



## Marginal Memos

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### Announcement

Congratulations to Professor Elizabeth Davis, who received the CFANS Distinguished Teaching Award: Graduate Faculty. We are proud of you, Liz!

### 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](#).

### NAMA Places Among Top 10 Teams at National Competition

The University of Minnesota Student NAMA Marketing team placed among the top-ten teams at the National NAMA student marketing competition held in Kansas City, MO during the week of April 11th. Their product was Northstar Shimp- a farm raised product located in Pierz, Minnesota. Team members were: Matt Gallik, Maria Wingert, Crystal Siemers-Peterman, Ann Culbertson, Paige Durhman, Nate Donnay, Jack Roessler, Joe O'Sullivan, Matt Johnson, Kathleen Nystrom, Emilee Wendorf, Rick Ancel and Blake Nelson. Coaches: Ward Nefstead (ApEc), Jaycee Hoyt (Accenture), and Bob Olsen (U of MN Alumni and Marketing Consultant). This is the seventh year in which the University of Minnesota teams have finished in the top teams. NAMA were national champions in 2013 and won second place in 2012.

### Mark Your Calendars!

The CFANS Spring College Assembly will take place Wednesday, May 4th from 9:30-12:00 in 105 Cargill. Agenda and WebEx information will be sent prior to the meeting.

### ATTENTION STUDENTS: Prelim and Field Exam Information

#### APEC Micro Prelim

We ask that you register to take the written Applied Economics micro preliminary exam to be held in June. Please email [apecdgs@umn.edu](mailto:apecdgs@umn.edu) by Friday, May 6th in order to sign up. If English is not your first language and you are requesting an extra half hour of time, please specify this in your reply for our record keeping.

The exam will be held on Friday, June 3rd in Ruttan Hall. 9:00-1:00 pm. Room T.B.A.

The basic format of the four hour exam will be four sections; each section will have two questions and you will be required to answer one of them in each section (for a total of four questions). The sections will correlate with the four mini courses in the APEC 8001-4 sequence, but there may be questions that span knowledge across the courses. Your readings, notes, class exams, and problem sets from each mini are your best guide for

study preparation for the prelim.

If you have any further questions regarding the exam, please contact [apecdgs@umn.edu](mailto:apecdgs@umn.edu) for your inquiry and Gary Cooper will make sure to respond to your question or questions after consulting with Professor Smith.

#### June Field Exams

PhD Graduate Students:

Field exams will be scheduled during the last two weeks of June 2016 (June 20-30). If you plan on taking one of these exams, please e-mail which one you plan to pursue by Friday, May 13th.

Specific field exam dates will be scheduled once we get the list of student requests.

We intend to advertise all exam dates no later than Friday, May 20th to help you with appropriate planning and your respective summer schedules.

Exam offerings will include:

Consumer Behavior and Household Economics

Labor Economics

Policy Analysis

Production and Marketing Economics

Resource and Environmental Economics

Trade and Development Economics

We ask that you indicate in your reply which field classes and faculty you have had or are currently taking (with regards to the field exam you plan to take). Please only reply to the [apecdgs@umn.edu](mailto:apecdgs@umn.edu).

### Opportunities

#### Restricted Access Data for Population Research

The University of Minnesota is home to one of 24 Research Data Centers (RDC) which allows approved researchers to access restricted datasets to investigate economic, health, and demographic research questions. The data available in the RDC include the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Data, the American Community Survey (ACS), the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), and the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) among many others. The MnRDC administrator, [Rachelle Hill](#), is available for presentations to large or small groups or individual meetings with interested researchers. Please contact her at 612-626-4365. Information about the RDC and the data available for academic researchers is also available [online](#).

### Departmental Seminars

#### Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Marc Bellemare, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Economics

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

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

#### Trade and Development Seminar

*"Gender Differences in the Trust Game: Evidence from a Field Experiment between Spouses in India"*

Carolina Castilla, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Colgate University

Friday, April 22, 2016

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

#### Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

*"The Acceptance of Environmental Taxes: An Empirical Public Choice Investigation"*

Friedrich Schneider

Monday, April 25, 2016

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

### **Graduate Student Seminar**

*"The Role of Formal Education in Shifting Opinions of Female Genital Cutting in Burkina Faso"*

Lindsey Novak Ph.D. Candidate

Friday, April 22, 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 Economics Seminar**

*"Estimation of a Life-Cycle Model with Human Capital, Labor Supply and Retirement"*

Chris Taber, UW-Madison

Thursday, April 28, 2016

12:00 p.m., CSOM 1-142

#### **Conservation Biology Seminar**

*"Understanding the Emerging Sustainability Transition"*

Kate Knuth, Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota

Monday, April 25, 2016

4-5 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

#### **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 25, 2016

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

#### **Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar- Teaching Workshop**

*Experiences, Observations, and Insights from Building the HRM MOOCS*

Alan Benson, John Budd & Amy Falink, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota

Friday, April 29, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-122

#### **Health Policy & Management**

*Measuring the Value of the Integrated Care Delivery: A Strategy for Classifying Delivery Model Design*

Sarah K. Meier, Research Associate, Health Sciences Research

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

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

### **Jobs**

#### **Economist**

The FAO Social Protection Team is spear-heading new work on strengthening coherence between agriculture and social protection in developing countries and seeking an economist to deepen and push forward the agenda on the linkages between agricultural and social protection interventions. They generate evidence on the linkages between

agriculture and social protection and use this for providing policy, programming and operational support and for engaging in advocacy. Our work stems from "The From Protection to Production Project (PtoP)", which provided evidence on the productive impacts of social cash transfer programmes on household economic decision-making and the local economy.

If interested, please [email](#) a CV and cover letter of no more than 350 words by May 6th.

### **Research Assistant**

The National University of Singapore is searching for a full time research assistant in conservation science bioeconomic modelling. Please [send](#) your CV, including a section describing your quantitative skills, software you are familiar with and previous research work conducted using these skills. A cover letter is not needed.

### **Professor and Department Head**

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University is seeking a Professor and Department Head. A letter of application, personal CV and names/addresses/emails of at least four professional references should be forwarded to: Dr. John Blanton, Chair, Search Committee for Department Head, Agricultural Economics, Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences, Mississippi State University, Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Nominations are encouraged and can be sent by address, phone (662-325-2935), or [email](#). [Apply online](#).

### **Departmental Publications**

Eryilmaz, D., and F.R. Homans "How does uncertainty in renewable energy policy affect decisions to invest in wind energy?" *The Electricity Journal*. [Available online](#) April 19, 2016. doi: 10.1016/j.tej.2015.12.002.

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