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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.

Jobs

Director
CGIAR is searching for a highly skilled professional to fill the position of Director of the CGIAR System Advisory Services Shared Secretariat (Shared Secretariat). This position is critical in providing successful operational leadership and support for a new CGIAR Independent Science for Development Council (ISDC), CGIAR's Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) and implementation of the CGIAR System's multi-year evaluation plan. It offers an exciting opportunity to contribute to a world free of poverty, hunger, and environmental degradation. This is a strategic role responsible for stewarding the provision of high-quality objective advice to the CGIAR System through robust science advisory, impact assessment, and evaluation/review services. Operating as a distinct and separate unit of the System Organization, the Director of the Shared Secretariat reports direct to the external independent Chair of the ISDC for operational and budget guidance regarding the three interdependent workstreams of the Shared Secretariat. Read full description and apply online.

Economist
The Landscape, Policy and Governance team at Manaaki Whenua-Landcare Research of New Zealand seeks an experienced senior economist with a strong interest in economic modelling and analysis to inform and enhance policy that fosters environmentally sustainable resource use and economic growth in New Zealand. The successful candidate would join a team of economists and quantitative social scientists who undertake research pertaining to land use, environmental decision making, biodiversity, ecosystem services, economic behaviour, and climate change in New Zealand and the South Pacific. In addition to the research position, the role also includes leading a cluster of researchers within the wider team. Your role as capability leader for the Economic Modelling and Simulation cluster would focus on the ongoing use and development of a range of economic models, and the researchers in the cluster who currently develop and work with these models. Read more and apply 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 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. Apply 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 Security and Science. Apply online.

**USGS Mendenhall Research Fellowship**
An interdisciplinary USGS team in coordination with other bureaus in the Department of the Interior, other federal agencies, and with stakeholders, has initiated a research agenda to develop methods and tools for Multi-Resource Analysis (MRA). MRA is a next-generation suite of analytical products that can be used to inform land use and resource management decisions by integrating scientific information about natural resources and explicitly recognizing changes to those resources caused by natural events and human decisions, including energy and minerals development decisions. MRA focuses on the effects of change on multiple natural resources, interrelationships among natural resources, and the economic and societal consequences of these changes to humans. The USGS has a growing body of work on MRA and related topics (Jenni et al., 2018; Haines et al., 2013; Martinez et al., in review; Diffendorfer et al., 2017). The focus of this Research Opportunity is to further advance MRA via integration of energy, mineral, and other natural resource assessments. The Mendenhall Fellow's research may be centered on any of the physical, economic, or decision science aspects of the MRA. To that end, we solicit proposals touching on one or more of following research areas which are the primary components of an MRA described in Jenni et al. 2018. Review necessary qualifications and apply online.

**Fellowship**
A research training opportunity is currently available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Policy (OP)/National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE), located at EPA Headquarters in Washington, DC.

The participant will be involved with NCEE economists and scientists in analyses and research efforts on regulatory design, benefit-cost analysis, and economic impact analysis. Analyses of major regulation traditionally focus on estimating the overall costs and benefits of a policy to society. The distribution of those costs and benefits is also of great interest but such analyses face a number of methodological and empirical challenges. The project will focus on improving methods for conducting distributional analysis through econometric analysis using highly disaggregated data on expenditures and the development of parameters estimates that can be used to calibrate computable general equilibrium models. Read more and apply online.

**Post-doctoral fellow**
The Science for Nature and People Partnership (SNAPP) seeks a postdoctoral fellow to collaborate on a new, two-year project titled "Landscape-scale forest assessments to support zero-deforestation supply chains." This project is designed to empower the participation of small producers in zero-deforestation supply chains and support companies and governments to make conservation decisions based on landscape-scale connectivity. The project focuses on the High Carbon Stock Approach (HCSA), a multi-stakeholder initiative that has emerged as a leading tool for corporate and public implementation of zero-deforestation commitments. The work focuses on oil palm in Indonesia. Our team of working group participants from academia, farmer cooperatives, industry, and non-profits, will seek new scientific innovations that enable 1) greater participation of smallholder producers in zero-deforestation supply chains; 2) higher confidence in the benefits of corporate zero-deforestation commitments and 3) improved conservation planning through the integration of landscape-scale connectivity assessment. See full description and apply online.
Departmental Seminars

**Trade and Development**
*TBA*
Richard Akresh, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Friday, January 25
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

**Environmental and Resource Economics**
*TBA*
David Redish, Professor, UMN
Monday, January 28
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

Seminars in other departments

**Federal Reserve Bank Lunches**
"Causes and Consequences of Life Expectancy Inequality"
Vegard Nygaard, UMN
Wednesday, January 16
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

**Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute**
*Practical Issues in Pension Design Conference*
Tuesday, January 22
10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., CSOM 2-260T
More information available online.
Conference is free, but please register to attend!

**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.

**Departmental Publications**


