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Announcements

Sad news

Professor Emeritus Jerome Hammond passed last Thursday, August 8, after a long battle with cancer. Professor Hammond's research focused on price and marketing policies in developing countries, structural changes in the U.S. dairy industry, and dairy industry prices. He taught courses on agricultural marketing, prices, and dairy marketing and policy. Information on a memorial service has not yet been shared, but will be passed on when made available.

AERE seeks candidates for editorial position

AERE's official research journal, the Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (JAERE), will have an open editorial position starting January 1, 2020. JAERE has a team of four editors (currently with Chris Timmins, Don Fullerton, Jen Alix-Garcia, and Sheila Olmstead), and Don will be stepping down at the end of this year. Duties for each member of the team of four editors include assigning all incoming submissions to editors and co-editors approximately three months per year, handling about 30 submissions per year (finding referees, obtaining reports and making decisions about papers' final dispensation), working with their excellent team of co-editors, and interacting with the AERE Board and the University of Chicago Press on behalf of JAERE. Interested candidates should submit a statement of interest to AERE President Dan Phaneuf by September 15, 2019.

Volunteer for the 2019 CFANS College Days!

As you know, every year we invite our new CFANS students to campus for College Day. College Day is a day to welcome these new students, provide them the opportunity to explore the St. Paul campus, and introduce them to a sliver of what life will be like as a part of CFANS. This year we will host two programs, one for Freshmen and one for Transfer students:

Freshmen College Day: Thursday, August 29, 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Transfer College Day: Friday, August 30, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Volunteer roles include setup, cleanup, check-in, lunch table hosts, ice cream scoopers,
photographers and more. Please sign up for volunteer roles for one OR both days on this form. Contact Bre Berg with any questions.

Jobs

Research Assistant

The Research and Impact Assessment Division from the International Fund for Agricultural Development, a specialized agency of the United Nations in Rome, is looking for a research assistant to work on impact evaluations of IFAD-supported projects as well as broader development research. This will be a consultancy based in Rome possibly (80 days starting in September). The consultant will work on survey design and data analysis, and contribute to research papers. Knowledge of machine learning would be an asset as well as some knowledge of Spanish and/or French. Contact Alessandra Garbero to apply.

Postdoctoral Researcher

The School of Public Policy (SPP) at the University of California – Riverside (UCR) is searching for a postdoctoral researcher in the area of water economics and policy. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in economics, agricultural economics, or a closely related field, excellent oral and written communication skills, and the potential or demonstrated ability to conduct independent quantitative research in the area of water economics and policy. Candidates with experience using statistical models, geocomputation, and machine learning are highly desired. The initial appointment will be for one year with the opportunity to extend the appointment for an additional year, pending positive performance reviews, and the availability of funding.

Senior Economist

The Senior Technical Specialist (Economist) is an expert and knowledge builder in her/his thematic specialization. He/She provides technical expertise and guidance on generating and using new ideas to enrich the knowledge base that supports the Fund’s policy agenda. With corporate, rather than country or regional specific focus, he/she provides substantive contribution to understanding future trends in rural development strengthening IFAD’s strategic planning perspective and pro-actively fostering innovative and effective solutions to rural poverty within country programmes, IFAD policy, member governments, the academic community, and public opinion in the international development community. Contact are with counterparts and senior officials within other United Nations organizations and with officials of governments, non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, research institutes and academia. Work at this level is characterized by technical leadership in field of specialization in collaboration with professional and support staff of a unit or by the provision of authoritative technical advice.
Adjunct Professors

The Economics Department at St. Catherine University is looking for adjunct professors to teach in 2019-20. Adjuncts will teach Principles of Microeconomics, Principles of Macroeconomics, or Introduction to Statistics, either face-to-face or online. If you are interested please contact Department Chair Kristine West.

Postdoctoral Research Associate

The University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, seek a highly motivated, dedicated postdoctoral research associate to conduct innovative research with the economic modeling group at the Center for Advanced Bioenergy and Biofuels Innovation at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. The focus of this position is on conducting problem-oriented and policy relevant research developing computational and econometric models to understand the economic and behavioral incentives for technology adoption and its environmental implications for land use change, water quality and carbon emissions, with application to bioenergy. Applicants who meet all the criteria should send the following materials in a single pdf file by email to Anya Knecht with postdoc application in the Subject line: (1) curriculum vita, (2) a letter describing research interests and experience, (3) a recent research paper and (4) names and contact information for three references.

Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch

"Physician Bias and Racial Disparities in Health: Evidence from Veterans' Pensions"
Trevon Logan, OSU
Tuesday, August 13
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Note:
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 (i.e., University of Minnesota graduate student, Department of Economics). If you are not on an approved visitor list, you will not be allowed to attend bag lunches or seminars at the Fed.