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## Marginal Memos

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### Announcements

Bixuan Sun presented her paper, "Market Power and the Transition to Clean Energy," at the 2016 Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop in Sustainable Development at Columbia University.

### Opportunities

#### CSAE 2017 Call for Paper

Conference on Economic Development in Africa, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, March 19-21, 2017. Papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are invited for the CSAE 20147 Conference. Papers on countries other than Africa are welcome, providing they deal with issues central to African development.

Please note that due to the high demand to present papers at this conference, only full drafts will be considered. Please ensure your paper also includes a short abstract. All papers for consideration must be submitted via [online submission](#).

### Jobs

#### Research and Data Specialist

The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Child Care Assistance Program is in search of a research and data specialist to act as lead on performance management, research partnerships and child care provider rate analysis for the Child Care Assistance Program. This position will respond to data requests, make policy and action recommendations based on research and analytics and serve both leadership and technical roles. [Apply online using job code 6432](#)

#### Postdoctoral Fellow- Agribusiness

The Zwick Center for Food & Resource Policy and the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics invite applications for a postdoctoral fellow position. The successful candidate will have 40% applied research, 40% extension and 20% teaching responsibilities. They will develop and implement a strong applied research and extension program in agribusiness management, economic development, marketing, finance, and/or food economics. The candidate will collaborate with campus-based faculty and county-based extension faculty and staff, and stakeholders. This is a full-time, non-tenure track position. [Apply online](#) searching #2016654.

#### Postdoctoral Fellow- Food Policy

The Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity and the Zwick Center for Food & Resource

Policy at the University of Connecticut invite applications for a postdoctoral fellow position beginning August 23, 2016 or as negotiated. Candidates will be expected to contribute to the research mission of the centers in at least one of the following areas: food marketing, food insecurity, consumer food and beverage choices, nutrition and health disparities. This is a full-time, renewable position. [Apply online](#) searching #2016655.

### **Economist**

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Resources Division is seeking both an economist to conduct analyses and provide technical support for positions of the Minnesota Department of Commerce on revenue requirements, rate design, rate of return, public utility accounting/tax issues, cost recovery methods/policies, energy conservation, resource planning, service policies, renewable energy, distributed generation, regional/federal activities and other issues in natural gas and electric utility. [Apply online using job code 6435](#).

### **Departmental Seminars**

#### **Final Defense**

Juan Chaparro, Ph.D., Applied Economics

*"Skills over the Life Cycle: Evidence from the United States and the Philippines"*

Monday, July 18, 2016

1:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

### **Departmental Publications**

Heng, Y., H.H. Peterson, and X. Li "Consumer Responses to Multiple and Superfluous Labels in the Case of Eggs." *Journal of Food Distribution Research* 47 (2016):62-82. [Available online](#).

Kennedy, Christina M., Daniela A. Miteva, Leandro Baumgarten, Peter L. Hawthorne, Kei Sochi, Stephen Polasky, James R. Oakleaf, Elizabeth M. Uhlhorn, and Joseph Kiesecker. "Bigger is better: Improved nature conservation and economic returns from landscape-level mitigation." *Science Advances* 2, no. 7 (2016): e1501021. [Available online](#).

Ouyang, Zhiyun, Hua Zheng, Yi Xiao, Stephen Polasky, Jianguo Liu, Weihua Xu, Qiao Wang et al. "Improvements in ecosystem services from investments in natural capital." *Science* 352, no. 6292 (2016): 1455-1459. [Available online](#). (See also [Supplementary Materials](#))

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