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Marginal Memos

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Announcements

Congratulations, Melissa Ilse!

Melissa and her husband Morgan welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Eloise Marie Ilse on Friday, April 21. Congratulations and joyful wishes to their newly expanded family!

AWARDS! AWARDS! AWARDS!

The department has been proud to receive notifications of numerous award winners over the past week. Their effort and dedication to our department is outstanding and we couldn't agree more that they are worthy of recognition.

Michael Boland

2017 Distinguished Teaching Award for Undergraduate Faculty
2017 Alumni Society Distinguished Faculty Award

Donald Liu

2017 Innovation in Undergraduate Education Award

Robert Craven

2017 Alumni Society Distinguished Staff Award

Center for Farm Financial Management

AAEA's Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award

Ph.D Final Defense Dates

May 1

"The Persistence of Female Genital Cutting in West Africa"

Lindsey Novak

1:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

May 3

"Three Essays in Development Economics"

Johanna Fajardo-Gonzalez

8:15 a.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Journal of Food Products Marketing: Special Issue on Food Waste

The Journal of Food Products Marketing will launch a new series of special issues exploring Contemporary Topics in Food Marketing. The first special issue will be guest edited by Dr. Brian Roe and Danyi Qi of the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University on [FoodWaste: Marketing Strategies](#). Possible topics include: Labeling innovations; Consumer response; Food waste measurement; Food recovery programs and Gleaning and markets. Submissions

should follow the [manuscript style guidelines for the Journal of Food Products Marketing](#). All manuscripts should be [submitted online](#). The deadline for receiving manuscripts is October 1, 2017. [Read more](#).

Grad Club Happy Hour

Grad club is throwing a Waite Happy Hour today starting at **5 p.m.*** (*note time change). Hope to see you then!

Jobs

Economist

CSIRO seeks to appoint two senior economists providing leadership in natural resource and environment analysis, policy, and modeling. Individuals with recognized expertise and an emerging international reputation, with knowledge across one or more of agricultural economics, sustainable resource use, biosecurity, drivers and impacts of climate change, economic modeling, and multi-model integrated assessment are encouraged to apply.

In the biosecurity and agricultural economics area, the candidate will address complex interlinkages between resource use, economic drivers, social and technological change, and sustainability in agriculture, working in a stimulating interdisciplinary setting. Research will explore how to maintain agricultural profitability when faced with plant and animal biosecurity threats and impacts.

In the integrated economic modeling and policy area, the candidate will understand the connections between economic activity, energy, resources, and food and land use, and be interested in analyzing these at national and global scales decades into the future. An ideal candidate will play a key role in CSIRO's multi-model integrated assessment framework, leading the development and use of Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) whole-of-economy models, in collaboration with teams responsible for technology-based models for energy, and spatial models for land use, fresh water, and biodiversity. [Read more and apply for both of these positions online.](#)

Research Fellow

The US Water Alliance is looking for two Graduate Student Researchers for the summer of 2017 to provide research and writing support to advance key policy initiatives. During these 10-week, full-time, paid internship positions, our Graduate Student Researchers will work on focused projects, which are outlined below. Graduate Student Researchers will also have the opportunity to attend and help shape the US Water Alliance's One Water Summit, a thought-provoking and action-oriented convening of hundreds of water leaders from across the nation. Graduate Student Researchers will each contribute to a concrete publication or deliverable as an output of their time with the US Water Alliance. These internships would be ideal for graduate students interested in water policy, sustainability, community development, social and economic equity, and infrastructure. To apply, send a cover letter and resume by email to [Megan Demit](#).

Research Assistant

An opportunity for a summer research assistant is available to work with David McKenzie of World Bank in Washington. The candidate needs to be a PhD student from a top school with good Stata skills, and ability to do careful data work. If you have studied machine learning this would be a plus. There are several potential projects to work on: one on using machine learning to help predict which small businesses will grow; a second on understanding how small business owners use mental accounting techniques; as well as work helping clean and prepare public use replication files for several papers. If you are interested in apply [email David](#) with your CV and a cover letter explaining your background and experience/suitability. There is flexibility regarding start and end dates to fit different university calendars. [Read more about this opportunity online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Mechanisms Matter for Evaluating the Economic Impacts of Spatial Marine Closures"

Matt Reimer, Assistant Professor of Economics and the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska, Anchorage
 Monday, May 1
 12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC

"Leveling the Playing Field? Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Infant Mortality among Low Risk Women in the United States"

Robert Hummer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Monday, May 1

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"Choice and Competition"

Bryan Dowd, Division of Health Policy & Management, UMN

Friday, April 28

12:00 A-110 Mayo Building

Department of Economics Seminars

"Optimal Monetary Policy with Informational Frictions"

Jennifer La'O, Columbia

Wednesday, May 3

3:30 p.m., HMH 1-107

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Robust Incentives for Teams"

Juusto Toikka, MIT

Thursday, May 4

12:00 p.m., CSOM L-122

Federal Bag Lunches

"TBA"

Matthew Rognlie, Northwestern

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"TBA"

Christian Moser, Columbia Business

Wednesday, May 3

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Finance Department Seminar

"TBA"

Lorenzo Garlappi, UBC

Friday, May 5

10: 30 a.m., TBA

Departmental Publications

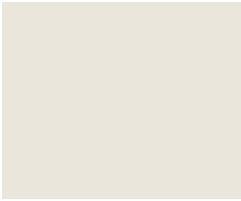
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