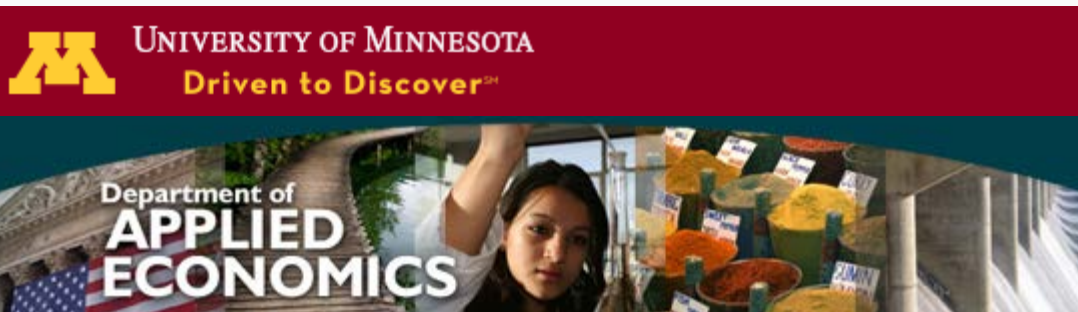


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## Marginal Memos

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### Announcements

#### Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be holding their weekly happy hour at Waite Library beginning at 4:30 p.m. As always, a \$5 donation is suggested. Hope to see you there!

#### IPID Networking Event

IPID will be hosting our first mini networking event of the year this Monday, November 7th from 9:30am - 10:30am in Coffman Memorial Union - Room 303. Come and join IPID members and non-members for stimulating discussions around economic development, global health, international education standards, NGOs, government, and much more. There will be free Panera bagels and coffee as well.

Please [RSVP](#) and feel free to bring friends along who are looking to learn more about IPID and who would enjoy having thought-provoking conversations around topics of international development.

#### AAEA Abstract Submission Site is now open

Please visit the [2017 site](#) to submit an abstract.

In order to submit an abstract for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, you must either have paid the 2017 AAEA membership fee, or pay a \$25.00 abstract submission fee during the submission process. To renew your annual dues please visit your ["My Account"](#).

The deadlines for abstract submissions are December 1 for invited papers and case study papers. January 12 for organized symposia and selected presentations.

### Jobs

#### Research Assistant

The Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking applicants for a graduate research assistantship in horticultural economics at the Ph.D. level. The applicant is expected to collaborate with a multidisciplinary team working to value the economic benefits of turfgrass cultivars with improved drought and shade resistance. Specifically, the team will survey sod producers, homeowners, and other landscape industry segments to estimate economic benefits of the improved turfgrass cultivars by conserving potable water resources and other desirable traits. The successful applicant will design survey questionnaires and conduct quantitative economic research using survey data. Research outcomes could be used towards the applicant's dissertation. The position is available starting from August 2017 for three years. The Ph.D.

research assistantship in the Department of Agricultural Economics pays annual stipends (\$20,000) and includes a full tuition waiver and payment of a health insurance premium. Required qualifications include completion of a master's degree from an accredited institution; excellent written and oral communication skills; and quantitative skills in statistics or econometrics. For more information contact [Dr. Tracy Boyer](#) or [apply online](#).

### **Postdoctoral Fellowship**

A postdoctoral fellowship funded through the National Research Council and its Research Associate Program is available with the EPA in the area of stormwater management. The effort involves local, state and federal agencies, and various stakeholder groups. There is general recognition that reliance on "gray infrastructure" through the simple removal of stormwater via sewers fails to make cost-effective use of ecosystem services such as infiltration and evapotranspiration. Consequences include higher stormwater management costs and ecosystem damage costs as well as excessive nutrient flows to coastal waters. This has led to policy emphasis on green infrastructure to make use of ecosystem services to manage surface water flows and lower stormwater management costs. For more information on how to apply, visit the [NRC website](#).

