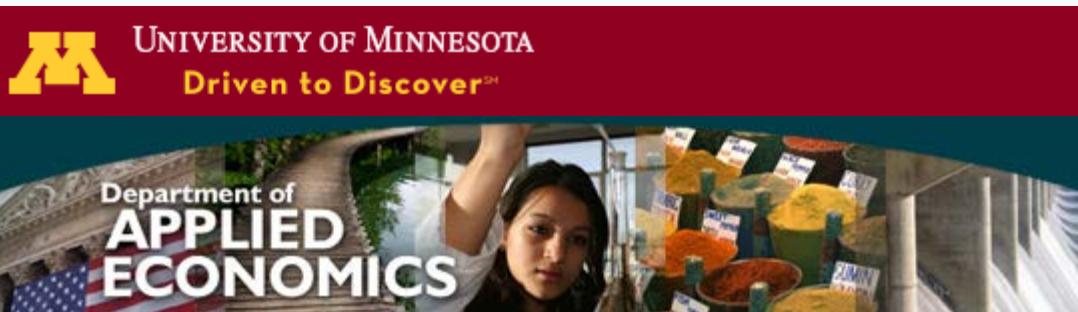


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Announcements

Congratulations Are in Order!

Congratulations to the Mykerezi family on the birth of their second child, Andri Anthony Mykerezi. Andri was born October 6, weighing 8 lb 13 oz and measuring 22.5 inches. All family members are happy and healthy!

TFIC Luncheon Series

Tuesday, October 25, 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 21.

Ann Kliethermes, Field Marketing Manager, MSP, fairlife, LLC will present: "Udderly Important to Believe in Better".

Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa: Present and Future Political Economic Challenges Event

Friday, October 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall

Long-term climate change and recent changes due to El Niño have both contributed to severe droughts across much of sub-Saharan Africa. These droughts have raised important questions about how to ensure food security for the region's growing population, with crucial implications for politics and economics in Africa. [Full flyer available here.](#) The roundtable discussion will feature the following panelists:

Marc Bellemare, University of Minnesota
Kim Dionne, Smith College
Willa Friedman, University of Houston
Christine Moser, Western Michigan University
Kathleen Klaus, Northwestern University

Minnesota AgriGrowth Council

The Minnesota AgriGrowth Council has their annual meeting on November 10th. Traditionally, several graduate students have attended and found it to be very valuable. This year, we have also encouraged Carlson School of Management students to attend. Thus far, I have three of their students attending. We will have a table where we can all sit together and I will handle registration and transportation. If you would like to know more about the program, you can visit [their website.](#)

Please email [Mike Boland](#) if you would like to attend. I need to have a final head count on

Wednesday, November 2. This year's program is good because it has several industry MS and PhDs in ag and applied economics speaking.

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be holding their weekly happy hour at [Republic](#) (7 corners) beginning at 4:00 pm.

Community Fund Drive Pet-A-Puppy Event and Pet Food Drive

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and donated to our Pet-A-Puppy event to benefit the Community Fund Drive and [Pause4Paws MN](#). We had a huge turnout and both the pups and volunteers went home exhausted! We are still taking pet food or supply donations until October 31st, so if you would like you can drop off items in 231 or 146 Ruttan in the designated boxes. Check out all of the adorable puppy pictures on our [Facebook page!](#)



Jobs

Postdoctoral Researchers

Resources for the Future (RFF) currently has openings for 1-2 postdoctoral researchers in its Postdoctoral Program in Energy, Natural Resources and the Environment. The program is designed to provide unique opportunities for postdoctoral fellows to contribute to projects underway, pursue new lines of inquiry, and participate with RFF fellows and senior fellows in engaging fully with policymakers in Washington, DC. RFF is interested in candidates working on energy issues, including research on energy efficiency in residential and commercial buildings; North American energy markets and policy; transportation issues, including passenger vehicles and consumer behavior, fuel economy standards, and fuel/carbon taxes; distributed energy and the future of electric utilities; and the energy-water nexus. [Apply online](#). Please [email](#) letters of reference directly, with candidate name in the subject email.

Department Head

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University seeks a dynamic leader with vision and a talent for innovation. The Head will lead a diverse group of talented faculty and staff in fulfilling the research, teaching and extension/engagement missions of a preeminent agricultural economics department in a major land grant university. The Head will build internal and external support for achieving objectives; muster financial resources; develop human resources; and make key resource allocation decisions. The Head exercises leadership in administrative, fiscal, and human resource matters. The Head is also expected to uphold the department's long-standing commitment to international programs; perform a liaison role within the university and with government agencies and industry groups; lead fundraising efforts; help strengthen interdisciplinary

activities; and represent the department to professional organizations, the university community, and society at large.

