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. Please register for this event!

The speaker is David Zilberman, Professor and Robinson Chair, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California-Berkeley. David has quite a bit of open time in the afternoon to meet with faculty and graduate students. Please let Elaine Reber know if you are available to meet with him, starting after 3:30.

CFANS students compete in National Grocers Association Show
Last week a group of ten CFANS students competed against 15 other schools in the 2019 National Grocers Association Show in San Diego, CA. The group made it to semifinals and was comprised of the following students: Alexander Broderius, Amber Cafferty, Claire Lentsch, Elizabeth Wilts, Katherine Gathje, Kayla Leiding, Krista Styer, Leah Ruen, Morgan Krause, and Sena Geleta. These students were coached by Professor Michael Boland and each was assigned a mentor for the trade show.

Jobs

Environmental Scientist
Freestone Environmental Services, Inc, a multi-disciplinary consulting firm, is seeking to hire an Environmental Scientist to provide support to NOAA’s Office of Response and Restoration, Assessment & Restoration Division (ARD). The Environmental Scientist will provide support to the NOAA Assessment & Restoration Division West Coast Branch, which is based in Seattle, WA, and has additional offices in Anchorage, AK, Santa Rosa, CA, and Long Beach, CA. The candidate designs and conducts Natural Resource Damage Assessments (NRDA) for waste sites, with a significant focus on the Hanford Nuclear Site in Eastern Washington. The candidate participates with co-trustees to plan appropriate injury assessment and restoration for natural resource injuries and resolve liability and supports the delivery of NOAA products and services to the public. The candidate fosters cooperation and coordination within and outside of National Ocean Service (NOS) to achieve agency missions, goals, and objectives, including those of the NOAA Restoration Center (RC), Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program (DARRP), and Office of Response and Restoration (OR&R). Apply online.

Economist
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has an open economist position in the Air Economics Group (AEG) of the Health and Environmental Impacts Division, in the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards located in Durham, NC (Research Triangle Park). The successful candidate will: design and implement studies on the adverse, positive, and distributive economic consequences of environmental standards and strategies; participate in Agency-wide assessments of costs, benefits, and economic impacts of environmental programs; prepare study reports concerning the economic costs, benefits, and impacts of environmental quality enhancement; collaborate with internal and external stakeholders to improve the science of applied environmental economics. Apply online using job code RTP-OAR-OT-2019-0023.

Research Analyst
The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks a Research Analyst (RA) for a full-time, one-year, fixed-term, exempt, renewable appointment in the Environment and Production Technology Division (EPTD). The Research Analyst will support research and evaluation on gender and rural development including household survey data collection and analysis. The RA would also play a critical role in communications and capacity building to apply research findings to policy and practice. The selected candidate will support research that seeks to understand why there are gender gaps in the adoption of agricultural technologies and natural resource practices to support adaptation to climate change, and ways to strengthen women’s rights to resources, particularly land and water, within households, communities, and institutions. The position involves collaborating with other divisions and projects at IFPRI working on gender and agriculture, including the Gender, Assets, and Agriculture Project (GAAP2) and the Women’s Empowerment in Agriculture Index (WEAI). Apply online.

Postdoctoral Associate
Postdoctoral associate position available in natural resource economics at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (FES). The successful candidate will contribute to research on approaches to valuing stocks of natural capital, green or sustainability accounting, and/or value of information. The
individual filling this role will collaborate with faculty to develop original research. The primary focus is on extending techniques and developing case studies for the approach laid out in Fenichel et al. 2018 Handbook of Environmental Economics. There may also be opportunities to work on the value of information as it relates to remote sensing products. Applicants are encouraged to visit http://environment.yale.edu/profile/eli-fenichel/research for more information about Dr. Fenichel's ongoing projects. Applicants should send a cover letter describing their interests and skills as they relate to the research, a CV, a description (up to one page) of a computational project he/she has engaged in outside of a class, the contact information for three references, and JMP. Please combine documents into a single pdf.

Postdoctoral Researcher
The Center for Experimental & Applied Economics (CEAE) at the University of Delaware seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a postdoc researcher for 2-3 years with the opportunity for renewal thereafter. The successful candidate will focus on applying experimental and behavioral economics to agri-environmental issues and coastal water issues, such as the reduction of non-point source pollution, environmental and food risks, and conducting randomized controlled trials on voluntary conservation programs. This position and related research is supported from funds from the National Science Foundation and the United States Department of Agriculture. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to co-author several publications and participate in professional conferences. This position also involves opportunities to work on research with graduate and undergraduate students. The successful candidate will work with Dr. Kent Messer, CEAE Director and Dr. Leah Palm-Forster CEAE Associate Director. Submit via email a letter of application, vita, a personal statement, university transcripts (unofficial transcripts are sufficient), and the names of three references to Maddi Valinski, CEAE Lab Manager.

**Departmental Seminars**

**Environmental and Resource Economics**
"Equity and Environment: The Role of Imperfect Information"
Catie Hausman, Assistant Professor of Public Policy, University of Michigan
Monday, March 4
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

"Connecting economic models to ecosystem service models: new approaches in the multi-scale integrated assessment modeling"
Steve Polasky, Regents Professor and Fesler-Lampert Professor of Ecological/Environmental Economics, UMN and Justin Johnson, Senior Scientist and Economist, IonE
Monday, March 11
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

**Trade and Development**
"Innovation and Supply Chains"
David Zilberman, Professor and Robinson Chair, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of California- Berkeley
**This is the Willard W. Cochrane Lecture in Public Policy**
Friday, March 8
10:30 a.m., 105 Cargill
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**Seminars in other departments**

**MPC Seminar Series**
"Fertility and Child Mortality Before the Demographic Transition: Evidence From Nineteenth-Century Egypt"
Mohmaed Saleh, Toulouse School of Economics
Monday, March 4
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

**Math Economics Seminar**
"Strategically Simple Mechanisms"
Jiangtao Li, Singapore Management University
Monday, March 4
3:30 p.m., HMH 1-103

**Minnesota Economics Seminar**
TBA
Pol Antras, Harvard
Thursday, March 7
12:00 p.m., CSOM 1-1-43

**Finance Department Seminar**
TBA
Anthony Defusco, Northwestern
Friday, March 8
10:30 a.m., TBA

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