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Announcements

REMINDER!

This is a reminder about our upcoming Annual Luncheon that will take place next Friday, December 9, 2016 at 12:00 noon in the North Star Ballroom in the St. Paul Student Center. Today is the LAST day to RSVP to Karen Routhe. [Invitation available online.](#)

Faculty Meeting

There is a faculty meeting this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in 119 Ruttan. Agenda items include undergraduate program, instructional model update, discussion with Associate Dean Mike Schmitt and probationary faculty review.

Grad Club Happy Hour

Grad club will be hosting their weekly happy hour in Waite at 4:15 today. Drinks and pizza included. See you there!

Opportunities

Call for Papers

The AMA Innovation Lab (BASIS) is pleased to announce a call for papers for the World Bank's Annual Bank Conference on Africa (ABCA) to be held at Berkeley on June 5-6th, 2017. Submitted papers with a focus on Africa are now welcome on any of the following topics: Structural transformation and agriculture; Adoption and profitable use of agricultural technology; The political economy of agriculture; Data and measurement issues pertinent to agriculture; as well as papers that examine the following in the context of agriculture: economic growth, conflict, resilience, productivity, input and output markets, gender, land tenure, urbanization, education, health, nutrition, labor, safety nets, and/or regional integration. Full papers should be submitted in pdf format [by email](#) no later than February 24, 2017. Decisions will be made by March 31.

Midwest Development Conference Submission

The Department of Agricultural & 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. We invite you, and any other interested faculty and graduate students in your department or elsewhere, 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 (of 4 papers) are also welcome. Abstracts without papers will not be considered. Deadline for submissions is January 4, 2017. The submission portal is [available online.](#)

Call for Papers

The Conference on Agriculture and Development invites papers for their event March 31-April 1, 2017 held in New Haven, Connecticut. The Economic Growth Center, the Macmillan Center and the School of Management at Yale University are sponsoring a conference on Agriculture and Development on Fri-Sat, March 31-April 1, 2017 on the Yale campus in New Haven. The conference will include speakers on Agricultural Productivity and Development, Structural Transformation, and Rural-Urban Spatial and Sectoral Linkages. Please [email your paper](#) with the subject header, "Agri-Devo Conference" by January 15, 2017.

Jobs

Statistician

The DOL is seeking a statistician to serve in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy (OASP), Chief Evaluation Office (CEO). CEO coordinates, manages, and implements DOL's evaluation program and maintains a data analytics unit which supports DOL agencies by leveraging public and proprietary data, as well as existing administrative, to help guide program administration and support data-based decision making. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting, implementing, managing, and coordinating a wide variety of data analysis projects. This work will generally involve the use of traditional statistical and analytical methods, with innovative applications to DOL program data, and representing new approaches to using data and analysis to support DOL program office staff in their work. [Apply online.](#)

Research Assistant

J-PAL Africa seeks a qualified applicant for a Research Associate (RA) position starting immediately to work on a research project evaluating the impact of providing improved information about workseekers skills on job search outcomes and firm hiring outcomes. The position is based in Johannesburg, and offers an opportunity to gain first-hand field and management experience on a cutting-edge development project. Different contract lengths are available (either 2-3 months or 6 months or longer term). Please [submit by email](#) the following documents to with the subject line "H2 project 2016 - RA Application": (1) a cover letter clearly addressing your qualifications for the various responsibilities listed above, (2) Curriculum Vitae, (3) transcripts of your undergraduate and graduate courses, if applicable (including course names and grades), and (4) your citizenship and whether you currently have the right to work in South Africa.

