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Marginal Memos

Volume 58, Number 05; January 21, 2016
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Calendar

- January 21: Pizza lunch with Dean Buhr, 11:30 am, Waite Library
- January 22: Faculty Meeting at 1:30 pm, room 119

Opportunities

Call for Papers- Students are encouraged to prepare a White Paper for the OIRA (Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs) teaching module. Questions and topics are available [here](#). Submit your paper to commons@thecre.com

Invitation to Meetings with Monsanto Scientists, Thursday February 25

On Thursday, February 25, a group of scientists from Monsanto Headquarters in St. Louis will be visiting the University of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus. Two events will be held to facilitate discussions. Group meetings have been scheduled for 1:45pm in:

- 101 Hayes Hall
- 401 Hayes Hall
- 408 Hayes Hall

The second opportunity to interact with Monsanto personnel will be held in room 306 Borlaug Hall from 3:15-4:30 on February 25. If you would like to attend or have questions, please contact [Donald Wyse](#).

Jobs

Economist

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has an open economist position in the Air Economics Group (AEG) of the Health and Environmental Impacts Division, in the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards located in Durham, NC. This position will open on January 20, 2016 on the OPM website (www.usajobs.gov) for all U.S. Citizens, no prior Federal experience required, and will close on January 26, 2016. This position is advertised at the GS-12 level under the Economist (0110) job series with promotion potential to GS-13. Please contact Darryl Weatherhead via email at weatherhead.darryl@epa.gov with additional questions.

Prior experience conducting-cost benefit analysis using economic and environmental models is preferred, though not required. Individuals should be able to work in a multi-disciplinary team setting and be able to manage many different tasks. Problem solving and communication skills are essential as we are often faced with unique challenges,

including lack of data and inadequacy of existing methods. AEG works with professionals within the government, academic and private sectors, including university faculty and non-profit researchers.

Post Doctoral Researcher

The EPG has received a grant to analyze the banks' role in enabling or constraining the diffusion of and innovation in new energy technologies in developing countries. The successful candidate will be responsible for carrying out the research in this project, potentially supported by PhD and master's students. Relevant disciplinary fields for this project include, but are not limited to: finance, economics, public policy, and development or innovation studies.

Requirements

You hold a PhD in one of the aforementioned disciplines or a related social science. Your academic record underlines your ability to publish in top-ranked journals in the fields of economics, finance, public policy, or development/innovation studies. Your working style is team-oriented and you have strong communication skills. You are highly proficient in English; German is not necessary but is an additional asset. Proficiency in an additional language, particularly one spoken in the developing world, is desirable.

Your application should include a letter of motivation, your CV with the contact details of two referees, your publication list, a research proposal giving an overview of your research interests and plans (max 5 pages), and a sample of your work. Please send your complete documents by email to: Tobias Schmidt, Professor of Energy Politics, ETH Zurich, tobiasschmidt@ethz.ch

More information about the group is available at www.epg.ethz.ch. The review of applications will start on February 15, 2016. The position will remain open until filled.

Seminars

[Occupational Choice and Return to Skills: Evidence from the NLSY79 and O*Net](#)

Friday, January 22, 2016

12:30-2:00 pm Carlson L-126

Juan Chaparro, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

"Gender Inequality in the Life Cycle. The Effect of Parenthood on the Division of Unpaid Work"

Monday, January 25, 2016

12:15-1:15 pm MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

[Joan Garcia Roman](#)

"Exploring Attribution and Risk Adjustment"

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

12:15-1:15pm, 2-250 Moos Tower

Rob Krieger, PhD, Research Associate and Doug Wholey, PhD, Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management

"Understanding How to Stop Wood Decay Without Toxins: How Acetylation Works"

Friday, January 29, 2016

2:00pm, 365 Borlaug Hall

Christopher G. Hunt, PhD, Research Chemist, USDA Forest Products Laboratory

Departmental Publications

Bellemare, Marc F.. "Farmers markets and food-borne illness." IN:*New York Times*, Sunday Review, January 15, 2016. [Available online](#)

Brown, M.E.; Antle, J.M.; Backlund, P.; Carr, E.R.; Easterling, W.E.; Walsh, M.K.; Ammann, C.; Attavanich, W.; Barrett, C.B.; **Bellemare, M.F.**; Dancheck, V.; Fund, C.; Grace, K.; Ingram, J.S.I.; Jiang, H.; Maletta, H.; Mata, T.; Murray, A.; Ngugi, M.; Ojima, D.; O'Neill, B.; Tebaldi, C. "Climate change, global food security, and the U.S. food system." U.S. Global Change Research Program. December 2015. [Available online](#)

New Additions to Waite

Microeconomic theory: basic principles and extensions, 11th ed., Walter Nicholson and Christopher Snyder, Mason, OH: South-Western, Cengage Learning, 2012.
Call number: 338.5 N530 2012

Determining the economic value of water: concepts and methods, Robert A. Young and John B. Loomis, Washington, D.C.: Resources for the Future, 2014.
Call number: 333.91 Y69 2014

Water: the epic struggle for wealth, power, and civilization, Steven Solomon, New York, NY: HarperCollins Publishers, 2010.
Call number: 553.7 S65 2010

The Great Lakes water wars, Peter Annin, Washington, D.C: Island Press, 2006.
Call number: 333.91 A55 2006

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Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, February 5, 2016, 4:15pm; Waite Library
- The Food Industry Center (TFIC) Luncheon Series
 Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.
 Room 202, St. Paul Student Center
 *Complimentary buffet lunch starting at 11:30

Mary Wilcox, Vice President of Business Development, Midwest Dairy Association will discuss: "Consumer Trends/Nutrition/Product Research Trends Around Protein and Clean/Clear Labels." Please register for this event [here](#) by February 19.

Announcements

Graduate Student Commencement Ceremony

CFANS will be holding a commencement ceremony for graduate students, family and friends on May 6, 2016 on the St. Paul Campus in the North Star Ballroom. A reception will follow immediately.

Registration is now open and must be completed by March 4, 2016. Those who register after March 4, 2016 are welcome to participate, but will not be included in the program.

For more information and to register, visit: <http://cfans.umn.edu/academics/grad-resources/commencement>

Congratulations, Grads!

Phil Pardey and Jason Beddow win award for paper in the *Journal of Economic History*

Congratulations to Professor Phil Pardey and Jason Beddow for winning one of the Australian Agricultural and Resource Economics Society (AARES) research awards for their paper, "[Moving Matters](#)," published in the *Journal of Economic History*.

Jobs

Agricultural Economist

The Economic Research Service (ERS) seeks a commodity analyst to lead a national outlook program for wheat and dry pulse crop markets. They will serve as a Senior Economist who independently designs and delivers a market outlook and analysis program, including applied research on emerging economic and policy issues that impact these sectors.

For more information on the position, including requirements and how to apply, [click here](#). Closing date is Tuesday, February 8.

Post- Doctoral Fellow

Michigan State University seeks a Community Behavioral Health Research Associate for an initiative by the four Regional Rural Development Centers in conjunction with the US Department of Health and Human Services and the US Department of Agriculture.

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development is seeking a post-doctoral fellow who can actively engage with the NCRCD advisory board, land-grant university administrators, faculty and Extension staff to develop and disseminate curriculum and to write refereed journal articles in the areas of: innovations diffusion for rural development, sustainable communities, leadership development and entrepreneurial communities.

For complete details and to apply go to:

http://ncrcrd.msu.edu/ncrcrd/north_central_state_postings1

Foreign Affairs Officer (Trainee)

The Department of Agriculture, Foreign Agricultural Service is seeking a Foreign Service Officer Trainee who will be responsible for participating in development of their training plan, attending and performing work as directed by the supervisor, and working toward developing a strong FAS knowledge base and learning job related skills. The training period may be up to four years.

In order to qualify for the GS-11 level based on education, applicants must have successfully completed at least three full years of progressively higher level graduate education leading to a Ph.D. degree in agricultural marketing, economics, agricultural or applied economics, agricultural business, or another field of study directly related to the position.

To apply please visit: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/427788000>

Post- Doctoral Fellow

The University of Michigan Energy Institute is hiring a post-doctoral fellow to support research with the US EPA on reducing greenhouse gas emissions from transportation. The successful candidate will contribute to this research, assist in supervising and integrating masters-level graduate student projects, and publish policy analysis papers on this topic. Applicants should have expertise in engineering and economics based mathematical modeling and an ability to apply such tools to energy and climate policy analysis for the transportation sector.

To apply, submit a letter of interest, CV, 2-3 published papers and contact information for three references through the [University of Michigan jobs portal](#) no later than March 1, 2016.

Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

The Impact of a Community Development and Poverty Reduction Program on Early Childhood Development in Morocco

Caroline Krafft, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, St. Catherine University
Friday, February 5
10:30-12:00p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

In Morocco, where issues of inequality and poverty are high on the national agenda, a community development program, the National Initiative for Human Development (INDH), targeted high-poverty areas for additional investments. This presentation examines whether, in addition to reducing poverty, such programs can also promote human development, specifically early childhood development.

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

The Derivation of Discount Rates with an Augmented Measure of Income

Nicholas Mueller, Associate Professor of Economics, Middlebury College and NBER

Monday, February 8

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

This presentation will explore the implications of augmented measures of income and growth for discounting.

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center- Inequality & Methods Workshop

Efficient Identification of Heterogeneous Treatment Effects in Randomized Experiments via Anomalous Pattern Detection

Edward McFowland III (Business)

Friday, February 5, 2016

12:15-1:30 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

Commuter Couples and Careers: Gender Asymmetric Correlates of a Shared Personal Sacrifice

Marta Murray Close, Department of Economics, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Monday, February 8, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

Conservation Biology Seminar Series

What's the Buzz About Native Bees?

Crystal Boyd, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Monday, February 8, 2016

4:00-5:00 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

Health Policy & Management

Patient Involvement in Decision- Making and Use of Cesarean Delivery

Laura Attanasio, Ph.D. Candidate, University of Minnesota, Division of Health Policy and Management

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower

CHRLS Seminar Series

Genotypic Function and the Nature and Effects of Organizational Affective Tone

Andrew Knight, Assistant Professor of Organizational Behavior, Washington University

Friday, February 12, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

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Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, February 12, 2016, 4:15pm; [Stout's Pub](#)
- Mark your calendars! The annual International Dinner will take place on April 15th. More details forthcoming.
- Wednesday, February 17th, 8:00 a.m., B26 Ruttan Hall. Bagel breakfast hosted by our new undergraduate student activity coordinators Becca Steen and Carmen Kryzer. Stop on down for a quick bite to start your day off right.

Announcements

New Economic Talent 2016 Competition

Students are invited to participate in the 2016 international competition, open to bachelor's and master's students in any field as well as recent graduates (up to one year after graduation). The competition has two rounds and selected finalists are invited to present their paper in Prague. Submit a complete paper in English on a topic in any sub-field of Economics, broadly defined. Submission deadline is March 15, 2016. For more detailed information visit www.cerge-ei.cz/talent.

Vernon W. Ruttan Lecture on Science and Development Policy

Tuesday, February 23, 2016
 2:00pm, Cargill room 105

Hans Binswager-Mkhize, Professor, University of Pretoria and China Agricultural University is the featured speaker. The lecture is free and open to the public. Please register at: <https://cfans.wufoo.com/forms/z11wxcza16vnxgh/> for planning purposes.

For more information about the Ruttan Lecture Series, visit <http://www.instepp.umn.edu/about-us/events/ruttan-lectures>

Opportunities

CIFAP Call for Proposals

The Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy (CIFAP) is looking to fund a limited number of research projects by graduate students and faculty. Individual awards are not to exceed \$10,000 (\$15,000) for graduate students (faculty), are to be spent within on calendar year of notification of funding . Researchers are also encouraged to apply together as a team, in which case the funding limit per research project is not to exceed the sum of individual funding allowances. For more information on how to submit

a proposal, [visit our website](#)

MPC Summer Diversity Fellowship Program

The MCP is now recruiting students for the MPC's Summer Diversity Fellowship Program. This fellowship is designed to help recruit undergraduate or graduate students to work on its U.S. or international demographic data resources. Projects and units with openings include: Terra Populus, IPUMS-International, MCP Information Technology, and a faculty-led research project with Carolyn Liebler on race in America.

More information on potential project details is available at: <http://z.umn.edu/127u> .

Submission deadline is February 29, 2016.

Graduate Scholarships for MS Environmental Policy, Asia- Focus, at The Bard Center for Environmental Policy

This generous scholarship opportunity is available for graduate study in the MS Environmental Policy and MS Social Climate Science and Policy programs at the Bard Center for Environmental Policy. Students must be nationals of China, Japan, or Korea. For a complete description of these scholarships and to get information on application, visit the [Applied Economics Student Network on LinkedIn](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

Childhood Obesity Among the Poor in Peru: Are There Implications for Cognitive Outcomes?

