

# MARGINAL MEMOS

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## Opportunities

### CFANS eLearning Showcase

Instructors will demonstrate what tools they've tried and how well the tools worked for online and in-person courses. The format will be a combination of 5-minute lightning talks from faculty and staff and 10-minute highlight talks. This year's highlighted talks include new analytics tools to track student progress and the top five things students want their instructors to do in Canvas. Christina Olson will do a brief presentation on adding a mock trial exercise into Canvas for Donald Liu's APEC1101 course. [RSVP online](#) by March 17.

### AASHE Professional Development Opportunities

If you are looking for professional development opportunities that will expand your sustainability skills and help you develop new approaches challenges on your campus, [explore the full workshop and webinar schedule for 2020](#), offered by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) in 2020.

In-person events include the [Sustainability Across the Curriculum Leadership workshop](#) (applications close March 16), the [Sustainability Professionals Retreat: Accelerating Your Impact](#) (applications close May 1) and the [Earth as Relative: An Indigenous Lens for Sustainability in Higher Education](#) (registration closes June 1). Webinar topics range from institutionalizing environmental justice to community engagement in the transition to carbon neutrality.

## Jobs

### Internship: IFPRI, Washington D.C.

Under the guidance of Wei Zhang, Senior research fellow, the intern will join the Environment and Production Technology Division to provide research support to PIM-Flagship 5 project entitled "Improving Governance of Shared Landscape Resources: The Promise of Commons". The internship provides the opportunity to develop the following skills within the context of an international research and development organization:

- Gain experience in applying market and non-market valuation methods (particularly benefit transfer) to evaluate the benefits of ecosystem services from commons in India

- Gain knowledge about commons in India and contributions of the commons to the SDGs
- Improve skills to work with an international interdisciplinary team

Responsibilities include:

- Conduct literature review on ecosystem services valuation related to commons (methodology and empirical cases).
- Assist in collecting and analyzing results from previous studies on estimated values of ecosystem services), both published and unpublished.
- Assist in compiling and analyzing spatial data on the extent and types of commons and geo-referenced demographic and socioeconomic data for India.

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## Multiple positions: J-PAL

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) has multiple openings worldwide for a variety of positions. Please use the "apply online" button below to visit their website for a comprehensive listing.

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## PhD position: University of St.Gallen and Eawag, Switzerland

This PhD position is part of a 4-year research project, entirely internally funded. The project aims to contribute to the existing economics literature on the private provision of public goods by providing new theoretical and empirical insights into consumers' preferences for carbon-neutral products and services. As climate change is becoming increasingly important for voters and consumers, many companies are now turning carbon neutral. Little is known, however, about the extent to which consumers reward companies' green actions, and which strategies can be used to make such actions more salient. This project aims to fill this gap by studying the demand for carbon-neutral products and services and its drivers. Its empirical findings are expected to provide useful information for policymakers and practitioners on low-cost strategies to increase the adoption of green behaviors as well as methodological insights on overlapping product features.

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## Assistant, Associate or Full Professor: UT-Austin

The Vice President for Research at The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin) invites applications for an Open Rank (Assistant, Associate, or Full Professor) faculty position in the area of Metropolitan/Urban Governance and Policy, which is part of a Cluster Hire initiative. The successful candidate will primarily work at the metropolitan and urban scale and focus on governance and/or policy in one or more of the following areas: water and natural resources, infrastructure, public health, public policy, sustainability, and/or working with the results of projections (models) to inform policy / governance for resilience.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop a research agenda centered on governance and/or policy at the metropolitan/regional scale and focused on water/natural resources, infrastructure, public health, public policy, sustainability, and/or economic development; teach undergraduate and graduate courses to a diverse student population; mentor graduate students; collaborate with other faculty across the university and including those affiliated with the Planet Texas 2050 research program; and be involved in service to the university and the profession.

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## Seminars in other departments

### MPC Seminar

*Social Inequalities in the Risk of Police-Involved Homicide*

Michael Esposito  
University of Michigan  
Monday, February 24  
12:15 p.m.,  
50 Willey Hall

### Life Course Seminar

*Cultivating WellBeing in Our Lives and Communities*

Mary Jo Kreitzer  
UMN  
Wednesday, February 26  
12:15 p.m.,  
50 Willey Hall

#### 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.

## Departmental Publications

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Williamson, Ian O., Jed T. Elison, Jason J. Wolff, and Carlisle Ford Runge. 2020. "Cost-Effectiveness of MRI-Based Identification of Presymptomatic Autism in a

High-Risk Population.” *Frontiers in Psychiatry* 11 (February): 60.  
<https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsy.2020.00060>.



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