Learn about what's happening now in the Department of Applied Economics.

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Announcements

Registration for 2018 MIEDC now open
The link to register for the 2018 Midwest International Economic Development Conference, hosted by CIFAP and Applied Economics is now open. Click this link to register.

Come learn about Saha Global Positions in Ghana
Online info session Wednesday, Feb 28th
Registration open and limited
Durable design. Community ownership. Sustainable impact. But don't take our word for it... RSVP to learn more about traveling to Ghana with Saha's Global Leadership Program. Join Saha's Founder & Executive Director Kate Cincotta to hear about:

- Working with a rural community to build a clean water business
- Training local women entrepreneurs how to run it
- Educating hundreds of families about the benefits of drinking clean water
To learn more or apply by April 9th go to sahaglobal.org/gotoghana

Jobs

Applied Economist
The James Hutton Institute is at the forefront of innovative and transformative science for sustainable management of land, crop and natural resources that supports thriving communities. They are looking for a highly motivated applied economist to join the Social, Economic and Geographical Sciences (SEGS) group. The successful candidate will contribute to our well-established research agenda at the James Hutton Institute on the economics and governance of ecosystem services and land use change in both developed and developing country contexts. This is a 3 year fixed term position with tenure track.
Applicants must have a Ph. D. (e.g., in ecological economics, environmental economics, behavioural economics or another relevant discipline) and demonstrable experience in applied economic analysis. An awareness of land management issues in Scotland and expertise in one particular topic area (e.g. multiple benefits from land use, biodiversity, soil management, food choices) is highly desirable as are skills in one or more of the following: cost-benefit analysis, cost-effectiveness analysis, behavioural modelling (e.g., agent-based), policy analysis and/or discrete choice analysis. Read more and apply online.

PhD Researcher
Penn State, College of Agricultural Sciences is recruiting a PhD student to begin in the Fall of 2018 or Spring of 2019 to work on a project focused on the valuation of non-market ecosystem goods and services in central and eastern U.S. forests. The student would join my research program, which focuses on the management of public and private forests, and linking human benefits to management choices and environmental outcomes. The student will be housed in the Department of Ecosystem Science and Management at Penn State.

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Pennsylvania State University and apply through the Forest Resources Graduate Program (http://ecosystems.psu.edu/graduateprograms/forest-resources).

The project will focus on assessing the economic value of several important non-market ecosystem goods and services (e.g., wildlife habitat) and findings will help advance policies that address forest and wildlife management and forest regeneration on public and private lands. The student will work with state and federal natural resource agencies and private interest groups to identify important policy issues, and use surveys to collect data from private landowners, hunters and the public. Interested applicants should send a cover letter including a description of their research interests, CV including GRE scores and GPA, and names and contact information for 3 references to Dr. Melissa M. Kreye.

**Research Assistantship**

The Department of Natural Resources and the Environment (NREN), College of Life Sciences and Agriculture (COLSA) at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) is now accepting applications for a Research Assistantship in Environmental Economics (MSc). The selected student will work on one of two projects related to the economics of aquaponic systems. The first is titled: "Optimizing sustainable aquaponic production using an integrated systems approach." and is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture (USDA-NIFA). The second is titled: "Sustainable and cost-effective aquaculture waste-sludge reutilization system based on optimum nutrient management in integrated multitrophic aquaculture and horticulture systems" and is funded by the Northeast Regional Aquaculture Center (NRAC). The successful candidate will work directly with Dr. Shadi S. Atallah (EREC/NREN and ECON), Dr. Todd Guerdat (Biological and Agricultural Engineering, Department of Agriculture, Nutrition, and Food Systems) and other UNH faculty members. Please send the following by email to Dr. Shadi Atallah: (1) Cover letter describing your interest in one or both research projects above and highlighting the related qualifications; (2) Resume indicating your academic preparation, relevant coursework, and research and work experiences; (3) Contact information for three academic or professional references; and (4) Copy of all undergraduate transcripts (and graduate transcripts, if applicable), GRE scores, and TOEFL scores (if applicable).

**Adjunct Professor**

The Economics Department at St. Catherine University is looking for an adjunct professor to teach principles of microeconomics in Fall 2018. If you are interested, please contact Deep Shikha at dshikha@stkate.edu

**Departmental Seminars**

**Trade and Development**

"Effect of Foreign Migration on School Choice of Kids Remaining Back at Home: Analysis Using Bangladesh HIES Data"
Khandker Wahedur Rahman, PhD student, ApEc
Friday, February 23
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

**Environmental and Resource Economics**

"Heterogeneous Impacts of Residential Solar Rebate Programs in the US"
Bixuan Sun, PhD Program, ApEc
Monday, February 26
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

**Seminars in Other Departments**

**MPC Seminar**

"Genetics, Gender, and Educational Attainment"
Pamela Herd, UW-Madison
Monday, February 26
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

**MPC Workshop**

"Learn How to Think Like a Grant Reviewer: A Mock NIH Panel Review"
Tim Beebe, Jeylan Mortimer and Rob Warren
Friday, March 2
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

**Minnesota Economics Seminar**
* TBA
* Chao Fu, UW-Madison
* Thursday, March 1
* 12:00 p.m., CSOM L114

**Federal Bag Lunch**
* "Financial Heterogeneity and the Investment Channel of Monetary Policy"
* Thomas Winberry, Chicago-Booth
* Tuesday, February 27
* 12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

**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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