Department of Applied Economics

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Announcements

Save the Date!
The annual Applied Economics and Agricultural Education and Communication luncheon will take place on Wednesday, December 5 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. in the Northstar Ballroom. See the whole menu on our website.

Reminder: PACDEV 2019 submissions due by December 14
Just a reminder to submit your papers for consideration to the 2019 PACDEV conference by December 14. The Pacific Development Conference - PacDev - is one of the major annual conferences dedicated to development economics. The event brings together researchers and practitioners to present and discuss work that enhances our understanding of economic development, advances theoretical and empirical methods, and improves development interventions and policy. Submit online.

IPID Panel Discussion
Join IPID students on Thursday, December 6th at 5:00 p.m. at the Humphrey Forum for a panel discussion entitled, "Cross-Sector Approaches to Combating Climate Change." The event will consist of a panel discussion between various representatives from differing industry/academic sectors (e.g. government, private, NGO) on collaboration to combat environmental and climate change from a development perspective. Facilitating the event will be Dr. Gabe Chan, Assistant Professor at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs and director of the M.S.-STEP program. The panel discussion will be followed by a reception, which will include a meal, and an opportunity to network and discuss the panel.

Jobs

Research Economist
The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is looking to identify and interview Ph. D.-level economists to work in its Research Department (RES) or other areas of the organization. This call is open to all areas, but they particularly seek a combination of rigorous academic approach and the potential to publish as well as a strong interest on policy issues. In this position the successful candidate will: Conduct economic research, identifying challenges and issues, applying theoretical and/or empirical economic analysis and developing policy recommendations; Contribute to the development of new or revised tools and methodologies of economic analysis; Present research to academic and non-academic audiences and refine research papers in the light of comments for eventual publication in refereed journals; Coordinate and/or review and evaluate the academic work of outside researchers (consultants and research institutions hired through the Latin American Research Network or otherwise), ensuring that they meet the highest standards of quality; Develop networks for disseminating research findings, promoting cooperative research initiatives, and discussing policy issues within and outside the Bank; Participate in the conceptualization, production and dissemination of publications such as the annual Latin American and Caribbean Macroeconomic Report and the flagship publication known as Development in the Americas, by leveraging internal and external resources and addressing new research issues to encourage policy discussions and enhance the visibility and impact of our work. Apply online.

Researcher (part-time)
The MN Department of Labor and Industry is hiring a part-time research position, 20 hours/week. This position supports the functions performed by the Research and Statistics unit. The incumbent will provide assistance to senior researchers on research projects intended to support and advance the Department of Labor Industry (DLI) program areas. Responsibilities include: Performing research tasks...
to assist with research projects lead by the Research and Statistics team; Performing assigned duties (data entry, data cleaning, writing, publishing) for the Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illness Injuries and Illnesses (SOII) and the Census of Fatal Occupational Injuries (CFOI). Apply online using Job ID 28200.

Analyst
Blue Cross Blue Shield is seeking a healthcare analyst to provide analytic support to the Medicare Stars and Enterprise Risk Adjustment Center of Excellence, with a focus on the application of evidence-based practices and research methods to design and evaluate initiatives to improve the quality of health care delivery, member health status, and member experience for Blue Cross’ Medicare, Medicaid and Exchange populations. Specifically, this position is a high-level technical expert responsible for the application of analytics, program evaluation, survey and outcomes research methods to improve Medicare Stars quality ratings and risk adjustment accuracy. The position will be expected to lead and mentor junior analysts.

Responsibilities include obtaining data from various internal sources, designing and structuring files for analysis, and performing and interpreting descriptive and bivariate or multivariate analyses. The position applies a utilization-focused framework to design, implement, and communicate findings from project evaluations and exploratory analyses. The position collaborates with stakeholders to define project goals, outcomes, measures, and data sources; develops logic models, evaluation designs, and analysis plans grounded in program theory; conducts analysis, interprets findings, and makes recommendations for program design or improvement; develops audience-appropriate reports and presentations. Apply online.

Environmental and Resource Economics
"Pollution and Education: The Effect of Power Plant Closures on Student's Test Scores"
Jose Casco Guerra and Julieth Santamaria, PhD candidates, Applied Economics, UMN
Monday, November 19
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

"Economic Effects of Environmental Crises: Evidence from Flint, Michigan"
David Keiser, Assistant Professor, Iowa State University
Monday, November 26
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

Agricultural and Applied Economics
"Implications of Cumulative Prospect Theory for Design of Government-Subsidized Agricultural Insurance Programs"
Marin Bozic, Assistant Professor, ApEc
Wednesday, November 28
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan

Seminars in other departments

MPC Seminar
"Where Have All the Women Gone? Occupational Choice Among Women Leaving Computer Science"
Sharon Sassler, Cornell
Monday, November 19
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Department of Economics Seminar
"The Ecological Civilization: Opening Pathways to Green, Inclusive Growth"
Featuring Gretchen C. Daily, Stanford University; Moderated by Stephen Polasky, University of Minnesota
Thursday, December 6
5:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School
Free, but RSVP required

Departmental Publications

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