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Announcements

Award Reception and Seminar- TODAY!

Applied Economics alum Klaus Deininger will be presenting the Trade and Development Seminar today at 10:30. Following the presentation there will be lunch served and the presentation of the award around 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the seminar, you are still welcome to join us for lunch. We look forward to having you celebrate with us!

Carl Casale of CHS at First Tuesday

Carl Casale, president and chief executive officer of CHS, a leading energy, grains, and foods company and the nation's largest member-owned cooperative, will be speaking at First Tuesday Speaker Series on October 4, 2016. Prior to joining CHS in 2011, he was executive vice president and chief financial officer for Monsanto Company.

Casale currently serves as director on the boards of the Ventura Foods, LLC; Ecolab Inc., National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and the Minnesota Business Partnership.

[Register for this event online.](#)

Minnesota AgriGrowth Annual Meeting

Minnesota AgriGrowth is hosting their annual meeting on Thursday, November 10. If you are a student and would like to attend, contact [Mike Boland](#), who will help with rides and registration. The agenda can be found [online](#).

Opportunities

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships at the Minnesota Population Center

Application Instructions for 2017-18 Fellowships ~ Preliminary Applications Due to MPC: Tuesday, October 25, 2016

The Graduate School will award a limited number of Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships (IDFs) for 2017-18 to outstanding graduate students with interdisciplinary dissertation topics who would benefit from interaction with faculty at one of the University's interdisciplinary research centers or institutes. MPC welcomes applications from students pursuing population research.

The award includes a stipend of \$23,000 for the academic year (September-May), tuition for up to 14 graduate credits each semester (fall & spring), and subsidized health insurance through the Graduate Assistant Health Plan. Summer health insurance will be provided if the Fellow remains eligible.

Students seeking to hold an IDF in 2017-18 at MPC should contact MPC Training Director

David Hacker as soon as possible (well in advance of October 25) to indicate their interest. Although the Graduate School's deadline is Monday, November 14, applicants must submit their entire application packet (minus the letter of support from MPC's Director) to MPC Training Director [David Hacker](#) by October 25. MPC will then select applications to endorse, and will provide letters of support accordingly.

MPC will make its review and notify applicants of decisions by Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Prior to Monday, November 14, successful applicants will receive a PDF copy of a letter of support from MPC Director Rob Warren to be included with their applications to the Graduate School.

In addition to the selection criteria listed [here](#) by the Graduate School, the MPC review committee will consider how each applicant would benefit from residence in MPC's interdisciplinary intellectual community and how MPC would benefit from each applicant's residence.

Jobs

Post-Doctoral Research Associate

The Great Lakes Restorative Initiative (GLRI), is seeking a postdoctoral research associate to lead development of an adaptive approach to the selection of restoration project portfolios. They will work with decision stakeholders from the participating agencies to frame the decision making context, identify restoration priorities, characterize uncertainties in predicting project outcomes and design systems of monitoring to assess satisfaction of project goals. Interested applications should provide, in a single PDF document, (1) a cover letter that addresses qualifications and skills in the areas of expertise listed above, (2) a current vita, (3) a transcript of PhD work indicating degree award date, and (4) the names and contact information of three references who can attest to the candidate's qualifications. Send applications and inquiries by email to Dr. [Clint Moore](#), Assistant Unit Leader, Georgia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found.

Adjunct Faculty Position

The Economics Department at Augsburg College seeks to hire a part-time adjunct faculty member for the Spring 2017 semester to teach an undergraduate course in Environmental Economics. The course serves majors in both Economics and Environmental Studies. To apply, please [upload](#) a cover letter and your current CV. Contact [Keith Gilsdorf](#) with questions or for additional information.

