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Announcements

Award Reception and Seminar

Applied Economics alum Klaus Deininger will be presenting the Trade and Development Seminar on September 23, 2016. It has been decided that we will host his award presentation and reception on that date as well, immediately following his presentation. If you are unable to attend the seminar, you are still welcome to join us for lunch. Please [RSVP](#) by September 16th for an accurate head count.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Vanee Dusoruth and Hikaru Peterson for being awarded a one year grant from the Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Institute for their proposal titled, "Throwing Away That Food? Impacts of Food Date Labelling and Cosmetic Standards."



Call for Graduate Student Submissions for the MGAPE Fall 2016 Meeting

The Fall 2016 meeting of the [Midwest Group in African Political Economy](#) (MGAPE) will be held at the University of Minnesota, organized by Jason Kerwin. Founded in 2011, MGAPE brings together junior faculty in Political Science, Economics, and Public Policy who combine rich research experience in Africa with training in political economy methods. MGAPE is a regional branch of the national WGAPe. MGAPE meets to discuss works-in-progress of its regular members. The schedule will follow previous MGAPEs, starting with a public panel on food security on Friday afternoon, then dinner, and papers to be discussed Saturday through the early afternoon.

MGAPE is now accepting submissions from UMN graduate students interested in presenting their research on political economy in Africa at the workshop. We will consider both draft papers and research designs. Space at the workshop is very limited, so graduate student submissions will be held to the same standard as those made by regular MGAPE members. Submissions will be evaluated by the MGAPE executive committee. Students interested in presenting their work should email a title and abstract to [Jason Kerwin](#) with the subject line "MGAPE 2016 Submission for [NAME]", and indicate whether their submission is a draft paper or a research design.

CSAE 2017 Call for Papers

The Conference on Economic Development in Africa will be held at St. Catherine's College in Oxford, March 19-21, 2017. Papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are invited for the CSAE 2017 conference. Papers on countries other than those in 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, we will only be considering FULL DRAFTS of papers for 2017. Please ensure your paper also includes a short abstract.

All papers for consideration must be submitted via the [online submission site](#). Deadline for submissions is Friday, October 28.

Jobs

Assistant/Associate Professor

The Department of Environmental Science and Policy at the University of California at Davis has a faculty opening for an Assistant/Associate Professor in Social-Ecological Systems with a preferred emphasis in governance and quantitative approaches including but not limited to network analysis, mathematical models, computational models, and empirical research. This is an academic year(9-month), Assistant/Associate Professor tenure-track/tenured position with teaching, research, outreach/engagement and service responsibilities. More information about this position and how to apply is [available online](#).

Assistant Professor

The Environmental Studies program at St. Mary's College of Maryland is hiring a new faculty member at the Assistant Professor level, with the area of focus being science and policy. Those whose teaching interests are focused on the intersection of environmental science and policy with expertise and an enthusiasm to teach in both the ENST Science Track and ENST Social Science & Policy Track of the ENST major and minor curriculum in addition to teaching a regular rotation of common core courses in the major are encouraged to apply. A strong candidate will have a PhD before August 2017, previous experience teaching in a liberal arts context, and a high level of commitment to creative, undergraduate education. Find more information about this position and how to apply [online](#).

Ph.D. Fellowship

Dartmouth's doctoral program in [Ecology, Evolution, Ecosystems, and Society \(EEES\)](#) seeks applicants for a graduate fellowship focusing on the ecology, economics, and governance of ecosystem services to begin in the Fall of 2017. Potential research topics might include the science and policy of carbon storage in temperate forests, the use of deliberative multicriteria analysis in managing forests and watersheds, and the bioeconomics of forest insect pests. The ideal candidate will have an interdisciplinary background that includes aspects of environmental science and economics plus demonstrated capability in research. The EEES graduate program offers a cross-cutting intellectual environment, ample resources for graduate students, and a committed faculty. To initiate an application, please e-mail a CV and statement of interest to [Richard Howarth](#). Applications should be completed by December 1, 2016 using the [Dartmouth online application](#).

Branch Chief

The Economic Research Service (ERS) of USDA has a leadership vacancy for Branch Chief, International Demand and Trade Branch, Markets and Trade Economics Division. Requirements of the position include an advanced degree, intellectual leadership within the fields of economics or statistics and proven ability to lead a top quality and diverse group of researchers. The candidate will be responsible for planning, directing, and managing the International Demand and Trade (IDT) program of agricultural economic research, analysis, and information dissemination. More information is available online for [Federal Employees](#) and [US Citizens](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Electoral Reciprocity in Programmatic Redistribution: Experimental Evidence" [Paper Available](#)

Sebastian Galiani, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland
Friday, September 16
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Timothy Richards, Marvin & June Morrison Chair of Agribusiness & Resource Management, W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University
Wednesday, September 21
1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Market Power and the Transition to Clean Energy"
Bixuan Sun, Ph.D. Student, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
Monday, October 10
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

HCRC Brown Bag Seminar

"Early Childhood Interventions: Experimental and Observational Evidence"
Costas Meghir, Yale University
September 15, 2016
9:00 a.m., Humphrey School Room 205

"Inequalities in Access to Early Care and Education? Family-Centered Measures of the Cost-Quality Tradeoff"

Elizabeth Davis, Department of Applied Economics
September 20, 2016
1:00 p.m., Humphrey School Room 205

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"The Structure of U.S. Families and Intergenerational Transfers"
Judy Seltzer, UCLA
Monday, September 12
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Childrearing practices and son preference in political conflict settings: New findings from the Palestinian Family Study, 2010"
Allen Tate, Epidemiology and Community Health
Friday, September 16
12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, Willey Hall

Federal Reserve Bank Seminars

Fed Bag Lunches

"Missing Growth from Creative Destruction"

Pete Klenow, Stanford

Tuesday, September 13

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

TBD

Costas Meghir, Yale

Wednesday, September 14

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Firm Entry and Exit and Aggregate Growth"

Sewon Hur, Pittsburgh

Thursday, September 15

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

EpiCH Seminar Series

"Beyond Obamacare: Life, Death, and Social Policy"

Jim House, Ph.D., University of Michigan

Friday, September 16

10:00 a.m., West Bank Office Building, Room 140

Healthy Food Summit 2016

Registration for the 2016 Healthy Food Summit, *Food, Microbes and Health*, October 27-28 is now open. Early bird pricing is available through September 23. [You can find more information and register online at the Healthy Food Healthy Lives website.](#)

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