

# MARGINAL MEMOS

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## Announcements

### Volunteers for mask handouts

The week of September 21 we will be welcoming students back to classes. To help keep all of us safe, the University has decided to hand out two masks to all faculty, staff, and students for use on campus.

Undergrads will have to receive their masks through an on-campus handout the first week of classes (September 21-24). The development staff have volunteered to take many of the shifts, but could use assistance with a few more spots. If you are able to volunteer for a brief shift, please add your name to [this volunteer sheet](#).

### September 16- 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 September 16, 2020. This week will be an "Ask the Editors Panel." Panelists include: Arun Agrawal from *World Development*, Jennifer Alix-Garcia from the *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economics* (JAERE), Amy Ando from the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (AJAE), Chris Barrett from *Food Policy* and Mindy Mallory from *Agricultural Economics Perspectives and Policy* (AEPP).

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.

### New Grant Announcement

"Expanding the Farm Financial Benchmarking Database"

Funding Agency: USDA-NIFA

September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

PIs: Bob Craven

## Request for Proposals- Agricultural Growth, Research and Innovation (AGRI) program

The MN Department of Agriculture just released an RFP to contract for an evaluation of the Agricultural Growth, Research, and Innovation program. Proposals must be received no later than **September 29, 2020 at 4:00 p.m.** The contract is expected to last from October 15, 2020 to February 28, 2021. If you would like to review the full RFP, please email Sadie Brendalen at will1945@umn.edu.

## CFANS Mentor Program

The CFANS Mentor Program is now accepting applications. As a mentor, you will share valuable career knowledge with your mentee, connect with your mentee during monthly meetings virtually/in-person, provide feedback on your mentee's career outlook and resume, and if possible, host your mentee at your workplace for a half-day job shadow. **Apply online by September 28th.**

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## Jobs

### Financial Analyst: EPA, Washington D.C.

This position is in Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), Office of Compliance (OC), Enforcement Targeting and Data Division (ETDD), Integration Targeting and Access Branch (ITAB). - Prepare analyses and conduct evaluation studies of regulated corporations' financial operations, including the near, intermediate, and long-term financial performance.

The successful candidate will: Independently collect and compile data in support of the analyses, including quality assurance of the information; prepare and assist with the collection of background materials for case investigations; and preparation of management requested reports; resolve problems of difficult, complex, or unprecedented nature; detect fraud, corruption; identify other criminal activities based on evaluations of the financial records review of corporations; and summarize the analyses and evaluations made, and present conclusions and recommendations based on the financial records review; resign and conduct research and drafts of analyses and option papers on a corporate basis, and occasionally provided expertise and support to the Division's activities to implement EPA's

authorities under the multiple environmental statutes such as the Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act.

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### Lecturer: Scotland's Rural College

Scotland's Rural College, in combination with the University of Edinburgh are looking for an Ecological Economist to support our Sustainable Ecosystems team within SRUC's Department for Rural Economy, Environment & Society. The Sustainable Ecosystems team conducts applied research on the socio-economic impacts of agricultural systems and environmental change. The successful candidate will support teaching activities primarily at post-graduate level within the department and especially the Ecological Economics program. Full details are available online.

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### Researcher: CMCC, Italy

The CMCC is taking into consideration the possibility to hire a talented, motivated and proactive researcher to cover one open position on ocean modelling and reanalysis. The primary purposes for this position is to perform research, development and assessment of a high-resolution reanalysis system based on the global ocean analysis and forecast system currently used at CMCC. The successful candidate will be asked to support the implementation, production and the validation of the reanalysis.

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### Research Analyst II: Minnesota Judicial Branch

The Court Services Division of the State Court Administrator's Office is looking for a Research Analyst II. This is a professional position that includes managing court research projects, conducting statistical, data and policy analysis, and assisting with the design and development of business intelligence reporting. This position reports to the Manager of the Research and Evaluation Unit within the Court Services Division.

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## Departmental Seminars

## Trade & Development Seminar, kick-off for fall semester!

The first Trade & Development Seminar of fall 2020 will be held:

Friday, September 18  
3:00-4:00 p.m.  
Zoom (link will be sent this week)

Karthik Muralidharan, Department of Economics, University of California- San Diego will present, "*Improving Early- Childhood Human Development: Experimental Evidence from India.*"

### Departmental Publications

Bellemare, Marc F., and Vaneesha Dusruth. 2020. "Who Participates in Urban Agriculture? An Empirical Analysis." *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, August, Early View. <https://doi.org/10.1002/aepp.13072>.



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