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Announcements

TFIC Luncheon Series

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.
Cherrywood Room, St. Paul Student Center
Complimentary buffet lunch will be served starting at 11:30. Please [RSVP online](#) by October 7.

Kyle Punton, Sr. Key Account Manager, Kemp's LLC will present: "From Farm to Table-Careers in the Dairy Industry."

Kyle Punton is currently the Sr. Key Account Manager at Kemp's calling Supervalu and Cub Foods in Minneapolis. He has over 10 years of experience with Frozen and Dairy Consumer Packaged Goods. Kyle graduated from St. John's University with a BA in Communications.

Can Economics Reduce Global Pollution Deaths?

An estimated 7.8 million people died in 2013 due to ambient and household air pollution, lack of access to safe water and sanitation, and exposure to lead. Over 90% of these deaths occurred in low and middle income countries. Can economic analysis help reduce this burden in a cost effective way? Join us for the Jon Goldstein Memorial Lecture featuring Maureen Cropper, University of Maryland. Hosted by the Department of Economics and the Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute. 6:00 pm lecture and 7:00 pm reception. Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but [registration](#) is required.

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be hosting happy hour today, October 7th at 4:00 p.m. in Waite Library. \$5 donation suggested.

Opportunities

Call for Papers

In the Spring of 2017, the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will host the 14th Midwest International Economic Development Conference on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Pyle Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The keynote speaker will be Pascaline Dupas, Associate Professor of Economics at Stanford University.

You are invited to submit a paper to present at the conference. Papers on any topic related to international economic development are welcome. Submissions for an entire session are also welcome. Abstracts without papers will not be considered. Submission

deadline is January 4, 2017. The [submission portal](#) will be live on November 1. Questions about submission should contact [MWIEDC](#).

Call for Papers

The MEA invites papers and organized sessions in all areas of economics at the upcoming 81st Annual Meeting. The conference will take place from March 31st to April 2nd, 2017 at the Westin Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. Conference speakers include Michael Greenstone, Milton Friedman Professor in Economics University of Chicago and Director of the Energy Policy Institute at Chicago, as well as Thomas J. Holmes, MEA President and the Curtis L. Carlson Professor of Economics at the University of Minnesota and Consultant to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The deadline for abstract submissions is October 14th. Please refer to the conference page on the [MEA website](#) for submission forms and other details.

Call for Papers

The GlobalFood Program at the University of Gottingen in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has organized the Third GlobalFood Symposium from April 28th-29th, 2017 in Gottingen. The aim of the Symposium is to discuss new research findings and policy changes related to the global agri-food system transformation. The two-day event will feature speakers: Jenny Aker, Kym Anderson, Jill McCluskey, Marie Ruel, Tom Reardon, Jo Swinnen, and Maximo Torero.

Submissions from researchers working on related topics from an economic and/or social science perspective are welcomed. All submissions should be in the form of extended abstracts to be submitted via the [GlobalFood website](#). Submission deadline is November 15th. More information can be found [online](#).

Jobs

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Economics

The Department of Economics at Iowa State University seeks to hire two tenure-track Assistant, Associate or Full Professors in Economics.

In one of these positions, the successful candidate will be expected to develop and innovative research program addressing key issues in international trade with emphasis on agricultural trade and agricultural markets. Areas of interest might include applications to trade policies, climate change, food security, technical change, product quality and development. Teaching responsibilities may include courses in agricultural, food and trade policy; international trade; international development; international finance; the PhD microeconomics core or related areas. [More information and to apply online](#).

In the other position the successful candidate's innovative research program will address key issues in risk commodities with emphases on commodities important to the State of Iowa. This might include crop insurance, basis analysis and arbitrage, agricultural and financial policy and/or related fields. Teaching responsibilities may include courses in agricultural marketing; commodity marketing and risk management; the PhD microeconomics core or related areas. [More information and to apply online](#).