Applied Economist

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at UW-Madison is continuing its search for an applied economist in any field, who has interest in Russian-area themes. The successful candidate will conduct research and teach undergraduate and graduate courses (current teaching load is two courses per year), and serve as an advisor to graduate and undergraduate students. Specifically, we seek an applied economist with the quantitative and empirical skills needed to contribute to the Department's core missions, who also has interest in pursuing research topics that add to the University's capacity for Russian-area studies. Expertise can be in any suitable field of economics, including but not limited to agricultural, development, energy, environmental, health, international, and resource economics. [Apply online.](#)

Research Assistant

The Center for Urban and Regional affairs here at the U is searching for a student researcher to work on their Community Market Study for Ranch-raised, Locally Processed Beef. The selected candidate will be expected to conduct literature review related to implementing local marketing campaigns taht promote or enhance beef production methods; develop and implement a producer survey on production capacity and timing, pricing, processing needs and cattle production best management practices; as well as other related duties. Find more information and [apply online.](#)

NINE VACANCIES! NINE!

The USDA APHIS has nine openings for Risk Analysts including Plant Pathologists, Ag

Economists and Entomologists. Read more about these different openings and [apply online](#).

Postdoctoral Scholar

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral associate position available in bioeconomics or natural resource economics at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. The successful candidate will contribute to research on coupled ecological-economic systems and capital theoretic approaches to valuing stocks of natural capital. For more information or to apply please contact [Eli Fenichel](#). Applicants should send a cover letter describing their interests and skills, a CV, a one page description of a computational project you have engaged in outside of class, and contact information of three professional references.

Postdoctoral Scholar

Two postdoctoral fellowships are available at Arizona State University. The fellows will work with Dr. Joshua Abbott to contribute research on coupled ecological-economic systems. The fellows will be hired in the following areas:

1. Modeling and Managing Fisheries as Natural Capital: The goal of this project is to develop a multispecies bioeconomic simulation model of Bering Sea fisheries, and to use this model to develop a novel ecological-economic indicator for assessing sustainable fisheries management. The successful candidate will collaborate with Dr. Abbott and National Marine Fisheries Service scientists to analyze ecological and economic data, develop the bioeconomic model, participate in stakeholder workshops, and coauthor academic publications. The start date is as early as Spring 2017 but will be no later than Fall 2017.

2. Modeling and Managing Fisheries subject to Climate Variability: The goal of this project is to develop an econometric model of fishermen's participation and catch in multiple Pacific Northwest fisheries and to create a bioeconomic model examining the implications of fishermen's adaptations to climatic variability. The successful candidate will collaborate with Dr. Abbott and an interdisciplinary team of collaborators to estimate the econometric model, participate in stakeholder workshops, and coauthor academic publications. The start date is no later than Fall 2017.

[Apply online](#) for either or both of these positions.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"The Medium-Term Impacts of Girl-Friendly Schools: Seven-Year Evidence from School Construction in Burkina Faso"

Harounan Kazianga, Oklahoma State University

Friday, December 2

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

"The Effect of Subsidized Health Care on Household Food Expenditure and Food Insecurity: Evidence from Colombia"

Camilo Bohorquez Penuela, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, December 9

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

TBD

Joel Cuffey, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN

Wednesday, December 7

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar/ Research Mixer
Cathy Fitch and Laura Cleveland, MPC
Friday, December 2
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HCRC

"The Developmental Correlates of Early Deprivation: Studies of Orphanage-Adopted Children"

Megan Gunnar, Institute of Child Development, UMN
Tuesday, December 13
12:00 p.m., Humphrey School room 205

HPM Seminar Series

"Data Driven Approaches to Understanding HIV Care Patterns and Retention in Care Challenges"

Eva Enns, PhD, UMN
Friday, December 2
11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

MPC Seminar

"The social climate for LGBTQ youth: How we measure it and why it matters"

Marla Eisenberg, UMN
Monday, December 5
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Regional Heterogeneity and Monetary Policy"

Joseph Vavra, Chicago Booth
Thursday, December 8
12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

Federal Bag Lunch

"Employment Fluctuations Along the Aggregate Labor Supply Curve"

Benjamin Schoefer, UC-Berkeley
Tuesday, December 6
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Finance Department Seminar

TBD

David Sraer, UC-Berkeley
Friday, December 9
10:30 a.m., TBD

Departmental Publications

Miller, S.J. "Protecting Marine Ecosystems: Regulation Versus Market Incentives." *Marine Resource Economics* 32 (2016). doi:10.1086/689214. [Available online.](#)

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