Program Officer

The Ford Foundation seeks a creative, dynamic, Program Officer to join its Inclusive Economies team. This person will be part of a global effort to help advance inclusive economy. Reporting to the Director of Inclusive Economies, and as part of the Inclusive Economies (IE) team, the Program Officer will assess opportunities in the US and globally, identify key ecosystems interventions and work with various actors to analyze challenges and opportunities, identify levers of change, and play a leading role in shaping specific grant activities-particularly around Quality Work and Economic Security. The Program Officer will share substantive knowledge with Foundation colleagues; collaborate broadly across IE and other Foundation teams; serve as a 'connector' of grantees; promote thoughtful learning; and work with practitioners, government officials, scholars, NGOs, other donors and corporate sector leaders on issue of common concern to leverage positive impact toward common goals. [Apply online.](#)

Agricultural Economist

The ERS is hiring Agricultural Economists in the Crops Branch and in the Animal Products & Cost of Production Branch. They specifically seek cutting edge commodity analysts who will develop a program of economic research and outlook focused on (1) at least one of the crop markets covered by the Crops Branch (grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, fruit and tree nuts, vegetables and dry pulses, sugar and sweeteners) and (2) livestock, dairy, and poultry markets covered by the Animal Products & C Cost of Production Branch. [Apply](#)

[online](#) using position number ERS-S16N-0036. For more information, contact [Suzanne Thornsby](#) or [Jeffrey Gillespie](#).

Assistant Professor

The University of Connecticut invites applications for an Assistant Professor in Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics. The successful candidate will have a 50% research and 50% teaching responsibility that includes developing and implementing a strong applied research program with a focus on agribusiness, food, or energy; teaching three courses per academic year; advising and mentoring undergraduates and graduates and actively seeking extramural funding. They will be interviewing at the ASSA meetings in Chicago, January 6-8 prior to flyouts. [Apply online](#).

Extension Educator

The University of Minnesota Extension has an opening in Rice and Steele Counties for an Extension Educator working in Agriculture Production Systems. This position will primarily focus on providing support for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) programs that are relevant to the local community. This support will involve local program development, delivery, marketing, evaluation, coordination, logistics and possibly participation in scholarly research. This position will also provide technical assistance and information in the area of crops, livestock, agricultural business management, and possibly horticulture. Special effort will be required to maintain competency in multiple discipline areas of agricultural production as well as knowledge of local/federal/state agency programs. [Apply online](#).

Faculty Position (all levels)

The Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at the University of California, Los Angeles, invites applications for a faculty position in environment and/or energy economics. Specifically, the applicant should have interests and experience in the following areas of research: environmental valuation, environmental policy, corporate sustainability, political economy, behavioral economics, environmental health, international economics, econometrics and experimental economics. Applicants will be expected to teach at both the undergraduate and graduate level, advise and mentor graduate students, and contribute to graduate education. [Apply online](#). Refer to position # JPF02335 in all correspondence.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Does Large Farm Establishment Create Benefits for Neighboring Smallholders? Evidence from Ethiopia"

Klaus Deininger, Lead Economist, Development Research Group, The World Bank - Recipient of the 2016 University of Minnesota Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals.

Friday, September 23

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

*Seminar will be immediately followed by lunch and award presentation

TBD

Lindsey Novak, PhD Candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Friday, September 30

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Marc Bellemare, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, September 28

12:00 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

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Social Context and the Permeability of Racial Identity Boundaries: How Place Shapes Race"

Carolyn Liebler, University of Minnesota

Monday, September 26

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Experimental Evidence on discrimination in the labor marker"

Marina Gorsuch, University of Minnesota

Friday, September 30

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, Willey Hall

"Jobs beyond the academy: Career opportunities with the U.S. Census"

Rachelle Hill (MnRDC) and Sarah Heimel (U.S. Census)

Friday, September 23

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, Willey

Department of Economics

Applied Micro Seminar

"What do Exporters Know?"

Michael Dickstein, NYU-Stern, joint with Eduardo Morales

Wednesday, September 28

3:30 p.m., HMH 4-190

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Information Resale in Networks"

Mihai Manea, MIT

Thursday, September 29

12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

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