

MARGINAL MEMOS

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Announcements

Join the MCEE Virtual Friendraiser

Please join us on Thursday, November 19th, from 5-5:30 pm for the Minnesota Council on Economic Education's virtual Friendraiser. This will be a 30 minute event to learn about what's happening these days with MCEE.

I'm sure that many of you are familiar with the Council, led in the past by Claudia Parliament and Donald Liu and currently by Julie Bunn. MCEE works hard to train teachers to teach economics in the K-12 system and has also provided opportunities for our graduate and undergraduate students to become involved.

To learn more about MCEE, please [view a general MCEE video](#) and/or one that focuses on their [student capstone/competition experiences](#).

Please [register](#) for the Zoom event by November 18th.

If you prefer to donate, please [use this link](#).

SCC-76 Virtual Meeting: Call for Papers

The SCC-76 meeting will take place virtually March-April 2021. All papers will be presented in lightning presentation format. The sessions will be as interactive as possible to facilitate some of the great feedback and networking opportunities typical of this group's annual meetings.

To submit your paper for consideration, please submit a title, abstract and co-authors to bkgoodrich@ucdavis.edu. Abstract submissions are due January 8, 2021.

Small Grant Call for Proposals: SPIA

The CGIAR Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) is now proposing small grants (\$5,000) for graduate students and early-career researchers, for studies on agricultural innovations in Ethiopia. The submission of proposals that build on the Ethiopian Socioeconomic Survey (ESS) and the recently released SPIA [synthesis report](#) "Shining a Brighter Light: Comprehensive Evidence on Adoption and Diffusion of CGIAR-Related Innovations in Ethiopia" is encouraged.

Supplementary materials of interest, including the ESS4 questionnaires, can be [accessed online](#).

Proposals should be sent to SPIA (spia@cgiar.org) no later than 9am CET, on Tuesday December 15, 2020.

[Register online](#)

November 18- Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar

The seminar will be held on Wednesdays at 11 am Central US time.

The next seminar will be held on November 18, 2020 with Andrew W. Stevens from University of Wisconsin.

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

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor: Renmin University of China

The Department of Environmental and Resource Economics at Renmin University of China invites applicants for multiple tenure-tracked positions at all professorship levels. Successful candidates should hold a Ph.D. degree in Economics, Applied Economics, or a closely related field by August 2021. They are seeking candidates with research interests in environmental and resource economics, urban economics, and macroeconomics, on topics including but not limited to pollution control, non-market valuation, resource conservation, energy and climate change, green development, and green finance.

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Assistant Professor: University of British Columbia

The University of British Columbia in Vancouver, British Columbia seeks applicants for five tenure-track positions at the level of Assistant Professor in the thematic area of restoring and conserving global biodiversity. The Faculty of Science, together with the Faculties of Arts, Forestry, and Land and Food Systems, is sponsoring this unique cluster hire, which builds on existing excellence in this area at UBC. The new hires will join an interdisciplinary research and scholarship team at UBC focused on solutions-oriented approaches to biodiversity loss and its connection to sustainability and adaptive capacity for humanity.

The Assistant Professor position in the Human Dimensions of Biodiversity Conservation will be a joint hire in the Institute for Resources, Environment, and Sustainability (IRES) in the Faculty of Science and the Food and Resource Economics Program (FRE) in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems. The successful candidate will be expected to develop an independent research program and contribute to undergraduate and graduate teaching, mentoring and academic service across these departments.

They seek an economist or quantitative social scientist investigating how individual and collective behavior affects biodiversity outcomes and vice versa. The candidate should have strong quantitative skills in one or more of the following areas: econometrics, causal data analysis, integration and analysis of large datasets, social and behavioral field experiments, spatial statistics, and other commensurate approaches.

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Postdoctoral Research Associate: University of Georgia

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics and the Institute for Resilient Infrastructure Systems at the University of Georgia are hiring for a 2-year, renewable postdoctoral research position. The individual hired will work as part of a highly interdisciplinary team researching Nature-based solutions (NBS) in riverine and coastal systems. The project is funded by, and conducted in partnership with, the United States Army Corp of Engineers – Engineer Research and Development Center (USACE-ERDC) and approaches NBS as complex adaptive systems. The postdoc will be under the direct supervision of Drs. Susana Ferreira and Craig Landry but will work with the broader team to co-develop and direct research related to economic and social aspects of NBS, including ecosystem service valuation; integrated assessment of NBS infrastructure projects; decision making under risk, uncertainty and ambiguity; and coupled human-natural systems.

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Senior Data Analyst: IPUMS

IPUMS seek one or more senior data analysts to join their diverse team of research and technology professionals. Candidates with strong quantitative social science backgrounds who have developed higher-level data management skills that can augment those of the existing team are encouraged to apply.

Senior data analysts may work across IPUMS data collections, but current openings are for work on IPUMS International and secondarily Global Health Surveys. IPUMS International is the world's largest collection of population data, with over one billion person records from several hundred census samples and household surveys. The census and survey data come to IPUMS in a wide variety of formats that must be standardized before the well-developed IPUMS technical processes can be implemented. The global health surveys are less heterogeneous in terms of format but pose significant challenges due to their large number of variables, complex questionnaires, and quantity of metadata.

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Extension Agricultural Economist: K-State

The Kansas Farm Management Association (KFMA) South Central is seeking applicants to fill the role of an Extension Agricultural Economist. The responsibilities of an Extension Agricultural Economist are varied but center around providing education and consultation to KFMA member farms in the area of farm business management. KFMA Economists strive to provide cooperating farms with resources to make informed financial, production, and tax management decisions.

KFMA SC works with farm families in an 11 county area. Principal crops are wheat, corn, soybeans, and grain sorghum. Livestock enterprises in SC Kansas are primarily focused on beef production. Average farm size is 1,850 crop acres.

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Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

Friday, November 20

10:30-12:00 pm

Haseeb Ali, PhD Program, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, will present "Food Price Disparities in Africa: The Role of Borders, Geography and Roads."

Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch

Tuesday, November 17

12:00 p.m.

Melissa Hardy, Penn State University, "Social Structure and Locus of Control Across the Life Course"

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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