Announcements

Fall edition of the Minnesota Applied Economist available online

The Fall 2019 edition of the Minnesota Applied Economist is now available on our website. Highlights include our scholarship and fellowship recipients, "Agriculture and the Economic Growth of Nations," by Terry Roe and Harumi Nelson, the Outstanding Alumni Awards and work being done by our graduate students. Enjoy!

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.

Application Instructions for 2020-21 Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships at MPC
Students seeking to hold an IDF in 2020-21 at the MPC should email mpctrain@umn.edu to indicate their interest. Although the Graduate School’s deadline is noon, Friday, November 15, 2019 applicants must submit their application packet (minus the letter of support from MPC’s Director) to mpctrain@umn.edu and CC MPC Training Director Ann Meier meierann@umn.edu by October 22, 2019. The applicants themselves should send their application, CV, proposal and unofficial transcript. Each applicant’s advisor and faculty mentor should send their letters directly to Ann Meier prior to the deadline. MPC will then select applications to endorse, and will provide letters of support to the graduate school accordingly.

MPC will make its review and notify applicants of decisions by Friday, November 8, 2019. Prior to Wednesday, November 12, 2019 successful applicants will receive a PDF copy of a letter of support from MPC Director Rob Warren to be included with their applications to the Graduate School.

The MPC review committee will consider how each applicant would benefit from residence in MPC’s interdisciplinary intellectual community and how MPC would benefit from each applicant’s residence.

Please email any questions for the MPC at mpctrain@umn.edu
Please email any questions for the graduate school at gsidf@umn.edu

**Jobs**

**Extension Economist: University of Florida**

The Tropic Resource and Education Center at the University of Florida is hiring a tenure track assistant professor in production and natural resource economics. This is a 9-month tenure-accruing position that will be 60% extension (Florida Cooperative Extension Service) and 40% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), available at the Tropical Research and Education Center, (TREC), Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, the University of Florida (UF/IFAS), Homestead. Specifically, the focus will be on developing an integrated research and extension education program relevant to South Florida to address issues impacting or having the potential to impact production and marketing of vegetable, fruit, ornamental and agronomic crops. Additionally, the faculty member will conduct non-market valuations of ecosystem goods and services and cost benefit analysis of environmental and natural resource management and policies.

Apply online

**Senior Economist: RTI International**

RTI International has an opening for a senior natural resource and environmental economist within its Center for Applied Economics and Strategy (CAES). The center has a diverse portfolio of contract- and grant-funded research in the areas of the environment and natural resources, agriculture, energy efficiency, innovation, and economic development. In this role, the successful candidate will:

- develop and assess various models to solve scientific, engineering, or economic problems within the environmental sector. Requiring demonstrated programming efficiencies working
across one or more of the following: R, python, and/or other mathematical software packages commonly used for large-scale modelling (e.g. GAMS).

- obtain, process, and analyze technical data using statistical and modelling software to produce high quality research for government agencies, foundations, and non-profit organizations.
- communicate insights in an understandable and usable form leveraging customized data visualization tools.
- collaborate and consult with other research entities to implement the best available theory and methods in assessing environmental and economic outcomes to report cogent and actionable results to clients.

Apply online

Assistant Professor: Purdue

The Department of Agricultural Economics, West Lafayette campus at Purdue University is seeking an Assistant Professor to help lead the Department’s applied research and engagement efforts in agricultural policy. The individual will analyze agricultural policy and its effects in areas such as crop insurance, commodity programs, conservation programs, and trade policy for producers in Indiana and beyond. The candidate’s applied research program will contribute to nationally recognized outreach and academic research programs. They will develop a reputation as a key resource for policymakers, producers, industry, and taxpayers in analyzing the consequences of proposed policy alternatives. The individual will also contribute to teaching at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. Finally, opportunities will exist to work with the Department’s many centers of excellence including the Center for Commercial Agriculture, the Global Trade Analysis Project, and the Center for Food and Agricultural Business. This is an academic year appointment.

Apply online

Data Scientist: The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

The Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis is searching for a Data Scientist in the Community Development department to support Federal Reserve System initiatives to support low and moderate income households across the Ninth District with specific focus areas in community investment, early childhood development, and housing affordability. The Community Development department supports the Federal Reserve System’s economic growth objectives by promoting the economic resilience and mobility of low- to moderate-income individuals and communities. This position will have primary responsibility for providing quantitative analysis to inform the department’s practitioner- and policy-oriented research and the Bank’s strategic priorities.

Apply online
Food Systems Economics Science Fellow: NRDC, New York

NRDC is seeking a full-time, two-year post-doctoral Science Fellow who can bring an economic perspective to food system work, providing subject matter expertise and conducting research and analysis on the economic levers that drive the current food system and the economic implications of the changes they are seeking. The Fellow will support the team’s work across issues and projects, develop new analyses to advance NRDC’s food system goals, produce research-based documents and publications, identify policy and market solutions to advance NRDC goals, collaborate with partner organizations, and engage in communications efforts.

The Fellow will spend approximately 70% of their time on a big-picture research project, and 30% of their time working with program staff to enhance current work.

Apply online

Departmental seminars

Trade and Development
"Empowering adolescent girls in the face of war and disease: Evidence from South Sudan and Sierra Leone"
Markus Goldstein, Lead Economist/Africa, World Bank
Friday, September 27
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

Seminars in other departments

MPC Seminar
"Algorithmic Risk Assessment in the Hands of Humans"
Jennifer Doleac, Texas A&M
Monday, September 23
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Federal Bag Lunch
"Earnings Growth, Job Flows and Churn"
David Wiczer, Stony Brook University
Tuesday, September 24
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Federal Bag Lunch
"An Econometric Model of International Long-run Growth Dynamics"
James Stock, Harvard
Friday, September 27
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.