

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 TODAY 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at the AARES conference, for which applicants are sole or first author and which represent their original and unpublished work; a one-page biographical statement; and a one-page statement in support of their application, indicating what they would hope to accomplish through the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 28- 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 28, 2020. Tamma Carleton, UC Santa Barbara, will present "The global water footprint of distortionary agricultural policy."

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

Natural Resource Economist: USGS

The USGS Wetland and Aquatic Research Center seeks a Mendenhall Fellow to collaborate with USGS scientists researching invasive species and other conservation and restoration issues. The Fellow's research would focus on the valuation of natural resources and ecosystem services impacted by invasive species and the cost and benefits of management actions. The research should combine natural resource economics, ecological modeling, and decision theory to support management decisions pertaining to the prevention, control, eradication, and monitoring and impacts of invasive species (Epanchin-Niell 2017, Johnson et al. 2017). The position will emphasize the development and application of decision analysis tools for invasive species management (Epanchin-Niell 2017, Johnson et al. 2017). Although invasive species management would be the primary emphasis for the fellowship, the scientist's research and methodologies would be applicable for other natural resource management applications (e.g., conservation and restoration actions and costs).

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Part-time lecturer: University of Tennessee

The successful candidate will be expected to teach an online (via Online@UTK), three-credit-hour undergraduate course in agricultural marketing for the Spring 2021 semester. Institution: The University of Tennessee is seeking candidates who have the ability to contribute to the diversity and intercultural goals of the University. As a Land Grant Institution, the University of Tennessee has Teaching, Research, and Extension missions. To apply, please submit a curriculum vita, letter describing your interest in, and qualifications for the position, and official transcripts to Ms. [Amy Cooley](#). Letters of reference will be required at the interview stage. Questions about the position should be directed to [Dr. Christopher D. Clark](#).

Faculty Director: Boston University

The College of Arts and Sciences at Boston University invites applications for Faculty Director of the Boston University Initiative on Cities (IoC) to begin July 1, 2021. They seek a senior scholar of cities with an established record of cutting edge research, academic leadership and public engagement to lead the IoC, a campus-wide research initiative that engages faculty and students to support and promote interdisciplinary research on cities and connect urban research, teaching and practice. We are looking for academic leaders from all relevant disciplinary backgrounds who share our commitment to ensuring that BU is inclusive, equitable,

diverse, and a place where all constituents can thrive. They encourage applications from those with a record of fostering productive academic partnerships with diverse urban communities and municipal partners, and a strong vision of community building and bridging between faculty, students and a wide array of internal and external stakeholders from academia, government, nonprofits and the private sector.

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Economist: Department of Agriculture, Portland, OR

This position is located on the State Program Staff located in the NRCS State Office in Portland, Oregon. The incumbent provides program assistance as an economist for Farm Bill Programs as well as Conservation Planning, and Watershed Planning efforts. Because of the multi-disciplinary interaction required of the staff in multi-objective program activities, the incumbent will integrate his/her activities with the other staff disciplines.

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Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

Friday, October 30

10:30-12:00 pm

Natalia Ordaz Reynoso, PhD program, ApEc, UMN

"Paid Maternity Leave and Women's Human Capital: Evidence from California"

Abstract:

Does mandatory paid maternity leave affect women's human capital investment decisions? I test whether the implementation of the California Paid Family Leave Act increased young women's human capital investment, specifically college enrollment. Using a synthetic control approach, I estimate that the policy increased the probability that women enroll in college by about 2 percentage points. I present a simple human capital model of women's schooling choices that rationalizes these results as the effect of an expected decrease in the effects of motherhood on labor supply. Finally, I present evidence from survey data and Internet searches that provides support to the hypothesized mechanism.

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

Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch

Tuesday, October 27

12:00 p.m.

Jonathan Vogel, UCLA, "Discrimination and Racial Disparities in Labor Market Outcomes: Evidence from World War II"

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

Mandle, Lisa, Analisa Shields-Estrada, Rebecca Chaplin-Kramer, Matthew G. E. Mitchell, Leah L. Bremer, Jesse D. Gourevitch, Peter Hawthorne, Justin A. Johnson, et al. 2020. "Increasing Decision Relevance of Ecosystem Service Science." *Nature Sustainability*, October. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41893-020-00625-y>.



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