

MARGINAL MEMOS

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Opportunities

Global Poverty Research Lab Convention

The Global Poverty Research Lab is convening a meeting of interested researchers and funders of research **Thursday, April 23, 2020** at Northwestern University. Researchers interested in methodological and measurement work related to IPA’s Research Methods Initiative’s Themes are invited to attend.

The objectives of the meeting include:

- Discuss strategies and develop teams to leverage retrospective and/or prospective measurement or methodological research using IPA or existing survey data
- Prioritize research themes which teams of researchers or a research methods initiative should focus.
- Facilitate an informal conversation about measurement and methods by sharing work in progress and working papers. If you would like to discuss some of your recent measurement and methods work, please indicate this in your RSVP.

If you’d like to attend, **please RSVP by February 13** via email to susan.dennehy@kellogg.northwestern.edu.

This meeting will be organized around panel discussions focused on certain topics. If you’d like to serve as a panelist, please indicate in your RSVP what methods and measurement work you are interested in discussing, either your own or in general.

Jobs

Postdoctoral Fellow: University of Pennsylvania (stationed in Malawi)

The University of Pennsylvania is inviting applications for a postdoctoral research fellow to work on a 5-year, NIH-funded study in Malawi to examine the role of adverse childhood experiences in shaping divergent HIV risk trajectories during adolescence. This project builds on the Malawi Longitudinal Study of Families and Health (MLFSH). In order to create an

adolescent cohort, the project is collecting new rounds of prospective data directly from over 2,000 MLSFH children as they move through adolescence.

The fellow will work under the co-supervision of the two Principal Investigators (Dr. Hans-Peter Kohler at the University of Pennsylvania and Dr. Rachel Kidman at Stony Brook University). Baseline data on adolescents and their caregivers was collected in 2017-2018; follow-up data collection is planned for summer 2020. The fellow will travel to Malawi to help oversee the 2020 wave of data collection and liaise with local research teams. After data collection, the fellow will assist with data management and linkage; will contribute substantially to longitudinal data analyses; and will be expected to prepare research manuscripts and presentations. The fellow is encouraged to develop his/her own research questions within the scope of the project, and may be involved in future grant writing.

The following application materials are requested:

- Curriculum vitae
- 1-2 page statement of interest
- Writing sample

Please send application materials by March 15, 2020 to: hpkohler@pop.upenn.edu and Rachel.Kidman@stonybrookmedicine.edu

Pre-doctoral fellow: University of Pennsylvania, Wharton Risk Center

The Wharton Risk Center at the University of Pennsylvania is seeking a full-time pre-doctoral research fellow, starting in the Summer of 2020, to assist with various research projects on climate risk, disaster insurance markets, natural disaster risk management, and related applied economic/policy topics.

This is a 1 to 2 year position, conditional on funding. We intend for this position to serve as a strong foundation for future graduate study or careers in public policy, economics, or related areas. This position would be most suited for candidates interested in applied policy research. During their time in this role, they may also apply to enroll in supplemental classes, as per Penn's tuition benefit program.

Job responsibilities include qualitative and quantitative research assistance.

Data cleaning, basic data analysis in Excel, econometric analysis in R or Stata; Creating spatial visualizations of data in ArcMap or R; Summarizing literature, finding data, summarizing legislation, writing blogs, drafting Policy Briefs, creating; surveys/questionnaires in Qualtrics; Familiarizing themselves with disaster databases for quick analyses for policy proposals, and related tasks.

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Postdoctoral Researcher: Colorado School of Mines

Post-Doctoral Researcher sought for full-time position at the Payne Institute for Public Policy at the Colorado School of Mines. The research will focus on multi-dimensional aspects of the increasing demand for minerals and metals due to the global transition to more renewable energy. How this changing demand affects markets, trade, security, geopolitics, prices, and technology development are key questions that will be the focus of further research. The successful applicant will also provide mentorship to graduate and undergraduate students on the project; maintaining an accepting work environment; and assisting with research group management.

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Assistant/Associate Professor: University of Georgia

The University of Georgia is seeking candidates committed to excellence in research and instruction in the area of human dimensions of wildlife management. This is a 9-month tenure track appointment with both research and teaching responsibilities at the Assistant or Associate Professor level in the Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources at the University of Georgia. We are seeking candidates committed to excellence in research and instruction in the area of human dimensions of wildlife management. The successful candidate will be expected to establish an innovative research program by developing grant proposals, securing research funding, publishing in reputable scientific journals, mentoring graduate students, and actively participating in professional scientific societies. Teaching responsibilities will depend on the selected candidate's interests and areas of expertise, but will include developing and teaching a course in human dimensions of wildlife management.

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Research Assistant and Officer: University of Oxford

Based at the Oxford Department of International Development, Young Lives is a unique, innovative, longitudinal mixed-methods study following the lives of 12,000 children in Ethiopia, India (in the states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana), Peru and Vietnam over 15 years, and is recognised internationally as one of the only studies taking a holistic approach to children living in poverty.

There are opportunities for both a research officer and a research assistant. Use respective links for more information.

[Research Assistant- apply online](#)

[Research officer- apply online](#)

Seminars in other departments

MPC Seminar

*Manning Up and Womanizing Down:
How Husbands and Wives Report
Earnings When She Earns More*

Misty Heggeness,
U.S. Census Bureau
Monday, February 3
12:15 p.m.,
50 Willey Hall

Minnesota Economics

TBA

Eric Zwick, Chicago Booth
Thursday, February 6
12:00 p.m.,
HMH 4-170

Math Economics

TBA

Michael Greinecker, University of Graz
Thursday, February 6
4:00 p.m.,
HMH 4-170

Math Economics

*Equilibria in Dynamic Behavioral
Games with Generalized Discounting*

Lukasz Wozny,
Warsaw School of Economics
Friday, February 7
12:00 p.m.,
HMH 4-170

Federal Bag Lunch

*Don't Tax Capital-Optimal Ramsey
Taxation in Heterogeneous Agent
Economies with Quasi-Linear
Preferences*

Yili Chien, Federal Reserve Bank of
St. Louis
Monday, February 3
12:00 p.m.
Research Conference Room

Federal Bag Lunch

*Risks and Resilience in the Financial
System: A German Perspective*

Claudia Buch, Bundesbank
Thursday, February 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) or email Nancy Moua (nancy.moua@mpls.frb.org) a MINIMUM of 24 hours in advance to get your name on a visitor list. Alternatively 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.



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