Suzanne L. Wisniewski, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of St. Thomas

Friday, February 12

10:30-12:00p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

This paper exploits three rounds of panel data provided by the Peruvian dataset of the Young Lives study to investigate the relationship of child obesity on cognitive outcomes, measured by the Picture Peabody Vocabulary Test.

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

Hopeful Prospects: How to Achieve Conservation and Development in 2050

Steve Polasky and Peter Hawthorne, Department of Applied Economics and Institute on the Environment

Monday, February 15

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center- Inequality & Methods Workshop

Peer Effects in the workplace: Experimental Evidence from Malawi

Jason Kerwin (with Lasse Brune and Eric Chyn)

Friday, February 12, 2016

12:15-1:30 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

What's Not on The Map (and What That Means for Intelligent Technologies)

Brent Hecht; University of Minnesota, Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Monday, February 15, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

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Genotypic Function and the Nature and Effects of Organizational Affective Tone

Andrew Knight, Assistant Professor of Organizational Behavior, Washington University

Friday, February 12, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Human Capital Research Collaborative: Brown Bag Research Seminar

Rural/Urban Differences that Emerge Early in the Life Course: Maternity Care and Child Care

Katy Kozhimannil and Carrie Henning-Smith; University of Minnesota, School of Public Health

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

12:00-1:00 p.m., Humphrey School of Public Affairs, room 205|

Health Policy & Management

RWJF Interdisciplinary Research Leaders: A New National Research and Training Program

Sarah Gollust and Ezra Golberstein, Division of Health Policy and Management and

Michael Oakes, Division of Epidemiology and Community Health

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower

Jobs

Postdoctoral Research Associate

The University of Nevada is seeking a full-time Postdoctoral Research Associate position for a National Science Foundation/ USDA NIFA funded Water Sustainability in Snow-Fed Arid Land Rive System grant (Water for Seasons project). Based in the Department of Economics, the successful candidate will conduct research related to analysis of decision-making by agricultural producers, operators of water utilities, regional water managers, and at a policy/institutional level.

For more information and to apply for this position visit:

<https://www.unrsearch.com/postings/19888>

Assistant Professor

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness is seeking and Assistant Professor. The successful candidate will be expected to contribute to the internationally recognized research program, teach undergraduate and graduate programs and maintain and enhance the Arkansas Global Rice Economics Program. The successful candidate will have a 20% teaching appointment and will be encouraged to work with other departmental faculty on outreach activities. To apply for this position please visit:

<http://jobs.uark.edu:80/postings/11490>

National Program Leader

The National Institute of Food and Agriculture is in search of a National Program Leader. This position involves supporting and leading research to enhance the development of rural entrepreneurship; enhance technology transfer from colleges, universities and other research laboratories to rural enterprises; develop new and creative economic or social opportunities to enhance rural community vitality; evaluate the institutional, sociological, or economic factors affecting decision making and application of technology; and promote the adoption of private strategies and public policy options to enhance investments in rural businesses and communities.

The closing date for this announcement is February 25th. [Click here to apply.](#)

FAO is on a hiring binge! Feel free to view all of the open positions here:

<http://www.fao.org/employment/vacancies/professional/en/>

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Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, February 19, 2016, 4:15pm; [The Dubliner](#)
- Faculty meeting, Friday, February 19th, LUNCH to be served at 12:30 p.m., followed by meeting. 119 Ruttan Hall.
- The Food Industry Center (TFIC) Luncheon Series: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.



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Announcements

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Hans Binswager-Mkhize, Professor, University of Pretoria and China Agricultural University is the featured speaker. The lecture is free and open to the public. Please register [here](#).

For more information about the Ruttan Lecture Series, [visit our website](#).

Opportunities

Call for Proposals

The 2016 North Central Region Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program (NCR-SARE) Graduate Student Grant Call for Proposals is [now available online](#).

Graduate students enrolled at colleges or universities in the North Central region can

submit proposals for up to \$12,000 to fund sustainable agriculture projects that will be part of their educational programs. Proposals must be completely submitted to the online system by 4:00p.m. CDT, on April 14, 2016.

Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

The Localization of Processed Food Products Over Time

Andrew Cassey, School of Economic Sciences, Washington State University

Friday, February 19

10:30-12:00p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Andrew will present on if there are changes in the industrial localization of processed food products industries over time, documenting that localization of processed food industries has not changed over time in the United States despite changes in demographics, transportation costs, the importance of manufacturing to the economy and unionization rates.

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Wednesday, February 24

Hans P. Binswanger-Mkhize, Professor, University of Pretoria and China Agricultural University

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center- Inequality & Methods Workshop

A brief introduction to social network analysis: From descriptives to statistical inference.

Zack Almquist (Sociology/Statistics)

Friday, February 19, 2016

12:15-1:30 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

CHRLS Seminar Series



What's the Matter with Leadership: A Polemic and Agenda

Tim Judge, Franklin D. Schurz Professor of Management, University of Notre Dame

Friday, February 19, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Jobs

Climate Change Faculty Positions

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) is seeking to fill two faculty positions for its newly launched interdisciplinary [research program on Climate Change](#). The program focuses on building an interdisciplinary understanding of the

challenges to and solutions for achieving low-carbon, local environment-friendly and equitable development in India and South Asia.

The applicant may have a background in any area of economics, engineering, urban planning, environmental science, public policy, political science, development studies or related field. Ph.D. and at least two year research experience required.

To apply, email your CV, names and contact information of three references, a concise and clear proposal (five pages) and a letter describing your professional goals and interests to:

The HR Officer

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment

Royal Enclave, Srirampura, Jakkur P.O. Bangalore 560 064

hr@atree.org

Post Doctoral Research Opportunity

Economic Incentives for Stormwater Management, Environmental Control and Climate Change Resilience. Seeking a qualified economist or suitably trained scientist to join the research team. Someone with a degree in another social science or ecology with a good background in microeconomics would be seriously considered. For more information on this position, including how to apply [visit the website](#).

Post Doctoral Research Associate

The Environmental Change Initiative at the University of Notre Dame seeks a Postdoctoral Research Associate to join their Notre Dame Global Adaptation Project. The successful candidate will engage an interdisciplinary group of faculty to advance the understanding of climate change adaptation. A variety of research projects are possible, depending on the expertise of the selected candidate, but emphasis should be on advancing knowledge of how adaptation to climate pressures impact the human condition.

For more information about the position, contact [Patrick Regan](#). To apply, send a cover letter, CV and names of three reference in one PDF file to [this email address](#).

Assistant/Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics

Illinois State University is hiring an Assistant/Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics. Educational background in agribusiness, agricultural economics or closely related discipline. Candidates must have completed a doctorate or reasonably expect to complete by May 15, 2016.

To assure full consideration, apply online to posting number 0707368 on the [University of Illinois job website](#). and send a letter of application, full vitae including transcripts, and contact information for three references to:

Mrs. Kathy Scott, Administrative Assistant to the Chair

Campus Box 5020

Illinois State University

Normal, IL 61790

Summer Intern at ERS

The Economic Research Service is seeking summer interns; a great way for graduate and undergraduate students to gain valuable research experience working on a variety of agricultural research topics, not to mention exploring the wonder of summer in DC!

These positions require individuals with a solid foundation in economic theory and strong quantitative skills; experience with data collection, econometric analysis, data base management and/or mathematical programming and models; and good communication skills.

Application information can be found [here](#). The closing date to apply is February 22, 2016.

Departmental Publications

Trenz, Helen Markelova. 2015. *The price is right: Examining demand for medical care in the presence of deductibles.* Ph.D. Dissertation, University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics. [Available online.](#)

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Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, February 26, 2016, 4:15pm; [Stout's Pub](#)

Announcements

- Applied Economics alumni, Andi Carlson was awarded USDA Economist Group's Economist of the Year Award! (see right) Andi is an economist in the Food Markets Branch of the Food Economics Division. Andi received her Ph.D. in 1999.



- How can Economics explain Politics? [This article](#) uses Game Theory to show just how that can be done.
- In Case You Missed It: [Dr. Phil Pardey named one of AAAS 2015 Fellows](#) The tradition of electing AAAS Fellows began in 1874 to recognize members for their scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Congratulations, Dr. Pardey!



AAAS Fellow Rosette

Opportunities

iCOMOS

The International Conference on One Medicine One Science is hosting its third workshop on Wednesday, April 27 from 8:30-4:30 p.m.. The topic will be "Big Data- The Language

and Future of OMOS"

In addition, iCOMOS will be holding its second International Conference hosted at the University of Minnesota, April 24-27 at The Commons Hotel on the Minneapolis Campus. Register before the early deadline of April 5, 2016. For more information on the conference, including submitting abstracts and registration, [visit the website](#).

Job Shadow Opportunity

The Scoular Company still has space available for the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities job Shadow program. The day and a half program exposes students to the day to day experiences of a commodity merchandiser and allows them to ask questions and learn about a potential merchandising career.

The University of Minnesota Job Shadow takes place on March 22-23. On the evening of the 22nd, selected students will join Scoular leaders for dinner and networking in downtown Minneapolis. On the 23rd, students will actually get to shadow different merchandisers and learn about their businesses, as well as visit a transload site.

To apply, send a copy of your resume to ksullivan@scoular.com

Departmental Seminars

Trade & Development Seminar

Do You Really Know the Income of Your Spouse?

Friday, February 26

Adan Silverio-Murillo, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

10:30-12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

From Fossil Fuels to Renewables: The Role of Electricity Storage.

Monday, February 29

Itziar Lazkano, Assistant Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Wednesday, March 2

Carlo Azzari, Research Associate, Minnesota Population Center

12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center- Inequality & Methods Workshop

Lifetime Suicide Risk in a Representative Cohort of World War 1 Returned Soldiers

Evan Roberts (Sociology/MPC)

Friday, February 26, 2016

12:15-1:30 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

Ecology, Evolution and Biology Seminar

Global Policy in an Era of Global Change: Paris and Beyond

Dr. Elizabeth Wilson and Dr. Stephen Polasky, University of Minnesota

Friday, February 26, 2016

12:00 p.m., 150 Ecology Building

Minnesota Population Center

Plant and Animal Migration Under Climate Change and Opportunities for Adaptation through Natural Resource Management

Jessica Hellman, University of Minnesota, Institute on the Environment
Monday, February 29, 2016
12:15-1:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

Conservation Biology Seminar Series

Land Conservation: Setting Priorities for Protection and Restoration

Karen Schik and Tom Lewanski, Senior Ecologist and Conservation Director, Friends of the Mississippi River

Monday, February 29, 2016
4:00-5:00 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

Jobs

Assistant Professor

The University of St. Andrews is hiring an Assistant Professor position in Environmental Economics with the Department of Geography and Sustainable Development. Ideally, this candidate would have interests and expertise in the fields of sustainable development, growth, and economic geography but researchers from all environmental economics fields are welcome to apply. To find out more about the position and to apply, visit the [job website](#). Closing date is March 11, 2016.

Assistant Professor

Utah State University is seeking applications for a [tenure-track assistant professor position](#) with an Extension appointment in Small Farms and Urban Agriculture. The position role will focus on extension and research related to diverse, small acreage agricultural production systems in the urban environment of the Intermountain West. A Ph.D. in Agroecology, Agronomy, Horticulture, Plant or Soil Science or other closely related fields is required.

Assistant Professor

The School of Forest Resources at the University of Maine is seeking applications for an academic-year, tenure-track Assistant Professor with research interests in the fields of forest, conservation and recreation policy. The position will be 50% research and 50% teaching. For more information and to apply, visit the [University of Maine job website](#).

Postdoctoral Researcher

The Center for Experimental & Applied Economics at the University of Delaware seeks a qualified candidate to serve as a postdoc researcher for two years with the opportunity for renewal thereafter. The successful candidate will focus on applying experimental and behavioral economics to agriculture and environmental issues. This position is connected with the USDA funded national Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-Environmental Research (CBEAR).

Applicants are expected to have strong training and experience with experimental and behavioral economics and its application to agricultural and environmental issues and policy. Strong econometric and statistics skills are preferred. Additionally, the applicant must have strong programming skills that are relevant to economic experiments. A Ph.D. in economics, applied economics or agricultural economics is preferred. To apply, submit via email a cover letter indicating how the position requirements are satisfied, CV, one research paper and three references to [Dr. Kent D. Messer](#), Director of the Center for Experimental and Applied Economics.

Research Lecturer in the Economics of Environmental Change

Oxford University's Environmental Change Institute (ECI) and the School of Geography of the Environment (SoGE) are seeking to appoint a Departmental Research Lecturer. The primary purpose of this position is to conduct research, in collaboration with ECI's research programs, on the economic drivers of and responses to environmental change. For more information and to apply, please click [here](#).

Assistant/Associate Director

Kansas State University is recruiting for an Assistant/Associate Director for USAID Feed the Future Sustainable Intensification Innovation Lab. The Assistant/Associate Director will have 50% management and 50% research commitments. The AD will serve as the administrative officer alongside the Program Director and will oversee the ME in organizing activities to facilitate technical and administrative goals of our program. If you are interested in the position and would like to learn more, you can do so [at this website](#).

