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## Marginal Memos

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### Announcements

WELCOME to Jenna Mead who started her new position as Grad Program Coordinator on Monday, July 11. Jenna has a B.A. from Augsburg College and an M.S. from UC-Riverside, both in Sociology. She had been working as an academic advisor and support for a large graduate program at Walden University, an online institution. She also has experience working as a Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant. We are very excited to have her join our department. Jenna is housed in room 231H Ruttan and can be reached at 5-377 or [jmead@umn.edu](mailto:jmead@umn.edu) (or [apecdgs@umn.edu](mailto:apecdgs@umn.edu))



### Jobs

#### Post-doctoral positions

Several 2-year appointments to post-doctoral research positions are available at the Agribusiness Centre. Post-doctoral researchers will work with academic staff and other UNE researchers in a multidisciplinary partnership which delivers high quality research output. They will work at all stages of the project management cycle to design, deliver and communicate high quality research. They will establish and develop linkages to commercial firms and industries that promote research partnerships. Applications should include a 1-page letter and a detailed CV demonstrating appropriate qualifications for the position and appropriate skills. Applications should be sent to [Professor Derek Baker](#).

#### Research Fellow

The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies at James Cook University is seeking a research fellow position for an environmental social scientist

with expertise in behavioural economics. The position will be split, with 50% time devoted to conducting research to support the Pew Fellowship project on coral reef "Bright Spots". [Apply online with reference number 15647.](#)

### **Post-doctoral**

A post-doctoral opportunity, "Measuring Urban Sustainability Using Economic and Ecological Metrics" is available with the Environmental Protection Agency through the NRC. The position is extendable up to three years, funding dependent. The economist will work with a multidisciplinary team to evaluate the 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. [Apply online.](#)

### **Policy Advisor**

The Treasury's Office of Consumer Policy at the Financial Education and Literacy Commission (FLEC) with the USDA has a position open for a Policy Advisor. This position is located in the U.S. Treasury Departmental Offices (DO), Domestic Finance, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Financial Institutions), Office of Consumer Policy, Office of Financial Security. Domestic Finance has a number of important roles in the U.S. financial system. The Office of Consumer Policy develops and coordinates the Treasury Department's legislative and regulatory policies as they relate to retail financial services by banks and nonbank financial services companies. The Office has a particular focus on emerging trends in financial services such as the growing use of technology and data. The Office is also responsible for the interagency federal Financial Literacy and Education Commission. [Apply online.](#)

### **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**

Glewwe, P., A. Park, and M. Zhao "A better vision for development: Eyeglasses and academic performance in rural primary schools in China." *Journal of Development Economics* 122 (2016):170-82. [Available online.](#)

Watson, K.B., T. Ricketts, G. Galford, S. Polasky, and J. O'Neil-Dunne "Quantifying flood mitigation services: The economic value of Otter Creek wetlands and floodplains to Middlebury, VT." *Ecological Economics* 130 (2016):16-24. [Available online.](#)

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