

## MARGINAL MEMOS

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### Announcements

#### REMINDER: Community Fund Drive Bake-Off!

Thank you all for your generous donations via payroll and Venmo or cash donation toward Hygiene Packs. Remember to [sign up for the baking competition](#) by October 26th. Your continued participation is greatly appreciated!

All of your donations will be going to Greater Twin Cities United Way's Home for Good program. This year's goal is to assemble 850 Welcome Home kits to help support families affected by homelessness. If you would like to know more about the reach and involvement of this organization please [visit this website](#).

#### AARES Heading South Award

The purpose of the Australasian Agricultural & Resource Economics Society (AARES) award is to provide 'young' agricultural and resource economists with an opportunity for professional and personal development and international professional and cultural exchange.

AARES will provide a grant of US \$1,500 to substantially reimburse the winner for conference registration, attendance at the Conference Dinner and other social events at the Conference, and accommodation for the duration of the conference. AAEA will provide a further grant of US \$1,500 to substantially meet the costs of a return economy class airfare to the conference. As AARES 2021 is going to be primarily online, AAEA and AARES have approved the award to be carried over to AARES 2022.

Applicants should submit:

a paper for presentation at the AARES conference, for which applicants are sole or first author and which represent their original and unpublished work; a one-page biographical statement; and a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the award, why they would be deserving of the award, and confirming that they would be unable to attend the conference without this financial support.

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#### Call for papers: 18th annual MIEDC

The [Global Poverty Research Lab](#) at Northwestern University will host the 18th annual Midwest International Economic Development Conference (MWIEDC) on April 30-May 1, 2021. The conference invites papers and organized sessions on all topics in economic development.

Presentations at the conference must be accompanied by completed papers. Each presenter will have a 30 minute presentation slot, including a 5 minute commentary by an assigned discussant. Sessions will begin at 8 am on April 30 and end at lunch on May 1. At this time we are planning to conduct this as an in-person event, but if that proves impossible we will hold it virtually, possibly

with a modified schedule.

The keynote speaker will be Eliana La Ferrara, Fondazione Romeo ed Enrica Invernizzi Chair in Development Economics at Università Bocconi.

You are invited to submit a paper or propose a session to present at the conference. The [deadline for submissions](#) is January 6, 2021. Submissions will be evaluated by a scientific committee and acceptances will be notified by early February. For more information and to submit a paper, [visit their website](#).

### October 21- 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 October 21, 2020. Jennifer Winter, University of Calgary, will present "Carbon Pricing Costs for Households and the Progressivity of Revenue Recycling Options in Canada."

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

### Associate/Full Professor Agribusiness Management: Purdue University

The Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking an academic-year faculty member to develop an internationally recognized program of scholarly teaching and research, in agribusiness management.

The candidate will teach undergraduate and/or graduate level courses and assist in furthering this tradition of excellence in undergraduate and graduate education by offering well-taught and rigorous curricula. The successful candidate is also expected to conduct scholarly research and publish in high impact peer reviewed journals. The successful candidate will be comfortable engaging the industry of food and agricultural businesses in developing a research/education agenda, securing extramural funding, and communicating with agribusiness leaders.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to conduct research and engage with the excellent centers in the Department such as the Center for Food and Agricultural Business (CAB), as well as the Center for Commercial Agriculture (CCA), the Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP), the Purdue Institute for Family Business (PIFB), and the North Central Regional Center for Rural Development.

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### Economist: Department of the Interior, Reston, VA

As an Economist within the Science and Decisions Center, some of the specific duties will include:

- Designs and leads economic research and analysis related to environmental and natural resources.
- Conducts and documents literature reviews on economic, environmental, and natural resource issues.
- Develops and applies methods to consider the value of scientific information.
- Compiles, summarizes, and evaluates economic, environmental, natural resource, and other data.
- Prepares materials including, but not limited to, papers, reports, and presentations.

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### Assistant Professor: Wageningen University

The Environmental Economics and Natural Resource Group (ENR) seeks to fill a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in the area of environment and development economics. The successful candidate must have completed a PhD in economics with a focus, or at least a strong interest on environmental issues. There is a preference for strong quantitative empirical skills (e.g. spatial econometrics, analysis of cross sectional data, design and analysis of experimental data). Previous work on behavioral economics, social-ecological systems, energy or climate policy design is a plus.

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### Fellow: Resources for the Future

RFF invites applications from researchers who received their PhD degree within the past 5 years OR who will receive their PhD in economics or a closely related field by August 2021, to join its research program.

The research fellows are central to achieving that goal. Through intellectual leadership in research and deep familiarity with important policy challenges, RFF seeks to have impact in three major ways:

1. Transforming the way decisionmakers and the public think about problems, delivering facts, providing new ideas, and expanding the solution set;
2. Quantifying issues decisionmakers care about, enabling them to understand impacts, identify opportunities, weigh competing options, and resolve tradeoffs; and
3. Bringing decisionmakers and stakeholders together to learn from one another, take advantage of RFF research insights, develop a shared understanding of issues, and find common ground.

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## Departmental Seminars

### Trade & Development Seminar

Friday, October 23

3:30-4:30 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE)

Lori Bearman, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Northwestern University

"Using information within networks to improve targeting: Evidence from Liberia"

## Seminars in other departments

### Federal Bag Lunch

Tuesday, October 20

12:00 p.m.

Gaetano Gaballo (HEC Paris), TBA

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\\_ioInsocgnepgcst7drr734n5ao%40group.calendar.google.com/public/basic.ics](http://www.google.com/calendar/ical/umn.edu_ioInsocgnepgcst7drr734n5ao%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](mailto:nancy.moua@mpls.frb.org) for the zoom link .

### Departmental publications

Salemi, Colette. 2020. "Does Covid-19 Raise the Risk of Violent Conflict? Not Everywhere." Monkey Cage - The Washington Post (blog). October 15, 2020. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2020/10/15/does-covid-19-raise-risk-violent-conflict-not-everywhere/>.



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