Departmental Publications

Hachfeld, Gary A.; Mahnken, Curtis L.; Holcomb, C. Robert; Bau, Dave B.; Berning, Elizabeth R. February 2016. *Unique Multiorganizational Collaborative Proves Effective in Delivering 2014 Farm Bill Education*. Journal of Extension 54(1), #11AW5 [Available online](#).

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Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, March 4, 2016, 4:15pm; Waite Library
- CFANS Research Resource Fair: Wednesday, March 23, 2016. 10:00-2:00 p.m., in the Cargill Building. The Research Resource Fair is a great opportunity for faculty, grad students, post docs, researchers and administrators to learn about campus resources that can support their research. Visit CFANS [Research Resource Fair](#) to find out more.
- The Food Industry Center Luncheon Series: Wednesday, March 30, 2016. 11:30 a.m., room 202 in the St. Paul Student Center. The presentation, "*Udderly Important to Believe in Better*", will be given by Ann Kliethermes, Field Marketing Manager for MSP, fairlife, LLC. [RSVP by March 29.](#)



Anne Kliethermes, MSP, fairlife, LLC

Opportunities

Call for Papers

The 2017 annual winter meeting of the ASSA will be held in Chicago, Illinois on January 6-8, 2017. The AERE Program Committee will organize AERE sessions. The deadline for submission is April 15, 2016 by midnight PDT. All submission should be made via email to:

Katrina Jesse
 University of California, Davis
 Email: kkjessoe@ucdavis.edu
 Subject Line: AERE ASSA--Surname of corresponding author

Departmental Seminars

Graduate Student Seminar Series

Social Capital and the Intergenerational Mobility of Immigrants

Friday, March 4, 2016

Besuf Alemu, Ph.D. Candidate

1:30-2:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Trade & Development Seminar*Medium Term Educational Consequences of Alternative Conditional Cash Transfer Designs: Experimental Evidence from Colombia.*

Friday, March 4, 2016

Felipe Barrera-Osorio, Associate Professor of Education and Economics, Graduate School of Education, Harvard University

10:30-12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar*Implementing the Optimal Provision of Ecosystem Services under Climate Change* (co-author David Lewis, Oregon State University)

Monday, March 7, 2016

Steve Polasky, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Carlo Azzarri, Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).**Seminars in Other Departments****Minnesota Population Center- Inequality & Methods Workshop****Data Visualization Using Excel*

Jon Schwabish (Urban Institute)

Friday, March 4, 2016

9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall

This is a special all day event. The event is full, but if you would like to be placed on the waitlist please contact [Pamela Vold](#).*Minnesota Population Center***Integrating the Demographic and Health Surveys: Past Achievements and Future Prospects*

Elizabeth Boyle and Miriam King (Minnesota Population Center)

Monday, March 7, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room- 50 Willey Hall

Health Policy & Management*Health Care Homes: What is the impact?*

Douglas Wholey, Ph.D., Center for Care Organization Research & Development; Michael Finch, Ph.D., Finch & King; Nathan Shippee, Ph.D., Health Policy & Management.

Wednesday, March 9, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-520 Moos Towers

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar*Job Changes and the Returns to Seniority*

Joe Ritter, University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics

Friday, March 11, 2016

12:00-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Jobs

Director

South Dakota State University, Ness Division of Management and Economics is searching for a director. This is an endowed core faculty role consisting of 50% teaching/research and 50% oversight and coordination. The division is an interdepartmental entity encompassing faculty from the academic programs that offer management related curriculum. The director ensures that communication and coordination exist relating the management related curriculum, faculty research, student engagement and industry feedback. The position profile is available [here](#).

Agricultural Economist

The USDA's FSA-Global Policy Analysis Division is seeking an Agricultural Economist, an GS-9/11/12 position. The position will serve as Agricultural Economists, and be providing economic analysis and evaluation of trade policies and practices affecting the U.S. agricultural industry. For more information on this position, visit the [USAjobs website](#).

Research Specialist/Research Professional

The University of Chicago Law School is seeking both a research specialist and a research professional to conduct empirical research in collaboration with the School's world-class law and economics faculty. These positions will work within the Coase-Sandor Institute for Law and Economics and work with faculty who are associated with the Institute. To apply for either of these positions, visit the [University of Chicago job website](#), using reference numbers 100130 for specialist and 100131 for professional.

Post-Doc

The Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, Yale Center for Environmental Law & Policy, led by Professor Dan Esty, is seeking a two year post-doctoral research associate to serve in a leadership role developing the 2018 Environmental Performance Index (EPI). Leading the project includes mobilizing a team of partners, researchers, and experts, while taking primary responsibility for the framing, data analysis and production of a high quality report. To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV to [Lisa Dale](#).

Professor

The Biology Program, Faculty of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, at the Universidad del Rosario in Bogotá, Colombia is hiring for a full-time, tenure-track, professor in Environmental or Ecological Economics. The successful candidate must submit an application in English and include: A detailed CV with a complete list of publications; a research statement summarizing experience interests and an outline of the research program that can potentially be developed at El Rosario; a teaching statement describing experience and teaching philosophy and the names and full contact information of at least three references. The application should be submitted by email to [Yeimy Rocha](#).

Director

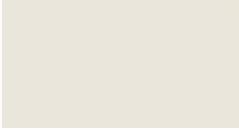
The Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) at the University of Alaska Anchorage is seeking applications for the position of Institute Director. The Director will lead the Institute through strategic planning aligned with ISER and UAA missions, developed collaboratively with staff and stakeholders. The incumbent will represent the Institute in a wide range of venues, generate external funding to support the Institute, help develop external funding opportunities for faculty members and participate in proposal development. More details are [available online](#).

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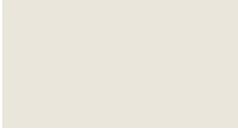
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Announcements

Congratulations to Maxwell Mkondiwa on being selected as an Early Career Scientist and invited to participate in the ISPC Science Forum 2016, "*Agricultural research for rural prosperity: rethinking the pathways*," sponsored by the CGIAR Independent Science and Partnership Council (ISPC). This year's program is being held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, April 12-15, 2016.

[Science Forum 2016 link.](#)

Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, March 11, 2016, 4:15pm; [The Dubliner](#)
- ApEc International Dinner, Friday, April 15, 2016, 5:00 pm, North Star Ballroom. On March 15th the Grad Club will send the official RSVP form, which will include more detailed information about the event.
- "Flipped Teaching- Adaptive Teaching in a Flipped Hybrid Class" A Talk by Professor Donald Liu (part of the Innovation in Teaching Series).

The flipped hybrid class to be discussed in this presentation takes the flipped approach one step further; students are held accountable for their at-home learning by completing formative assessments before coming to class. These assessments are adaptive, adjusting the level of the questions to meet students' individual learning needs so that they can all be successful in reaching the learning objectives. The majority of class time is spent on hands-on collaborative problem solving, facilitated by the professor and the TAs.

This informal talk will take place on Friday, March 25 from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in 135B Ruttan Hall. [Registration appreciated.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Graduate Student Seminar Series

Seasonal Hunger: Heterogeneous Impacts of Seasonal Price Changes on Seasonal Consumption in Zambia

Friday, March 11, 2016

Akinori Kitsuki, Ph.D. Candidate

1:30-2:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of](#)

[Applied Economics webpage.](#)

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center- Inequality & Methods Workshop

Charting the early years of metropolitan planning in Dade County: Between governance and demographic change"

Hector Fernando Burga (Humphrey Institute)

Friday, March 11, 2016

12:15- 1:30 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

Job Changes and the Returns to Seniority

Joe Ritter, University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics

Friday, March 11, 2016

12:00-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Jobs

Economic Analysis Internship

The Office of the State Economist, Economic Analysis Unit at Minnesota's Management & Budget is responsible for preparing and presenting forecasts of Minnesota's state tax revenues.

The Economic Analysis (EA) summer internship provides an excellent opportunity for a graduate student to participate in EA's research and to experience our economic and revenue forecasting process up close. The internship is designed to provide valuable work experience for students considering careers in economics, finance, public policy, statistics, or related areas. The internship will be located on the State Capitol Complex in downtown St. Paul and will continue for 10-12 weeks.

To be eligible for this internship, you must meet the following requirements: A student at an accredited educational institution; AND your advisor must certify that you will either receive academic credit or fulfill an academic requirement. The signature of a sponsoring academic instructor is required prior to beginning an Internship. For questions contact [Laura Kalambokidis](#). [Apply online](#) using job posting 3571.

Agency Policy Specialist

The Minnesota Department of Human Services is seeking a Child Care Strategic Planning Specialist. This position will lead the strategic planning of data and technology systems that promote quality in care and education practitioners and programs in Minnesota, as well as lead child care quality management performance management, evaluation and research projects and direct the use of early childhood data. [Apply online](#) using job posting 3402.

Agricultural Analyst

The Agriculture and Food Section of the Congressional Research Service is seeking an Analyst in Agricultural Policy. Analyst duties include preparing objectives, non-partisan analytical studies and descriptive background reports on issues of national significance; providing personal consultation and assistance to congressional committees, Members and staff on public policy issues throughout the legislative process; and leading team research projects and seminars. [Apply Here](#).

Visiting Lecturer

Bard College's low-residency MBA in Sustainability program, based in new York City, has openings for visiting lecturers to teach the following courses in the fall semester of 2016: Marketing; Accounting and the Integrated Bottom Line; and Economics for Business Decisions.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter, CV, and names and contact information

for three references to [Interfolio](#). Applications will be reviewed as received.

Post- Doctoral Researcher

The Economic Research Service is seeking a post-doctoral researcher to identify and assess national trends in agricultural conservation practice adoption and develop a program of research on the determinants conservation practice adoption, including the role of financial and technical assistance from the USDA conservation programs. The work will include analysis of national agricultural survey data, such as the Agricultural Resource Management Survey and Census of Agriculture micro data.

Further details and application can be found [online](#).

Assistant Professor in Economics

The Department of Forest Resources in Umeå, Sweden is seeking an assistant professor to conduct research and teaching within the field of forest- /natural resource economics, with focus on sustainable use, in alliance with SLU's overall research strategy. Furthermore, the assistant professor is expected to develop a strong research group and actively apply for external funding. The position is a research career opportunity and to develop a research field is therefore the main task. The assistant professor is also expected to teach at bachelor- and master levels, supervise students and to be assistant supervisor for PhD students. The assistant professor should also take part in the department development work as well as pedagogic development and is expected to qualify for promotion to senior lecturer within the four-year employment period.

More information and application can be found [here](#).

Departmental Publications

Wang, Y., Zhao, S., Yang, Z., & Liu, D. J. (2015). Food versus crude oil: what do prices tell us? Evidence from China. *China Agricultural Economic Review*, 7(3), 435-447.

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Announcements

Happy Spring Break to all of our students, faculty and staff! We hope you have a safe and relaxing week.

Staff Meeting (Welcome to all)

Wednesday, March 23, 9:00 a.m.
 119 Ruttan Hall

Officer Matthew Quast of the University of Minnesota Police Department will be joining us to give a presentation tailored to our building in the event of an active shooter situation. Anyone is welcome to attend this session.

Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, March 18, 2016, 4:15pm; [Stout's Pub](#)
- ApEc International Dinner, Friday, April 15, 2016, 5:00 pm, North Star Ballroom.

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
 Robert C. Venette, Director, Minnesota Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center,
 University of Minnesota
 12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development Seminar

Friday, March 25, 2016
 Marc Bellemare, Associate Professor of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, and
 Lindsey Novak, PhD Candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of
 Minnesota
 10:30-12:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

"Migration as Adaptation Strategy to Climate Change in Mexico: Exploring the Temporal Dimensions"

Ralph J. Nawrotzki and Jack DeWaard

"The Scope and Consequences of Nonfatal Injury for Later Morbidity and Mortality Outcomes among Older Adults in the U.S."

Julia Rivera Drew and Dongjuan Xu

"Unpacking the Black-Box: Eldercare, Time Constraints, and Subjective Well-Being"

Joan Garcia Roman

Monday, March 21, 2016

12:15- 1:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall

Department of Economics Seminar-Applied Micro

"Faculty Preferences over Unionization: Evidence from Open Letters at the Universities of Washington and Minnesota"

Joel Waldfogel, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

3:30 p.m., HMH 103

Federal Reserve Bank Seminar

"A Theory of Bank Balance Sheets"

Saki Bigio, UCLA

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

Initiation of Salary Negotiation: Evidence from Behavioral Experiments

Lin Xiu, University of Minnesota- Duluth

Friday, March 25, 2016

12:00-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Health Policy & Management

"Hospital- Physician Integration and Health Care for Medicare Cardiology Patients"

Laurence C. Baker, Professor of Health Research and Policy, Stanford University

Friday, March 25, 2016

2:00-3:30 p.m., 3-100 Mayo Memorial Building

Opportunities

The ICPSR 2016 Summer Program is hosting many sponsored workshops. The ICPSR Summer Program offers rigorous, hands-on training in a wide range of methodologies and techniques for research across the social, behavioral and medical sciences.

