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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 is hosting happy hour this afternoon beginning at 4:30 in Waite Library. Join them for tasty treats and discussion. $5 donation requested.

2018 Extension Competition for Graduate Students
The Extension and Graduate Student Sections of the Agricultural and Applied Economics Association announce a competition for graduate students for 2018. This competition provides graduate student competitors the opportunity to develop extension and outreach programs from their research. The development of educational materials and presentations suitable for a general public audience is expected. For more information on the competition contact Sadie Brendalen.

Jobs

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship
A one-year postdoctoral fellowship is available at Arizona State University. The fellow will work with Dr. Joshua Abbott to contribute research on the valuation of natural capital and ecosystem-based fisheries management. The goal of this project is to develop a multispecies bioeconomic simulation model of Bering Sea fisheries, and to use this model to develop a novel ecological-economic indicator for assessing sustainable fisheries management. The successful candidate will collaborate with Dr. Abbott and National Marine Fisheries Service scientists to analyze ecological and economic data, develop the bioeconomic model, participate in stakeholder workshops, and coauthor academic publications. Apply online.

Lecturer (Tenure-track)
The Hasselt University (Belgium) seeks a lecturer (tenure-track) environmental economics. The teaching responsibility can include courses in the field of microeconomics, environmental economics and the economics of technology within the Bachelor's and Master's programs of the faculty of Business Economics. The selected candidate will also contribute to the development of the pedagogical framework. They will help strengthen the existing research portfolio of the Environmental Economics research group. The successful candidate will lead economic, as well as interdisciplinary research projects with a strong empirical focus within the research group and CMK, in collaboration with scientific partners inside and outside Hasselt University. Important objectives are the realization of publications in leading academic journals, the extension of the existing research network and the supervision of doctoral students. Apply online.

Postdoctoral Fellow
http://view.economics.umn.edu/?qs=2a039f5be4ecdfdc71b2f19744f6718b62eb1bef9b46e1738e1ba152b090213404d9880d561b41712ef2ef37...
The Centre for Environmental and Climate Research, CEC at Lund University seeks a postdoctoral fellow to conduct research in environmental economics and environmental science with a focus on insurance value of biodiversity and ecosystem services. The overriding aim of this research is to evaluate the implications of climate scenarios that explicitly consider weather variability, for the optimal management of natural capital. This will be done using multiple methods: a) estimating statistical crop production functions that include weather variables and indicators of natural capital from long-term experimental data; b) developing climate scenarios including weather variability; c) Optimizing natural capital using dynamic programming; and d) Evaluating the insurance value, implicitly associated with the conservation of natural capital, using real-option pricing techniques. The project will be based on existing data and modelling frameworks and focus on statistical and analytical modelling to develop fundamental knowledge of climate risks as related to natural capital. It will demonstrate that natural capital provides insurance against the risks of climate change by buffering yield effects of adverse weather events and reducing reliance on costly inputs, as well as providing guidance to policymakers. [Apply online.]

Economist
The National Center for Environmental Economics at the EPA has an Economist position that is open for applications. This position is located in the Office of the Administrator, Office of Policy, National Center for Environmental Economics, Benefits Assessment and Methods Development Division, Washington, DC. The selected candidate will be expected to: Perform research on economic implications of environmental programs and policies including ecosystem management for submission to peer-review publications, working papers and presentations; Apply scientific methods, identify and conceptualize research needs, plan approach for managing, interpreting and documenting or reporting findings; Conduct systematic, empirical and/or theoretical investigations to advance methods available in the field of environmental economics; Initiate, conduct and review benefit-cost and other economic analyses of proposed policies and regulations to design and evaluate standards and programs that maximize net social benefits. [Apply online.]

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development
"TBD"
James Seale, Professor, Food & Resource Economics Department, University of Florida
Friday, March 30
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics
"Weather Risk: How Does it Change the Yield Benefits of Nitrogen Fertilizer and Improved Maize Varieties in Sub-Saharan Africa?"
Terry Hurley, Professor, Applied Economics, UMN
Wednesday, March 28
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC Seminar
"New Developments in Integrated Global Health Microdata"
Miriam King, Devon Kristiansen, and Matt Sobek, IPUMS
Monday, March 26
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Math Economics Seminar
"TBA"
Ayca Ozdogan, TOBB University and Minnesota
Monday, March 26
3:30 p.m., CSOM 1-149

Finance Department Seminar
"Information Distortion, R&D, and Growth"
Toni Whited, University of Michigan
Friday, March 30
10:30 a.m., CSOM L122

**Federal Bag Lunch**

"IO in I-O: Size, Industrial Organization and the Input-Output Network Make a Firm Structurally Important"
Basile Grassi, Bocconi
Monday, March 26
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Nonrivalry and the Economics of Data"
Christopher Tonetti, Stanford University GSB
Tuesday, March 27
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"TBA"
Casey Mulligan, Chicago
Wednesday, March 28
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.**