### **Research Scientist**

The Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC) invites applications for the position of research scientist in optimization tool development at the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) office in Annapolis. This position is in support of the CBP partnership to inform state, regional, and local decision-making on the implementation of the most cost-effective, efficient, and targeted nutrient and sediment reduction actions. Priorities for this position are set by the CRC's Advisory and Support Committee (ASC) with specific technical guidance provided by the Science and Technical Analysis and Reporting (STAR) Team and its workgroups, specifically the Modeling Workgroup.

The successful candidate will lead efforts to develop optimization software for maximizing cost-effectiveness of resources committed to achieving water quality goals. The successful candidate will work directly with non-federal stakeholders and other users to ensure procedures are in place to collect the necessary information for optimizing cost effectiveness of resources. The candidate will work with [CAST \(Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool\)](#) developers on ways to link a new optimization tool using CAST datasets and interfaces. S/he will develop, link, apply, and refine a prototype optimization system to more deeply explore response surfaces for selected objective functions and mathematical representations of relevant constraints, in an effort to gain insight into cost effectiveness of different kinds of BMPs. To apply, please e-mail a cover letter, resume, transcripts from Ph.D. studies, and contact information for three references to [William Ball](#).

### **Three Assistant Professor Positions at Mississippi State University**

Mississippi State University currently has openings for three assistant professors in the following areas: Environmental/Natural Resource Economics, Price Analysis/Trade/Agribusiness Economics and Risk Analysis/Agricultural Policy Economics. All three positions are nine month, tenure-track appointments with a 75% research and 25% teaching assignment. All applicants are expected to be strong in their respective areas and bring skills that will influence those issues as well. To apply for any of these positions, submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all university work, and three professional letters of reference to: [Dr. Keith H. Coble](#), Department of Agricultural Economics, P.O. Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

### **Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers**

The Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) is currently seeking candidates to support the take-off and implementation of a new research agenda with a focus on sustainable energy transformation in Germany and Europe, and linkages to international climate policy. The project has openings for researchers in the following topics: intersectoral transformation pathways in Europe, environmental co-benefits of the low-carbon energy transformation, renewables integration and power markets, sustainable bioenergy and land use, sustainable transformation of the transport sector, climate policy instruments for the energy sector, and post-paris international climate policy. To apply,

please send a letter of motivation including research interests, a CV with contact details of two referees, publication list, and a sample of your work [by email](#).

### **Research Assistant**

The Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation is seeking applicants for a graduate research assistantship in Water Resource Economics at the Ph.D. level. An applicant is sought to collaborate with a team working on water quality challenges related to nonpoint source pollution. This is part of a research collaboration that leverages empirical data on agroforestry management practices on working lands to understand how nutrient credit trading may be designed and implemented to achieve water quality objectives. The successful applicant will conduct quantitative economic research to understand how nutrient credit trading affects nonpoint source emissions and key water quality indicators.

The position is available to start in August 2017. Ph.D. research assistantships in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation pay annual stipends (\$20-22k) and include a full tuition waiver and a health insurance premium subsidy. Required qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; excellent written and oral communication skills; and an interest in water quality problems related to land use and agroforestry. To apply, or for more information, please contact [Dr. Kelly Cobour](#).

### **Economist**

Landcare Research is recruiting an economist with a strong interest in natural resources, the environment, and public policy. The position is suited to an environmental/resource economist who uses econometric techniques with primary data to better understand economic behavior. This position is suitable for PhDs with strong applied econometric skills and economic intuition and experience collecting survey microdata. [Apply online](#).

### **Economist**

Landcare Research is recruiting an economist with a strong interest in natural resources, the environment, and public policy. The successful candidate will use his/her expertise in partial equilibrium and/or general equilibrium modelling to contribute to the development of NZFARM, CLiMAT-DGE, and other economic models. For this position, candidates with post-PhD modelling experience are especially encouraged to apply, although new PhDs will also be considered. [Apply online](#).

