Announcements

Destination Discovery this Friday, April 19!
The St. Paul campus is home to many vital programs, units, and colleges that support the University of Minnesota's Land Grant mission. However, they are often not very visible to the general public and to potential students.

Destination Discovery Day is designed to collectively increase communication about these areas and develop accessible opportunities to share their research and creative production with the public. We also seek to encourage a connection to the St. Paul campus as a community destination for useful information and to provide a campus experience for potential students.

Applied Economics will be hosting a table on the patio level of Ruttan Hall from 12:00-3:00 p.m. on Friday. Stop by to learn more about our department and win some fun prizes by playing Plinko!

Call for Abstracts!
Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Development (IPID) and the Humphrey Equity & Inclusion Council are excited to be co-hosting the second annual Research Symposium on International Development and Equity & Inclusion on May 10, 2019 at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs

The symposium will feature remarks from a keynote speaker, who will be announced in the coming weeks, along with presentations about relevant research in both the International Development and Equity & Inclusion spheres. Lunch will be provided!

Please submit your abstract here.

The symposium will consist of parallel sessions for the International Development and Equity & Inclusion oral presentations, as well as a poster session. Submissions from a wide range of academic disciplines are expected and encouraged, as are submissions from undergraduate, graduate, and former students alike.

Please submit your abstract of no more than 400 words by the end of the day on Monday, April 22nd. We look forward to seeing your submissions!

Jobs

Predoctoral Fellows
The Minnesota Population Center at the University of Minnesota seeks several predoctoral students who understand complex health problems and health disparities as resulting from multiple interacting layers of influence that unfold over chronological, biological, and historical time. The three year program features cross-training in the biology and etiology of disease as well as in the social sciences and is designed to prepare participants to have outstanding careers as population health scientists. Learn more about the program and how to apply online.

Economists
The Economic Research Service (ERS) is readvertising a job announcement to hire Economists at the GS-12 level. If you previously applied to a similar announcement at the end of 2018 or in early 2019 you need to reapply to this one in order to be considered for the positions. These positions are located in the Rural and Resource Economics Division. ERS's mission is to inform and enhance public and private decision making on economic and policy issues related to agriculture, food, the environment, and rural development. ERS is a primary source of economic information and research in the USDA. ERS economists conduct timely, policy-relevant research on such issues as childhood obesity, international markets and trade, Asian markets, health and nutrition, prices and industrial organization of food and commodity markets, farming risk and resilience, climate change, rural poverty, bioenergy, big data and behavioral economics. Apply online.

Postdoctoral Scientists
The US Environmental Protection Agency's Water Systems Division is seeking applicants for a post-doctoral scientist in "Market-based incentives for managing excess nutrients in watersheds." seek post-doctoral applicants to join a team of economists, ecologists, engineers, and water quality modelers to study the effectiveness of management programs and policies in watersheds for prevention and mitigation of nutrient pollution. Outcomes of this research may focus on the cost effectiveness of controlling excess nutrients, assessing the uncertainty of controlling excess nutrients, examining market-based incentives for controlling excess nutrients, or linking water quality models to economic models.

Please apply online.
The successful candidate will have the opportunity to collect data, evaluate water quality models, study nutrient biogeochemistry, consider aquatic community and system level ecological dynamics, and/or conduct economic analyses as part of the interdisciplinary research team. Managing nutrient pollution for clean water is one of the most challenging environmental issues of the day. The research here seeks comprehensive solutions to this problem with a focus on spatial scaling effects in large watersheds and a high degree of stakeholder involvement. Individual projects benefit from a multi-agency collaborating group that includes water resource protection, water treatment, and soil/water conservation professionals in addition to government and academic scientists and engineers. The research effort will inform our understanding of the feasibility and implementation of market-based approaches, like water quality trading, to nutrient pollution management in watersheds. [Apply online](view.ecommunications2.umn.edu/?qs=a65d73f2e8b1cdf4fbc5ee41921d0ac3692defb87a68c88f8ec5cb6c02eaef5151cb24fc7bd7959701d8e58103a2...).

**Departmental Seminars**

**Trade and Development**

"Incentivizing Behavioral Change: The Role of Time Preferences"
Rebecca Dizon-Ross, Assistant Professor, University of Chicago Booth School of Business
Friday, April 19
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

**Agricultural and Applied Economics**

"Tradeoffs in Farm to School Implementation: Larger Foodsheds and Longer Supply Chains Drive More Local Food Expenditures"
Zoe Plakias, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University
Wednesday, April 17
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan

**Environmental and Resource Economics**

"Valuing the Global Mortality Consequences of Climate Change Accounting for Adaptation Costs and Benefits"
Tamma Carleton, Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Chicago
Monday, April 22
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

**Seminars in other departments**

**MPC Seminar Series**

"The Joint Influence of Male and Female Socioeconomic Status on the Risk of Divorce, Sweden 1900-1960."
Glenn Sandstrom, Umea University
Monday, April 15
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

**Minnesota Economics Seminar**

"The Fiscal Multiplier" with Iourii Manovskii and Marcus Hagedorn
Kurt Mitman, IIES
Thursday, April 18
12:00 p.m., CSOM 1-143

**Finance Department Seminar**

TBA
Robert Marquez, UC-Davis
Friday, April 19
TBA

**Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute**

"Building a Better Retirement System"
Tuesday, April 23
5:30 p.m. Panel Discussion, 7:00 p.m. Reception
Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Conference Center
[More information here](view.ecommunications2.umn.edu/?qs=a65d73f2e8b1cdf4fbc5ee41921d0ac3692defb87a68c88f8ec5cb6c02eaef5151cb24fc7bd7959701d8e58103a2...).

**HCRC**

"Is the Use of Technology to Personalize Education an Oxymoron?"
Angie Eilers, Ph.D., CEO/Founder of UR TURN
Tuesday, April 16
12:00 p.m., 215 Humphrey School of Affairs

**Federal Bag Lunch**

TBA
Limor Golan, WUSTL
Tuesday, April 16
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

TBA
Sebastian Dyrd, University of Toronto
Wednesday, April 17
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.**