In addition to offering dozens of workshops on a variety of statistical techniques, the ICPSR Summer Program also partners with outside organizations and data archives to offer workshops exploring substantive topics and issues. The tuition and registration fees are usually covered by the sponsoring organization, which may also provide travel stipends. Participation is competitive and limited to selected participants. For more information on these workshops visit the [ICPSR website](#).

Jobs

Economist

The Office of Energy Policy in the Office of the Chief Economist in USDA is seeking an Agricultural Economist with responsibility for conducting studies on energy and renewable energy/renewable power/biobased products policy and programs at the GS13/14 level. For more information and to apply for this position visit the [usajobs website](#).

Economist

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking an individual to serve as an Economist in the Montana State Office, Division of Energy, Minerals, & Realty. The economist position has the overall responsibility for providing guidance and assistance to the districts and other State office divisions and staffs in regional economic impact

analyses for land use planning and economic valuation of all solid leasable mineral resources on Federal and Indian Lands. This announcement is open to both [Merit \(federal employees\)](#) and [DEU \(all citizens\)](#).

Departmental Publications

Smith, Joseph A. III. (Advisor: Pederson, Glenn) M.S. Plan B 2016. Are agricultural banks vulnerable to a decline in agricultural land values?

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Announcements

A reminder to register for Classes Without Quizzes! A special discount of \$5 off is available to CFANS faculty and staff. Simply contact cfansaro@umn.edu for the code. Keynote address, "The 3 Ms of Soils: Minnesota, the Moon and Mars," by Jay Bell and a session by our own Hikaru Peterson entitled, "Small Town Grocers."

Classes Without Quizzes will take place Saturday, April 2 from 8:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m., with an optional lunch at 12:30 p.m. [Register now!](#)

Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, March 25, 2016, 4:15pm; [The Dubliner](#)
- ApEc International Dinner, Friday, April 15, 2016, 5:00 pm, North Star Ballroom. You can now [RSVP](#) for this event, and find more detailed information about suggested donation and a dish to share (if you wish to bring one). Looking forward to seeing you there!
- The Food Industry Center (TFIC) Luncheon Series: Wednesday, March 30, 11:30 a.m. in room 202, St. Paul Student Center.

Ann Kliethermes, Field Marketing Manager at MSP fairlife, LLC will present "Udderly Important to Believe in Better." Complimentary buffet lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. Space is limited so please [RSVP](#) by March 29.

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

"A Model for Assessing the Comparative Advantage of Biofortified Crops in Addressing Vitamin A Deficiencies in Cameroon: A Detailed Look at Agriculture-Nutrition Links"

Stephen Vosti, Associate Adjunct Professor, Agricultural & Resource Economics, UC Davis

Wednesday, March 30, 2016
 12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development Seminar

"Contract Farming and Food Security"

Marc Bellemare, Associate Professor of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, and Lindsey Novak, PhD Candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Friday, March 25, 2016

10:30-12:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Graduate Student Seminar

"The Impact of Subsidized Health Care on Food Expenditure and Food Security: Evidence from Colombia"

Camilo Bohorquez, Ph.D. Candidate

Friday, March 25, 2016

1:30-2:30 p.m., **Ruttan B30 (note room change)**

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

"The Impact of Population and Economic Growth on the Achievement of the Millennium Development Goals"

Inaki Permayner, Center for Demographic Studies, University of Barcelona

Monday, March 28, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

Initiation of Salary Negotiation: Evidence from Behavioral Experiments

Lin Xiu, University of Minnesota- Duluth

Friday, March 25, 2016

12:00-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Health Policy & Management

"Hospital- Physician Integration and Health Care for Medicare Cardiology Patients"

Laurence C. Baker, Professor of Health Research and Policy, Stanford University

Friday, March 25, 2016

2:00-3:30 p.m., 3-100 Mayo Memorial Building

"Experimental Design and the Likelihood Principle"

Samuel C. Fletcher, Assistant Professor, Department of Philosophy and Marie Curie Fellow, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich

Wednesday, March 30, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower

BBE Seminar

"Why My Boss Pays for My Toys, Hacking Consumer Electronics for Environmental Sensing"

Dr. Ir. Rolf Hut

Water Management, Civil Engineering and Geosciences, Delft University of Technology

Thursday, March 31, 2016

3:00 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

Jobs

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)- Ghana, is seeking to fill four positions within their research teams. IPA is a leader in randomized-controlled evaluations in developing countries. These four positions include [Research Manager: Education](#), [Research Manager](#), [Research Coordinator: Entrepreneurship and Financial Inclusion](#), and [Research and Data Coordinator](#).

Director of Advanced Analytics

The Maurices Corporate Office in Duluth, MN is searching for an Advanced Analytics Director. This position will assume leadership of advanced analytics, predictive modeling, and leveraging data to implement best-in-class statistical modeling techniques to support

data-driven business decisions. To apply, please submit a cover letter and CV to [Eric Bibelnieks](#).

Assistant Professor

Applications are invited for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Saskatchewan. The candidate will be expected to establish a successful and well-funded program of research and teaching in either agricultural commodity marketing, risk management, industrial organization of agricultural/food markets, or in a closely related area. They will be expected to deliver three courses per year. To apply for this position, send electronically: a letter of application, CV (including list of publications, teaching experience), a statement of teaching philosophy, a job market paper, academic transcripts and letters from three external referees to [Prof. Bill Brown](#), Professor and Department Head, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics, University of Saskatchewan, 51 Campus Drive, Saskatoon, SK S7N, 5A8, Canada.

Assistant, Associate and/or Full Professor

The Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia invites applications for faculty positions in the Global Economies and Markets area. There are two potential positions that can be filled at the Assistant, Associate or Full Professor levels. Application procedure and job description is available [here](#), using posting number 0618201. Please [email](#) a separate cover letter and CV.

Happy Spring!

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Announcements

Congratulations to ApEc alumni, Travis Smith, who won the AAEA Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation Award for his dissertation entitled, "Distributional analyses on diet quality in the United States."

Smith, Travis. 2016. "Distributional analyses on diet quality in the United States." PhD Dissertation, University of Minnesota. Outstanding Doctoral Dissertation. American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 98 (2): 659-60.

Available at: <http://ajae.oxfordjournals.org/content/98/2/659.2.full?etoc>

Dissertation available at: <http://hdl.handle.net/11299/167578>

CFANS Funding Announcement

MnDRIVE: Global Food Ventures Graduate Fellowship Program

Agency: MnDRIVE Global Food Ventures

Due Date: 2016-04-22

Notes: The MnDRIVE Global Food Ventures requests applications (from current PhD and Master's students in CFANS, CVM and SPH only) for the graduate fellowship program. The initiative will support extracurricular professional development of graduate students. Fellows will participate in several cohort professional development and experiential learning activities to broaden their understanding of our food supply chains and agribusinesses.

Events

- Grad Club Happy Hour: Friday, April 1, 2016, 4:15pm; [The Dubliner](#)
- ApEc International Dinner, Friday, April 15, 2016, 5:00 pm, North Star Ballroom. You can now [RSVP](#) for this event, and find more detailed information about suggested donation and a dish to share (if you wish to bring one). Looking forward to seeing you there!
- Retail Tour with Dr. Boland, April 15, 2016. Retail Tour attendees will be transported by bus, leaving St. Paul Campus at 6:30 am and returning at 12:30 pm. The tour group will go to the SuperValu Test Kitchens and warehouse, visit a retail grocery store and hear presentations from their manager, hear from speakers from Kemps Dairies and Midwest Dairy Association, and a dairy farmer. Brunch will be provided. Space is limited to 20. [RSVP Online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

""The El Niño Southern Oscillation and Economic Growth in the Developing World"

David Ubilava, Assistant Professor, Economics, University of Sydney

Wednesday, April 6, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development Seminar

"The Return of Child Labor on the Farm, The Case of Rural Tanzania"

Esther Delesalle, Visiting Scholar, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Friday, April 1, 2016

10:30-12:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Graduate Student Seminar

"Sub-Saharan Farming Landscape"

Ian Luby, Ph.D. Candidate

Friday, April 8, 2016

1:30-2:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

"Changing Family Planning Policies in China"

Xiaochun Qiao, Institute of Population Research, Peking University

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

3:30-4:30p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

Going Entrepreneurial? IPOs and New Firm Creation

Paige Ouimet, Kenan-Fleger Business School, University of North Carolina

Friday, April 1, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Jobs

Post Doctoral Researcher

The John Glenn College of Public Affairs at The Ohio State University is currently searching for a post doctoral researcher to join their program. The Post-doctoral research associate will support an active multidisciplinary team utilizing large local, state, national and international food databases reporting regional characteristics, product formulations, sales, dietary intakes, consumer knowledge and behavior and public health impacts. These activities will include database development, coding, tabulation, analysis and interpretation. The post-doc will collect primary and secondary data; analyze and report research insight; conduct literature reviews; assist in grant proposal development; and support the development of reports, journal articles and other media.

To apply, please submit your application online at OSU and provide a letter of interest, CV, writing sample and have two letters of reference emailed to [Dr. Neal Hooker](#)

Department Head

Colorado State University invites applications and encourages nominations for appointment as Head of the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics (DARE) at the College of Agricultural Sciences. The Department Head provides leadership for all programmatic and administrative functions including on campus and online resident instruction, research, Extension and engagement. The successful candidate will demonstrate an ability to achieve complex goals and objectives, which is evidence of high level leadership, communication, and management skills.

To ensure full consideration by the search committee, applications must be received by close of business on April 11, 2016. Applications should include statement addressing (1) the required and desired qualifications described above, (2) a one-page statement of the candidate's administrative philosophy, (3) a vision statement for the future of DARE of no more than 3 pages, (4) a current curriculum vita, (5) contact information for three references including your professional relationship with each reference listed. References may be contacted at a semi-finalist or finalist stage; references will not be contacted without prior notification of candidates. Questions about the position responsibilities should be directed to [James Pritchett](#), Executive Associate Dean, College of Agricultural Sciences, Colorado State University, (970)-491-5496.

Sales and Marketing Specialist

The Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) is seeking a Sales and Marketing Specialist to drive growth of an existing customer portfolio and generate new leads for sales of FINPACK and other organizational products. The Sales and Marketing Specialist will work closely with senior leadership, web communications, and technical support to maintain relationships with existing customers, create and execute marketing strategies to aid in generating sales leads and acquiring new customers, and drive product evolution in response to user needs. For more information and to apply to this position, visit the [University of Minnesota Job Website](#).

New Departmental Publications

Hanson, M.J., A. Keller, M.A. Boland, and W.F. Lazarus. 2016. "The Debate about Farm Nitrates and Drinking Water." Choices. Quarter 1. [Available online](#).

Haynes, Monica, Gina Gensing, Michelle Scott, and Tim O'Neill. 2016. "East Bethel business retention and expansion strategies program: Research report," edited by Michael Darger, University of Minnesota Extension. Not available online.

King, Robert P., Cael Warren, Colin Cureton, Courtney Hoolihan, Katherine Young Grannon, and Marilyn S. Nanney. 2016. How healthy is hunger relief food? American Journal of Agricultural Economics, 98 (2): 533-48.
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Announcements

CFANS Funding Announcement

MnDRIVE: Global Food Ventures Graduate Fellowship Program

Agency: MnDRIVE Global Food Ventures

Due Date: 2016-04-22

Notes: The MnDRIVE Global Food Ventures requests applications (from current PhD and Master's students in CFANS, CVM and SPH only) for the graduate fellowship program. The initiative will support extracurricular professional development of graduate students. Fellows will participate in several cohort professional development and experiential learning activities to broaden their understanding of our food supply chains and agribusinesses.

Events

- REMINDER: ApEc International Dinner, Friday, April 15, 2016, 5:00 pm, North Star Ballroom. You can now [RSVP](#) for this event, and find more detailed information about suggested donation and a dish to share (if you wish to bring one). Looking forward to seeing you there!
- 2016 Kermit A. Olson Memorial Lecture will take place on Wednesday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m. in 110 Green Hall. Guest speaker, Dr. Jim Simon from Rutgers University will talk about his work with international development programs and the models developed for them that assist rural poor, beginning at 4:00 p.m. A reception will be held following the lecture in 405 Aldermann Hall. Please [RSVP](#) for this event.
- China's Economic Transformation: Economists Ellen McGrattan, University of Minnesota, and Kjetil Storesletten, University of Oslo, will discuss their latest research on China's growth, innovation and capital flows. This event is free and open to the public, but [registration is required](#). Tuesday, April 19, 2016 from 5:30-7:00 p.m. in University Hall at the McNamara Alumni Center.

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

William D. Hutchison, Professor, Department of Entomology, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development Seminar

"Electoral Reciprocity in Programmatic Redistribution: Evidence from Honduras"

Experiments"

Sebastian Galiani, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland

Friday, April 8, 2016

10:30-12:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Reliable Reduction of Agricultural Runoff: Tradeoffs Involving Variation of Water Quality."

