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Announcements

FINAL REMINDER: MIEDC submission deadline TODAY

The Department of Agricultural Economics along with International Programs in Agriculture at Purdue University will host the 17th annual Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC) on April 17-18, 2020. The conference invites papers and organized sessions on all topics in economic development.

Presentations at the conference must be accompanied by completed papers. Each presenter will have a 30 minute presentation slot, including a 5 minute commentary by an assigned discussant. Sessions will begin at 8 am on April 17 and end at lunch on April 18. No more than three sessions will be held at the same time.

The keynote speaker will be Jonathan Morduch, Professor of Public Policy and Economics at the Wagner Graduate School of Public Service at New York University.

The deadline for submissions is January 6, 2020. Submissions will be evaluated by a scientific committee and acceptances will be notified by early February.

For more information and to submit a paper, please visit our website, <https://mwiedc.org>

Call for proposals: STAARS 2020

The Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces (STAARS) fellowship program, a multi-institution collaboration managed by Cornell University with support from the CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions, and Markets (PIM), announces a call for concept proposals from early-career African researchers seeking to become STAARS fellows in 2020 to advance in-depth, rigorous, policy-oriented research on the causal determinants of productivity and income growth, asset accumulation, rural employment and risk management in African agriculture and rural spaces. Application deadline: January 24, 2020. The fellowship will cover travel and training expenses. STAARS fellows will be paired with mentors at Cornell University with whom they will jointly author a paper on a topic of mutual interest relating to

structural transformation in Africa south of the Sahara. PIM will support the publication of resulting research findings in high quality journals and as working papers. In addition, PIM and Cornell will facilitate fellows' participation in scientific and policy conferences.

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Jobs

Economist: US EPA

The National Center for Environmental Economics at the U.S. EPA has two Economist positions open.

You can find information on our GS-12 Economist job announcement with all the details [here](#).

You can find the information on our GS-13 Economist job announcement with all the details [here](#).

Please note that these are two separate and independent announcements, so persons seeking to be considered for both positions will need to file a complete application to each announcement.

Assistant or Associate Professor: University of Calgary

The Haskayne School of Business at the University of Calgary invites applications for an Associate Professor (with tenure) or Assistant Professor (tenure-track) in Finance, with expertise in Energy and/or Environmental Policy. This is a full-time appointment and includes a secondment of 75% to the School of Public Policy. The anticipated start date is July 1st, 2020.

They are seeking an economist, financial economist, or related scholar with an established and active research program related to energy and/or environmental policy. Candidates at the Associate Professor rank must have a minimum of five years of experience in an academic position, provide evidence that the individual is an excellent scholar with a rich research portfolio that includes publication(s) in the top Economics and/or Finance journals. The candidate should also have shown the ability to engage with policymakers in topics related to energy and/or environmental policy, and provide evidence of teaching effectiveness in a post-secondary institution.

Candidates at the Assistant Professor rank can have less than five years of experience in an academic position and must have demonstrated publication(s) in the top Economics and/or Finance journals, show the ability to engage with policymakers in topics related to energy and/or environmental policy, and provide evidence of teaching effectiveness in a post-secondary institution. Interesting areas of engagement include, but are not limited to, energy systems; strategic interactions between firms and regulatory agencies in the energy sector;

economic and strategic evaluation of energy infrastructure (including transportation); the organization of energy markets; the assessment and valuation of the environmental impacts of energy sector activities, finance and climate change, and related stakeholder management needs.

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Extended Term Consultant: World Bank (Washington, D.C.)

An Extended Term Consultant (ETC) is being sought to provide data-related support for various programs in the Global Platform Unit (SENGL) of the Environment, Natural Resources & Blue Economy Global Practice (ENB GP).