### **Postdoctoral Researcher**

The Institute for Public Policy (Faculty of Economics and Business) at the Universidad Diego Portales, the Solar Energy Research Center (SERC) based at the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Universidad de Chile invite applications from economists (or related fields in the social sciences) for a joint postdoctoral research position in the area of sustainable development. Both the Institute for Public Policy and the Solar Energy Research Center are looking to strengthen their research in subjects related to public policy for sustainable development, particularly in areas that relate to policy incentives and regulatory barriers pertaining to the development of alternative energy sectors in Chile. Specific subjects of interest include: energy economics, green economy, sustainable productive development and related fields. Please send (in English) a motivational letter, curriculum vitae, summary of Ph.D. research, brief research proposal (no more than two pages) and two letters of support to [Sandra Mella](#).

### **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

*"External and Internal Validity of a Geographic Quasi-Experiment Embedded in Cluster-Randomized Experiment"*

Patrick McEwan, Wellesley College

Friday, November 11

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

#### **Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar**

*"The Impact of Disadvantaged Peers: Evidence from Resettlement after Public Housing Demolition"*

Eric Chyn, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Virginia

Wednesday, November 9

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

#### **Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar**

*"Reliable Reduction in Agricultural Runoff under Environmental Uncertainty"*

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

Monday, November 7

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

#### **Final Defense**

*"Essays on Food Choices and Food Safety"*

Jeta Rudi, Applied Economics

Friday, November 11

9:00 a.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

#### **Seminars in Other Departments**

##### **Conservation Sciences Seminar**

*"More than a feeling: The impact of community on conservation behavior"*

Mae Davenport, Associate Professor, Department of Forest Resources, UMN

Friday, November 4

12:00 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

##### **Minnesota Population Center**

MPC Seminar

*"The Epidemiological Transition in United States Cities, 1900-1950"*

Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, Department of Sociology, UMN

Monday, November 7

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Research Mixers

*"Reproductive and Sexual Health"*

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

Friday, November 4

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

*"Population Health and Health Systems."*

Theresa Osypuk, Epidemiology and Community Health

Friday, November 11

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

##### **HPM Seminar**

*"Information Asymmetry and the Outcomes of Hospitalized Patients"*

Michael Usher, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor/Hospitalist, Division of General Internal Medicine, UMN

Friday, November 4

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

### **Department of Economics Seminars**

The Minnesota Lecture

*"Economists and Public Policy: The Heller Legacy"*

Arthur Rolnick, UMN

Friday, November 11

4:00 p.m., HMH 1-104

Math Econ Seminar

*"Experimentation via External Sales Networks"*

Ankur Mani, UMN

Monday, November 7

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

### **Other Seminars**

*Private Versus Public Provision of Health Insurance: Lessons from the Affordable Care Act and Medicare*

Featuring Amil Petrin, University of Minnesota; Robert Town, University of Texas-Austin; and Heather Howard, Princeton University.

Thursday, November 17

5:30 pm lecture and 7:00 pm reception. Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Conference Center. Free, but [Registration required](#).

### **Departmental Publications**

Fajardo-Gonzalez, Johanna. 2016. Inequality of opportunity in adult health in Colombia. *Journal of Economic Inequality*. [Available online](#).

Hovhannisyan, V., and M. Bozic. 2016. The effects of retail concentration on retail dairy product prices in the United States. *Journal of Dairy Science* 99 (6): 4928-38. [Available online](#).

Lazarus, William F. 2016. *Potential impacts of reduced farm spending on the economies of Minnesota and three selected counties*. St. Paul, Minnesota: University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics, Staff Paper P16-6. [Available online](#).

Paul, Christopher J., Erika S. Weinthal, Marc F. Bellemare, and Marc A. Jeuland. 2016. Social capital, trust, and adaptation to climate change: Evidence from rural Ethiopia. *Global Environmental Change* 36 (1): 124-38. [Available online](#).

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