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Announcements

TFIC Luncheon Series
Join The Food Industry Center on February 20 at 11:30 a.m. for a presentation entitled, “Launching a Career in the CPG Industry” given by Brad Reimann. Brad is the Customer Category Manager-Meat- for The Kraft Heinz Company. Read more about Brad and RSVP online.

Call for Applications
2018 UMN-SSRC Interdisciplinary Dissertation Proposal Development Program
University of Minnesota-Social Science Research Council Interdisciplinary Dissertation Proposal Development project is a three-year effort to expand and improve formal dissertation prospectus and grant proposal development for humanities and social science doctoral students at the University of Minnesota. In 2018 we will be selecting 12 graduate students to participate in the program, which includes an intensive five-day workshop in spring, followed by student summer research, and another intensive five-day workshop in the early fall prior to fall research grant proposal deadlines. Students will receive up to $3,000 in summer research funding and are required to register for a graduate seminar in fall 2018 as part of the program. The faculty facilitators work closely with the students on preparing research questions, literature reviews, identifying grant opportunities, work plans, and writing proposals and prospectuses; the students work together in peer groups as well. The goal is to increase student success in grant competitions as well as to refine a dissertation prospectus that may help the students better concentrate their efforts and reduce time to completion. The program targets students at the end of their second or third year (depending on department expectations) in graduate school, before defending their prospectus.

Applications to the program are due on Friday, February 9, 2018. More information and application instructions are available online.

Jobs

Project Manager
Wilder Research, a division of the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul, Minnesota, seeks a skilled researcher and project manager to contribute to Minnesota Compass (www.MNCompass.org) and related research projects. Minnesota Compass is a social indicators project that measures progress in areas related to quality of life, including education, economy and workforce, health, housing, civic engagement, and a host of others. The successful candidate will be able to manage and work collaboratively on project teams. Candidates will bring individual initiative and innovation to projects and be able to set and monitor project budgets, work on tight timelines, and manage multiple tasks. Candidates must have the ability, as demonstrated through formal training and experience, to design scientifically sound studies, employ appropriate statistical procedures to analyze data, draw useful conclusions from the data, and communicate research results effectively to diverse audiences, both orally and in easy-to-understand writing. Apply online.
Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics
"Producer Attitudes toward Output Price Risk: Experimental Evidence from the Lab and from the Field"
Marc Bellemare, Associate Professor, UMN
Wednesday, February 7
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development
"Spillovers without Social Interactions in Urban Sanitation"
Laura Schechter, Associate Professor, UW-Madison
Friday, February 9
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC Seminar
"The Narrowing Racial Gap in Drowning Rates Among Males, 1960-2015"
Samuel Meyers, Jr. Public Affairs, UMN
Monday, February 2
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop
"What's in the RDC and How to Get Access"
Cathy Fitch and Rachelle Hill
Friday, February 9
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

**NOTE: If you wish to attend a seminar or bag lunch at the Federal Reserve Bank you must call 612-204-6455 a MINIMUM of 24 hours in advance to get your name on a visitor list. Be prepared to give your affiliation. If you are not on an approved list, you will not be allowed to attend bag lunches or seminars.

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