Beverly Wang, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Monday, April 11, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Graduate Student Seminar

"The Extremes of African Agricultural Data: Rightsizing for Validity and Policy"

Ian Luby, Ph.D. Candidate

Friday, April 8, 2016

1:30-2:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

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Susan Brower, Minnesota State Demographer

Friday, April 8, 2016

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Minnesota Population Center Seminar

Epidemiology Cohorts and Population Health Management: Findings from the Reasons for Geographic and Racial Differences in Stroke study

Monika Safford, MD, Chief, Division of General Internal Medicine, Joan and Sanford I. Weill Department of Medicine, Weill Cornell Medical College

Friday, April 8, 2016

2:00-3:30 p.m., 3-100 Mayo Memorial Building

Estimating the Effect of Education on Mortality in the Presence of Migration: Evidence from the Jim Crow South

Bhash Mazumder, Chicago Census Research Data Center, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

Monday, April 11, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM Seminar

Geographic Variation in Media Messaging about the Affordable Care Act and Associations with Insurance Enrollment

Sarah Gollust, Ph.D., Andrew Wilcock, Pinar Karaca Mandic, Ph.D., Division of Health Policy and Management, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, April 13, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

Screen Twice, Cut Once: Assessing the Predictive Validity of Teacher Selection Tools

Dan Goldhaber, Professor, University of Washington Bothell

Friday, April 15, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Jobs

Post Doctoral Researcher

The Economic Research Service is seeking a post-doctoral researcher to work with ERS and the USDA Climate Change Program Office on a program of research and analysis designed to estimate the contribution of U.S. agriculture generally, and USDA programs in particular, to greenhouse gas emissions and production. The incumbent will identify and analyze national agricultural survey data to assess national trends in agricultural conservation practice adoption and develop a program of research on the determinants conservation practice adoption, including the role of financial and technical assistance from USDA conservation programs. The work will focus primarily on practices most likely to affect greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in agriculture. Specific practices will be selected based on importance to USDA GHG emission estimation, USDA climate change program goals, and the limitations of data used to estimate adoption. Research will include analysis of existing USDA datasets, including the Agricultural Resource Management Survey (ARMS) and the Census of Agriculture. [Apply online.](#)

Post Doctoral Researcher

The Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory (NGPRL) in Mandan, ND, seeks a Post Doctoral Research Associate (Interdisciplinary Research Agriculturist/Physical Scientist/Agricultural Engineer, GS-11) for a Two-Year Appointment. The incumbent will participate in a USDA-AFRI project with responsibility for research to assess the sensitivity of agricultural production systems in the Great Plains to climate changes. The incumbent will work individually and with regional team members to conduct simulation modeling and tradeoff analysis for crop and beef cattle systems. The research will provide spatially explicit information on agricultural vulnerabilities and guide climate adaptation planning for the major agricultural production systems in the Great Plains. This position requires a recent Ph.D. in agricultural economics, agricultural engineering, landscape ecology, geography, agronomy, or closely related field. Send application materials and references to [Dr. David Archer](#), USDA-ARS, NGPRL, P.O. Box 459, Mandan, ND 58554

Extension Agricultural Economist

Kansas Farm Management Associate, Southwest and K-State Research and Extension are looking to fill the position of Extension Agricultural Economist. This person will be responsible for planning and development of an Extension educational farm business management program for commercial farms cooperating with the Farm Management Association in Southwest Kansas. They will provide technical expertise to the area Extension educational program in farm management. For more information or to apply for this position contact [Mary Hunninghake](#). A complete application must include cover letter, resume, and official transcripts as well as three letters of reference.

New Departmental Publications

Bellemare, Marc F., Johanna Fajardo-Gonzalez, and Seth R. Gitter (2016), "Foods and Fads: The Welfare Impacts of Rising Quinoa Prices in Peru," Working Paper 2016-06, Towson University, Department of Economics. [Available online.](#)

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Announcement

Congratulations to Elaine Reber for winning the 2016 Little Red Oil Can Award and Doris Mold for the 2016 Distinguished Alumni Award! Join us in celebrating them, as well as the graduating senior class and mentor program honorees at the [10th Annual Borealis Night of Excellence on April 20th](#). Congratulations Elaine and Doris!

2016 Midwest International Economic Development Conference

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Events

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Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Kevin A.T. Silverstein, Scientific Lead, Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, University of Minnesota

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development Seminar

"Social Drivers of Aspirations Formation and Failure in Rural Nepal"

Nicholas Magnan, Assistant Professor, Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Georgia

Friday, April 15, 2016

10:30-12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

When Water Runs Out: Scarcity, Adaptation and Migration in Gujarat (co-authors Avinash Kishore and Meha Jain)

Ram Fishman, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, George Washington University

Monday, April 18, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Graduate Student Seminar*"The ARRA and Food Access"*

Joel Cuffey, Ph.D. Candidate

Friday, April 15, 2016

1:30-2:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

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Jobs**Student Operations Assistant**

The Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) is seeking a Student Operations Assistant to conduct daily office functions and provide support for specialized projects related to CFFM's software tools and educational programs. The Student Operations Assistant will work closely with members of the CFFM team to guarantee timely communications related to customer inquiries, oversee day-to-day office operations, aid in deployment of new tools, and support the general functions of the Center. This is designed as a summer position, with the opportunity to continue into academic year employment if the candidate expresses interest. To apply, email [Brittni](#) with major, academic year, summer availability, and any questions.

Postdoctoral Opportunity

There is an opportunity to apply economic and ecological metrics to measure sustainability of an urban area and evaluate alternative decision scenarios. The Economist will work with a multidisciplinary team to evaluate sustainability of a chosen urban area. The applicant will work on economic measures of sustainability, and ecological footprint thus integrating economic, environmental, and ecological health. This research is part of a larger project: "Integrated Solutions for Sustainable Communities" under Sustainable and Healthy Communities (SHC) research program.

The Sustainable Technologies Division uses a multidisciplinary approach, which employs ecologists, economists, engineers, environmental scientists, geographers, and physical scientists, to address sustainability issues in regional environmental management, watershed management and supply chain management. The Sustainable Technology Division has developed several sustainability metrics and has successfully applied those metrics to measuring long-term regional sustainability. The applicant is expected to collect relevant data, analyze using suitable methods, write reports, and produce journal articles. [Apply now](#).

Postdoctoral Opportunity

Norut has available a 3-year postdoctoral position on valuation of marine plastic pollution. This is part of the 3-year interdisciplinary research project Marine Plastic Pollution in the Arctic: origin, status, costs and incentives for prevention (MARP3), that Norut is leading. The project aims to strengthen the knowledge base on marine plastic pollution in the Barents Sea and provide management-relevant research to increase awareness and recommend measures that can guide sustainable waste management practices. The project will study 1) the status and sources of marine waste, 2) socio-economic costs of marine waste and 3) regulations and incentives affecting how waste is handled.

The candidate will be responsible for part 2 which involves identification and valuation of ecosystem services in the Barents Sea/ Svalbard area affected by marine debris. This includes implementation of a discrete choice experiment focusing on cultural ecosystem services. The work place will be Tromsø, but the project will also involve field work at Svalbard and research visits to PML.

The project is a unique opportunity to develop your career and work closely with researchers from several scientific disciplines, as well as stakeholders and decision makers. The person employed will be part of Norut's interdisciplinary team of researchers on environment and natural resources, and is expected to contribute to the continuing development of this research area at Norut. [Application and CV must be sent by May 9, 2016.](#)

Postdoctoral Opportunity

There is an immediate opening for a postdoctoral research assistantship in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colorado, in collaboration with the US Forest Service Rocky Mountain Research Station. The position is funded through a National Science Foundation/Coastal SEES Collaborative Research grant. The main role of the postdoc will be to develop and use global economic models to analyze the effects of proposed trade agreements and new shipping routes due to climate change and infrastructure developments on global trade. [Additional information can be found online.](#) Questions should be directed to [Amanda Countryman](#).

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Announcement

Congratulations to Professor Elizabeth Davis, who received the CFANS Distinguished Teaching Award: Graduate Faculty. We are proud of you, Liz!

2016 Midwest International Economic Development Conference

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NAMA Places Among Top 10 Teams at National Competition

The University of Minnesota Student NAMA Marketing team placed among the top-ten teams at the National NAMA student marketing competition held in Kansas City, MO during the week of April 11th. Their product was Northstar Shimp- a farm raised product located in Pierz, Minnesota. Team members were: Matt Gallik, Maria Wingert, Crystal Siemers-Peterman, Ann Culbertson, Paige Durhman, Nate Donnay, Jack Roessler, Joe O'Sullivan, Matt Johnson, Kathleen Nystrom, Emilee Wendorf, Rick Ancel and Blake Nelson. Coaches: Ward Nefstead (ApEc), Jaycee Hoyt (Accenture), and Bob Olsen (U of MN Alumni and Marketing Consultant). This is the seventh year in which the University of Minnesota teams have finished in the top teams. NAMA were national champions in 2013 and won second place in 2012.

Mark Your Calendars!

The CFANS Spring College Assembly will take place Wednesday, May 4th from 9:30-12:00 in 105 Cargill. Agenda and WebEx information will be sent prior to the meeting.

ATTENTION STUDENTS: Prelim and Field Exam Information

APEC Micro Prelim

We ask that you register to take the written Applied Economics micro preliminary exam to be held in June. Please email apecdgs@umn.edu by Friday, May 6th in order to sign up. If English is not your first language and you are requesting an extra half hour of time, please specify this in your reply for our record keeping.

The exam will be held on Friday, June 3rd in Ruttan Hall. 9:00-1:00 pm. Room T.B.A.

The basic format of the four hour exam will be four sections; each section will have two questions and you will be required to answer one of them in each section (for a total of four questions). The sections will correlate with the four mini courses in the APEC 8001-4 sequence, but there may be questions that span knowledge across the courses. Your readings, notes, class exams, and problem sets from each mini are your best guide for

study preparation for the prelim.

If you have any further questions regarding the exam, please contact apecdgs@umn.edu for your inquiry and Gary Cooper will make sure to respond to your question or questions after consulting with Professor Smith.

June Field Exams

PhD Graduate Students:

Field exams will be scheduled during the last two weeks of June 2016 (June 20-30). If you plan on taking one of these exams, please e-mail which one you plan to pursue by Friday, May 13th.

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Trade and Development Economics

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Opportunities

Restricted Access Data for Population Research

The University of Minnesota is home to one of 24 Research Data Centers (RDC) which allows approved researchers to access restricted datasets to investigate economic, health, and demographic research questions. The data available in the RDC include the Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Data, the American Community Survey (ACS), the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), and the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey (MEPS) among many others. The MnRDC administrator, [Rachelle Hill](#), is available for presentations to large or small groups or individual meetings with interested researchers. Please contact her at 612-626-4365. Information about the RDC and the data available for academic researchers is also available [online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Marc Bellemare, Associate Professor, Department of Applied Economics

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development Seminar

"Gender Differences in the Trust Game: Evidence from a Field Experiment between Spouses in India"

Carolina Castilla, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Colgate University

Friday, April 22, 2016

10:30-12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"The Acceptance of Environmental Taxes: An Empirical Public Choice Investigation"

Friedrich Schneider

Monday, April 25, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Graduate Student Seminar

"The Role of Formal Education in Shifting Opinions of Female Genital Cutting in Burkina Faso"

Lindsey Novak Ph.D. Candidate

Friday, April 22, 2016

1:30-2:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

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Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Estimation of a Life-Cycle Model with Human Capital, Labor Supply and Retirement"

Chris Taber, UW-Madison

Thursday, April 28, 2016

12:00 p.m., CSOM 1-142

Conservation Biology Seminar

"Understanding the Emerging Sustainability Transition"

Kate Knuth, Institute on the Environment, University of Minnesota

Monday, April 25, 2016

4-5 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

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Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar- Teaching Workshop

"Experiences, Observations, and Insights from Building the HRM MOOCS"

Alan Benson, John Budd & Amy Falink, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota

Friday, April 29, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-122

Health Policy & Management

"Measuring the Value of the Integrated Care Delivery: A Strategy for Classifying Delivery Model Design"

Sarah K. Meier, Research Associate, Health Sciences Research

Wednesday, April 27, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 2-520 Moos Tower

Jobs

Economist

The FAO Social Protection Team is spear-heading new work on strengthening coherence between agriculture and social protection in developing countries and seeking an economist to deepen and push forward the agenda on the linkages between agricultural and social protection interventions. They generate evidence on the linkages between

agriculture and social protection and use this for providing policy, programming and operational support and for engaging in advocacy. Our work stems from "The From Protection to Production Project (PtoP)", which provided evidence on the productive impacts of social cash transfer programmes on household economic decision-making and the local economy.

If interested, please [email](#) a CV and cover letter of no more than 350 words by May 6th.

Research Assistant

The National University of Singapore is searching for a full time research assistant in conservation science bioeconomic modelling. Please [send](#) your CV, including a section describing your quantitative skills, software you are familiar with and previous research work conducted using these skills. A cover letter is not needed.

