Department of Applied Economics

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Announcements

**TFIC Luncheon**
The next Food Industry Center Luncheon will take place Monday, January 28th in room 202 of the St. Paul Student Center. Speaker Nicholas Dorsey, Blue Buffalo-source capability lead with General Mills Inc. will present "What do you need to do to get in." Nick has been with GMI for a year and a half after having graduated from CFANS with an Applied Economics degree. Nick is in his second role in the organization working as the Blue Buffalo capability lead for Sourcing. [RSVP online](#).

**Marginals will be produced again on January 7**
Due to the winter holidays, Marginals will take a brief two-week break and resume again on Monday, January 7. See you next year!

**Jobs**

**Assistant Professor**
The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Management (NREM) in the College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources (CTAHR) at the University of Hawaii Manoa has a vision to integrate natural and social science disciplines to better solve applied problems and achieve sustainability and resiliency. They are seeking a colleague with applied economics training. The selected candidate will apply cutting-edge modeling and statistical techniques as part of a novel, integrative research program that is relevant to Hawaii’s and Pacific Islands’ sustainability and resiliency (e.g., food security, forestry, island food systems, coastal systems, energy systems, adaptation). They will be expected to contribute knowledge and tools that complement and strengthen the department, college, and university (e.g., data science, systems modeling, policy analysis). The person will be excited to support undergraduate and graduate research and employment preparation by teaching analytical study designs (e.g., quasi-experimental techniques), statistical approaches (e.g., mixed effects models), and system modeling approaches (e.g. system's behavior and structure modeling). [Apply online](#).

**Postdoc**
The Department of Economics at the University of Gothenberg is recruiting a postdoc in environmental economics within the framework of a research project: "Restoration of contaminated areas after a nuclear accident: Societal problems and how best combinations of long-term measures can be chosen to protect residents from radiation". The tasks include collaboration with physicists, medical professionals and other experts, where your role will be to explain and perform certain calculations, such as discounting of future costs, calculations of "Value of Statistical Life", etc. Own research may apply to discounting mechanisms, willingness to pay to avoid radiation damage (and how it compares with the willingness to avoid other types of harm), or (hedonic) analysis of property price changes in areas affected by radioactive radiation. Read more and [apply online](#).

**Multiple Economist Positions**
USDA's Economic Research Service (ERS) is hiring Economists at the GS-12 level. These positions are located in the Rural and Resource Economics Division. ERS's mission is to inform and enhance public and private decision making on economic and policy issues related to agriculture, food, the environment, and rural development. ERS is a primary source of economic information and research in the USDA. ERS economists conduct timely, policy-relevant research on such issues as childhood obesity, international markets and trade, Asian markets, health and nutrition, prices and industrial organization of food and commodity markets, farming risk and resilience, climate change, rural poverty, bioenergy, big...
data and behavioral economics. Positions include: Water Resources, Drought Resiliency and Irrigation; Industrial Organization of Agriculture; Rural Population and Prosperity; Land Values; Conservation Program Performance and Ecosystem Services; Agricultural productivity; Evidence Based Decision Making; Agricultural Research and Innovation; Agricultural Finance, including Farm Management Strategies to Address Business Risk; Rural Business Dynamics and Financial Capital; Economic Representation of Complex Farms. View these open positions and apply online.

**Assistant Professor**
The University of Saskatchewan is looking for a quantitative social scientist researching water resources to join the Global Institute for Water Security as an Assistant Professor. Global Water Futures aims to strengthen capability for quantitative social science at the interface between water policy and society, for example, in the analysis of the forces that drive water insecurity; of policy instruments, human response and efficacy; in the engagement of user communities in model framing and development; and in the development of tools for water decision making under uncertainty. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in a field of social science that deals with decision-making (e.g. economics, political science, psychology, sociology), or in associated fields such as computational science, network science, systems analysis, and/or mathematical/computational modelling, where the interplay between humans and water resources is the focus. This will be coupled with demonstrable experience of interdisciplinary research on water management, conservation, sustainability, policy, or ecosystem services, either for water bodies or river basins. The successful candidate will lead a program of research that improves our understanding of human-water interactions, policy and decision making, and the dynamic feedbacks between hydrological and social processes. Apply online.

**Fellowships**
Every summer, the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), hosts up to 50 doctoral students from around the world in its Young Scientists Summer Program (YSSP), near Vienna, Austria. Each YSSP participant works on a topic related to his or her PhD thesis and to IIASA’s research agenda, the goal being to write a publishable paper on the summer project. All YSSP participants are personally mentored by IIASA senior scientists. Details about application and programs are available online.

**Assistant Professor**
The Division of Resource Economics and Management in the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design at West Virginia University invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor with a focus on natural resource economics. The successful candidate will develop a high-quality teaching and research program in support of undergraduate and graduate programs in the REM Division, and as allied with other programs in the College and University. Teaching areas of emphasis include natural resource and/or environmental economics; energy economics; and project/risk assessment. The expected annual teaching assignment is four courses, or its equivalent including advising and mentoring, with delivery as in-class or online, as determined in consultation with the unit director. Teaching assignments for this position will be coordinated with the College's Division of Forestry and Natural Resources' Energy Land Management (ELM) program in order to provide teaching of courses to meet program needs in both REM and ELM. The position also will require service activities to advance that mission of the University as well. This position will be expected to develop an internationally recognized, externally funded research program and conduct research on a broad range of issues in renewable and non-renewable natural resources in West Virginia and collaborate with faculty in the Division of Forestry and Natural Resources and the Institute of Water Scarcity and Science. Apply online using job code 10414.

**Assistant Professor**
The Division of Resource Economics and Management in the Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design at West Virginia University @ Morgantown, WV invites applications for the position of Assistant Professor with a focus on agribusiness, entrepreneurship, and/or rural development. The successful candidate will develop a high-quality teaching and research program in support of undergraduate and graduate programs in the REM Division, and as allied with other programs in the College and University. Teaching areas of emphasis include rural enterprise development and entrepreneurship; agribusiness management, finance, or accounting; natural resource, and/or energy enterprises; and rural/regional development strategies. The expected annual teaching assignment is four courses, or its equivalent including advising and mentoring, with delivery as in-class or online, as determined in consultation with the unit director. This position will be expected to develop an internationally recognized, externally funded research program focused on agribusiness, entrepreneurship, and/or rural development issues.

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Extension, and potentially collaborate with WVU colleagues at the Regional Research Institute or the university’s Launch Lab. [Apply online](http://view.ecommunications2.umn.edu/?qs=02fd90e12d8abdea023c29740d599f971b1acdfc1c5b4540bfece9c28b2e50f1d5902b97f35b2dadcf940cc9...) using job code 10412.

### Departmental Seminars

Departmental seminars will resume in Spring 2019.

### Seminars in other departments

**Federal Reserve Bank Lunches**

"Health Spending: Necessity or Luxury? Health Expenditures, Health Capital and Production of Health in the United States."

Keyvan Eslami, Minnesota  
Tuesday, December 18  
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Medicare for All: The Macroeconomic and Welfare Consequences of Public Health Insurance Reform."

Kurt See, Minnesota  
Wednesday, December 19  
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 visitor list, you will not be allowed to attend bag lunches or seminars at the Fed.

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