

MARGINAL MEMOS

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Announcements

REMINDER: Reduced campus operations through this evening.

As you may know, unrest in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have led to the continued suspension of Metro Transit services through tomorrow, June 1. The Twin Cities Campus is in 'Reduced Operations' and will continue in this status through the end of the day Monday, June 1. This means only essential clinics (and essential appointments), essential lab/animal support, and essential employees should report to campus. We ask everyone else to avoid the areas on and around our campus and off-campus sites on Monday.

Online Course Delivery

The recording of the Online Course Delivery session which took place last week is now [available online](#). The [course itself](#) is also still available.

Living in a COVID-19 world

A discussion with leading health and economics experts, moderated by Tom Brokaw. Do we rapidly return to normal to save the economy, or continue indefinitely in lockdown to defeat the virus? Much of the recent national COVID-19 discussion has focused on this false choice. Instead of having separate conversations about health care and about the economy, it is essential to consider them simultaneously to develop an effective recovery plan. This virtual conversation with leading health and economics experts will focus on ways to begin reopening the economy safely, while maximizing health, as scientists aggressively pursue an effective COVID-19 vaccine or therapy. [Available online](#).

June 3- Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar

The seminar will be held on Wednesdays at 11 am Central US time.

The seminar this week will be held on June 3, 2020. Hope Michelson, from the University of Illinois, will be presenting "Misperceived Quality: Fertilizer in Tanzania."

If you would like to register, see the OARES website [here](#), and make sure to sign up with your institutional address. The OARES website includes a schedule of forthcoming talks as well.

Jobs

Industry Economist: Department of Commerce, Honolulu, HI

The Industry Economist, will perform the following duties:

Serve as a member of the economic and social science research program at the regional fishery science center to define the scope and scale of social science research and establish a research program in accordance with stakeholders' needs. Provide input into the design and implementation of research efforts, expert knowledge of and guidance on economic and social science research methods products, and information. Lead and work with partners at NMFS Regional Offices and the regional Fishery Management Councils to help improve applied economic analyses and adequacy of research goals and direction.

Design and implement studies to address information needs such as the effects of fisheries regulations and policies on fishers, fishing families, and fishing communities to gather and analyze data and information, as well as develop materials to convey the findings. Disperse results and findings of economic analyses through scientific outlets, including publications and presentations at conferences, as well as to stakeholders and the public.

[Apply online](#)

Industry Economist, Department of Commerce: St. Petersburg, Florida

The Industry Economist will perform the following duties:

Conduct, plan, coordinate, review, evaluate, and summarize economic research and specialized data collections that support fishery management and the impacts on seafood markets, consumers, commercial and recreational groups, and coastal communities. Analyze, prepare, and present reports and results of the economic impacts on fishery management regulatory policies and provide certification summaries of the Regulatory Flexibility Act Analyses. Collaborate with staff, customers, committees, stakeholders, and the public on economic research and participate in professional meetings and groups. Serve as subject matter expert on marine fishery management and as a technical monitor by reviewing project proposals. Provide liaison services with staff from fishery councils and regional programs, and provide technical validity to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Executive Orders, Regulatory Flexibility Act, and National Environmental Protection Act requirements

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Extension Ag Economist: Kansas State University

The foundation of the KFMA program is providing education and consultation to member farms in the area of farm business management. KFMA Economists strive to provide cooperating farms with resources to make informed financial, production, and tax management decisions.

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Research Agricultural Economist: Department of Agriculture, Kansas City, MO

The person in this position develops, plans, and conducts studies that analyze and evaluate agri-environmental policies and programs, including climate adaptation, bioenergy, water and irrigation, risk management, and more. Research may include impacts related to changes in crop mix and farming practices, land use, agricultural markets, and environmental outcomes. Propose research approaches and methods for testing hypotheses to include use of scientifically appropriate and rigorous economic theory, relevant data, and appropriate empirical methods. Participate as a team member for large/integrated projects, and cooperates with other team members in the preparation and publication of policy-relevant research and reports. Lead efforts to maintain, improve, and apply the Regional Environmental Agricultural Programming model (REAP) for use in simulation analysis.

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Departmental Publications

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