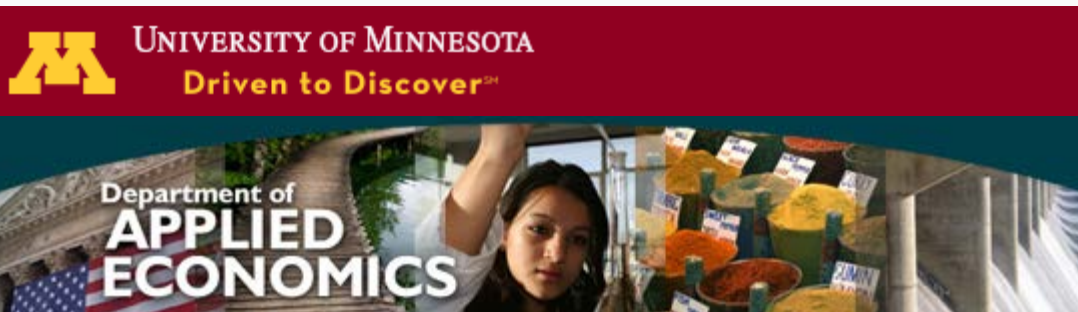


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## Marginal Memos

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### Announcements

#### Faculty Meeting

Today (Friday, May 13th) at 1:30 p.m., **135B Ruttan Hall \*\*Note room change!**

#### Retirement Celebration

We hope you can join us on Tuesday, May 24th from 2:30-4:00 p.m. in Waite Library to celebrate the careers of Terry Roe and Ben Senauer. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served, and remarks made at 3:00 p.m. [Please RSVP by May 18th.](#) Contact [Sadie Brendalen](#) with any questions.

#### 2016 ISEE Conference

The 2016 International Society of Ecological Economics 2016 Conference, "Transforming the Economy: Sustaining Food, Water, Energy and Justice," is being held June 26-29 in Washington, DC. For more information on topics and registration visit the [ISEE website conference page.](#)

### Jobs

Ag Risk Managers LLC is looking for an Ag Econ major who is interested in a project to test the viability and feasibility of implementing the commodities marketing strategy that has been developed by the company's grain marketing team. This is a part-time paid position, designed to complement the schedule of a student pursuing a degree. Project is anticipated to last for 6 to 12 months. Interested students should send letter and resume to [Mark Buchman.](#)

#### Social Scientist

Business Strategy Consultants seeks an experienced social scientist to work on research and evaluation activities. This position will support the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation's Division of Child and Family Development in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, with particular focus on child care and early education policy research. Some responsibilities of the position include: assisting federal staff in oversight of research contracts and grants, working with federal staff and existing grantees and contractors in identifying emerging issues and question in need of new research, synthesis or interpretation for policy decision-making, coordinating collaborative efforts among grantees, contractors and other researchers, among other duties. To see the complete list of responsibilities and to apply, you can do so [online.](#)

#### Economist

The Montana State Department of Labor and Industry is seeking an Economist to assist in

and conduct research, analysis, and interpretation of labor market and economic data involving policy decisions, business initiatives, and economic development within Montana. The incumbent will serve as a technical expert on labor market and economic data and will utilize knowledge of economics and statistical analysis to answer questions about Montana's economy and labor markets. [More information and application available online.](#)

### **Director (Full Professor)**

The Fenner School of Environment & Society at Australian National University, Canberra is currently seeking a Director with a clear vision for effective strategic leadership for the Fenner School of Environment and Society. The Director provides the leadership necessary to foster an environment that enables academic staff to achieve outstanding disciplinary and cross-disciplinary research, educational, policy and practice outcomes for the School and the University. The Director will have the opportunity to influence the direction of environment and sustainability research and education, and inform government policy and public debate. [More information and to apply online.](#) Closing date is May 29.

### **Departmental Seminars**

#### **Graduate Student Seminar**

*Commodity Price Volatility and Migration: Evidence from Rural Ethiopia*

Yu Na Lee, Ph.D. Candidate, Applied Economics

Friday, May 13, 2016

1:30-2:30, 230 Ruttan Hall

### **Seminars in Other Departments**

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

Hui Liao, University of Maryland

Friday, May 20, 2016

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

### **Federal Reserve Bank Seminars**

Fed Bag Lunch

*"Government Old-Age Support and Labor Supply: Evidence from the Old Age Assistance Program"*

Lee Lockwood, Northwestern

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Fed Bag Lunch

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Hitoshi Tsujiyama, Goethe University Frankfurt

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

### **Departmental Publications**

Bellemare, M., Gitter, S., Kasterine, A., Obregon, E., Zotz, A. (2016) Trade in Quinoa: Impact on the Welfare of Peruvian Communities. International Trade Centre, Geneva, Switzerland. [Available online.](#)

Bergh, J. V. D., Steffen, W., Scheffer, M., Polasky, S., & Folke, C. (2016). Què passaria si l'energia solar fos realment barata? Un experiment mental en el "problema del canvi ambiental". *UAB divulga*, [Available online.](#)

Lee, Yu Na, Marc F. Bellemare, and David R. Just. (2016) Experimental Evidence on Attitudes to Price Uncertainty, *In Commodity Market Instability and Asymmetries in Developing Countries: Development Impacts and Policies*, edited by Alexandros Sarris,

pp. 51-54. Paris, France: Ferdi. [Available online.](#)

***Congratulations to all of our students on both a wonderful semester  
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