Department of Applied Economics

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Announcements

Willard W. Cochrane Lecture in Public Policy
Please mark your calendars to attend the Willard W. Cochrane Lecture in Public Policy on Friday, March 8. It will be held in the Cargill Building of Microbial & Plant Genomics, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. with a reception immediately following.

The speaker is David Zilberman, Professor and Robinson Chair, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California-Berkeley. He is happy to meet with faculty and graduate students on that day.

Jobs

Postdoctoral Research Fellow
McGill University invites applications for a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with training in international development, resource economics, quantitative human geography, or related fields. The Fellow will develop an innovative research program as part of an interdisciplinary team examining the underpinnings and management of migratory locust outbreaks. This will begin with developing and leading household- and village-level data collection in target communities in Senegal in the summer of 2019 as part of the USAID OFDA project "Monitoring and Soil Amendments for Locust Management: A Pilot Project in the Kaffrine Region of Senegal." The candidate is expected to build from this and previous experience to develop an innovative and independent research program as part of this team. The successful candidate will work within Dr. Brian Robinson group and be based at McGill University in Montreal, Canada, with additional mentorship, collaboration, and linkages to Dr. Arianne Cease's research group (biology and sustainability) and the Global Locust Initiative, Arizona State University. Potential research foci include topics such as farm-level resource allocation decisions, the distributional impacts of locusts on vulnerable communities, spatial (remote sensing Landsat, MODIS, LIDAR, drone) analysis of locust impacts, among others. The Fellow will provide social science expertise in an interdisciplinary team that includes biologists, economists, geographers, and practitioners. Apply online.

Senior Research Associate
The Washington State Institute for Public Policy invites applications for a senior research associate. Senior Research Associates conduct high-quality, relevant research on public policy topics. Assignments involve problem formulation, research design, benefit-cost modeling, literature reviews and meta-analysis, data and fiscal analysis, report writing, and presentations. Senior Research Associates frequently act as a Lead on assigned research projects or for assigned policy areas. Senior Research Associates primarily design, implement, and communicate the results of rigorous research and evaluations; conduct meta-analysis and data analysis; write and edit reports; and deliver presentations to legislative and research audiences. Senior Research Associates frequently serve as the principal researcher on one or more ongoing assignments, and may also assist other WSIPP staff in completing assignments. In addition, Senior Research Associates may be required to coordinate multiple research studies; mentor other WSIPP Researchers; participate in determining the skills, time, and resources required for assigned projects; and assure timely and accurate project completion. Senior Research Associates' work portfolios may vary depending on new legislative and Board-approved assignments. Read full description and apply online.

Associate/Full Professor
The Department of Economics at Appalachian State University invites applications for an appointment at the rank of Associate or Full Professor. The successful candidate will have a successful research
program; teach economics, statistics and/or econometrics; and participate in departmental activities. Applicants must submit a complete application consisting of a cover letter, curriculum vitae, evidence of teaching effectiveness, and the names of three references. We invite all applicants for employment with Appalachian State University to complete our voluntary Affirmative Action data collection survey. This brief survey can be accessed online. Applications should be submitted via the JOE network.

**Departmental Seminars**

**Environmental and Resource Economics**

"The Price of Biodiesel Rins and Economic Fundamentals"
James Stock, Harold Hitchings Burbank Professor of Political Economy, Department of Economics, Harvard University
Monday, February 18
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

**Trade and Development**

"College Matching Mechanisms and Matching Quality: Evidence from a Natural Experiment in China"
Yang Song, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Colgate University
Friday, February 22
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

**Seminars in other departments**

**Federal Bag Lunch**

"Efficient Bubbles?"
Eric Loualiche, Minnesota, CSOM
Tuesday, February 19
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Constrained Efficient Borrowing with Sovereign Default Risk"
Juan Carlos Hatchondo, Indiana University
Thursday, February 21
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Which Ladder to Climb? Evidence on Wages of Workers, Jobs, and Plants"
Moritz Kuhn, University of Bonn
Friday, February 22
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

**Finance Department Seminar**

TBA
Victoria Ivashina
Friday, February 22
10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-224

**Forest Resources Seminar**

"EAB and black ash wetlands: holistic assessment of ecosystem impacts and potential for mitigation"
Rob Slesak, Minnesota Forest Resources Council, and Alex Grinde, UMD-Natural Resources Research Institute
Monday, February 25
3:00 p.m., 203 Green Hall

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**

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