Department of Applied Economics

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Announcements

2018 Outstanding Alumni Award and Forum
In just a few short weeks, the department will recognize our 2018 Outstanding Alumni Award winners. A forum entitled, "U.S. Agriculture and the World Economy," featuring some of the award winners, faculty, as well as other leaders, will begin at 2 p.m., with the ceremony to follow. All are welcome to attend the forum, the ceremony, or both. Use this link to RSVP and contact Sadie Brendalen if you need more information.

CFANS and CSOM Food Industry Panel
Join CFANS and CSOM as they come together to feature a panel of leaders in the food industry. Cindy Sorenson, CEO of The Grocery Group, Ellen Siebenborn Forsyth, Vice President of US Grocery, and Stacy Vossberg, Vice President of Innovation at Insignia Systems, Inc. will be presenting Wednesday, October 10 at 4:00 p.m. at the Carlson School of Management. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP by October 8.

Earth Institute Postdoctoral Research Program
The Earth Institute at Columbia University in New York, NY, seeks applications from innovative, doctoral candidates or recent Ph.D., M.D., J.D., or Sc.D. recipients (within 5 years of degree receipt) interested in a broad range of issues in sustainable development. The Earth Institute Postdoctoral Research program provides scholars with the opportunity to acquire and apply the cross-disciplinary expertise needed to address critical issues of sustainable development such as food security, energy systems, climate change impacts, poverty reduction, disease, and environmental degradation. Candidates who have developed cross-disciplinary approaches during their graduate studies will find numerous, unique opportunities to engage in programs at the leading edge of sustainable development research.

Candidates must complete the online application and submit a proposal for research that would contribute to global, sustainable development. Candidates may suggest contributing to or expanding on existing Earth Institute programs or developing new projects that integrate the breadth of expertise of the Earth Institute. Candidates are strongly encouraged to identify and contact a mentor prior to submitting an application. Learn more about the program online.

Jobs

Post-doc
IFAD's Research and Impact Assessment Division is looking for two post-docs to start as soon as possible. Successful candidates will be based in Rome at IFAD for a two year's appointment as UN Temporary Professional Officer and will work with RIA's Team on Impact Assessment Projects using quasi-experimental or non-experimental approaches. The positions will focus on empirical analysis of microeconomic agriculture data from developing countries-impact evaluation data and LSMS/household data. Post-docs will be involved in all the project cycle of the Impact Assessment Studies (Planning, Implementation, and Assessment). Prior field work experience is extremely desirable as is the ability to work in French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian, Hindi, or Urdu. Interested candidates should apply by filling out an online form by September 23, 2018.

Post-doc
The Earth and Environmental Systems Institute (EESI) at Penn State seeks outstanding applicants for two postdoctoral scholar positions focusing on analysis of strategies to manage climate risks. Successful candidates will join a transdisciplinary research team that analyzes two main questions: (i) How can
paleoclimatic and instrumental records improve our mechanistic understanding of the Earth system and inform hazard assessments? (ii) How can this scientific information be used to improve the design of climate-risk management strategies? The ideal candidate would have a strong background in a field such as Earth system science (e.g., atmospheric science, geosciences, oceanography), Bayesian statistics, operations research, decision analysis, or applied mathematics. The postdoctoral scholar will have considerable freedom to collaboratively design the research within the scope of the broad questions outlined above. Possible example projects include uncertainty analysis of climate projections, decision analysis of climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies, and risk analysis of proposed geoengineering strategies. Apply online.

Post-doc
The Earth and Environmental Systems Institute (EESI) at Penn State seeks outstanding applicants for a postdoctoral scholar position focusing on the development of new climate data products targeted at the analysis of climate impacts and for use in decision support applications. The successful candidate will join a transdisciplinary research team working with support from multiple federal awards, broadly focused on issues of climate risk management. The ideal candidate will have a strong background in a field such as Earth system science (e.g., meteorology/atmospheric science, geosciences, oceanography), civil and environmental engineering, statistics, or applied mathematics. The postdoctoral scholar will have considerable freedom to collaboratively design the research within the scope of projects relevant to the team's current efforts. Possible example projects include empirical/statistical downscaling of global climate model output, development of high resolution gridded observational data products, development of metrics and tools for application-relevant characterization of climate data products, and uncertainty quantification in regional climate change projections. Apply online.

Assistant Professor
The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, School of Freshwater Sciences is seeking a 9-month tenure-track Assistant Professor in Environmental and Resource Economics. The School of Freshwater Sciences (SFS) at UWM is the only graduate school in the nation dedicated solely to the study of freshwater issues. Its interdisciplinary research and education programs link science with action, and are integrated across four major areas: freshwater system dynamics; human and ecosystem health; freshwater technology; and freshwater economics, policy, and management. It is the school's goal to be recognized world-wide as the source of expert knowledge on water issues and a catalyst for great ideas that change how people think about and manage water resources. The Assistant Professor of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics will help create an environmental and natural resource economics program that is nationally recognized for excellence in research and teaching, with a focus on water policy. He or she is expected to closely collaborate with Center for Water Policy personnel and cultivate support from government and private sources. Read more and apply for this position online.

Departmental Seminars

Environmental and Resource Economics
"India Has Profitable Alternatives to Crop Burning That Can Help Farmers and Reduce Air Pollution"
Nat Springer, Economist, Institute on the Environment
Monday, September 24
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

Agricultural and Applied Economics
"Simulating the Effect of the Nutrition Fact Label Revision: Added Sugar and the Demand for Ready-to-Eat Breakfast Cereals"
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
"A Global View of Creative Destruction"
Pete Klenow, Stanford
Wednesday, September 19
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

**Heller Hurwicz Prescott Conference**
TBA
Friday, September 21
HMH 1-104

**Finance Department Seminar**
TBA
Andrea Eisfeldt, UCLA
Friday, September 21
10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-233

**MPC Workshop**
"The Effects of Immigration Restriction Laws on Immigrant Segregation in the Early Twentieth Century U.S."
Dafeng Xu
Friday, September 21
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

**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.*

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