13 Doctoral Researchers

The University of Gottingen has position openings for 13 doctoral researchers to join the Research Training Group (RTG) 1666 "Transformation of Global Agri-Food Systems". The positions duties include research on questions related to the "Transformation of Global Agri-Food Systems". The GlobalFood RTG carries out research on restructuring agricultural markets, including the growing role of international food standards, changing consumer preferences, and the rapid expansion of supermarkets. Projects analyze the implications for supply chain governance, international trade flows, market efficiency, ethical consumption and impacts on rural poverty, food security and nutrition in developing countries. These positions will require international travel for data collection and exchange with collaborators. [Apply online](#).

Assistant Professor

Applications are invited for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE) at the University of Guelph. The successful candidate is expected to establish and maintain a high quality, externally funded research program in the area of agricultural business. Areas of research interest include: agricultural finance and risk management; supply chain management; development and management of value-chains; agricultural commodity and food product marketing; firm innovation and financing of startup firms; and agri-industrial organization. The position involves teaching three courses per year at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. Applicants should submit their CV, a statement of research interests and vision of their long-term program of research, a statement of teaching philosophy, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent under separate cover to: [Ms. Debbie Harkies](#), Secretary to the Chair
Department of Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics
University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1

Research Assistant

The Freshwater Society is looking for a research assistant for a temporary, part time project. The successful candidate will research and summarize up to six organizational models that would provide guidance for rethinking the management and workflow of the Technical Service Areas. The project will run from October 2016 through the end of November. To apply contact [Peggy Knapp](#), Director of Programs at the Freshwater Society.

Postdoctoral Researcher

The George Perkins Marsh Institute at Clark University seeks a Postdoctoral Researcher in environmental economics, with an emphasis in ecosystem service valuation, stated and stated/revealed preference methods, and benefit transfer. The fellow will contribute to a portfolio of research projects led by George Perkins Marsh Institute director Robert J. Johnston addressing multiple aspects of environmental and non-market valuation. To apply, [please email](#): A cover letter explaining qualifications and interest in the position, an updated CV, graduate transcript, names and contact information for three references and a writing sample.

Postdoctoral Researcher

UCLA is looking for postdoctoral researchers for the 2017-2018 year to conduct social science research on climate change at the Center for Corporate Environmental Performance in the Institute of the Environment. The candidate will work with Professor Magali Delmas and other professors at the UCLA Institute of the Environment. [Apply online.](#)

Economist

The Risk and Benefits Group in the Office of Air and Radiation at the United States Environmental Protection Agency is looking for an economist who is interested in working in a multi-disciplinary team to help characterize the dollar benefits of improved air quality. This person will focus in particular on developing and identifying new willingness to pay and cost of illness measures to express the economic value of these impacts. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Smog in Our Brains: Gender Difference in the Impact of Exposures to Air Pollution on Cognitive Performance"

Xi Chen, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health & Institution for Social & Policy Studies, Yale University

Friday, October 14

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Jeta Rudi, PhD candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
 Wednesday, October 12
 12:00 p.m., **230 Ruttan Hall**NOTE ROOM CHANGE**

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

"Intergenerational Mobility During the Great Depression"

James Feigenbaum, PhD Fellow, Princeton University
 Monday, October 10
 12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

MPC research mixer: Population mobility and spatial demography. This mixer and brainstorming session is open to anyone with an interest in this research area.

Jack DeWaard (Sociology) and Audrey Dorelien (Humphrey School)
 Friday, October 14
 12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

HPM Seminar

"A Deadly Epidemic: Nonmedical Use of Prescription Opioids Among US Women"

Katy Kozhimannil, PhD, MPA, Associate Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management
 Friday, October 7
 11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

Finance Department Seminar

"The Great Escape? A Quantitative Evaluation of the Fed's Liquidity Facilities"

Nobuhiro Kiyotaki, Princeton
 Friday, October 7
 10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-219

HCRC Brown Bag Seminar

"The Play's the Thing: Theatre Arts and School Readiness in Low-Income Preschoolers"

Amy Susman-Stillman, Center for Education and Early Development, University of Minnesota
 Tuesday, October 18
 12:00 p.m., Humphrey School Room 205

Departmental Publications

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