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### Announcements

#### Webinar- Challenges in COVID Vaccine Allocation & Distribution

Friday, January 8, 2021

Noon-1:30p.m. Central time

Challenges in COVID Vaccine Allocation & Distribution will address how to identify priority groups for vaccine allocation, advance population health and equity, meet the real-world challenges of vaccine distribution, and address vaccine hesitancy.

Audience members will be able to ask questions of our multidisciplinary panelists; this webinar is free and open to the public.

Moderated by Prof. Susan Wolf, Chair of the Consortium on Law and Values, and Dr. Michael Osterholm, who was recently named to President-elect Biden's Covid-19 advisory board, the webinar will also feature:

\*Dr. Helene Gayle, President & CEO of The Chicago Community Trust, who co-chaired the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine working group that produced the Framework for Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus.

\*Kristen Ehresmann, RN, MPH, Director, Infectious Disease Epidemiology, Prevention and Control Division, Minnesota Department of Health, and

\*Helen Branswell, Senior Writer, Infectious Disease, STAT.

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#### January 21- Online Agricultural and Resource Economics Seminar

The Spring 2021 seminars will be held on Thursdays\* (\*note day change) at 11 am Central US time.

The next seminar will be held on January 21, 2021 with Laura Schechter from the

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

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In this role, the Economist will analyze available data and information in the electric and natural gas industries to effectively monitor and advise on market structure, conduct, and performance. The Economist analyzes the structure and operation of the markets to identify anomalies, inefficient market rules, tariff and rule violations, and other unusual market behavior as well as significant market events and trends. The Economist collaborates with other analysts to develop regulatory strategies and policies, focusing on the competitiveness, fairness, and efficiency of wholesale energy markets. To carry out these duties, the Economist must develop knowledge of energy market dynamics and industry practices, a mastery of analytic and evaluative methods including quantitative approaches, and an understanding of Commission policies and initiatives.

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The School of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences at St. Catherine University invites applications for a full-time, 1-year, Visiting Assistant Professor position. This position is within the Economics and Political Science Department and is scheduled to begin in the Fall term of 2021. The assistant professor will reach the equivalent of six undergraduate courses during the academic year. They will be expected to teach an introductory statistics course and other courses to be determined based on expertise and department needs and communicate respectfully and build relationships of trust with people of all cultures and abilities, affirming the worth and preserving the dignity of individuals, families, and communities. They will monitor and assess student-learning outcomes and provide timely and frequent feedback to students on academic performance.

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