Professor and Department Head

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Mississippi State University is seeking a Professor and Department Head. A letter of application, personal CV and names/addresses/emails of at least four professional references should be forwarded to: Dr. John Blanton, Chair, Search Committee for Department Head, Agricultural Economics, Department of Animal and Dairy Sciences, Mississippi State University, Box 9815, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Nominations are encouraged and can be sent by address, phone (662-325-2935), or [email](#). [Apply online](#).

Departmental Publications

Eryilmaz, D., and F.R. Homans "How does uncertainty in renewable energy policy affect decisions to invest in wind energy?" *The Electricity Journal*. [Available online](#) April 19, 2016. doi: 10.1016/j.tej.2015.12.002.

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Announcement

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Professor Tade Okediji, who received the CFANS Distinguished Teaching Award: Undergraduate Faculty and Jason Kerwin, who received the Population Association of America's distinguished Dorothy S. Thomas Award! We are proud to call you our faculty!

2016 Midwest International Economic Development Conference- REGISTRATION EXTENDED!

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Mark Your Calendar: Retirement Celebration May 24

Please join us as we celebrate the careers of Ben Senauer and Terry Roe on Tuesday, May 24 in Waite Library. More information and RSVP forthcoming.

PhD Dissertation Defense

Aine Seitz McCarthy, PhD candidate, Department of Applied Economics will be defending her PhD thesis entitled, "The Microeconomics of Development in Tanzania," on Tuesday, May 3 at 3:30 in 230 Ruttan Hall.

Opportunities

There is an open opportunity for a graduate students to work with USAID on researching questions on human rights and development issues. This opportunity is open to PhD students who have passed their qualifying exams. Use [this link](#) to apply online.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Workfare and Human Capital Investment: Evidence From India"

Manisha Shah, Associate Professor of Public Policy, Luskin School of Public Affairs, UCLA

Friday, April 29, 2016

10:30-12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Fish, Meet Trees: Estimating Heterogeneous Effects of Transferable Quota Management in Fisheries Using Machine Learning"

Steve Miller, Assistant Professor, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota

Monday, May 2, 2016

12:00-1:30 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

The most up-to-date seminar schedules can be located on the [Department of Applied Economics webpage](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center- Inequality and Methods Workshop

"The effect of college selectivity on laterlife health and mortality: Evidence from the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study"

Sarah Garcia, Sociology, University of Minnesota

Friday, April 29, 2016

12:15- 1:30 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Minnesota Population Center Seminar*"Well-being in Same-Sex Couples and Families"*

Wendy Manning, Department of Sociology, Bowling Green State University

Monday, May 2, 2016

12:15-1:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Conservation Biology Seminar*"Managing the future of the past: creative engagements with the heritage of change"*

David Harvey, Professor of Historical and Cultural Geography, University of Exeter (UK)

Monday, May 2, 2016

4:00-5:00 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

Jobs**Professor (Half-Time)**

The Department of Economics at St. Catherine University is looking for a half-time professor to teach three courses in economics and statistics during the academic year. If you are interested, please [apply online](#) and [email](#) with any questions.

Postdoctoral Position

There is currently an opening for a postdoctoral position in Conservation Science at the National University of Singapore. This position focuses on the study of the impacts of international trade on the biodiversity and sustainability of tropical exporting countries. The postdoc will contribute to develop bioeconomic models to link land-use to global trade dynamics and biodiversity impacts and is expected to lead article writing. To apply, please send an email to [Dr. L. Roman Carrasco](#) with the following requirements: up-to-date CV, briefly stated research interests as they relate to the project and a description of past modelling experience and software platforms used. To learn more, [visit their website](#).

Department Head and Professor

The Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education (AESE) in the College of Agricultural Sciences at Penn State University is seeking a Professor and Head to provide intellectual and organizational leadership for AESE. The Head will lead faculty and staff in implementing and enhancing the Department's undergraduate and graduate education programs, Cooperative Extension and outreach initiatives, and guide and enhance the Department's research environment to meet the needs of stakeholders and sponsors. The Head is responsible for AESE's overall operations, including academic affairs, personnel, and finances. The successful candidate will have a demonstrated ability for highly effective administrative leadership and management of a multi-disciplinary, multi-function department.

[Click here for a complete position announcement](#)

Review of applications will begin on September 1, 2016.

Assistant Professor

The University of Neuchatel, Switzerland, invites applications for a position of Assistant Professor in Applied Macroeconomics. The successful candidate will teach in the Bachelor of Science in Economics programme and in the Master of Science in Economics, major in Economic Policy programme. He/she will show an interest in the analysis of contemporary macroeconomic policies and their implications. Fields of application will be diverse, with a preference for fiscal policy and debt issues. He/she will also supervise Master's and PhD theses. Applications should be uploaded onto [the website](#) (ref. FSE-MacroEcAppl) in the form of a single pdf file including a motivation letter, a CV documenting full teaching and research experience, a list of publications, teaching evaluations and copies of diplomas. The applicant is requested to ask three experts in the field to send letters of recommendation directly by electronic mail to the Head of the Hiring Committee, [Prof. Jean-Marie Grether](#)

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Announcement

Mark Your Calendar: Retirement Celebration May 24

Please join us as we celebrate the careers of Ben Senauer and Terry Roe on Tuesday, May 24 in Waite Library. More information and RSVP forthcoming.

Events

A Conversation with the President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Join the Minneapolis Fed's new president Neel Kashkari for a conversation about Too Big To Fail banks and nationwide economic stability. President Kashkari is eager to hear from the University of Minnesota community- come with questions and help make this an engaging event. This event is free and open to the public, but registration is required. [Please click here to find more information and register for the event.](#)

2016 Midwest International Economic Development Conference TOMORROW and Saturday!

This year's MIEDC hosted by the University of Minnesota and CIFAP begins tomorrow at 8:30 a.m. at the McNamara Alumni Center. Keynote speaker Michael Kremer of Harvard University will be delivering his presentation at 7:00 p.m., following a reception and dinner. Walk-in registrations are welcome.

Jobs

Social Science Program Specialist/Natural Resource Specialist

The USDA Forest Service is searching to fill this position, which will manage and care for more than 193 million acres of our nation's most magnificent lands, conduct research through a network of forest and range experiment stations and the Forest Products Laboratory, and provide assistance to State and private forestry agencies. For a complete list of responsibilities and qualifications, [review the position online.](#)

Departmental Publications

Haynes, M., and G. Gensing. 2016. *East Bethel Business Retention and Expansion Strategies Program*, edited by Michael Darger. St. Paul, Minnesota: University of Minnesota Extension.

Chazdon, Scott, Jody Horntvedt, and Liz Templin. 2016. "From Knowledge to Action: Tips for Encouraging and Measuring Program-Related Behavior Change." *Journal of Extension* 54, no. 2.

Getting to Know Our Undergrads

Skarlett Salazar, an undergraduate student in Applied Economics who hopes to graduate in 2017, grew up in Bloomington, MN. Skarlett recently secured an internship with InContext Solutions, where she will be involved in consumer insights and marketing research. She can't wait to use the knowledge she has learned in Applied Economics surrounding consumer behavior and data analysis to assist companies in making decisions about their products. If you see her in the halls of Ruttan, make sure to stop her and say hello!



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Announcements

Faculty Meeting

Today (Friday, May 13th) at 1:30 p.m., **135B Ruttan Hall **Note room change!**

Retirement Celebration

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2016 ISEE Conference

The 2016 International Society of Ecological Economics 2016 Conference, "Transforming the Economy: Sustaining Food, Water, Energy and Justice," is being held June 26-29 in Washington, DC. For more information on topics and registration visit the [ISEE website conference page.](#)

Jobs

Ag Risk Managers LLC is looking for an Ag Econ major who is interested in a project to test the viability and feasibility of implementing the commodities marketing strategy that has been developed by the company's grain marketing team. This is a part-time paid position, designed to complement the schedule of a student pursuing a degree. Project is anticipated to last for 6 to 12 months. Interested students should send letter and resume to [Mark Buchman.](#)

Social Scientist

Business Strategy Consultants seeks an experienced social scientist to work on research and evaluation activities. This position will support the Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation's Division of Child and Family Development in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, with particular focus on child care and early education policy research. Some responsibilities of the position include: assisting federal staff in oversight of research contracts and grants, working with federal staff and existing grantees and contractors in identifying emerging issues and question in need of new research, synthesis or interpretation for policy decision-making, coordinating collaborative efforts among grantees, contractors and other researchers, among other duties. To see the complete list of responsibilities and to apply, you can do so [online.](#)

Economist

The Montana State Department of Labor and Industry is seeking an Economist to assist in

and conduct research, analysis, and interpretation of labor market and economic data involving policy decisions, business initiatives, and economic development within Montana. The incumbent will serve as a technical expert on labor market and economic data and will utilize knowledge of economics and statistical analysis to answer questions about Montana's economy and labor markets. [More information and application available online.](#)

Director (Full Professor)

The Fenner School of Environment & Society at Australian National University, Canberra is currently seeking a Director with a clear vision for effective strategic leadership for the Fenner School of Environment and Society. The Director provides the leadership necessary to foster an environment that enables academic staff to achieve outstanding disciplinary and cross-disciplinary research, educational, policy and practice outcomes for the School and the University. The Director will have the opportunity to influence the direction of environment and sustainability research and education, and inform government policy and public debate. [More information and to apply online.](#) Closing date is May 29.

Departmental Seminars

Graduate Student Seminar

Commodity Price Volatility and Migration: Evidence from Rural Ethiopia

Yu Na Lee, Ph.D. Candidate, Applied Economics

Friday, May 13, 2016

1:30-2:30, 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Center for Human Resources and Labor Studies Research Seminar

Hui Liao, University of Maryland

Friday, May 20, 2016

12:30-2:00 p.m., Carlson L-126

Federal Reserve Bank Seminars

Fed Bag Lunch

"Government Old-Age Support and Labor Supply: Evidence from the Old Age Assistance Program"

Lee Lockwood, Northwestern

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Fed Bag Lunch

Title TBA

Hitoshi Tsujiyama, Goethe University Frankfurt

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Bellemare, M., Gitter, S., Kasterine, A., Obregon, E., Zotz, A. (2016) Trade in Quinoa: Impact on the Welfare of Peruvian Communities. International Trade Centre, Geneva, Switzerland. [Available online.](#)

Bergh, J. V. D., Steffen, W., Scheffer, M., Polasky, S., & Folke, C. (2016). Què passaria si l'energia solar fos realment barata? Un experiment mental en el "problema del canvi ambiental". *UAB divulga*, [Available online.](#)

Lee, Yu Na, Marc F. Bellemare, and David R. Just. (2016) Experimental Evidence on Attitudes to Price Uncertainty, *In Commodity Market Instability and Asymmetries in Developing Countries: Development Impacts and Policies*, edited by Alexandros Sarris,

pp. 51-54. Paris, France: Ferdi. [Available online.](#)

***Congratulations to all of our students on both a wonderful semester
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Announcements

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Jobs

Assistant Outreach Editor

The Economic Research Service of the USDA has two Editor positions they are seeking to fill. The candidates should be highly motivated economists with strong writing and editing skills. A background in economics with writing or journalism experience is highly desired. This person will serve as division Economics Editor for the award-winning *Amber Waves* magazine, high impact daily charts (*Charts of Note*) and related web content. This vacancy is posted [online](#). For additional information feel free to contact Cindy Nickerson (202-694-5626) or Danny Pick (202-694-5278).

Lecturer

The School of Business and Economics, University of Wisconsin-Superior is seeking Lecturers/Senior lecturers in Economics to teach face-to-face undergraduate courses in Fall 2016 and Spring 2017. Anticipated teaching load is 12 credits/4 courses per semester, including Principles of Macroeconomics, Principles of Microeconomics, and Money and Banking. Interested candidates should email CV, copies of teaching evaluations, a list of 3 references, and copies of transcripts to [Zamira S. Simkins](#).

Departmental Publications

Runge, C. Ford. "On Trumpism as Marxism (Part Karl, Part Groucho)." *Star Tribune*, May 13, 2016, sec. A9. [Available online.](#)

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Announcements

Congratulations to our award winners Maxwell Mkondiwa for receiving the 2016 Masters Dissertation Award, and our alumni Caroline Krafft and Xudong Rao, who were chosen as co-winners of the 2016 Doctoral Dissertation Award!

Jobs

Postdoctoral Fellow

The West Virginia University Research Corporation is seeking a Postdoctoral Fellow-Resource Economics for the Division of Resource Management at West Virginia University. This position will focus on examination of opportunities in energy efficiency, solar energy, the use of natural gas to encourage solar, and forest carbon offset policies, to facilitate transition to a low carbon energy future in West Virginia. The candidate will have the opportunity to collaborate with researchers at WVU's Regional Research Institute as well as WVU's Shale Gas Initiative. Follow [this link](#) for a complete job description and to apply for this position.

