

MARGINAL MEMOS

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Announcements

18th Annual MIEDC: Call for Papers

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.

We invite you to submit a paper or propose a session to present at the conference. The deadline for submissions is January 6, 2020. Submissions will be evaluated by a scientific committee and acceptances will be notified by early February.

For more information and to submit a paper, please visit our website, <https://mwiedc.org>.

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](#)

December 2- 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 December 2, 2020 with Jonathan Colmer from the University of Virginia.

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

Demographer: State of Minnesota

The MN State Demographic Center (SDC), part of the MN Department of Administration, is the main provider of demographic data and analysis for the state. The Center creates yearly population estimates and long-term projections each decade, and analyzes and distributes data from the federal government and other sources to monitor key trends. The State Demographic Center serves as a liaison to the U.S. Census Bureau and as a resource to Minnesotans to find the demographic data they need to make smart decisions. The Center is located in the Centennial Office Building near the Capitol in St. Paul.

In this position you will assist the State Demographer in carrying out the duties and responsibilities set forth in the enabling legislation by assuming the responsibility for developing, producing and reviewing small area population and household estimates required for the distribution of state aids. You will write demographic reports to help Minnesota's leaders understand how the state's population is changing and the impact of those changes. You will also work with the U.S. Census Bureau and its national networks to improve the quality of census data.

[Apply online](#)

Research Trainee: Kansas State University

Kansas State University is recruiting this year for prospective M.S. and Ph.D. students for National Science Foundation Research Traineeships (NRT) to work at the food, energy, and water nexus. Students interested in economic issues at the intersection of production agriculture and resources and the environment are an excellent fit for the program. The program is interdisciplinary and includes the fields of Agricultural Economics, Biological & Agricultural Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Sociology. We prepare future leaders to solve the grand challenges of creating sustainable food, energy, and water systems in rural communities. One perk is that trainees receive a generous stipend (\$34,000 per year; 1-year at the Master's level, 2-years at the PhD level with continued GTA/GRA support from the department after that) plus full tuition. The stipend does require U.S. citizenship, permanent residency, or green card status.

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Assistant Professor: Purdue

The Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking an academic-year tenure-track faculty member to develop a nationally-recognized program of scholarly research and teaching in quantitative methods.

The successful applicant will contribute to the development and application of frontier tools in quantitative methods used across the Department's areas of strength, including applied economics, finance, marketing, international trade and development, industrial organization, environment and natural resources. Teaching responsibilities for the position include core PhD training in

optimization, as well as the opportunity to develop course(s) in quantitative techniques of value to graduate students such as simulation, mathematical programming, machine learning, and decision analysis. The successful candidate is expected to conduct scholarly research employing frontier quantitative methods, publish in high-impact peer reviewed journals, mentor graduate students, and secure external funding to support their research program.

The successful candidate will have the opportunity to conduct research in collaboration with five dynamic centers housed in the Department and working in the areas of agribusiness, commercial agricultural, international trade, and rural development.

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International Trade Analyst: U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington D.C.

The mission of the Office of Industries includes responsibility for identifying, developing, maintaining, and analyzing pertinent qualitative and quantitative information on trade and economic matters relating to the competitive posture of the United States and other countries in the agriculture, manufactured goods, and service industries. You will be assigned to multi-disciplinary teams working on a variety of projects and products.

As an International Trade Analyst (Agriculture), you will independently perform research, analysis, and project management, which address mission elements critical to agency objectives; provide technical guidance on the most appropriate methods of analysis regarding international trade and competitiveness of assigned agricultural industries; serve as a member of panels and special studies; and furnish advice relative to the commodities and industries supported.

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Seminars in other departments

Federal Bag Lunch

Tuesday, November 24

12:00 p.m.

Hannes Malmberg, University of Minnesota, "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

Levins, Richard A. 2020. "Can We Reinvent Policies for Small Dairy Farms?" *Hoard's Dairyman*, November, 687.

Reinhardt, Jason R., Matthew B. Russell, and William F. Lazarus. 2020. "Prioritizing Invasive Forest Plant Management Using Multi-Criteria Decision Analysis in Minnesota, USA." *Forests* 11 (11): 1213. <https://doi.org/10.3390/f11111213>.

Weir, R. 2020. "Market Trends in Food Consumption Expenditures Away From Home Prior to the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Undergraduate Economic Review* 17(1), Article 6. <https://digitalcommons.iwu.edu/uer/vol17/iss1/6/>



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