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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.

[Register now](#)

#### 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

### Resource Management Specialist: Department of Agriculture, Washington D.C.

The position is located within the Climate Change Program Office (CCPO), Office of Energy and Environmental Policy (OEEP), Office of Chief Economist (OCE), U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The CCPO coordinates agricultural, rural, and forestry-related climate change program and policy issues across USDA.

This position will serve as a Natural Resource Specialist that provides coordination functions across the ten USDA Regional Climate Hubs. For a full description of responsibilities, please click the "Apply online" button below.

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### Assistant/Associate Economist: University of Wisconsin-Madison

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison seeks a full time (9-month), tenure-track faculty member at the rank of Assistant or Associate Professor with research, teaching and outreach interests in dairy economics and/or dairy agribusiness. This position is supported by the Dairy Innovation Hub in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (<https://dairyinnovationhub.wisc.edu/>).

The successful candidate will be expected to conduct nationally recognized research on economic and agribusiness topics relevant to the U.S. and Wisconsin dairy supply chain, from farmers to consumers, including dairy markets and policy. Additional duties include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses (two courses per year) and advising graduate and undergraduate students. The position does not include an Extension appointment but has expectations for industry outreach through the Dairy Innovation Hub.

For full consideration please submit applications by February 1, 2021. Applications must be received through UW-Madison's online application system. Email [Prof. Paul Mitchell](#) with position-related questions.

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### Research Technologist: University of Nebraska-Lincoln

This two-year position will support NDMC faculty and staff by applying qualitative and quantitative social science skills in conducting research and public engagement activities related to drought monitoring, risk assessment and planning. A particular focus will be on understanding social vulnerability to drought. Specific duties include conducting literature reviews and interviews, basic statistical analysis, meeting facilitation, report writing and maintaining communication with stakeholders for a variety of projects, as needed. Employee will assist with the organization and preparation of materials for meetings, workshops and conferences conducted by the NDMC at local, state, national and international levels. Employee will attend and make technical presentations at public engagements as appropriate, which may include international travel.

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### Assistant Professor: University of Virginia

The University of Virginia's interdisciplinary program in Global Studies invites applications for a three-year general faculty position in the Global Environments + Sustainability concentration. The successful applicant will be appointed at the assistant professor level and will be responsible for teaching six undergraduate courses per year. We welcome applicants from all disciplines with experience in the teaching, research, and practice of sustainability related to global environmental challenges, such as climate change, biodiversity loss, urbanization, and environmental policy.

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### Analyst in Agricultural Policy: Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

The Resources, Science and Industry Division of the Congressional Research Service seeks an Analyst in Agricultural Policy. The analyst will address agricultural issues related to rural economic development, especially U.S. Department of Agriculture programs affecting rural America, including those related to rural utilities and expanding broadband deployment and access in rural America. The Resources, Science and Industry Division of the Congressional Research Service is seeking an Analyst in Agricultural Policy. The analyst will possess knowledge of the theories, concepts, principles, issues, and/or practices of rural economic development issues, especially U.S. Department of Agriculture programs affecting rural America. This includes those related to rural utilities and expanding broadband deployment and access in rural America. This includes knowledge of the history, trends, and current status of agricultural policy and interrelationships of federal programs and policies with the positions of key state, industry, academic, and

nongovernmental stakeholders. The ideal candidate will demonstrate ability to develop expertise in new areas.

This position requires the ability to utilize analytical methods and techniques to analyze policy issues for the U.S. Congress. Applicants should be comfortable with quantitative approaches in research and familiar with policy related to economic issues affecting rural America, including the role of various U.S. Department of Agriculture programs related to rural development and rural utilities. Strong writing and presentation skills, including the ability to synthesize complex analyses into easy-to-understand language for a non-technical audience, are required.

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## Departmental Publications

Baker, Lauri, Michaela Kandzer, Shelli Rampold, Christy Chiarelli, Hikaru Peterson, and Ashley McLeod-Morin. 2020. "Agriculture and Natural Resources Business Owners Economic and Communication Concerns Early in the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Advancements in Agricultural Development* 1 (3): 95–110. <https://doi.org/10.37433/aad.v1i3.83>.

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