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Announcements

Congratulations!

Applied Economics alum, Xudong Rao, now at Wageningen University, has won the University Excellence Teaching Award for his co-taught course in Advanced Econometrics. Send an email or phone call his way to wish him congratulations on this excellent accomplishment!

International Dinner

The Grad Club has selected the date of May 12 at 5:00 p.m. for its annual International Dinner. The event will be held in the Northstar Ballroom at the St. Paul Student Center. More information forthcoming.

Rob King Retirement Celebration

The department is hosting a retirement reception to celebrate Professor Rob King's long and dedicated career here in Applied Economics. The event will take place at 2:00 p.m. on May 25 in the Cherrywood Room of the St. Paul Student Center. [RSVP online.](#)

Jobs

Postdoctoral Fellow

A postdoctoral fellowship is available for a highly qualified individual to join the [Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research](#) (CILER) at the University of Michigan to work on the human dimensions of harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes. The successful applicant will work with a team of scientists at CILER and the NOAA [Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab](#) (GLERL) to perform primary research that extends biophysical models of harmful algal blooms and their impacts on nearshore water quality and hypoxia, with social dimensions that predict human behavioral and economic responses to HABs or their impact on coastal communities. In addition to primary research, the successful candidate will oversee outreach and stakeholder engagement efforts that facilitate the co-design of research between stakeholder groups/ local water managers and scientists, and that help translate research and model development into socially useful forecasting tools. To apply, email a cover letter stating your research accomplishments and interests, a CV, two representative publications, and the names and contact information for three references to:

[Bradley J. Cardinale](#)

Professor, School of Natural Resources & Environment
Director, Cooperative Institute for Limnology & Ecosystems Research
University of Michigan

Environmental Health Scientist

The Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy (BESP) is seeking an experienced Environmental Health Scientist to join its team. The Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy (BESP) in the Division of Environmental Health at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) works to inform and improve environmental health policies and programs by conducting environmental health surveillance, analyzing program data, conducting research, developing and supporting health informatics for the division, and disseminating findings through reports and online data portals. The Bureau uses air quality and public health data to inform and improve local environmental policy and provide the public information on air quality exposures and their health impacts. This exciting new position offers the opportunity to lead research efforts that leverage the large and unique air pollution and health datasets managed by DOHMH to help shape the City's environmental agenda. The candidate will work with staff from the New York City Community Air Survey (NYCCAS) and collaborate across multiple agencies in conducting research and preparing analyses and communications material related to the City's air quality and climate change agenda. The environmental health scientist will possess a mix of skills to conduct quantitative environmental and public health research, including interpretation of results with policy implications, and ability to communicate effectively with the public and stakeholders. [Apply online](#) entering job ID #285613 in the search bar.

Postdoctoral Researcher

The Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University has an immediate opening for a postdoctoral research position in the area of natural resource economics. This position is fully funded by an NSF grant "[Coastal SEES Collaborative Research: Climate change impacts on the sustainability of key fisheries of the California Current System.](#)" The position is located at the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla, CA. The position is a two-year appointment, with the possibility of renewal in the future.

The successful candidate for this position will work closely with Prof. Junjie Zhang (Duke), Dr. James Hilger (SWFSC), and an interdisciplinary team from the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) and San Diego State University (SDSU) on evaluating the impact of climate change on Californian fisheries. The candidate can also collaborate with the [Center for Environmental Economics at UCSD](#). The research position requires working with large datasets, developing empirical models, and collaborating with an interdisciplinary team in fisheries, climate change, economics, and sociology. To apply, please submit the following documents by email to [Junjie Zhang](#): CV; cover letter; writing sample; three letters of reference.

PhD Position

A fully funded four-year position 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 economics, life cycle, and land use change of oil seed crops for jet fuel production in the context of US South. More details of the position are [available online](#). Interested candidates are encouraged to directly contact [Dr. Puneet Dwivedi](#) with a cover letter, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and writing samples before applying formally.

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics

TBA

Thomas Reardon, Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University

Wednesday, April 12

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development

"Intergenerational Transmission of Mother to Child Health: Evidence from Cebu the Philippines"

Kira Villa, Department of Economics, University of New Mexico

Friday, April 7
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

TBA

Hamid Mohtadi, Applied Economics, UMN and Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Friday, April 14
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC

"Effect of the Minimum Wage on Infant and Child Health"

George Wehby, Health Management, and Policy, University of Iowa

Monday, April 10
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"Comparative Effectiveness of H. Pylori Screen-And-Treat Strategies in Mexico: A Simulation Model Approach"

Fernando Alarid, HPM Doctoral Student

Friday, April 7
11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo

"Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility and Participation Among Children and Parents Under the Affordable Care Act"

Genevieve Kenney, PhD, Health Policy Center, Urban Institute

Friday, April 14
11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo

Emerging Diseases Series

"Combating Microbial Terrorists: How to End Our Preparedness Stalemate"

Julie L. Gerberding< MD, MPH, Executive VP, Merck

Thursday, April 13
11:30 a.m., Mississippi Room-Coffman Union

Department of Economics Seminars

Math Economics

"Optimal Contracts with Reflection"

Borys Grochulski, Richmond Fed

Monday, April 10
3:30 p.m., HMH 4-190

Minnesota Economics

"Actors in the Child Development Process"

Christopher Flynn, NYU

Thursday, April 13
12:00 p.m., CSOM L-122

Federal Reserve Bank Seminars*

**To attend a seminar or bag lunch, you must call 612-204-6455 a minimum of 24 hours in advance to reserve your spot.*

Federal Bag Lunch

"Old, Frail, and Uninsured: Accounting for Puzzles in the U.S. Long-term Care Insurance Market"

Karen Kopecky, Atlanta Fed

Thursday, April 12
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Burgess, Matthew G., Christopher Costello, Alexa Fredston-Hermann, Malin L. Pinsky, Steven D. Gaines, David Tilman, and Stephen Polasky. 2017. "Range Contraction Enables Harvesting to Extinction." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, February 2017. doi:10.1073/pnas.1607551114. Available [online](#).

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