Postdoctoral Research Assistant

Three postdoctoral research assistant positions are available at the University of Stirling to work in the research group of Dr. Nils Bunnefeld on a European Research Council (ERC) funded project entitled, "Resolving conflicts between food security and biodiversity conservation under uncertainty (ConsFooBio)". The three posts will be employed on a 3 year fixed term contract with the possibility of 2 more years after successful evaluation. Position one is [available here](#), position two [here](#), and position three [here](#).

Postdoctoral Position

The UCLA Institute of the Environment and Sustainability is offering a post-doctoral position in Energy Conservation and Sustainability. The candidate will take a leading role in a research project funded by a grant from the California Energy Commission to evaluate the effectiveness of energy efficiency programs using residential consumption and program data in Los Angeles and produce an energy efficiency program Effectiveness Report. To apply for this post, please email your CV, letter of interest and three references to Professor [Magali Delmas](#).

Departmental Publications

Moon, Jin-Young, Jeffrey D. Apland, Solomon Folle, and David Mulla. "A Watershed Level Economic Analysis of Cellulosic Biofuel Feedstock Production with Consideration of Water Quality." *Sustainable Agriculture Research* 5, no. 3 (2016): 56-75. [Available online.](#)

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Announcements

The Health Economics Written Preliminary Exam will be offered this year on Monday, August 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. If you plan to take the Health Economics exam, please sign up with [Maureen Andrew](#), Coordinator with the PhD program in Health Services Research, Policy and Administration, by July 25, 2016.

Jobs

The Center for Farm Financial Management seeks a Product Support Technician to provide technical guidance and trouble-shooting to customers using FINPACK and an array of other agricultural applications, as well as assisting with the creation of training materials and programming for these tools. The Product Support Technician will work closely with programming, sales, and senior leadership to maintain relationships with existing customers by providing technical guidance, ensuring software functionality and usability, developing training documentation and modules, and driving product evolution in response to user needs. [Apply online.](#)

Visiting Assistant Professor

St. Mary's is seeking to fill a one-year visiting position in Environmental Economics starting in August, 2016. The successful applicant should have teaching interests focused on the intersection of science and policy, a PhD before August 2016 and an interest in teaching liberal arts context. The teaching load is three courses per semester, and will include ENST 100: Introduction to Environmental Studies, an intermediate Topics in Environmental Policy course, an intermediate environmental science course and others. [Apply online](#) with a cover letter, CV, teaching philosophy, evidence of teaching and leadership and three references with contact information.

Teaching Assistant Professor

West Virginia University Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design is seeking a teaching assistant professor in agribusiness/entrepreneurship/natural resources & energy. This is a 100% teaching, nine-month, non tenure-track position that will assume leadership of the undergraduate major in Environmental and Energy Resources Management. Teaching areas of emphasis include: rural enterprise development and entrepreneurship; management of agribusiness, natural resource, and/or energy enterprises; and legal issues related to enterprise operations, natural resources and the environment, or energy. Candidates should submit a letter of application, CV, college/university transcripts, and three professional references to:

[Dr. Alan R. Collins](#), Search Committee Chair
West Virginia University
Division of Resource Management

PO Box 6108
Morgantown, WV 26506
304-293-5486

Postdoctoral Position

The Centre for Energy Policy and Economics at the Department of Management, Technology and Economics, ETH Zurich is offering a postdoctoral position for two years starting in Autumn 2016. The research topic focuses on the analysis of socio-economic and behavioral determinants of energy consumption as well as on the economic analysis of the impact of energy and environmental policy measures. Applications including a CV and research statement should be sent to [Dr. Souvik Datta](#). More information on this position is [available online](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Federal Reserve Bank Seminars

Fed bag Lunch

"The Life-Cycle of Earnings and Decline in Labor's Share"

Andrew Glover, UT-Austin

Tuesday, June 7

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

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Opportunities

MIT will be hosting the 2016 NEUDC (Northeast Universities Development Consortium) on November 5-6, 2016. Now is the time to submit a paper for this conference and to pass along word to students or colleagues who may be interested. All papers investigating economic development are welcomed. The final date for submitting papers is August 15, 2016. Only full drafts of papers will be considered and abstracts should not exceed 300 words. Further details of the conference are [available online](#).

Jobs

Senior Lecturer

The University of Wisconsin-Superior is seeking a candidate to fill a senior lecturer position in the School of Business and Economics. This position would be responsible for teaching courses such as: Accounting, Business Law, Economics, Finance, International Business, Management and Supply Chain Management in a face-to-face and/or online setting. For additional information and to apply visit the [UW Superior website](#).

Research Fellow

The IDB, Southern Cone Department, is seeking a research fellow for a contractual to support its work program in the areas of macroeconomic surveillance and policy research, data gathering and analysis, and assisting in the preparation and review of Bank documents. More information and application requirements are [available online](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

Federal Reserve Bank Seminars

Fed bag Lunch

TBA

Scott Baker, Northwesters-Kellogg

Wednesday, June 15

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Nanney, Marilyn S., Katherine Y. Grannon, Colin Cureton, Courtney Hoolihan, Mark Janowiec, Qi Wang, Cael Warren, and Robert P. King. "Application of the Healthy Eating Index-2010 to the Hunger Relief System." *Public Health Nutrition* FirstView, (2016): 1-9.

[Available online](#).

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Jobs

Research Fellow

There are currently two Washington, DC based research fellowships in the EPA's National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE). Each is a one year fellowship where students would have an opportunity to work closely with NCEE economists on various policy-relevant research topics. Applications are due by July 8, 2016.

[Position 1 \(EPA-OP-NCEE-2016-02\): Analysis of Energy Markets and Environmental Regulation](#)

[Position 2 \(EPA-OP-NCEE-2016003\): Incorporating Benefits & Costs of Environmental Regulation in Computable General Equilibrium Models](#)

Professor

The Georgia Institute of Technology's School of Public Policy is seeking applications for a tenured or tenure-track position in applied microeconomics, rank open. The candidate must have a Ph.D. in economics, policy, management or a related field and will teach microeconomics to public policy students at the graduate and undergraduate levels, as well as advise students on Georgia Tech's Atlanta campus. Applicants should submit a cover letter; curriculum vitae; up to three publications; a statement of teaching interests and courses taught; research statement, including concrete descriptions of current and future research plans; and names and contact information of three academic references. Please [apply online](#) using the online application process. Applications are due December 1, 2016.

Seminars in the Department

Final Defense

"An Economic Analysis of Occupational Safety at Agribusiness Retailers"

Erik Hanson

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

12:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

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Announcements

Minnesota Applied Economist

The Summer 2016 edition of the Minnesota Applied Economist is now available online. Features include, "The Economics of Childcare," by Liz Davis, student and donor highlights, the Ruttan Lecture and more! The online version is available [here](#). If you would like to receive the printed copy, please email [Sadie Brendalen](mailto:Sadie.Brendalen) to be added to the mailing list.

Volunteers Needed

For the first time ever, Applied Economics and Agricultural Education will have their own booth to represent the departments at the 2016 Minnesota State Fair! We are looking for volunteers to help us fill a few spots on September 2nd, from 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Each shift is three hours and all volunteers will receive free admission to the fair as well as a CFANS t-shirt! Join us as we interact with our fellow Gophers and friends at the Great Minnesota Get Together. [Volunteers sign up here!](#) For questions or more information, please contact Sadie.

Jobs

Senior Cross-Commodity Economist

ERS is seeking a Senior Cross-Commodity Economist in applied research and market outlook for specialty crops. The candidate should be able to use their knowledge of economics and quantitative skills to conduct market analysis and research on the economic conditions and other factors that are fundamentally changing specialty crop markets, both domestically and internationally. [More information available online](#). For questions contact [Suzanne Thornsbury](mailto:Suzanne.Thornsbury), Chief, Crops Branch, Market and Trade Economics Division, ERS.

Post-Doctoral Researcher

Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) is recruiting a post-doctoral researcher to work as part of a team investigating the implications of a shift to a green economy in India. The position will be linked to the project, "Greenmentality: A Political Ecology of the Green Economy in the Global South." This project will examine governmentalities and their reactions 'from below' in ecotourism, carbon forestry, and climate-smart agriculture. To apply, please email [Nitin Rai](mailto:Nitin.Rai) with the following: CV, cover letter detailing research interests and reasons for applying, copies of relevant publications, and the names and contact information of three referees.

Lecturer

The University of Washington-Tacoma's Division of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs

is hiring a new, full-time, lecturer in Economics for the 2016-2017 academic year to teach lower and upper division courses in economics. The person filling this one-year position will teach seven classes per year. To apply for [this position](#), send a CV and teaching interests to [Katie Baird](#).

Multiple Positions at the EPA

There are multiple upcoming positions in the EPA's Clean Air Markets Division: [Power sector modeler](#); [power systems engineer](#); [air pollution control engineer](#) and [environmental policy analyst](#). If interested in any of these positions, please contact [Jeb Stenhouse](#).

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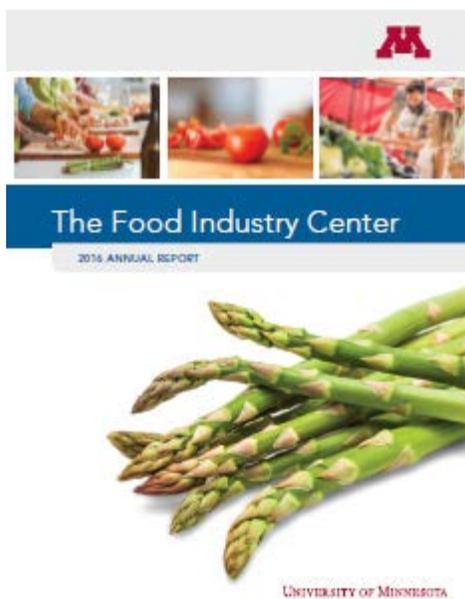


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Announcements

The Food Industry Center's 2016 Annual Report is now [available online](#). The report features The Food Industry Leader in the Classroom luncheon series, graduate students and activities as well as the financial report. Other annual reports are also available on the [TFIC website](#).



Departmental Publications

Grannon, K.Y., C. Hoolihan, Q. Wang, C. Warren, R.P. King, and M.S. Nanney
"Comparing the Application of the Healthy Eating Index-2005 and the Healthy Eating Index-2010 in the Food Shelf Setting." *Journal of Hunger & Environmental Nutrition* (2016):1-11. [Available online](#).

Wishing you a safe and happy 4th of July weekend!



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Announcements

Bixuan Sun presented her paper, "Market Power and the Transition to Clean Energy," at the 2016 Interdisciplinary Ph.D. Workshop in Sustainable Development at Columbia University.

Opportunities

CSAE 2017 Call for Paper

Conference on Economic Development in Africa, St. Catherine's College, Oxford, March 19-21, 2017. Papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are invited for the CSAE 20147 Conference. Papers on countries other than Africa are welcome, providing they deal with issues central to African development.

Please note that due to the high demand to present papers at this conference, only full drafts will be considered. Please ensure your paper also includes a short abstract. All papers for consideration must be submitted via [online submission](#).

Jobs

Research and Data Specialist

The Minnesota Department of Human Services, Child Care Assistance Program is in search of a research and data specialist to act as lead on performance management, research partnerships and child care provider rate analysis for the Child Care Assistance Program. This position will respond to data requests, make policy and action recommendations based on research and analytics and serve both leadership and technical roles. [Apply online using job code 6432](#)

Postdoctoral Fellow- Agribusiness

The Zwick Center for Food & Resource Policy and the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics invite applications for a postdoctoral fellow position. The successful candidate will have 40% applied research, 40% extension and 20% teaching responsibilities. They will develop and implement a strong applied research and extension program in agribusiness management, economic development, marketing, finance, and/or food economics. The candidate will collaborate with campus-based faculty and county-based extension faculty and staff, and stakeholders. This is a full-time, non-tenure track position. [Apply online](#) searching #2016654.

Postdoctoral Fellow- Food Policy

The Rudd Center for Food Policy & Obesity and the Zwick Center for Food & Resource

Policy at the University of Connecticut invite applications for a postdoctoral fellow position beginning August 23, 2016 or as negotiated. Candidates will be expected to contribute to the research mission of the centers in at least one of the following areas: food marketing, food insecurity, consumer food and beverage choices, nutrition and health disparities. This is a full-time, renewable position. [Apply online](#) searching #2016655.

Economist

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Resources Division is seeking both an economist to conduct analyses and provide technical support for positions of the Minnesota Department of Commerce on revenue requirements, rate design, rate of return, public utility accounting/tax issues, cost recovery methods/policies, energy conservation, resource planning, service policies, renewable energy, distributed generation, regional/federal activities and other issues in natural gas and electric utility. [Apply online using job code 6435](#).

Departmental Seminars

Final Defense

Juan Chaparro, Ph.D., Applied Economics

"Skills over the Life Cycle: Evidence from the United States and the Philippines"

Monday, July 18, 2016

1:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Departmental Publications

Heng, Y., H.H. Peterson, and X. Li "Consumer Responses to Multiple and Superfluous Labels in the Case of Eggs." *Journal of Food Distribution Research* 47 (2016):62-82. [Available online](#).

