Department of Applied Economics

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Announcements

TFIC Luncheon Series
Join us on Thursday, September 13 at 11:30 a.m. for the first 2018 school year TFIC Luncheon Series. This first luncheon features Lorna Riggs and Lisa McCann, Managers of Midwest Dairy Association who will be discussing, "Myth Busters: Get the Real Scoop on Dairy and Why it Matters." Please RSVP by September 1.

Congratulations to our TA Award Winners!
The department recognizes our three outstanding TA award winners for the 2017-18 year: Tomoko Utsumi (1000 level classes); Soomin Lee (3000/4000 level classes) and Julieth Santamaria (5000/8000). Join us as we celebrate their contributions to the department at our 2018 outstanding alumni award event.

Call for Papers
The 2nd Winter Workshop on Behavioral and Experimental Economics of Food Consumption will take place in Aussois, France from January 29-February 1, 2019. The aim of the workshop is to unite researchers to integrate new insights from behavioral economics into the toolkit used to address food consumption issues. The focus is on heuristics and choice processes in food decision making.

The workshop will be organized with no parallel sessions, with plenty of time to present and discuss, and hosted in a snowy family-size ski resort in the French Alps. The workshop welcomes two keynote talks of leading researchers in the area. Rodolfo M. Nayga, Jr. is an eminent professor in food economics focusing on consumer demand, food policy and health issues. Ralph Hertwig is a pioneer in the psychology of human judgment and decision-making with important interdisciplinary research on cognitive search and adaptive heuristics. Submit an extended abstract or full paper online.

Jobs
Economist
ECONorthwest seeks a lead economist, functioning as a project manager within the firm. The successful candidate will collaborate with existing office leadership to extend client networks, attract project work, and further establish the firm as a respected source of independent, rigorous analysis. Depending on the qualifications of the successful candidate, the position could have the following responsibilities: Conduct research and lead research teams to execute project work that strengthens clients' policy and investment decisions in housing, transportation, and public programs; Collaborate with office leadership and firm's owners to update and execute a regional growth strategy; Conduct and manage project work, including analysis and / or overseeing the work of a team completing analysis, managing scopes and budgets, and creating or overseeing the creation of final deliverables; Present study findings to project teams and clients, as well as to legislative bodies, investors, corporate boards, and other high-level stakeholders; Market the firm's capabilities to a wide range of public and private sector clients. Apply online.

Research Intern
The Minnesota Office of Higher Education (OHE) is looking for qualified candidates to fill two paid intern positions/up to 20 hours a week during the school year. Starting September 2018 through May 2019, with a possible extension through August 2019. Work hours could increase during the summer months. These positions will provide support and assistance to the research staff working across numerous areas, including: accountability, retention/completion, K-12/secondary alignment, workforce...
development, higher education finance, and state policy. Candidates for internship positions must receive academic credit for the experience from their postsecondary institution. Intern(s) job duties include, but are not limited to:
Perform literature reviews, environmental scans, and synthesize information; Assist with development of OHE research products for print and online reports; Assist with the collection, management, cleaning, and analysis of data; Assist with the Statewide Longitudinal Education Data System (SLEDS); Perform administrative tasks as required; Respond to ad hoc data requests. Apply online.

Several postdoc positions at ERS
ERS anticipates several openings for Postdoctoral positions to build a program of research and data development in the following areas:

· Agricultural trade and policy expertise focused on Asian countries, especially those in the critically important South and Southeast Asia regions. The position will explore opportunities for expanding trade with these regions based on in-depth assessments of their domestic supply and demand, trade and domestic policies, and food security needs.

· Emerging agricultural trade issues in the context of high-income countries such as the EU, Japan and Korea. The implications of new trade agreements among these countries and regions for U.S. agriculture will be a critical focus of the position.

· Development and management of food expenditures data and research. The Food Expenditures Series (FES) is one of ERS's premiere data products, with an expanding policy presence for food industry groups, academic researchers, and with close linkages to other Federal statistical agencies. The position involves updating and managing the FES as well as conducting research on food markets, prices, and industrial organization issues relating to food industries. The researcher will also participate in a new project to develop state-level estimates of food at home and food away from home.

· Economic impacts of rural broadband investment. The researcher will develop a program of research on the benefits of broadband investment in rural areas, including analysis of how broadband access related to USDA programs affects economic indicators such as rural small-business startups, growth, and survival, and commercial, agricultural and residential property values. The researcher will play a key role collaborating with extramural partners to create and exploit "Big Data" systems for this project.

· Development and implementation of a new Survey of Irrigation Organizations being developed by ERS. The survey will provide the first updated dataset of local water management entities since the 1978 Census of Irrigation Organizations. The researcher would be involved in all aspects of the survey approach, questionnaire design, and stakeholder outreach; and in related research examining the role of institutions in drought resilience and farm management decisions.

To apply, please send the following information to the address below and indicate the position(s) for which you are applying:

- Curriculum vitae that includes education and work experience; list of publications, presentations, and honor/awards; exact date or expected date (month/year) of completion of all Ph.D. degree requirements; and a list of three references. Graduates of foreign universities must include proof that their Ph.D. degree is equivalent to one granted by an accredited U.S. college or university.
- Writing sample, preferably from your dissertation.
- Copy of your graduate and undergraduate transcripts. (An unofficial transcript is sufficient for the initial application, although you are required to submit official transcripts prior to employment.)
- Cover letter describing your interests and reasons for applying to specific positions. The letter should include how you meet the special requirements of the position(s), including information concerning pertinent courses, publications, and accomplishments.

Send all materials by email to Cathi T. Ferguson USDA - ERS/HR.

Departmental Seminars

Environmental and Resource Economics

TBD
Steve Polasky, Regents Professor, ApEc
Monday, September 10
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan
Agricultural and Applied Economics

TBD
Alessandro Bonanno, Associate Professor, Colorado State University
Wednesday, September 19
1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan

Trade and Development

TBD
Anant Nyshadham, Assistant Professor, Boston College
Friday, October 5
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch

TBD
Ivan Werning, MIT
Tuesday, September 4
Research Conference Room

"Making Big Changes: The Impact of Moves on Marriage among U.S. Army Personnel"
Abigail Wozniak, Notre Dame
Friday, September 7
12:00 p.m.
Research Conference Room

Finance Department Seminar

"Household Debt Revaluation and the Real Economy: Evidence from a Foreign Currency Debt Crisis"
Emil Verner, MIT
Friday, September 7
10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-233

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 (i.e., University of Minnesota graduate student, Department of Economics). If you are not on an approved visitor list, you will not be allowed to attend bag lunches or seminars at the Fed.

Departmental Publications


