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Announcements

Congratulations!
Megan Roberts successfully defended her dissertation at Texas A&M University on farmer mental health and farmer finances. Megan was a graduate of our undergraduate program, completed her M.S. degree at Humphrey and finished her doctorate in ag leadership, communication, and education at Texas A&M University. Megan is now one of our extension educators in agricultural business management. Congratulations, Megan!

Interdisciplinary Collaborative Workshop
The end of the semester event for the Interdisciplinary Collaborative Workshop, "Migration and Migrants in Terrifying Times," will take place on May 9 from 6:30-8:00pm (doors open at 6:00pm) in Cowles Auditorium at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs. The focus of this event will be on the contributions of immigrants to Minnesota and its communities in a changing world. Keynote speakers include Susan Brower (MN State Demographer), Dave Kleis (Mayor of St. Cloud), and Jane Graupman (Executive Director of the International Institute). The event will be moderated by Mukhtar Ibrahim (Founder and Editor of the Sahan Journal). Please share this information widely and RSVP here. Questions? Email icw-migration@umn.edu. RSVP online.

Jobs

Postdoctoral Researchers
IFAD's Research and Impact Assessment Division (RIA) is looking for three postdoctoral researchers. Postdocs will be engaged in RIA's activities and provide support in the following areas: Impact Assessment Projects using ex-post non-experimental approaches; Policy relevant research papers to be published in peer reviewed journal on issues of relevance for IFAD-RIA.; Production of policy notes and briefs. The positions will focus on empirical analysis of agricultural household data from developing countries-impact evaluation data and LSMS-type household level data. Post-Docs will be involved in all the activities throughout the project cycle of the Impact Assessment Studies (Planning, Implementation, Analysis, Report Writing and Dissemination). Apply online.

Postdoctoral Researcher
The Department of Earth & Environment at Boston University is looking for a researcher with strong quantitative skills and an interest in large-scale analyses to understand and inform the long-term conservation of private lands in the United States. The position offers the opportunity to work with PLACES, a novel, integrated parcel-level database that allows empirical analyses of private land conservation at unprecedented detail and scale. The ideal applicant will either have (1) own, original research ideas that are competitive for grant funding and will benefit from the use of large-scale parcel data, or (2) a strong interest in being involved with ongoing research on the impacts of protection on conservation outcomes, the prediction of protection costs at the parcel level, and the analysis of site preferences of conservation organizations. Interested applicants can contact assistant professor Christoph Nolte with their CV, a short letter of interest that includes a statement of research interests, two publications, and contact information of two references.

Two Senior Economist Positions
The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI), in Belfast, Northern Ireland is looking for two senior economists:

Senior Economist - Environmental Economics
This position offers the opportunity to join a well-established and multidisciplinary team and to provide a leadership role in the development of research programs in environmental economics. This will include the development of modelling approaches and the use of valuation methods associated with environmental changes in rural areas. The post holder will be expected to develop innovative approaches to this area of research. Apply online.

Senior Economist - Behavioral Studies
This position offers the opportunity to join a well-established and multidisciplinary team and to provide a leadership role in developing and undertaking a strategic Behavioral Studies research program which will provide robust analyses and evidence to inform practical policy design and knowledge transfer to support the competitive development of the agri-food sector and wider rural society. Apply online.

Research Fellow
Charles Sturt University is looking for a research fellow for a project investigating what consumers know about soil stewardship and the demand for its use in agricultural value chains. The project involves quite a lot of qualitative research, and work with both consumers and industry. The successful candidate will
need to have a doctoral qualification relevant to the disciplines of economics, marketing, business, agriculture or related discipline. Apply online.

Social Scientist
This position is located in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS), Marine Spatial Ecology Division (MSED) with 1 vacancy in Charleston, South Carolina. In this position you will assist in the execution of sociological, socioeconomic, or social-ecological studies applicable to a range of research topics, including human use of coastal and marine ecosystems, ecosystem service valuation, and community vulnerability; assist in the development of research studies to support the needs of coastal communities, coastal counties/municipalities, coral reef jurisdictions, and the National Marine Sanctuaries and National Estuarine Research Reserves and apply mathematical and statistical techniques to test the validity of sociological, psychological, or economic theories related to social systems, society, or human behavior. Read full description and apply online.

Departmental Seminars

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

Agricultural and Applied Economics
"Consumer Preferences for Food Retailer Attributes"
Lauren Chenarides, Assistant Professor, Arizona State University
Wednesday, April 24
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan

Seminars in other departments

MPC Seminar Series
"Beyond the End of Hypergamy: Increase in Educational Hypogamy in India"
Sonalde Desai, University of Maryland
Monday, April 22
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Minnesota Economics Seminar
"Tax Mechanisms and Gradient Flows"
Aleh Tsyvinski, Yale, with Stefan Steinerberger
Thursday, April 25
12:00 p.m., CSOM 1-143

Finance Department Seminar
TBA
Jonathan Berk, Stanford
Friday, April 26
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

Federal Bag Lunch
None

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