MARGINAL MEMOS

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Announcements

Congratulations, Amber!
Applied Economics grad student, Amber Roberts, has been selected as the top recipient of the NMPF National Dairy Leadership Scholarship. This award is given to students who exhibit academic excellence and whose research demonstrates a strong, positive contribution to the dairy industry. Amber also received the Anthony Grano Scholarship at the AAEA and was awarded third place in the Graduate Student Extension competition. Excellent work, Amber!

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!

CFANS Study Abroad & Global Engagement Fair
Join us at the CFANS Study Abroad and Global Engagement Fair on Wednesday, September 11th from 11 am to 2 pm on the lawn in front of Coffey and Ruttan Halls! Visit with program leaders, learn more about CFANS study abroad programs, discover how to go global on campus, and more!

Go global at the CFANS Study Abroad and Global Engagement Fair, taking place on Wednesday, September 11th from 11 am to 2 pm! Learn about the many study opportunities available to students as well as information on scholarships, free passports, and international programming right here on campus. Enjoy live music, a Target gift card raffle, and more!
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 B35 Ruttan Hall (*note location change*) 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.

RSVP online

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

Tenure-track positions: Boston University
Applicants should demonstrate methodological expertise in a social science discipline, a strong research record investigating socio-environmental systems, and evidence of their potential to enhance intellectual connections across disciplines within the Department and the University. Boston University’s Department of Earth and Environment has openings for two tenure-track faculty positions at the Assistant Professor level, pending budgetary approval. We seek colleagues to conduct research and teach in the social, behavioral, and economic dimensions of coupled human-natural systems, and the economic and policy dimensions of natural resources extraction, governance, use and conservation. Applicants should demonstrate methodological expertise in a social science discipline, a strong research record investigating socio-environmental systems, and evidence of their potential to enhance intellectual connections across disciplines within the Department and the University.

Apply online

Post Doctoral Fellow
The West Virginia University Regional Research Institute (RRI) is seeking applicants for a Postdoctoral Researcher. The RRI is dedicated to multidisciplinary research on the economic and social development of lagging regions. Its focus is on theories and methods for studying regions, and policies for stimulating their development. Ongoing research projects deal with rural economic growth and job creation, environmental analysis, energy policy and technology, and methods for regional policy analysis. RRI research projects have been funded by the National Science Foundation, the USDA, the Economic Development Administration,
the National Energy and Technology Laboratory, the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, and the Appalachian Regional Commission.

Post Doctoral Researcher

The Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy (a NOAA Regional Integrated Science and Assessment team) seeks a post-doctoral research fellow to explore the social and economic impacts of climate change in Alaska from an interdisciplinary perspective. Possible sectors of analysis include but are not limited to fisheries (including ocean acidification), transportation (and trans-Arctic shipping), infrastructure, mineral, oil & gas resource development, mixed-subsistence economies, and the provision of related climate services. We are also interested in an analysis of the economic impacts of ACCAP's work.

Based in the International Arctic Research Center at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks (UAF), ACCAP specializes in interdisciplinary research and stakeholder engagement to meet the science and information needs related to climate change in Alaska.

This post-doctoral fellowship includes opportunities to directly engage ACCAP's partners and stakeholders in use-inspired basic research and knowledge co-production. The person in this position will work closely in an interdisciplinary team environment that includes a spectrum of senior scientists, junior scientists, graduate students, and research professionals. Collaborating organizations include the Center for Arctic Policy Studies (CAPS) at UAF, the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Alaska, Anchorage, and other ACCAP partner organizations.

To apply submit CV, contact information for three references, and a cover letter to Sarah Trainor with "Econ Post-Doc Application" in the subject line. The cover letter should include a description of the candidate's PhD research, a statement of interest outlining potential research project, including sectors of interest, and research approach, and past experience with research in Alaska and/or the Arctic.

Senior Economist

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
Business Data Analyst

Community Planning and Economic Development is seeking a Business Data Analyst to perform economic research, data analysis, data visualization, and business systems improvements to support our work helping businesses in Minneapolis, particularly those businesses owned by people of color. The position will provide strategic, analytical, and technical support for business intelligence and analytic activities, perform economic and market research, and contribute to broader policy initiatives and systems improvement efforts, among other duties. We're looking for candidates with strong knowledge of economic development and/or market research sources, methods, and technical tools to source and organize data. Candidates should also have strong communication skills and the ability to collaborate effectively with colleagues, other partners, and people from diverse economic, cultural, and racial backgrounds.

Apply online

Departmental seminars

Trade and Development
"Screening and Recruiting Talent at Teacher Colleges using Predicted Teacher Effectiveness"
Christopher Neilson, Princeton
Friday, September 13
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

Seminars in other departments

Macalester Economis Research Seminar
"Are Jobs Changing? Work-Life Balance, the Gig Economy, and the Drivers of Alternative Work Arrangements"
Alex Mas, Princeton
Friday, September 13
3:30 p.m., Harmon Room, Dewitt Wallace Library

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

Micro- Macro Seminar
"The Industrial Revolution in Services"
Chang-Tai Hsieh, University of Chicago-Booth
Wednesday, September 11
12:00 p.m., HMH 4-170
Life Course Center Seminar
"Is Health Care the New Manufacturing? Industry, Gender, and "Good Jobs" for Low and Middle-Skill Workers"
Janette Dill, UMN
Wednesday, September 11
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Federal Bag Lunch
"Mortgage Prepayment and the Path-Dependent of Monetary Policy"
David Berger, Northwestern
Tuesday, September 10
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"The Welfare Effects of Subsidizing Rural-Urban Migration"
David Lagakos, UCSD
Thursday, September 12
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.

Departmental Publications

