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Announcements

Cochrane Lecture

The Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy (CIFAP), Department of Applied Economics is pleased to invite you to the Willard W. Cochrane Lecture in Public Policy on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 2:00 pm in room 105 of the Cargill Building.

The lecture, entitled "The Uneven Transformation of Rural Africa: Myths, Facts, and Pressing Needs," will be given by Professor Christopher Barrett.

Christopher Barrett, Deputy Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Business, Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management, and International Professor of Agriculture at the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, as well as Professor in the Department of Economics and Fellow of the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, all at Cornell University.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Please [register online](#).

Congratulations, Tade!

Professor Tade Okediji has received the 2016-2017 Morse-Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Award. Each year since 1965, the University of Minnesota has recognized a select group of teachers for their outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. This honor is awarded to exceptional candidates nominated by colleges in their quest to identify excellence. We certainly agree that Tade fits these criteria! Congratulations again, Tade.

University Policy on International Travel

As a reminder:

- (1) International Travel Registry. All personnel [traveling on University business](#) to any location outside the U.S. must register with [GPS Alliance](#) before departing.
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- (3) Sanctioned Destinations. Anyone planning to travel on University business to a location subject to U.S. economic sanctions must first consult with Patrick Briscoe. The restricted locations are currently--
 Cuba,
 Iran,

North Korea,
 Syria,
 Sudan (North), and
 the Crimea region of Ukraine.

Jobs

Research Associate

The CGIAR Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) is recruiting a research associate to be based in Tanzania. One of SPIA's mandate is to assess the adoption and impact of agricultural technologies developed by the CGIAR programs. The research associate will liaise with SPIA staff, senior management and lead scientists from CGIAR Centers in Africa to identify technologies for specific LSMS-ISA countries, work with groups of CGIAR scientists in determining how specifically selected technologies might be uniquely identified, develop field-test protocols for specific technologies in Tanzania and, together with LSMS-ISA team, identify specific survey rounds in Tanzania where it is possible to introduce protocols for improved data collection. Interested candidates should [send their CV and a cover letter via email](#) with the subject line, "VACANCY: SPIA Research Associate."

Food Security Analyst

Chemonics seeks a food security analyst for the USAID Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET). FEWS NET is a leading global provider of objective, evidence-based food security information, and analysis. Duties in this position include: Synthesizing market and trade, nutrition, livelihoods, and other food security analysis for the development of regular, high-quality early warning information products, reviewing field-authored food security reporting, primarily for countries where FEWS NET has a local office, contributing to the monthly Food Assistance Outlook Brief for senior staff of Food for Peace, developing and present technical briefings to U.S. government staff and other partners, conduct field visits to support assessments and technical analysis and more. [Position description and application available online.](#)

Research Assistant Consultant

Chemonics seeks a Markets and trade research assistant consultant for the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET). FEWS NET is a leading provider of objective, evidence-based food security analysis. Created in 1985 in response to famines in East and West Africa, the project currently covers about 36 countries. Led by USAID, FEWS NET implementing partners include NASA, NOAA, USGS, USDA, Kimetrica, and Chemonics, which manages the Washington technical office and more than 20 field offices in Africa, Central Asia, Central America, and Haiti.

The ongoing third phase of FEWS NET (2012-2017) relies on close collaboration with international, regional, and national partners on food security analysis and reinforcement of food security networks. FEWS NET food security analysis, early warning, and decision support for emergency food assistance rely on the monitoring and analysis of staple food, as well as cash crop, livestock, and labor markets. FEWS NET seeks a Research Assistant to provide research support to home and field office operations for the Markets and Trade (M&T) sector, under the supervision of the project's M&T Advisor. The Markets and Trade Research assistant will support the development of the project's Market Fundamentals and Enhanced Market Analysis reports as part of a close-knit team of Agricultural Economists based in Washington, D.C. The countries of focus for this position are TBD, located in Sub-Saharan Africa. This is a full-time position for up to four months (April through July 2017) with the possibility of extension. Position description and application [available online.](#)

Summer Internships- USDA

The USDA has several student internships (GS-0199-07/09) available for summer 2017. These positions require individuals with a solid foundation in economic theory and strong quantitative skills; experience with data collection, econometric analysis, database

management and/or mathematical programming and models; and good communications skills. Interns participate in a wide variety of research projects involving agriculture and environment, domestic and international markets, agricultural and trade policy, food safety and others. To apply, search for announcement number ERS-PATH-0009, GS-0199-07/09, [online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics

"Revisiting the Effect of Food Aid on Conflict"

Christopher Barrett, Professor, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

Wednesday, March 8

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall (Note time change)

Environmental and Resource Economics

"U.S Urban Water Prices: Cheaper When Drier"

Ian Luby, Ph.D. Program, Applied Economics, UMN

Monday, March 5

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development

"What Explains Vietnam's Exceptional Performance in Education Relative to Other Countries? Analysis of the 2012 Pisa Data, Preliminary Results"

Paul Glewwe, Professor, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, March 3

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

"The Perils of Pressure in Promoting Merit Goods: Evidence from a Sales Experiment in India"

Anita Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, School of Business, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, March 10

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

"Troubling Abortion Metrics: Post-abortion care and the Global Politics of Reproductive Governance in Senegal"

Siri Suh, UMN

Monday, March 6

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Effect of Heat Waves on the Increased Probability of Death Due to Ischemic Heart Disease in the Minneapolis- St. Paul Metropolitan Area from 1998-2014"

Luke Smith, Epidemiology, UMN

Friday, March 3

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"Covering Health Care and Politics in the Trump Era"

Dan Diamond and Andy Slavitt

Friday, March 3

11:45 a.m., Mayo Auditorium

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"The Aggregate Implications of Innovative Investment in the Garcia-Macia, Hsieh, and Klenow Model"

Andy Atkeson, UCLA
Thursday, March 9
12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

Federal Bag Lunch

"Asset Bubbles and Macro-Prudential Policy"
Tomohiro Hirano, University of Tokyo
Wednesday, March 8
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Finance Department Seminar

"Ambiguity and the Trade-Off Theory of Capital Structure"
David Yermack, NYU
Friday, March 10
10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-213

Departmental Publications

Okediji, Tade, and Wahutu J. Siguru . 2017. "The Role of Ethnicity in Political Formation in Kenya." In *Dissent, Protest and Dispute in Africa*, edited by Emmanuel M. Mbah and Toyin Falola, 133-51. New York, NY: Routledge.

Pardey, Philip G., and Jason M. Beddow. 2017. "Revitalizing Agricultural Research and Development to Sustain U.S. Competitiveness." Philadelphia, PA: Farm Journal Foundation. Available [online](#).

Salfer, J.A., K. Minegishi, W. Lazarus, E. Berning, and M.I. Endres. 2017. "Finances and Returns for Robotic Dairies." *Journal of Dairy Science*, February. doi:10.3168/jds.2016-11976. Available [online](#).

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