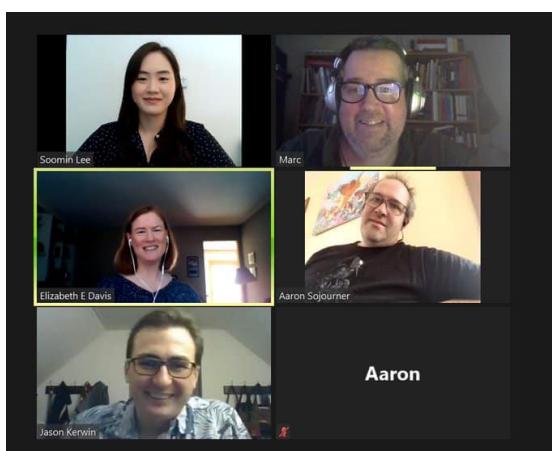


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## MARGINAL MEMOS

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### Announcements



### Congratulations, Soomin!

Soomin Lee successfully defended her dissertation and is off to the Korea Energy Econ Institute as an associate research fellow. Pictured here with Marc Bellemare, Liz Davis, Jason Kerwin and Aaron Sojourner. Nicely done!

### EAD Statement on the Events Surrounding the Killing of George Floyd

At the special University Senate meeting on June 5, the University Senate endorsed a [statement](#) from the Equity, Access, and Diversity Committee (EAD) on the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police officers. The statement is reflective of feedback from EAD, senators, and many constituents through their elected senators. Please take the time to read this [statement](#).

### June 10- 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 10, 2020. Jeffrey Bloem, APEC alum now with the USDA Research Service will present, "Good Intentions Gone Bad? The Dodd-Frank Act and Conflict in Africa's Great Lakes Region."

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

### Branch Chief Positions: ERS, Market and Trade Economics Division, Kansas City, MO

As Branch Chief, responsibilities include the following: Managing a unit of professional economists conducting research and analysis on key issues of importance to U.S. agriculture, natural resources, and rural development. Managing a number of technically complex projects involving selecting or developing the most appropriate and current research methodologies, often of great complexity, and applying them to extremely complicated economic problems. Analyzing the consequences of public policies that relate to the specialized work of the Branch and provide public and private decision-makers with economic analyses on appropriate subjects. Participating in developing ERS' research program by identifying promising areas of research and related activities, products and publications.

Developing program and product plans for the Branch. This includes work plans, hiring staff with appropriate expertise, as well as development and justification of a budget. Serving as the focal point for research and analysis of topics appropriate to the Branch, and representing the Branch within the Department. Serving as the agency's reference point to provide economic advice and counsel relating to the Branch area of responsibility.

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Successful candidates will serve as a Research Assistant (RA) in a two year program working with senior level economists providing economic research and critical support for policy analysis. This program prepares RAs to pursue a graduate degree in the field of economics, or continue use of their passion of research in other in positions across industry and government. Selected candidates will conduct research/analysis on housing programs, risk-based capital, house price indexes, financial institutions and markets, secondary mortgage market operations, and other related topics to identify significant and emerging risks such as market, interest rate, operational and credit risks. Opportunities may involve any or a combination of research, policy, or analysis.

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## Postdoctoral Scholar: University of Washington

The School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences is looking for a Postdoctoral Scholar that will work on an ongoing multi-disciplinary project that will integrate fishery participation models with dynamic bio-physical fishery models of West Coast fisheries. This a full-time, 24-month position located at the University of Washington in Seattle, although the location at which work is to be conducted is flexible, and remote work is possible.

The project is funded by the National Science Foundation Coupled Natural Human (CNH) Systems program and is exploring how environmental variability travels through, and is dampened or amplified by, linked social and ecological processes in these fisheries systems and how more integrated management of them can be used to increase resilience and human benefits derived from them.

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## Economist: Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C.

This position is located in Washington D.C. at the Washington Office. Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic the incumbent may begin virtually. The incumbent must agree to report to the duty station in Washington D.C., once safe to do so.

The incumbent serves as a Team Leader with responsibility for the development and management of a combined economics and social science program. A full list of responsibilities is available online.

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## Research Director: Minnesota Corn Growers Association

This is an opportunity for a results-focused research professional who has experience managing multiple programs, projects, staff, and committees in academic, agency, agribusiness, or association environments. Ideally, our successful candidate has a strong working knowledge of production agriculture, conservation practices, and new opportunities for corn utilization. S/he is motivated to inform, educate, and promote to farmers and non-farming agencies/communities on continuous improvement in corn production practices and corn opportunities.

This position reports directly to the Executive Director and is a member of an eight-person leadership team to set strategy and implement short and long-term goals for anticipated expansion in Minnesota's corn industry.

In this position, you will be expected to: develop and maintain relationships with contacts in academia, government agencies, non-profit organizations, agriculture organizations and others, oversee administration for Request for Proposals (RFPs) in the areas of Agronomy and

Plant Genetics; Corn Utilization; Fuels and Emissions; Livestock; Soil Fertility; and Water Quality, coordinate and facilitate committee and program-related meetings; present information to varied audiences including producers, crop consultants, agency staff, and the public. represent MCGA expertise in water quality restoration and protection activities, speak on behalf of MCGA at public meetings and organization-wide events, participate in activities that support the achievement of Minnesota Corn strategic goals, and provide input to initiatives that crosscut all organizational research, promotional, educational and policy initiatives. Candidates should submit resume/CV and cover letter to:  
anne@rizzoexecutivesearch.com

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## Departmental Publications

Boyd, Chris M., and Marc F. Bellemare. 2020. "The Microeconomics of Agricultural Price Risk." *Annual Review of Resource Economics* 12 (1). <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-resource-100518-093807>.

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