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Announcements

Congratulations!
Julieth Santamaria and Sebastian Anti, current third-year PhD students, are the co-recipients of the Department's Best Second-Year Paper Prize. Sebastian and Julieth wrote excellent second-year papers respectively titled "Bribery, Businesses, and Gender in the Middle East and Africa" and "A Testing Trap? The Effect of Teacher Testing on Student Performance." Congratulations, Sebastian and Julieth!

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.

Jobs

J-PAL Global (Several positions!)
The research, education and training team at J-PAL Global is currently hiring for several positions suitable for both PhD candidates as well as recent graduates. Positions include: Associate Director of Education, Research Postdoc Associate, MicroMasters Postdoc Associate, and Training Manager. All of these positions can be viewed online by clicking on the linked position titles above.

PhD positions
Three, fully-funded PhD student positions in climate economics are available at Inomics. The three positions include: The economics of transformational adaptation; an economic assessment of different instruments of adaptation finance and; the macroeconomics of low carbon mobility transition. The Doktoratskolleg Climate Change (DK) is an interdisciplinary PhD program and provides independent and cooperative research in the field of physical climate science, meteorology and hydrology, system sciences, sustainability sciences, environmental law and economics of climate change. More information on the program and topics is available online.

Director of Research and Analysis
The Greater Minneapolis Saint Paul Regional Economic Development Partnership has an immediate opening for the Director of Research & Analysis. The Director leads the Research & Analysis department, initiating, conducting, and managing market research and analysis to frame and further greater MSP's program goals and potential future initiatives. The Director supervises two research analysts. Read more and apply online.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development
"Does the Cardinal Treatment of Ordinal Variables Matter? An Empirical Investigation"
Jeffrey Bloem, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN
Friday, March 23
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

**Agricultural and Applied Economics**
"The Welfare Impacts of Increased Demand for 'Super Grain': The Case of Teff in Ethiopia"
Yanghao Wang, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN
Wednesday, March 21
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan

**Environmental and Resource Economics**
"Changes in the Perceptions of Risk in the Japanese Housing Market following the Great Tohoku Earthquake & Tsunami"
Haseeb Ali, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN
Monday, March 19
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

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**Seminars in Other Departments**

**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**
"TBA"
Derrick M. Bryan, Morehouse College
Friday, March 23
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

**Math Economics Seminar**
"Cheap Talk with Transparent Motives"
Elliot Lipnowski, Chicago
Monday, March 19
3:30 p.m., CSOM 1-149

**Minnesota Economics Seminar**
"Currency Manipulation"
Tarek Hassan, Boston University
Thursday, March 22
12:00 p.m., CSOM L114

**Federal Bag Lunch**
"The Changing Roles of Family Income and Academic Ability for US College Attendance"
Todd Schoellman, Minneapolis Fed
Wednesday, March 21
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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**Departmental Publications**


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