

MARGINAL MEMOS

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Announcements

Reconciling Research and Treatment: Seeking Answers & Saving Lives

Friday, October 16, 2020

11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Central time

[Register now](#)

COVID-19 presents tremendous challenges for researchers as they evaluate the efficacy and safety of medical interventions while also meeting the pressing clinical needs of their patients.

Join our expert panelists as they discuss how to balance the FDA's Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) of convalescent plasma for COVID-19 patients with the need for clinical trials, how past pandemics, like the Ebola crisis, may provide insights into COVID-19, and other issues related to research and treatment. This webinar is free and open to the public.

Michael Osterholm, PhD, MPH, Director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP), will moderate a conversation with:

Robert M. Califf, MD, MACC, Head of Clinical Policy and Strategy for Verily and Google Health; Holly Fernandez Lynch, JD, MBe, Assistant Professor of Medical Ethics and Health Policy, University of Pennsylvania; and Arturo Casadevall, MD, PhD, Chair, Molecular Microbiology and Immunology, Johns Hopkins University.

September 23- 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 23, 2020. This week, Melissa LoPalo, Montana State University, will present, "Temperature, Worker Productivity, and Adaptation: Evidence from Survey Data Production."

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.

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

Conservation Liaison: USDA, Washington D.C.

In this position, you will be responsible for identifying high-priority research topics, leading research teams, conducting research to fill critical gaps and address policy-relevant questions, and facilitating the development of data resources to meet research objectives.

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Fellowship, Water Quality Modeling and Economics: U.S. EPA

The goal of this research project is to conduct research on water quality modeling and water quality valuation. This research may support the development of tools such as the Hydrologic and Water Quality System (HAWQS), a nationwide Soil and Water Assessment Tool (SWAT) based water quality modeling system, and the Benefits Spatial Platform for Aggregating Socioeconomics and H2O Quality (BenSPLASH), a nationwide water quality valuation model.

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Postdoctoral Research Associate: Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

The postdoctoral research associate will work within a dynamic and interdisciplinary group of researchers within Cornell University and will be jointly based at the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management. The Cornell Lab of Ornithology is a globally focused institution for research, training, and public communication relating to birds and biodiversity. The Lab of Ornithology is home to a vibrant community of several dozen postdoctoral researchers working across all six centers, and we strive to provide a supportive and collaborative environment for this community that fosters personal growth and career advancement. Within the Lab of Ornithology, The Center for Avian Population Studies (CAPS) carries out the Lab's mission to interpret and conserve the earth's biological diversity through research, education, and citizen science focused on birds. Scientists within CAPS use machine learning and statistical methods to analyze observations of birds to increase understanding of the natural world and to assist global conservation.

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Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

Friday, September 25

10:30-12:00 p.m.

Zoom (link will be sent this week)

Eeshani Kandpal, Economist, Development Research Group, The World Bank will present, "*Cash Transfers, Food Prices, and Nutrition Impacts on Non-beneficiary Children.*"

Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch

Tuesday, September 22

12:00 p.m.

Hannes Malmberg, UMN, "Demographics, Wealth, and Global Imbalances in the 21st Century."

To have Economics Department and Fed workshops automatically entered into your calendar program, from your google calendar page click "add a friend's calendar," use the plus symbol at the right to select "from url" and paste in the following link :

http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/umn.edu_iolnsocgnepgcst7drr734n5ao%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics

Note:

If you wish to attend a seminar at the Fed, please contact Nancy Moua at nancy.moua@mpls.frb.org for the zoom link .

Departmental Publications

Lai, Yufeng, and Chengyan Yue. 2020. "Consumer Willingness to Pay for Organic and Animal Welfare Product Attributes: Do Experimental Results Align with Market Data?" *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 45 (3): 462–83.

<https://doi.org/10.22004/AG.ECON.303605>.



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