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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.

Grad Club Happy Hour
Grad Club will be hosting happy hour in Waite today starting at 4:30. Come join them and celebrate the beginning of spring break! $5 donation suggested as usual. See you soon!

Jobs

Post-doctoral researcher (2 positions)
The Human Dimensions Lab, Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University is seeking two post-doctoral researchers to join two collaborative interdisciplinary, international projects. Both projects are part of a large initiative, Arequipa Nexus Institute for Food, Energy, Water, and the Environment (the Nexus Institute) and both positions will involve coordination and collaboration with selected faculty and graduate students at the National University of Saint Augustine (UNSA), our partner institution in Arequipa, Peru.

Project 1: Equitable Co-existence of Agriculture, Mining, and Regional Development in Arequipa: Realities, Barriers, and Opportunities
This post-doctoral research associate will work closely with Dr. Zhao Ma from the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Dr. Jonathan Bauchet from Department of Consumer Science, and Dr. Laura Zanotti from the Department of Anthropology. We will investigate how communities across the rural-to-urban gradient in the Arequipa Region perceive water availability and quality in the context of climate change to identify potential strategies for facilitating the co-existence of agriculture, mining, and regional development in an equitable way.

Project 2: A Framework for Sustainable Water Management in the Arequipa Region
This post-doctoral research associate will work with Dr. Zhao Ma from the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources in close collaboration with Dr. Linda Prokopy from the Department of Forestry and Natural Resources and Dr. Laura Bowling from the Department of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. We will evaluate the formal and informal social institutions associated with water resource governance in Arequipa, Peru. This assessment will be used by Drs. Prokopy and Bowling to inform a larger process of developing stakeholder-driven land use and water management tools, data, and a planning framework aiming at promoting socially, economically and ecologically sustainable agricultural and resource development in the region.

To apply, please submit the following in a single PDF file to Dr. Zhao Ma via email: (1) cover letter describing your relevant experience and scholarly interests with a clear indication of your preference between the two projects; (2) curriculum vitae; (3) two examples of relevant publications or writing samples; and (4) contact information of three references. Please use the following subject for your email "Nexus post-doc application for position X_First Name Last Name."
Post-doctoral research and extension associate
Texas A&M, Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking a post-doctoral research and extension associate to explore determinants of the location of business activities with particular attention to rural areas of the United States. The associate will collaborate with a research team comprised of senior researchers and Extension professionals from Texas A&M University, Michigan State University, and Iowa State University on a research project conducted with the Federal Statistical Research Data Centers. Responsibilities will include:

- Model specification analysis and discussion in the FSRDC
- Actively engage with the research team to develop Extension curriculum, programming, and training
- Prepare numerous refereed journal articles related to one or more of the following broad areas:
  - Rural community industrial perceptions
  - Comparison of various thresholds measures
  - Community-opportunity matching program evaluation
  - Policy implications for thresholds and development
  - Various specific industry demand and supply thresholds

Apply online.

Professor
Applications are invited for the Professor/Professor of Practice of Dryland Farming Systems in the UWA School of Agriculture and Environment at The University of Western Australia. The position calls for an outstanding academic in the field of Dryland Farming Systems who will provide strategic leadership and direction in their specialization. You will have a substantial track record of achieving in delivering benefit to the agricultural industry and have strong connections to both domestic and international academic and non-academic organizations operating within the agricultural sector. For more information and to apply, visit their website.

Economist
The State of North Carolina, Division of Water Resources is seeking a qualified Water Resources Economist to join their team. This position primarily provides rule-making analysis for the Division of Water Resources. Regulations and the Department's obligation to its mission require developing fiscal analyses that encompass all impacts. New rules, requirements to modify rules, as well as changes to procedures can be initiated by the agency, the NC General Assembly, or the federal government. In addition, the public may petition for rulemaking actions. This position will provide analysis for costs/benefits from any proposal or directive and its alternatives. This position serves as author or technical advisor for writing of fiscal analyses that are required for conducting rulemaking. This staff works in conjunction with OSBM staff to ensure all fiscal analysis requirements are carried out completely and accurately. Staff will further review assessments, develop economic analyses, participate in conducting public hearings for the proposed rule changes, as well as write final technical reports or components for Hearing Officer's reports, including recommendations to the Environmental Management Commission. Read more and apply online.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development
*A Life-Cycle Analysis of Wealth Taxation with Entrepreneurship and Housing*
Li-Pin Juan, PhD candidate, ApEc
Friday, March 9
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics
*TBA*
Yanghao Wang, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN
Wednesday, March 21
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan
MPC Seminar
"Fertility decline in the Civil Rights Era"
Owen Thompson-Ferguson, Economics, UW-Madison
Monday, March 19
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop
"The Nuances of Publishing Papers and Responding to R&Rs"
Sarah Flood, Rachel Hardeman, Dave Hacker
Friday, March 9
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HCRC
"Minnesota’s Early Childhood Programs"
Jody Hauer, Ellen Dehmer and Will Harrison, Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Minnesota
Tuesday, March 20
12:00 p.m., 215 HHH

**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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