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Announcements

Mark Your Calendar!

The Applied Economics and Agricultural Education Annual Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 9 at noon in the North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center. [Invitation available online.](#)

Chili Cook-Off Today in Waite Library!

Join Applied Economics and Ag Ed for our annual chili cook-off to raise money for the Community Fund Drive! TODAY in Waite Library from 12:00-1:30 we will be serving several different kinds of chili for you to sample and vote on to pick our chili champion! In addition, we will have cornbread, chips, cookies and water, so make sure to stop in while supplies last! \$5 gets you entry and unlimited chili and sides (until they're gone!) Come get it while it's hot!

Grad Club Happy Hour

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

Jobs

Assistant Professor Positions

St. Catherine University is hiring for two tenure-track assistant professor positions, one in [economics](#) and one joint between [economics and political science](#). For the economics position, applicants should expect to teach broadly across introductory and upper level courses. For the economics and political science position, applicants should expect to teach introductory and upper level courses within their area of expertise across politics, economics, or nonprofit programs.

The selected candidate for each position is expected to have responsibilities in teaching, research and service. Currently, the teaching load is six sections (24 credits) per academic year. The creation of knowledge in the discipline resulting in its dissemination through the publication of peer-reviewed articles is expected. Applicants should demonstrate excellence in teaching and a commitment to university service. The selected candidate will be responsible for advising undergraduate students and is expected to engage in service activities with colleagues, the department, school, campus, community and professional organizations. Questions should be directed to [Deep Shikha](#).

Statistical Modeling Analyst

[PayNet](#) is the premier provider of risk management tools and market insight to the commercial credit industry. Using state-of-the-art analytics, PayNet is able to convert its

rich propriety database of commercial loans and leases into predictive information that subscribing lenders use to manage risk, lower operating costs, originate more loans, and improve their business strategy. The company is based just outside of Chicago in Skokie, IL.

Reporting to a Senior Statistical Modeler, the Statistical Modeling Analyst will be involved with a wide range of projects within PayNet's Analytics group including projects to improve or develop new cutting-edge predictive models and scores, projects to analyze how well these and other models predict actual borrower and portfolio performance, and projects to analyze market trends and lender's relative portfolio performance as part of an effort to improve their business both tactically and strategically. This position provides extensive opportunity for the right individual to be creative, grow, learn new things, and advance professionally. Intelligence, dedication, and the ability to work in an unstructured environment are the keys to success in this position. Authorization to work indefinitely in the United States, without any corporate sponsorship, is also required. Interested candidates are encouraged to send resumes or ask questions directly to [Mark Zoff](#).

Agricultural Economist

The USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) is hiring an Agricultural Economist in the Animal Products and Cost of Production Branch, Market and Trade Economics Division. We are seeking a cutting-edge senior analyst at the GS-14 level who will develop a program of economic outlook and research focused on beef and cattle markets. The successful candidate will plan and contribute to market outlook and analysis programs, including applied research on emerging economic and policy issues that impact the beef sector.

[Apply online](#) with position number ERS-S16N-0042 (Agricultural Economist). The position closes Wednesday 11/2/2016.

For more information, please contact [Jeffrey Gillespie](#), Chief, Animal Products and Cost of Production Branch, Market and Trade Economics Division, ERS.

Assistant Professor

The Institute for Energy Studies at Western Washington University (WWU) invites applications from candidates for a full-time, tenure-track position focusing on energy technology and policy. The position is at the Assistant Professor rank and begins on September 16, 2017. We seek an individual with teaching and research interests in fields such as energy efficiency, building science, renewable energy, electricity systems and utility planning, energy and climate policy, or community energy planning, together with a strong commitment to undergraduate education. The person chosen will have an ongoing and formal affiliation with WWU's Institute for Energy Studies and a full-time appointment in an academic department. The position entails teaching, advising, research, community engagement and service to support the Department, the Institute, and the University. Questions should be directed to [Phil Thompson](#). More information and application [available online](#).

Research Economists

The Environmental Protection Agency is recruiting research economists to join its National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE). NCEE's mission is to advance the theory and practice of economics and risk analysis within [EPA](#). NCEE serves as a center of expertise for cutting-edge policy analysis and research in environmental economics. Applicants should have a completed PhD in economics by August 2017. NCEE economists engage in both fast-paced efforts to apply economic reasoning in real-time regulatory development, and longer-term research projects to inform the Agency's strategic direction. Particular experience of interest: applied evidence-based research including quasi-experimental econometric methods and randomized control trial techniques; behavioral economics; modeling responses of energy and other sectors to environmental regulations using sectoral, CGE, or econometric approaches; and valuation of human health and ecological services. Full description and application [available online](#).

