

MARGINAL MEMOS

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Announcements

Welcome, new baby Johnson!

Justin Johnson and his wife Lindsey welcomed their new baby, Linnea, to the family on September 15. The newly expanded family is home and doing well. Congratulations!

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships at MPC

MPC will once again work with the Graduate School to support Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellows in 2021-2022. Students interested in applying for an MPC-based IDF for 2021-22 should review the Graduate School's instructions ([here](#)) as well as MPC's instructions (on the MPC web site [here](#)). Note that preliminary applications are due to MPC by October 19, 2020.

Congratulations, Perennial Foods

The Minnesota Cup recently named the winners of the 2020 competition. Perennial Foods was the winner of the Food, Ag and Beverage division and was awarded a \$30,000 prize. Ward Nefstead served as a mentor in this year's contest.

United Natural Foods Inc (UNFI) continued the Master Marketer competition started by Supervalu Inc. Ward Nefstead and former CFANS student Emily Annestad served as judges for this national competition.

Jobs Outside Academia for Economists: Jobs in Government

Thursday, October 1, 2020

11:30 a.m. Central time

[Register now](#)

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 30- 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 30, 2020. Rhiannon Jerch, Temple University will present, *"The Local Benefits of Federal Mandates: Evidence from the Clean Water Act."*

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.

[Apply online](#)

Jobs

Multiple Positions: J-PAL

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) is hiring for multiple positions. You can learn more about these positions, application process, and recruitment timeline online.

[Apply online](#)

Multiple Positions: ERS

There are multiple positions available for PhD or Master's level graduates within the ERS. Please use the links below to apply.

[Supervisory Agricultural Economist](#)
[Agricultural Economist](#)
[Research Agricultural Economist](#)
[Agricultural Economist](#)
[Web Content Publishing Specialist](#)
[Research Agricultural Economist](#)

Associate (Natural Resources): ECONorthwest

ECONorthwest, the Pacific Northwest's largest economics consulting firm, has an immediate opening for a full-time Associate to support our Natural Resources Practice Area. The ideal candidate will have a track record of academic and professional success, as well as experience completing projects to answer economic questions related to natural resources and the environment. Assignment to specific projects will depend on the skills and interests of the Associate as well as the firm's project support needs.

Apply online

Energy Markets and Economic Impacts Analyst: Keylogic Systems, Pittsburgh, PA

The EMAT team applies a variety of tools including econometric analysis, partial equilibrium modeling, computable general equilibrium models, input-output models, and other analytical approaches to a broad range of local, state, and national energy problems. As part of the support to EMAT, the employee will be primarily responsible for conducting a variety of market and economic research in the energy sector.

Apply online

Sessional Instructor: University of Calgary

The University of Calgary's Master of Science in Sustainable Energy Development (SEDV) is a multidisciplinary offering of the School of Public Policy in collaboration with the Schulich School of Engineering, the Haskayne School of Business, the Faculty of Law, and the School of Architecture, Planning and Landscape. This interdisciplinary, comprehensive graduate program provides a holistic approach to energy and environmental management through a cross section of courses taught by faculty from across the university. The SEDV Program is seeking a candidate with excellent teaching credentials and a demonstrated background in sustainable energy and environmental issues. Applicants must have a strong commitment to teaching, particularly at the post-graduate level, and ideally hold an earned doctoral degree in an area closely related to the particular course of interest.

Apply online

Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

Friday, October 2

10:30-12:00 p.m.

Zoom (link will be sent this week)

Leonard Wantchekon, Professor, Politics and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University will present, *"The Strength of Weak Ties: Education Externalities and Intergenerational Mobility in Benin"*

Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch

Tuesday, September 29

12:00 p.m.

Thomas Dreschel (University of Maryland), "Earnings-Based Borrowing Constraints and Macroeconomic Fluctuations"

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 .



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