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## Marginal Memos

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### Announcements and Opportunities

#### Visiting Students

We are happy to welcome three agribusiness economics students visiting from [Zamorano University](#) in Honduras, who will be studying with Mike Boland for the next several months. Walter Pangan and Jose Navarro (both from Guatemala) and Laura Flores (Honduras) would be happy to help any graduate students practice their Spanish. If you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity, contact [Mike Boland](#).

#### Grad Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be hosting its first Waite Happy Hour of 2017 today at 4:15. Faculty and staff are always welcome to join; the more the merrier! See you there this afternoon!

#### Unpaid Internship with World Bank

The Global Indicators Group Department within the Development Economics Network at World Bank is seeking a highly motivated individual to join their team through an unpaid internship opportunity. This individual will conduct detailed research if laws, regulations, and policies that are related to Enabling the Business of Agriculture (EBA) program, provide support to preparation of the synthesis report on agribusiness regulatory environment and comparative analysis related to the set indicators on a country by country, regional and/or global basis, assist in researching legal framework for potential new countries, research new areas of interest for EBA topics and participate in developing effective partnerships with leading organizations and experts on EBA topics. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to [Esperanza Pastor Nunez de Castro](#).

### Jobs

#### Postdoctoral Researcher

A graduate assistantship for an exceptional doctoral student is available at the Dwivedi Forest Sustainability Lab located at the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. The incoming doctoral student will pursue research on ascertaining the impacts of conservation easements on wood product markets in the US South. The incoming student is expected to complete his/her dissertation within three years from the start date. Applications will be reviewed on the basis of first come first serve basis. [Apply online](#).

#### Economist

The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (UK) is seeking an Environmental Economist to work in the Blue Growth Directorate, providing technical support to current and future research programs. Specifically, this person will be required to: lead and provide advice on economic study design specifically on micro- as well as

macro-economic modelling; extract, manipulate, visualize, analyze and model economic data, sometimes coupled with biophysical data; and ensure high data quality and recording standards. More information about this position and how to apply are available [online](#).

### **Assistant/Associate Professor**

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Louisiana State University, College of Agriculture is seeking an Assistant/Associate Professor for a nine-month tenure track position. The person in this position is responsible for developing a nationally recognized teaching and research program in the area of natural resource economics with a focus on coastal resource policy analysis and other relevant natural resource issues. Duties will include supporting the department's teaching program by teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses including courses in one or more of the following areas: natural resource economics, environmental economics, and resource management, as well as undergraduate and graduate student advising. The incumbent will be positioned within the department's Center for Natural Resource Economics and Policy and is expected to work closely with affiliated units on campus, such as the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, School of Renewable Natural Resources, and School of the Coast and Environment. The individual in this position will conduct economic analyses using conceptual and quantitative methods to inform policy considerations of coastal resource management, protection, and restoration strategies in the Mississippi River Delta region. [Apply online](#).

### **Departmental Seminars**

#### **Trade and Development Seminar**

"TBD"

Jenny Aker, Associate Professor of Development Economics, Tufts University  
Friday, February 3  
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

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

"Panel Price Indices for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and Implications for Policy"

Metin Cakir, Assistant Professor, UMN  
Wednesday, February 8  
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

### **Seminars in Other Departments**

#### **MPC Seminar**

"Segregation and Diversity as Multiscalar Phenomena: Why We Need Multiscale Measures to Understand Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Effects"

Chris Fowler, Department of Geography, Penn State  
Monday, January 30  
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

#### **HPM Seminar**

"Insurance-Based Discrimination: Trends and Impact on Healthcare Access"

Kathleen Thiede Call, Professor, Division of Health Policy & Management, UMN  
Friday, January 27  
11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo Memorial Building

### **Departmental Publications**

Eryilmaz, Derya, Timothy M. Smith, and Frances R. Homans. 2017. "Price Responsiveness in Electricity Markets: Implications for Demand Response in the Midwest." *The Energy Journal* 38 (1). doi:10.5547/01956574.38.1.dery. Available [online](#).

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