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Announcements

Save the date!
Congratulations to all of our outstanding recipients: Pat Duncanson, Nancy Morgan and Scott Swinton. Please join us to honor them on Friday, October 4, beginning with a forum discussion entitled “Perspectives on Sustainability in Agriculture” at 2:30 p.m. in the Cargill Building on the St. Paul Campus. Forum will feature Joleen Hadrich as moderator, along with panelists Pat Duncanson, Nancy Morgan, Scott Swinton and Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals honoree Eugenie Maiga. The award ceremony will follow the forum and begin at 3:30 p.m., where we will also take time to announce and honor our scholarship and fellowship recipients and their generous donors. We encourage you to stay and attend a reception following the forum and awards ceremony.

Help welcome our students back to campus!
In honor of the new school year starting, the department will be having donuts, fruit and juice in Waite Library tomorrow beginning at 8:30 a.m. Feel free to stop by and say hello and make our students feel welcome in the department.

CFANS Picnic on the Plaza
From new students to senior faculty, this welcome back to campus event offers the CFANS community an opportunity to connect and learn about college resources. Stop by to socialize, explore student groups, discover upcoming events and have fun! Free lunch including hot turkey or veggie sandwiches, grilled corn, CFANS apples and ice cream!
J-PAL announcements

J-PAL is looking for exceptional talent to help them find solutions to some of the world’s greatest challenges. Join their team of collaborative, engaging, and intellectually curious staff who support their mission of reducing poverty by ensuring that policy is informed by scientific evidence. If you would like to see a comprehensive list of their open positions please contact Sadie Brendalen.

Jobs

Postdoctoral Research Associate

The Division of Resource Economics and Management at West Virginia University invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow with a focus on land use and Food-Energy-Water (FEW) modeling. The position is funded by a research grant from The National Science Foundation (NSF) and will focus on examination of interdependencies between energy and agricultural markets, trade policies, and sustainability of water resources. The successful candidate will engage in analytical and empirical modeling of agricultural commodity markets with spatial land use and watershed management components. The ideal candidate will have i) strong quantitative training in mathematical modeling (GAMS), ii) ability to learn and work with watershed and land management modeling tools (e.g. EPIC/APEX or similar), and iii) experience in econometric analysis and Geographic Information Systems.

Apply online

Economist

CSF is seeking a dynamic and talented individual to serve as our Lead Economist. This is a unique opportunity to work at the intersection of economic development and environmental conservation. The Lead Economist ensures CSF’s global work is technically excellent and delivers conservation impact. The Lead Economist is responsible for ensuring technical excellence and conservation impact from CSF’s global body of work. S/he does this through technical and practical understanding of the interface between conservation and development, ability to drive policy change, and by inspiring and supporting CSF’s analytical staff.

S/he provides guidance and leadership in conservation economics for the organization, ensures alignment of CSF’s mission and our economics agenda and programmatic work across our country offices, and has a leading role in representing CSF to donors and new audiences, developing new collaborations, and bringing in new opportunities.

Apply online

Ag Economist
This position is located in the Market and Trade Economics Division, Animal Products and Cost of Production Branch (APCOP). APCOP conducts a program of economic research, information, & analysis for livestock, dairy, & poultry markets & agricultural commodity cost of production. This person will serve as an Agricultural Economist working in the area of market research, analysis and outlook for cattle/beef.

Apply online

Ag Economist

K-State Research & Extension's Kansas Farm Management Association program is searching for candidates desiring to join our team of professionals as Extension Agricultural Economists. K-State, cooperating with Kansas Farm Management Association Northeast, has issued this search for individuals interested in assisting farms and ranches to develop strategies linking farm production and financial information to management decisions to improve profitability. Extension Agricultural Economist is expected to develop and maintain a relationship with membership of approximately 100 cooperating commercial farms; assist cooperating farms with development of a comprehensive and accurate accounting of the farms; complete records are the essential foundation of all KFMA services provided; learn and understand federal and state income tax regulations as they apply to farm businesses; collect, process, and verify financial and production information from cooperating farms to be utilized by K-State Research and Extension for research, teaching, and other Extension programs; market and promote KFMA by supporting county, area, and state Extension personnel with technical expertise in the area of farm business and farm income tax management and participate in continuing education to expand farm income tax and farm management technical skills.

Apply online

Senior Data Analyst

IPUMS is hiring a senior data analyst to join the team of researchers and technical staff developing their full-count historical U.S. census database. The person in this position will have a strong data-driven social science background, who enjoys the technical aspects of data work. The census data need to be cleaned, new data merged in, editing routines and techniques developed, and millions of strings of data coded into useful classifications. The data are far too large for manual inspection, requiring efficient data analysis with innovative, scalable approaches including machine learning processing. Apply using job ID 332286.

Apply online

Departmental seminars
Trade and Development
"Immigration and Crime in Switzerland: Evidence from Micro Data"
Rohan Gudibande, UMN
Friday, September 6
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

Seminars in other departments

Life Course Center Seminar
"Retirement Decisions in a Couple Context"
Maria Eismann, University of Amsterdam
Wednesday, September 4
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Seminar
"Unwanted Fertility: Measures and Trends"
John Casterline, The Ohio State University
Monday, September 9
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Federal Bag Lunch
"Underemployment in the US and Europe"
David Blanchflower, Dartmouth
Tuesday, September 3
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Good Dispersion, Bad Dispersion"
Matthias Kehrig, Duke
Friday, September 6
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.