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Announcements

June 24- 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 24, 2020. Jeffrey Bloem, USDA Economic 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.

Minnesota's Dairy Economic Report

The [official dairy report](#) concerning COVID-19 response was released on June 9. Joleen Hadrich, Extension economist; Megan Roberts, Extension educator and Brigid Tuck, Extension senior economic impact analyst identify and explain key points in Minnesota's dairy situation regarding COVID-19.

[Read the full article](#)

Addressing Racial Inequities in Health Outcomes During COVID and Beyond

The University of Minnesota Human Rights Lab invites you to our next "Envisioning the Future" webinar, on Wednesday, June 24 (1-2 pm CT / 2-3pm ET.)

Recognizing that structural racism and inequalities have always had devastating impacts on the health of Black Americans, these disparate health outcomes have become even more apparent in the COVID-19 era. Dr. E. Tendayi Achiumi will kick off this critical discussion, with additional remarks provided by Dr. Rachel Hardeman (University of

Minnesota) and Dr. Sirry Alang (Lehigh University).

The webinar is free, open to the public, and accessible via Zoom at z.umn.edu/EFwebinar.

Jobs

Pre-doctoral Fellow: Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) of CGIAR

The position will entail close collaboration and assistance to Professor Karen Macours, Paris School of Economics and Chair of SPIA, Standing Panel on Impact Assessment of CGIAR. This is a one-year position with the possibility of renewal for a second year, starting in the Summer or early Fall of 2020. The position involves responsibilities that serve as excellent preparation for Ph.D. programs in economics, including data processing and analysis, survey design, literature reviews, and presentations. In particular, the tasks are to be focused on the following activities:

- Provide scientific and technical analysis in support of the planning, implementation and monitoring of the SPIA workplan
- Provide general research support to Prof. Macours, including data collection and analysis; preparation of presentation materials; support with manuscript preparation; etc.
- Conduct literature reviews and other background analysis to support design of calls for expressions of interest/proposals
- Read and critique completed impact studies and impact study designs, as part of support to development of CGIAR impact assessment guidance document
- Draft /co-authoring blog posts or other commentaries related to impact assessments
- Engage with the broader SPIA team
- Interact with the CGIAR Impact Assessment Community of Practice

Applicants should submit a CV, a cover letter, and a writing sample (preferably a paper showing some original analytic work or literature review) to Ira Vater (spia@cgiar.org) and Karen Macours (karen.macours@psemail.eu). The cover letter should provide some indication of interests in (and knowledge of) agriculture and/or impact assessment.

Departmental Publications

Brune, Lasse, Eric Chyn, and Jason Kerwin. 2020. "Peers and Motivation at Work: Evidence from a Firm Experiment in Malawi." *Journal of Human Resources*, June. <https://doi.org/10.3368/jhr.57.4.0919-10416R2>.



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