

MARGINAL MEMOS

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Announcements

NEW GRANT AWARDS

Beginning in 2020 we will post info in Marginal Memos on new sponsored projects in which faculty are involved as a way to communicate what we're working on. An announcement will be placed in Marginal Memos when we receive a Notice of Grant Award (NOGA) via email from the Sponsored Projects office. So far in 2020, we have received three NOGAs:

"Child Care Policy Research Partnerships Grant"

Subaward from Child Trends, Inc. with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as the prime funding source.

September 30, 2019 - September 29, 2020 (with annual renewals through September 2023)

PI: Liz Davis

"Farmers Markets of Minneapolis 2020 Metrics"

City of Minneapolis contract

November 1, 2019 - October 31, 2020

PI: Hikaru Peterson

"How Does Minnesota's Ag-Water Certification Impact Conservation and Economic Returns?"

The McKnight Foundation

December 1, 2019 - November 30, 2021

PIs: Steve Polasky and Derric Pennington

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

Research Group Leader: University of Bonn, Germany

The Junior Research Group Leader will become a key member of PhenoRob and will be in a position to shape the Cluster's future research strategy and activities. Though preference will be given to candidates who make central contributions to CP 6, applications of candidates who bridge the gaps to the other CPs will also be considered. The candidate will be responsible for designing the research profile and building up an internationally visible, independent research group that makes central contributions to at least one of the six CPs. Central contributions include (i) publishing in high-ranked publications, (ii) collaborating with other PhenoRob members, (iii) building real systems around a CP use case, and (iv) attracting additional funding.

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Dean: University of Wyoming

The University of Wyoming's Haub School of Environment and Natural Resources is looking for a new dean. Given the interdisciplinary and policy-relevant research, teaching, and outreach of the Haub School, an environment/resource economist could be a great fit for this position. The Haub School is a unique place with a really nice "feel." People all across campus are engaged in exciting applied environment/resource research, including economists in Economics and in Agricultural and Applied Economics.

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Assistant Professor: University of Wyoming

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Wyoming seeks applications for a 9 month tenure-track appointment at the Assistant Professor level in Regional Economics, with a focus on community economic development. The successful candidate will have a majority extension appointment with most of the remainder of the appointment focused on research (exact job duties split is negotiable). The successful candidate will also have an appointment as Faculty Research Fellow in the UW Center for Business and Economic Analytics. The successful candidate will disseminate research results through scholarly journal articles, extension publications, and presentations to academic, policy, and stakeholder audiences. Stakeholder audiences can include economic development professionals, industry leaders, state and local government policymakers, and federal agencies. The successful candidate is expected to seek external funding to support their research program and to seek collaborative research opportunities with other faculty and regional economic stakeholders. The successful

candidate will also have the opportunity to mentor MS students in Agricultural and Applied Economics and to seek committee assignments on other graduate (MS and PhD) committees across campus.

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Fellowship: U.S. EPA-Washington D.C.

A research opportunity is currently available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Water (OW), Office of Science and Technology (OST), Engineering and Analysis Division (EAD) located in Washington, DC.

This project will focus on research aspects of a methodology and tool development program aimed at a better understanding of extent of market for monetizing the benefits of improved surface water quality. The research project will include: 1) examining the recreation demand, hedonic property value and stated preference literatures to create evidence-based approaches to extent of market, 2) investigating other data sources that can be combined with information in the existing literature to control for extent of market in a meta-analysis of surface water quality valuation studies, or 3) developing a theory by which other factors influencing willingness-to-pay could be quantified and incorporated in future applications of the standard suite of water quality valuation tools, in particular with an eye towards nonuse benefits.

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Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch

Consumer Mobility and the Local Structure of Consumption Industries

Ferdinando Monte, Georgetown University
Tuesday, March 10
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.

Departmental Publications

Li, Ruida, Hua Zheng, Cuiping Zhang, Bonnie Keeler, Leah H. Samberg, Cong Li, Stephen Polasky, Yongming Ni, and Zhiyun Ouyang. 2020. "Rural Household Livelihood and Tree Plantation Dependence in the Central Mountainous Region of Hainan Island, China: Implications for Poverty Alleviation." *Forests* 11 (2): 248. <https://doi.org/10.3390/f11020248>.

Smith, Pamela J., and Andrew R. Tilman. 2020. "Patents for Self-Replicating Technologies: Game Theoretic Analysis of Genetically Modified Seed." *The Journal of World Intellectual Property*, February. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jwip.12145>.

Zhao, Shuoli, and Chengyan Yue. 2020. "Risk Preferences of Commodity Crop Producers and Specialty Crop Producers: An Application of Prospect Theory." *Agricultural Economics*, February, agec.12559. <https://doi.org/10.1111/agec.12559>.



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