein, Scientific Lead, Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

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

#### Trade and Development Seminar

*"Social Drivers of Aspirations Formation and Failure in Rural Nepal"*

Nicholas Magnan, Assistant Professor, Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia

Friday, April 15, 2016

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

#### Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

*When Water Runs Out: Scarcity, Adaptation and Migration in Gujarat (co-authors Avinash Kishore and Meha Jain)*

Ram Fishman, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, George Washington University

Monday, April 18, 2016

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

**Graduate Student Seminar***"The ARRA and Food Access"*

Joel Cuffey, Ph.D. Candidate

Friday, April 15, 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 15, 2016

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

**Minnesota Population Center Seminar***"Declines in Marriage: The Importance of Socioeconomic Inequality"*

Kelley Raley, Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas, Austin.

Monday, April 18, 2016

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

**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****Student Operations Assistant**

The Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) is seeking a Student Operations Assistant to conduct daily office functions and provide support for specialized projects related to CFFM's software tools and educational programs. The Student Operations Assistant will work closely with members of the CFFM team to guarantee timely communications related to customer inquiries, oversee day-to-day office operations, aid in deployment of new tools, and support the general functions of the Center. This is designed as a summer position, with the opportunity to continue into academic year employment if the candidate expresses interest. To apply, email [Brittni](#) with major, academic year, summer availability, and any questions.

**Postdoctoral Opportunity**

There is an opportunity to apply economic and ecological metrics to measure sustainability of an urban area and evaluate alternative decision scenarios. The Economist will work with a multidisciplinary team to evaluate sustainability of a chosen urban area. The applicant will work on economic measures of sustainability, and ecological footprint thus integrating economic, environmental, and ecological health. This research is part of a larger project: "Integrated Solutions for Sustainable Communities" under Sustainable and Healthy Communities (SHC) research program.

The Sustainable Technologies Division uses a multidisciplinary approach, which employs ecologists, economists, engineers, environmental scientists, geographers, and physical scientists, to address sustainability issues in regional environmental management, watershed management and supply chain management. The Sustainable Technology Division has developed several sustainability metrics and has successfully applied those metrics to measuring long-term regional sustainability. The applicant is expected to collect relevant data, analyze using suitable methods, write reports, and produce journal articles. [Apply now](#).

**Postdoctoral Opportunity**

Norut has available a 3-year postdoctoral position on valuation of marine plastic pollution. This is part of the 3-year interdisciplinary research project Marine Plastic Pollution in the Arctic: origin, status, costs and incentives for prevention (MARP3), that Norut is leading. The project aims to strengthen the knowledge base on marine plastic pollution in the Barents Sea and provide management-relevant research to increase awareness and recommend measures that can guide sustainable waste management practices. The project will study 1) the status and sources of marine waste, 2) socio-economic costs of marine waste and 3) regulations and incentives affecting how waste is handled.

The candidate will be responsible for part 2 which involves identification and valuation of ecosystem services in the Barents Sea/ Svalbard area affected by marine debris. This includes implementation of a discrete choice experiment focusing on cultural ecosystem services. The work place will be Tromsø, but the project will also involve field work at Svalbard and research visits to PML.

The project is a unique opportunity to develop your career and work closely with researchers from several scientific disciplines, as well as stakeholders and decision makers. The person employed will be part of Norut's interdisciplinary team of researchers on environment and natural resources, and is expected to contribute to the continuing development of this research area at Norut. [Application and CV must be sent by May 9, 2016.](#)

**Postdoctoral Opportunity**

There is an immediate opening for a postdoctoral research assistantship in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, in collaboration with the US Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station. The position is funded through a National Science Foundation/Coastal SEES Collaborative Research grant. The main role of the postdoc will be to develop and use global economic models to analyze the effects of proposed trade agreements and new shipping routes due to climate change and infrastructure developments on global trade. [Additional information can be found online.](#) Questions should be directed to [Amanda Countryman](#).

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