Qualified persons are requested to submit the following by [email](#) to Dr. Bernard Engel: a letter of application; a statement of the applicant's vision and administrative philosophy, emphasizing their ability to provide leadership to the teaching, research, extension and international missions of the department, and leadership experiences and qualifications; a complete curriculum vita including names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of five references. A background check is required for employment in this position. Nominations of outstanding potential candidates for the position are welcomed. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon approval of the applicant.

Assistant Professor

Mississippi State University, Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking an Assistant Professor with a strong emphasis in environmental and natural resource economics. This position has a 75 percent research appointment and a 25 percent teaching appointment with both appointments focusing primarily on environmental and natural resource economics. The incumbent will be expected to bring strong quantitative skills to bear on environmental and natural resource issues. Responsibilities include: (1) development of a nationally- and internationally-recognized research program in environmental and/or natural resource economics, (2) providing high-quality undergraduate and/or graduate teaching in environmental and/or natural resource economics, and making significant contributions to the development and growth of our undergraduate Environmental Economics & Management (EEM) major, (3) advising of undergraduate students, particularly EEM majors (4) direction of graduate student theses, (5) development of interdisciplinary relationships with scientists in other departments, and (6) securing external research grants and contracts. [Apply online](#) with posting PARF#493893.

Postdoctoral

The [Institute for Policy Integrity](#) at New York University School of Law is seeking a postdoctoral research fellow in economics. Policy Integrity is a non-partisan think tank dedicated to improving the quality of government decision-making through advocacy and scholarship in the fields of administrative law, economics, and public policy. We work to identify and support economically sound policies related to energy, the environment, public health, and safety.

Economic fellows will collaborate with legal and economic researchers to prepare policy reports, briefs, and journal articles on a variety of issues including energy and climate policy, natural resources management, utility regulation, and benefit-cost analysis. The ideal candidate should have a focus on policy-oriented research in one of the following areas: (1) environmental economics, resource economics, and numerical optimization; or (2) utility regulation, energy economics and policy, and electricity market design/pricing. [Apply online](#).

Assistant Professor

The Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, Colorado State University is seeking an Assistant Professor in the area of environmental and resource economics. The successful applicant will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in environmental and natural resource economics. The incumbent will advise undergraduate and graduate students, as well as participate in service activities in the Department, University, and profession. Applicants should be enthusiastic about developing a nationally and internationally recognized research program in environmental and natural resource economics and willing to collaborate. [Apply online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"State-Conditioned Soil Investment in Rural Uganda"

Leah Bevis, Ohio State University

Friday, October 21
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Ethical issues in using Twitter for population-level depression monitoring: a qualitative study"

Jude Mikal, MPC

Friday, October 21

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

"Understanding Internal Migration to Urban Areas: Evidence from Censuses and Surveys from the Developing World"

Deborah Balk, School of Public Affairs, City University of New York

Monday, October 24

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Remembrance of cars and buses past: How prior life experiences influence car ownership and transit use"

Mike Smart, Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University

Friday, October 28

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

HPM Seminar

"Hepatitis C and HIV in Substance Users: Economics of Screening and Linkage to Care"

Bruce R. Schackman, Director of CHERISH and Saul P. Steinberg Distinguished Professor of Healthcare Policy & Research, Weill Cornell Medical College

Friday, October 28

11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

Math Economics Seminar

"How to Trade Prophetically"

Alexander Garivaltis, University of Minnesota

Monday, October 24

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

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Speed, Accuracy, and the Optimal Timing of Choices"

Tomasz Strazalecki, Harvard

Thursday, October 27

12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

Federal bag Lunch

TBA

Jonathan Vogel, Columbia

Tuesday, October 25

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Friebel, G., G. McCullough, and L. Padilla (2016). Product market deregulation's winners and losers: U.S. railroads between 1981 and 2001. *LoyolaEcon-WP 4/2016*. Universidad Loyola Andalucia. Not available online.

Guilfoos, T., N. Khanna, and J.M. Peterson (2016). Efficiency of Viable Groundwater Management Policies. *Land Economics* 92 (4):618-40. [Available online.](#)

McCullough, G.J. An economic analysis of the issues in ex parte, no. 722, Railroad Revenue Adequacy. *Journal of Transportation Law, Logistics and Policy* (2016):133-64. Not available online.

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