**Department of Applied Economics**

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**Announcements**

**Organics Recycling REMINDER**  
This is a reminder that beginning on January 28th, you will need to empty your own garbage can located in your office. The cleaning crew will no longer be emptying individual cans. For questions regarding organics recycling, please review prior emails from Karen Routhe.

**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](#).

**Free webinar**  
"Impact of Tax Reform and Section 199A on Agricultural and Cooperatives and Members"  
Wednesday, January 16; 10:00 am CST; [Link to webinar](#).  
The NCERA-210 Cooperative Research Committee, NCFC and various state Cooperative Councils will host a free national webinar on the impact of tax reform and Section 199A. The webinar is designed for cooperative board members, CEOs, CFOs and others who want a plain language discussion of this important topic. A panel of experts will give their perspectives on the opportunities and challenges of this new tax environment:

- Phil Kenkel, Bill Fitzwater Chair, Oklahoma State University-Research Results with Representative Cooperative
- Dennis Gardiner, Gardiner + Company, Des Moines Iowa-Key Decisions for Boards
- Mike Boland, University of Minnesota-How Cooperatives are Responding
- Moderator: Keri Jacobs, Iowa Institute for Cooperatives Endowed Professor, Iowa State University

**Jobs**

**Department Head and Professor**  
The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (ARE) at the University of Connecticut in Storrs (UCONN) invites applications for the position of Department Head, and appointment as Associate Professor or Professor. As the departmental administrative officer, the Head reports directly to the Dean. Duties include:

- Effective coordination and leadership of undergraduate and graduate teaching, research, and Cooperative Extension and outreach programming.
- Conduct administrative responsibilities for academic affairs, departmental personnel, budget matters, and physical facilities.
- Represent and promote the department within the college, the university, and the state, as well as at the national and international levels.
- Establish and coordinate relationships with relevant research centers, agencies, industries, NGOs, professional societies, alumni, and the citizens of Connecticut.
- Develop effective programs to recruit BS, MS, and PhD students and to attract and retain outstanding faculty, drawing from diversity nationally and internationally.

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Other responsibilities as related to the department Head administrative duties.

Read the full description and apply online.

**Postdoc**
Duke University Marine Laboratory is seeking a post-doctoral researcher evaluating the social impacts of marine conservation. The research focuses on evaluating the social impacts of a network of marine protected areas (MPAs) within the Sunda Banda Seascape, Indonesia. The researcher will join an interdisciplinary team of academics and practitioners focused on applying evidence-based insights into marine conservation policy and management. The research will primarily center around analyses of compiled household data from coastal communities, however, there will be opportunities to engage in other related research activities. Full description is available 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 Ben Gramig the following items 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.

**Departmental Seminars**

**Trade and Development**
"Long-term and Intergenerational Effects of Education: Evidence from School Construction in Indonesia"
Richard Akresh, Associate Professor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Friday, January 25
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

**Environmental and Resource Economics**
"The new field of neuroeconomics: What neuroscience means for economics and how using an economic toolbox can help make breakthroughs in neuroscience and psychiatry"
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.