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Announcements

African Studies Initiative Lecture Series
On Wednesday, October 17th, Professor Jason Kerwin will present a talk on his research team’s collaboration with an agricultural employer in Malawi to test alternatives to banking that help local farmworkers save money and build long-term economic self-sufficiency. This lecture will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. in 710 Social Sciences Building.

Call for Papers
The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will host the 16th annual Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC) on April 26-27, 2019. The conference invites papers and organized sessions on all topics in economic development.

Presentations at the conference must be accompanied by completed papers. Each presenter will have a 30 minute presentation slot, including a 5 minute commentary by an assigned discussant. Sessions will begin at 8 am on April 26 and end at lunch on April 27. No more than three sessions will be held at the same time.

The keynote speaker will be Oriana Bandiera, the Sir Anthony Atkinson Chair in Economics in the Department of Economics, London School of Economics and Political Science.

We invite you to submit a paper or propose a session to present at the conference. The deadline for submissions is January 11, 2019. Submissions will be evaluated by a scientific committee and acceptances will be notified by the end of January. More information is available online.

Domestic Violence Awareness Workshop
The Aurora Center is hosting a workshop to assist in learning how to identify red flags in relationships, many of which are overlooked and ignored until it becomes a more serious domestic violence issue. The workshop will be held from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, October 19 in the St. Paul Student Theater. Contact Connie Hempstead or the Aurora Center with any questions.

Jobs

Assistant Professor
Colorado State University’s Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics is hiring an Assistant Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics with a specialization in Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management. This position will provide expertise and leadership in research and teaching focused on agribusiness and/or food industry management. The successful candidate will develop a nationally recognized research program with an emphasis on agricultural business including but not limited to market analysis (e.g., price behavior, industrial organization, quantitative marketing) and/or managerial economics (e.g., optimizing a production portfolio, capital and/or labor structure, risk management). Scholarship and publication in peer-reviewed journals appropriate to the individual’s research focus is required. Teaching responsibilities will include undergraduate and/or graduate courses in areas such as agribusiness management, agricultural marketing, and/or agricultural finance. The position targets efforts in teaching and research activities though proportions may be negotiable if desired and appropriate. Apply online.

Postdoc
A two-year post-doctoral research associate position is available in the Dept. of Agricultural and Consumer Economics (ACE) at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign (UIUC) to use geocomputation and econometrics to measure the on-farm benefits and costs of conservation practice adoption using methods for causal inference and program evaluation. This will entail close collaboration with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and will be conducted in partnership with the USDA Economic Research Service (ERS). It is expected that the postdoc will work in Washington, DC with one or both of these agencies for several cumulative weeks over the course of the project. The postdoc will be under the direct supervision of Professor Ben Gramig at UIUC, and will work with professors Gary Schnitkey (UIUC) and Seong Yun (Mississippi State University), as well as Dr. Laura Gentry (adjunct faculty UIUC; director of water quality research, Illinois Corn Growers Association).

To apply, email the following items to bgramig@illinois.edu with the subject POSTDOC: (i) a cover letter explaining how your experience qualifies you and why you are interested in the position; (ii) your CV including PhD degree date; (iii) names and contact information for three (3) professional references; and (iv) a professional writing sample that illustrates the required/desired qualifications for the position. If you have experience developing and contributing programming codes and/or other related resources to CRAN, GitHub or another online data or software repository, please include this information in your CV or other application materials.

Postdoc
The Institute for Policy Integrity at New York University School of Law (policyintegrity.org) is seeking 1-2 postdoctoral research fellows in economics. Policy Integrity is a non-partisan think tank dedicated to improving the quality of government decisionmaking through advocacy and scholarship in the fields of administrative law, economics, and public policy. We work to identify and support economically sound policies related to energy, the environment, public health, and safety.

Fellows will collaborate with legal and economic researchers to prepare policy reports, briefs, and journal articles on a variety of issues including energy and climate policy, natural resources management, electricity market design, and benefit-cost analysis. The ideal candidate should have a focus on policy-oriented research in one of the following areas: (1) environmental or resource economics; or (2) utility regulation, energy economics/policy, and electricity market design/pricing. Programming, big-data analytics, and numerical optimization skills are a plus. Apply online.

Associate Lecturer
The School of Geography & Sustainable Development at the University of St. Andrews is seeking a full-time, fixed term Associate Lecturer with expertise in Environmental/Ecological Economics within the School of Geography & Sustainable Development. The post is fixed term for 6 months to start 14 January 2019 or as soon as possible thereafter. The role will focus on teaching at the MSc level and involve engaging the interest and motivation of students, and inspiring them to learn by fostering debate and developing their ability to engage in critical discourse and rational thinking. You will work as a member of the Sustainable Development team under the overall direction of the School's Director of Teaching, reporting to the Head of School. Apply online.

Departmental Seminars

Environmental and Resource Economics
"Effects of Heat Waves on Economic Growth"
Steve Miller, Assistant Professor, ApEc
Monday, October 15
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

Agricultural and Applied Economics
"Creating Data Sets for use on Agribusiness Economics Problems Using Public-Private Partnerships"
Michael Boland, Professor, ApEc
Wednesday, October 17
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan
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Trade and Development
"Making Entrepreneurs: The Returns to Training Youth in Hard Versus Soft Business Skills"
Paul Gertler, Li Ka Shing Professor, Haas School of Business, UC-Berkeley
Friday, October 19
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan
Seminars in other departments

**MPC**
"Educational Outcomes of Children of Divorce and in Step-Families: Scandinavia, 1985-2015"
Jonas Helgertz, Minnesota
Monday, October 15
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

**Math Economics Seminar**
"Better Monitoring...Worse Productivity?"
John Yiran Zhu, Wharton
Monday, October 15
3:30 p.m., CSOM L126

**Federal Bag Lunch**
"Political Distortions and Infrastructure Networks in China: A Quantitative Spatial Equilibrium Analysis”
Illenin Kondo, Federal Reserve Board
Tuesday, October 16
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

**TBA**
Eric French, UCL
Wednesday, October 17
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

**Applied Micro Seminar**
"The Tragedy of the Last Mile: Economic Solutions to Congestion in Broadband Networks"
Aviv Nevo, Northwestern
Wednesday, October 17
3:30 p.m., CSOM 1136

**Finance Department Seminar**
**TBA**
Gilles Chemla, Imperial College
Friday, October 19
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**