Outstanding Alumni Award event this Friday!
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

TFIC Luncheon October 8

The first Food Industry Center Luncheon of the year will take place on Tuesday, October 8 at 11:30 a.m., with Kate Linner, a dairy economist at CoBank, presenting. More details are forthcoming. RSVP online by October 7. Free lunch will be served!

2019 Community Fund Drive kicks off today!

It's that time of year where we can make a difference in our community by donating to a cause near and dear to our hearts. Whether that is compassion for families caring for a sick child, the homeless and hungry, education or protecting the environment, the Community Fund Drive allows you to donate to the cause you care about most.

It's easy to give online. Simply go to 2019 Community Fund Drive and click the "Donate now" button. There you can select your type of donation.

In addition to online giving, this year the University is working to collect children's books for the less fortunate, as all children deserve to learn the joy of reading! You can find a collection box in 231D Ruttan Hall to donate your new or gently used children's books.

We appreciate the thoughtfulness and generosity of everyone who is able to contribute in any fashion.

Friends Forum: A Series For Curious Minds!

Gotta Minute? (for Silly but Serious Science about the Environment). This event takes place on Monday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. with a reception to follow. It is free and open to the public, but tickets are required at the door. Reservations are required by October 7. Speakers include Peter
Reich and Alex Reich.

The Friends Forum is an exciting series of events to spark your curiosity and challenge your thinking. Brought to you by the Friends of the University of Minnesota Libraries.

Jobs

Assistant Professor: Michigan State University

Michigan State's Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics is hiring an Assistant Professor (Tenure system) in Production and Farm Management Economics. This position will provide expertise and leadership in research and extension programming focused on production and farm management economics. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an independent, externally funded, nationally recognized research and extension program. Additional skills such as agricultural finance and optimization methods are welcome. The position will contribute to the research (50%), extension (35%), and teaching (15%) missions of our department. The successful applicant’s research and extension program is expected to focus on one or more aspects of the agricultural value chain, and to aid producers and agribusinesses in Michigan and elsewhere.

Apply online

Multiple positions: Auburn

Auburn University currently has several openings for tenure track jobs. Click each link to read the job description and find out more information.
1. Quantitative Methods
2. Agribusiness/Experimental Economics
3. Extension: Agricultural marketing and risk management
4. Extension: Agricultural production, risk management and agricultural policy

Postdoctoral Fellowship J-PAL: South Asia Initiative (India)

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) South Asia, is pleased to announce a two-year Postdoctoral Fellowship supporting the Cash Transfers for Child Health (CaTCH) research initiative. The successful candidate will be based in India and work with the initiative’s co-chairs Pascaline Dupas and Seema Jayachandran, other J-PAL affiliated researchers, and the J-PAL South Asia Policy team to help synthesize and disseminate evidence on the role of cash transfer and pay-for-performance programmes for improving child health outcomes generated through the CaTCH initiative. The fellowship can lead to the writing of a meta-analysis and review papers on cash transfer evidence. This fellowship is designed to help the selected candidate launch a successful academic or non-academic research career by allowing him or her to gain experience working with government stakeholders and donors. The fellow will also have opportunities to participate in J-PAL policy dissemination, capacity-building, and mentoring activities.
Two openings: University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

The Department of Agricultural and Consumer Economics at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign has two positions openings. Information on each position can be found by clicking the respective link.

1. Data Science
2. Economics of Sustainability

Data Scientist: 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 or 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

Post-doctoral associate: Water Resource Center, UMN

The University of Minnesota Water Resources Center seeks a postdoc or researcher to be part of an interdisciplinary team to conduct research and analysis that will contribute to the evaluation of the engineering, hydrogeologic, economic and policy benefits of and barriers to groundwater aquifer storage and recovery (ASR). This position will support the work by completing an assessment of the economics for aquifer recharge and evaluating the existing policy barriers for aquifer recharge. Ultimately, the team will produce recommendations for recharge, an analysis of the suitability of ASR as an approach and how the state might proceed if recharge is needed for future water sustainability. This position will support a research project funded by the LCCMR. This position is up to full-time. We are flexible on terms and availability. The term of the position is beginning December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020. The selected applicant would be an employee of the University of Minnesota and work within the Water Resources Center. For more information about this project and tasks, email either John Bilotta (jbilotta@umn.edu, 612-624-7708) or Lucia (Lucy) Levers (llevers@umn.edu, 612-624-7430).
Trade and Development

Trade and Development seminars will resume on October 11.

Seminars in other departments

Minnesota Economics Seminar
"Trends in Work an Leisure: It's a family Affair"
Matthias Doepke, Northwestern
Thursday, October 3
12:00 p.m., HMH 4-170

Federal Bag Lunch
"Workers' Home Bias and Spatial Wage Gaps: lessons from the Enduring Divide between East and West Germany"
Tommaso Porzio, Columbia
Wednesday, October 2
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.