Assistant Professor

The University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) invites applications for the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics in the field of Economic Development; position number 82838, Department of Economics, College of Social Sciences, UHM, permanent, tenure track, full-time, 9-month, to begin August 1, 2017, subject to position clearance and availability of funds. The duties of this position are as follows: Teach undergraduate and graduate courses including Principles of Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, International Trade, Development, and Experimental Economics. Supervise and mentor MA and PhD students, publish scholarly, peer-reviewed research in areas of expertise; seek extramural funding in areas of expertise; provide service to department, university and community. [Apply online.](#)

Graduate Fellowship

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at MIT's economics department announces a fellowship program offering financial support (tuition assistance of up to \$12,000 and a stipend of \$13,000) for one semester (approximately 4.5 months) for current PhD students. While preference will be given to students from economics programs, graduate students from other disciplines with strong quantitative and programming skills (STATA, R etc.) are very welcome to apply. During the fellowship, students will work with some of J-PAL's 150 affiliated professors from dozens of universities around the world, re-analyzing RCTs from scratch (starting with the creation of the data set from "raw survey" data, up to production of the final econometric analysis included in the working papers). The purpose of this fellowship is create a collaborative environment for reproducing and replicating the data analyses included in these studies.

The fellowship will last one semester with the students expected to work remotely from their host university. Work would start in mid-January 2016 and may include a 1-2 day trip to MIT to meet some of JPAL's staff (expenses will be covered by JPAL). High-performing fellows may be eligible for an extension of the fellowship during subsequent semesters or the summer break. Fellows will work under the overall guidance and supervision of JPAL's Manager for Research Transparency, and in collaboration, where necessary, of the authors of the original paper. More information and how to apply [available online.](#)

Research Associate

J-PAL seeks one qualified applicant for the position of Research Associate to support its Research Transparency grant, a three-year long project that includes four separate components: (1) AEA registry; (2) data publication; (3) pre-publication re-analyses; and (4) online training. This position will directly support the data publication component, of which J-PAL has set an ambitious goal of publishing more than 180 new datasets during the term of the grant.

The successful candidate will be based at J-PAL's Global office at MIT in Cambridge, MA and willing to commit to at least two years. This is a paid, full-time, open-ended position. RAs who perform well will be eligible for promotion to Senior RA after two years. RAs will also be eligible for a vast array of MIT benefits including tuition reimbursement for taking classes at MIT or other local universities. The Research Associate will report directly to the J-PAL Research Manager. More information and application [available online.](#)

Assistant Professor

The University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) invites applications for the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and the Public Policy Center in the field of Applied Microeconomics; position number 84054, Department of Economics and Public Policy Center (PPC), College of Social Sciences, UHM, permanent, tenure track, full-time, 9-month, to begin August 1, 2017, subject to position clearance and availability of funds.

Duties of this position are as follows: Teach undergraduate and graduate courses including Principles of Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics, Econometrics, and Health Economics. Supervise and mentor MA and PhD students, publish scholarly, peer-reviewed research in areas of expertise, seek extramural funding in areas of expertise; provide service to department, university and community. Work with the

Director of the PPC to further establish its viability and to conduct policy analysis of issues of state, national, and international interest. [Apply online.](#)

Agricultural Trade Position

The Department of Economics at Iowa State University seeks to hire a tenure-track Assistant Professor, Associate Professor (tenured or untenured), or Professor (tenured) in Economics. The successful applicant will be expected to develop an 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. The successful applicant will be expected to publish regularly in top scholarly outlets, to provide high quality teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels and to supervise graduate student research. Teaching responsibilities may include courses in agricultural, food and trade policy; international trade; international development; international finance; the PhD microeconomics core; or related areas. The successful applicant will be expected to seek external grant and contract funding. [Apply online.](#)

Assistant Professor

The University of Oregon Department of Economics invites applications for three or more tenure-track assistant professor positions to begin Fall 2017. We seek candidates who demonstrate potential for outstanding research and teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate levels in any field. We especially encourage applications from candidates working in the fields of International Economics and Environmental Economics, or whose fields otherwise complement the research interests of our current faculty members. The required Ph.D. in economics must be complete by September 15, 2017. Successful candidates will support and enhance a diverse learning and working environment. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Dropping Out of School under a Conditional Cash Transfer Program: The Role of Gender, Bullying and the Death of a Parent"

Adan Silverio Murillo, PhD candidate, Department of Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, November 4

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

TBD

Cael Warren, PhD candidate and Rob King, Professor, Department of Applied Economics, UMN

Wednesday, November 2

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

TBD

Beverly Wang, Ph D candidate, Department of Applied Economics, UMN

Monday, November 7

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Institute on the Environment

"The Ecological Benefits and Economic Costs of Protected Areas"

Paul Armsworth, University of Tennessee

Friday, October 28

1:00 p.m., IonE Room 350

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Examining the Relationship Between Temperature, Rainfall and Low Birth Weight in Africa"

Kathryn Grace, Department of Geography, UMN

Monday, October 31

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

"Reproductive and Sexual Health"

Katy Kozhimannil (HPM) and Elizabeth Boyle (Sociology), University of Minnesota

Friday, October 4

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

HCRC Seminar

"Limitations to Human Potential: The lifelong burden of prenatal alcohol exposure"

Jeffrey Wozniak, Department of Psychiatry, UMN

Tuesday, November 15

12:00 p.m., Humphrey School, Room 205

EpiCH Seminar

"Racism and Health"

Rachel Hardeman, Health Policy and Management, UMN

Friday, November 4

West Bank Office Building, Room 364

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Who Wants Affordable Housing in their Backyard? An Equilibrium Analysis of Low Income Property Development"

Rebecca Diamond, Stanford with Tim McQuade

Thursday, November 3

12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

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