The ETC will provide data-related support for the wealth accounting work program, specifically the annual update of the Adjusted Net Saving database published in the World Development Indicators and the update and reporting of the comprehensive wealth accounts for the forthcoming report The Changing Wealth of Nations 2020 (CWON 2020). The wealth accounting databases, both for comprehensive wealth accounts and Adjusted Net Savings, are run in Stata. There are specific modules (i.e., do-files) per component, with a master do-file that runs the entire database and ensures consistency in the assumptions, certain parameters, and underlying data inputs. The ETC will be under the close guidance and supervision of the economist who manages the wealth accounting databases.

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Economist: Appalachian Regional Commission (Washington, D.C.)

The Appalachian Regional Commission is seeking an economist to formulate, develop, execute, and communicate ARC's socioeconomic research program. This position develops the research strategy, implements and manages research projects, and provides technical assistance, presentations and guidance on ARC socioeconomic research findings to a variety of audiences, including practitioners. Full description is available online.

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Assistant Professor of Forest Resource Economics: Michigan State University

The Department of Forestry at Michigan State University invites applications for a 9-month tenure-system position, at the assistant professor rank, with a focus in Forest Resource Economics (50% research, 30% teaching, 20% extension). The position has the option of a joint appointment in the Department of Agricultural, Food, and Resource

Economics. Possible areas of research expertise could include (but are not limited to) economic analysis and/or business viability of: forest management and silvicultural practices; wood products and forest carbon markets and trade; ecosystem services and non-timber forest products; forest sector taxation and estate planning; and management of fire and other natural processes. The successful candidate will annually teach an undergraduate course in forest resource economics / management and a graduate course within the successful candidate's expertise that aligns with graduate curriculum goals of the Department(s). The successful candidate will be expected to develop an internationally-recognized research program by securing competitive external funding, publishing in leading peer-reviewed journals, and advancing our understanding of economic and business attributes associated with the management of forested ecosystems. The successful candidate will also engage in Extension research, which provides an opportunity work with external stakeholders to conduct research that translates into positive economic and environmental impacts that help serve local business and economic development. These activities could include initiating stakeholder-engaged research, developing forest economics programs for public and private forest stakeholders, business development initiatives, or integrating information to guide forest management decisions and/or public policy.

For consideration, submit your application online at <http://careers.msu.edu> to job number 623450. Upload the following required documents (PDF format): 1) a letter of interest detailing qualifications for the position, 2) curriculum vitae, 3) statement of research experience and future direction (2 page max), 4) statement of teaching experience and philosophy (2 page max), 5) an explanation of how you will contribute to our goals of inclusive excellence and diversity in teaching, research and / or extension (2 page max), and 6) a list of three professional references with contact information (institution, email address, phone number).

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Policy Analyst: Library of Congress

The Resources, Science and Industry Division (RSI) of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) is seeking an Analyst in Agriculture Policy. The analyst will conduct analyses that inform congressional deliberations on agriculture policy with a focus on domestic agricultural policies and markets. The ideal candidate will have knowledge of the history, trends, economics, and current status of domestic agricultural policies and markets with an emphasis on crop insurance and/or farm income support programs, as well as associated legislative, economic, and regulatory issues and interrelationships with other key agricultural policy areas.

This position requires the ability to utilize analytical methods and techniques to analyze policy issues for the U.S. Congress. Applicants should be comfortable with quantitative approaches in research and familiar with issues related to domestic agriculture policies and markets with an emphasis on crop insurance and/or farm income support programs. Strong writing and presentation skills, including the ability to synthesize complex analyses into easy-to-understand language for a non-technical audience, are required. The analyst will provide objective, expert policy analysis and consultation to congressional committees, Members, and

staff, including preparing objective, authoritative, non-partisan, and innovative analytical studies on policy issues of national or international significance; providing personal assistance as a national expert on public policy issues throughout the legislative process, including analyzing and evaluating legislative proposals; and planning and leading multi-disciplinary team research projects and seminars.

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Departmental seminars

There are no job talks or seminars scheduled this week in the department.

Departmental Publications

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