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Announcements

Dissertation Defense

Lindsey Novak will be defending her dissertation, "The Persistence of Female Genital Cutting in West Africa," on Monday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m. in 119 Ruttan Hall.

International Dinner

Grad Club is excited to invite you to the annual International Dinner on May 12th, in the Northstar Ballroom at 5pm. As you know, this tradition is aimed at recognizing and celebrating the global spirit of our Department.

This year, we will have musical trivia, a dance performance, and more! We will take care of the food, and your ticket comes with one complimentary drink ticket. If you anticipate consuming more drinks, please consider donating an additional \$2 per drink. Ticket prices are \$15 for graduate students and significant others, and \$20 for faculty and staff and their significant others (children are also welcome free of charge! Just include in your total person count).

You can also bring a dessert or appetizer from your country (or another one!) to share with everyone. We want to have a diverse collection of food from different places. To give you some additional incentives, we will throw in 2 drink tickets to whomever brings either a dessert or an appetizer.

[Please RSVP online.](#) RSVP is required, to allow us to properly prepare for the number of people coming. Paying in advance is highly encouraged. Paying for your ticket at the door will have a \$2 penalty.

You can pay Mariana, Ian, or Natalia in cash during happy hours or whenever you spot us around. Card payments will be available in Ian's office, he can be found there during business hours!

Jobs

Adjunct Professor

The Economics Department at St. Catherine University is looking for adjunct professors to teach in 2017-18. Adjuncts will teach primarily introductory statistics courses. If you are interested, please contact [Caroline Krafft](#).

Postdoctoral Position

An exciting opportunity is available as a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Economics and Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at

Iowa State. Drs. David Keiser, Gabriel Lade, and Catherine Kling are seeking a highly motivated, energetic postdoctoral associate to take a leadership role on a recently funded project examining the damages from nutrient pollution, including both human health impacts and drinking water treatment costs. The successful candidate will contribute to non-market valuation studies that consider these two important aspects of water quality policy. There will also be opportunities to participate in several other ongoing research projects related to the economics of water quality. Funding is available for two years (second year conditional on satisfactory performance). For more information or to apply, please contact [Gabriel Lade](#). Applicants should send a cover letter describing their interests and skills as they relate to the position description, a CV, and a research paper (working or published). Applicants should also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to Dr. Lade.

Assistant Professor

Applications are invited for a tenure-track (12 months per year) faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE) at the University of Guelph. The successful candidate is expected to establish and maintain a high quality, externally funded, research program in the area of agri-food trade and policy. Topical areas of research interests include, but are not limited to: the economic impact of regional trade agreement and non-tariff barriers to trade; trade competitiveness; and the impact of emerging trade policies and trade agreements. The position involves teaching three courses per year at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. The candidate will be expected to develop and maintain an effective outreach program that extends the reach of their research to inform decisions taken by stakeholders in government and non-government organizations, and which can inform public discourse on trade issues. Applications should include CV, statement of research interests and vision of long-term program of research, a statement of teaching philosophy, and three letters of reference to be sent under separate cover to:

[Ms. Debbie Harkies](#), Secretary to the Chair
Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics
University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics

TBA

Lindsey Novak, PhD Student, Applied Economics, UMN
Wednesday, April 19
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development

"Oil, Taxation and Transparency"

Hamid Mohtadi, Adjunct Professor, Applied Economics, UMN; Professor, Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Friday, April 7
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics

"Evidence on the Impacts of Forestry Concessions on Wealth in Liberia"

Suhyun Jung, Research Fellow, International Forestry Resources and Institutions (IFRI), School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan
Monday, April 17
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Student Talks

Monday, April 17

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

"Persistent Norms and Tipping Points: Female Genital Cutting in Burkina Faso" Lindsey Novak, Applied Economics, UMN

"Globally Competitive? Drivers of International Student Enrollment in U.S. States" Jasmine Trang Ha, Sociology, UMN

HPM

"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

HCRC

"Adverse Childhood Experiences: Longitudinal outcomes in context of environmental risk & intervention"

Allie Giovanelli, Institute of Child Development and Human Capital Research

Collaborative, UMN

Tuesday, April 18

12:00 p.m., Humphrey School, Room 215

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