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Announcements

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The Spring 2019 edition of the Minnesota Applied Economist is now available on our website. If you would like to be added to the mailing list to receive a hard copy of this publication in the future, please email Sadie Brendalen.

Jobs

Economist
Economic Research Service (ERS) seeks Research Agricultural Economists with responsibility for formulating research plans, developing methodology, determining data needs, and defining resources needed to carry out complex economic research and analysis programs of great significance, difficulty, and national importance. All candidates are expected to have strong research and writing skills, and the ability to relay results to both lay and professional audiences. The positions may be located in the Food Economics Division, Market & Trade Economics Division, or Resource & Rural Economics Division of the Economic Research Service. ERS provides information and analysis that informs national public and private decisions through applied research on farm economics, commodity & food markets, trade, international economics, food demand & markets, food assistance, resource & environmental economics, farm structure & technology, and rural development economics. Duties may vary depending on position. Read more and apply online.

Research Assistant
Resources for the Future has an opening for a Research Assistant. BA or MA in economics, public policy, and related fields welcome. Looking for writing, Stata, and GIS skills. Research Assistants (RAs) support RFF researchers to address a wide range of issues, including: economics of ecosystems, forests, biodiversity, water, and other natural resources; benefit-cost analysis of environmental policies and climate adaptation and resilience. Read full description and apply online.

Research Associate
American Public Media Group has an opening for a Research Associate. The Research Associate will assist senior research staff with planning and conducting research and analysis projects including surveys, literature reviews, data analysis, and/or other original and secondary research that is useful to American Public Media and the broader community. Additionally, they will play a role in the Lab's communications by contributing to written reports, blog posts, social media, presentations, and other means. Read full description and apply online.

Senior Research Analyst
American Public Media Group currently has an opening for a senior research analyst who will join a small team of experienced researchers and will contribute to the Lab's research agenda and publication calendar. The analyst will contribute to several projects, some of which will run concurrently. The Research Lab's agenda is flexible and responsive to current events. Recent projects include: a demographic analysis of congressional elections, a look at changes in the housing market in larger US cities, an exploratory study about how people think about water, and national surveys about Americans' attitudes toward four-year degrees and labor unions. The analyst will gain valuable experience with public media, writing for nontechnical/nonacademic audiences, collaborating on the production of digital content-possibly including blog posts and social media content-as well as strengthening their skills in public engagement and marketing. The Senior Research Analyst is likely to interface with several other parts of American Public Media, including marketing; newsrooms (Minnesota Public Radio and/or
Marketplace and/or Southern California Public. This fellowship position is available only through the Mellon/ACLS Public Fellows program, an initiative administered by the American Council of Learned Societies. [Apply online.]

**Departmental Seminars**

**Trade and Development**  
*TBA*  
Paul Christian, Economist, Development Research Group, The World Bank  
Friday, February 8  
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

**Environmental and Resource Economics**  
*TBA*  
James Stock, Harold Hitchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy, Department of Economics, Harvard University  
Monday, February 18  
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

**Seminars in other departments**

**Federal Bag Lunch**  
"Sovereign Debt Restructurings"  
Juan Sanchez, St. Louis Fed  
Tuesday, February 5  
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"The Welfare Effects of Subsidizing Rural-Urban Migration"  
David Lagakos, USCD  
Friday, February 8  
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

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**

[https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1707812116](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1707812116).