Kennedy, Christina M., Daniela A. Miteva, Leandro Baumgarten, Peter L. Hawthorne, Kei Sochi, Stephen Polasky, James R. Oakleaf, Elizabeth M. Uhlhorn, and Joseph Kiesecker. "Bigger is better: Improved nature conservation and economic returns from landscape-level mitigation." *Science Advances* 2, no. 7 (2016): e1501021. [Available online](#).

Ouyang, Zhiyun, Hua Zheng, Yi Xiao, Stephen Polasky, Jianguo Liu, Weihua Xu, Qiao Wang et al. "Improvements in ecosystem services from investments in natural capital." *Science* 352, no. 6292 (2016): 1455-1459. [Available online](#). (See also [Supplementary Materials](#))

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Announcements

WELCOME to Jenna Mead who started her new position as Grad Program Coordinator on Monday, July 11. Jenna has a B.A. from Augsburg College and an M.S. from UC-Riverside, both in Sociology. She had been working as an academic advisor and support for a large graduate program at Walden University, an online institution. She also has experience working as a Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant. We are very excited to have her join our department. Jenna is housed in room 231H Ruttan and can be reached at 5-377 or jmead@umn.edu (or apecdgs@umn.edu)



Jobs

Post-doctoral positions

Several 2-year appointments to post-doctoral research positions are available at the Agribusiness Centre. Post-doctoral researchers will work with academic staff and other UNE researchers in a multidisciplinary partnership which delivers high quality research output. They will work at all stages of the project management cycle to design, deliver and communicate high quality research. They will establish and develop linkages to commercial firms and industries that promote research partnerships. Applications should include a 1-page letter and a detailed CV demonstrating appropriate qualifications for the position and appropriate skills. Applications should be sent to [Professor Derek Baker](#).

Research Fellow

The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies at James Cook University is seeking a research fellow position for an environmental social scientist

with expertise in behavioural economics. The position will be split, with 50% time devoted to conducting research to support the Pew Fellowship project on coral reef "Bright Spots". [Apply online with reference number 15647.](#)

Post-doctoral

A post-doctoral opportunity, "Measuring Urban Sustainability Using Economic and Ecological Metrics" is available with the Environmental Protection Agency through the NRC. The position is extendable up to three years, funding dependent. The economist will work with a multidisciplinary team to evaluate the sustainability of a chosen urban area. The applicant will work on economic measures of sustainability, and ecological footprint thus integrating economic, environmental and ecological health. [Apply online.](#)

Policy Advisor

The Treasury's Office of Consumer Policy at the Financial Education and Literacy Commission (FLEC) with the USDA has a position open for a Policy Advisor. This position is located in the U.S. Treasury Departmental Offices (DO), Domestic Finance, Office of the Assistant Secretary (Financial Institutions), Office of Consumer Policy, Office of Financial Security. Domestic Finance has a number of important roles in the U.S. financial system. The Office of Consumer Policy develops and coordinates the Treasury Department's legislative and regulatory policies as they relate to retail financial services by banks and nonbank financial services companies. The Office has a particular focus on emerging trends in financial services such as the growing use of technology and data. The Office is also responsible for the interagency federal Financial Literacy and Education Commission. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Final Defense

Juan Chaparro, Ph.D., Applied Economics

"Skills over the Life Cycle: Evidence from the United States and the Philippines"

Monday, July 18, 2016

1:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Departmental Publications

Glewwe, P., A. Park, and M. Zhao "A better vision for development: Eyeglasses and academic performance in rural primary schools in China." *Journal of Development Economics* 122 (2016):170-82. [Available online.](#)

Watson, K.B., T. Ricketts, G. Galford, S. Polasky, and J. O'Neil-Dunne "Quantifying flood mitigation services: The economic value of Otter Creek wetlands and floodplains to Middlebury, VT." *Ecological Economics* 130 (2016):16-24. [Available online.](#)

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Marginal Memos

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Jobs

Senior Economist

RTI International's Center for Environmental, Technology, and Energy Economics has an opening for a senior position in the Research Triangle Park, NC office. The successful applicant will play a central role in the application of a variety of economic, statistical, and economic development analysis methods in support of projects in the domains of natural resource economics, environmental economics, and public policy. Candidates with excellent skills in quantitative and qualitative analysis, policy evaluation, primary data collection, proposal and report writing, and project management are encouraged to apply. This position offers significant professional development opportunities within a leading research organization. [Apply online.](#)

Research Assistant

American Progress has an immediate opening for a Research Assistant to work with the Energy Policy team to conduct research and analysis on energy and climate change policy. The ideal candidate will be committed to addressing climate change and willing to work on a wide range of domestic and international policy issues. For more information and to apply online, [click here.](#)

Junior Research Associate

The Euro-Mediterranean Center on Climate Change (CMCC) is inviting applications from qualified candidates for a Junior Research Associate Position to work on developments of ice sheet models, currently in use at CMCC for Earth System modeling. The primary purposes for this position are to perform development and assessment of the ice sheet model embedded in the CMCC Earth System model and in particular the ocean ice dynamical interactions. To apply, applicants should register to CMCC JAM (job application manager) and fill in the online form using [this link.](#)

Senior Economist

The Economics Department and the Environment Directorate are looking for a Senior Economist to move forward the joint analytical work on Green Growth. The successful candidate will work under the joint supervision of the Head of the Structural Policy Analysis Division of the Economics Department and the Head of the Environment and Economy Integration Division of the Environment Directorate. Main duties include planning, organization and supervision; policy analysis and drafting; research collaboration, liaison and outreach and project management.

The OECD is a global economic forum working with 35 member countries and more than 100 emerging and developing economies to make better policies for better lives. Our mission is to promote policies that will improve the economic and social well-being of

people around the world. The Organisation provides a unique forum in which governments work together to share experiences on what drives economic, social and environmental change, seeking solutions to common problems.

The key objective of the OECD's horizontal work on Green Growth is to help OECD members and other countries develop and assess policies aimed at achieving strong and environmentally sustainable economic growth, while addressing social implications for the transition to a green economy. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Publications

Rihn, A. L., & Yue, C. (2016). Visual attention's influence on consumers? willingness-to-pay for processed food products. *Agribusiness*, 32(3), 314-328. doi:10.1002/agr.21452. [Available online.](#)

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Jobs

RA Position

The Economic Analysis group in the Research Department at the Fed is in the process of collecting RA applications from Ph.D. students. The RA work encompasses a wide range of activities from data collection, analysis, and econometrics with Stata to programming dynamic heterogeneous agent models with Matlab or Fortran. In addition, an example of a potential project would be examining the racial gap in income earnings and employment. In particular, establishing the causal effect of residential segregation on these gaps. Please submit a statement of interest, CV and unofficial transcript to Wendy Williamson.

Economist

The Bureau of Land Management is seeking an Economist in the Montana State Office, Division of Energy, Minerals, & Realty. This position will provide guidance and assistance to the districts and other State office divisions and staffs of the Montana BLM in regional economic impact analyses for land use planning and the economic valuation of all solid, leasable mineral resources on Federal and Indian lands. [Apply online \(federal employees\)](#)
[Apply online \(all citizens\)](#)

Policy Economist

A vacancy exists at the Bay of Plenty Regional Council in Tauranga, New Zealand for a policy economist working in the water policy team. This role involves policy writing, coordinating and undertaking economic analysis, providing specialist economic advice and interpretation to inform National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management planning decisions. Contact [Sandra Barns](#) for more information.

Lead Economist

The Nature Conservancy is in search of a lead economist to offer technical, strategic leadership for the Conservancy's Office of the Chief Scientist in the areas of economics and behavior change. This expertise will be applied to create change in markets, policies, practices and governance relating to a broad range of conservation issues such as climate mitigation and adaptation, sustainable agriculture intensification, grazing lands management, renewable energy expansion, optimal landscape management, water resource management, fisheries, forest management, poverty alleviation, corporate sustainability, human health, conservation finance and impact investing, and consumer choice. S/he will drive efforts to establish TNC as a global leader in the application of economics to conservation challenges at the intersection of nature and human well-being including the global climate challenge. S/he conducts original research, publishes findings and communicates to diverse audiences to advance the evidence base for existing and

emerging conservation strategies in support of TNC organizational goals. [Apply online](#) position number 44461 and submit resume and cover letter as one document.

Senior Evaluator

Professional Data Analysts, Inc. is an independent evaluation and statistical consulting company that works with departments of health in states across the country to evaluate public health programs. They are currently in search of a senior evaluator to conduct formative and summative evaluations for both program improvement and accountability purposes. For more information and to apply online, visit the [PDA website](#).

Extension Specialist

The Department of Agriculture and Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho is soliciting applications for an Assistant Professor-Extension Specialist. The individual will be expected to develop an impactful extension program, based on nationally-recognized research in agricultural economics. Areas of emphasis include: Economics of crop production in face of increased water competition, economics of crop diseases and mitigation technologies, economics of industrial organization of production & processing sectors and interaction of agricultural & environmental policy with firm level decision-making. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Publications

Alston, J.M., and P.G. Pardey "Antipodean agricultural and resource economics at 60: agricultural innovation." *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* (2016). DOI:10.1111/1467-8489.12162. Available [online](#).

Bellemare, M.F., and L. Novak "Contract Farming and Food Security." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* (2016). DOI:10.1093/ajae/aaw053. [Available online](#).

Grobe, D., E.E. Davis, E.K. Scott, and R.B. Weber "Using Policy-Relevant Administrative Data in Mixed Methods: A Study of Employment Instability and Parents' Use of Child Care Subsidies." *Journal of Family and Economic Issues* (2016):1-17. [Available online](#).

Liu, J., K. Ma, P. Ciais, and S. Polasky "Reducing human nitrogen use for food production." *Scientific Reports* 6 (2016):30104. [Available online](#).

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Announcements

Congratulations to Ashwini Sankar for being selected to receive the Carol E. Macpherson Memorial Scholarship! This scholarship is dedicated to assisting women in achieving educational goals and dreams. Way to go, Ashwini!

Fall Faculty Meetings

Dates for the fall 2016 faculty meetings are as follows: September 9, October 14, November 4, and December 2. All meetings will take place from 1:30-3:00 p.m. in 119 Ruttan Hall.

Award Receptions

In October we will hold two separate award receptions: One for alumnus Klaus Deininger, who received the Distinguished Leadership Award for Internationals, which will take place on October 7 and one for Robert Johansson, who received the Outstanding Achievement Award, which will take place on October 20. You can RSVP online for the [October 7](#) and the [October 20](#) events. More information on location and time will be made available.

Jobs

Economic Analysis

There is an opening in Economic Analysis at Minnesota Management and Budget. The person in this position will report to State Economist Laura Kalambokidis and has the responsibility for modeling Minnesota economic activity as part of the twice yearly state revenue forecast. Duties include: collecting data, monitoring economic conditions, forecasting economic conditions for Minnesota, and forecasting revenues. [Apply online](#) using job posting number 7125.

Lecturer

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Economics at Montana State University is seeking a non-tenure track lecturer. Candidates should be prepared to teach a variety of undergraduate courses at both the introductory and advanced levels, as well as devise curriculum and course materials. [Apply online.](#)

Seminars

HCRC Brown Bag Seminar

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Elizabeth Davis, Department of Applied Economics
September 20, 2016

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Departmental Publications

Hill, J., L. Tajibaeva, and S. Polasky "Climate consequences of low-carbon fuels: The United States Renewable Fuel Standard." *Energy Policy* 97 (2016):351-3. [Available online.](#)

White, J.M., and M.A. Boland "Close cousins of cooperatives: an overview of Fraternal Benefit Societies." *Journal of Cooperatives* 31 (2016):1-31. [Available online.](#)

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Announcements

Welcome Picnic RSVP

The Grad Club's annual welcome picnic will take place on Thursday, September 1st, 5:00 p.m. at the [Como Park Pavilion](#). Please fill out the [RSVP form](#) online to let us know if you will attend!

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Jobs

Postdoc Positions

The UC Davis Coastal Marine Sciences Institute, in collaboration with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife is seeking to fill three postdoc positions focused on adaptive management and Marine Protected Areas. The application for all three positions: Statewide Monitoring Fellow, ROV Data Integration Fellow and Fishery/MPA Integration fellow is [available online](#).

Professor

The University of Graz, Austria is seeking to appoint a Professor of Climate and Environmental Economics. This is a central professorship within the Department of Economics and offers the opportunity to collaborate closely with the Wegener Center for Climate and Global Change. The duties of this position include conducting politically relevant empirical research with solid theoretical foundations, contributing to the university core research area "Environment and Global Change," and cooperating scientifically with other members of the department. [Apply online](#).

Research Associate

The Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population is seeking a Research Associate II with experience in quantitative research methods and an interest in conducting both quantitative and qualitative research. The ideal candidate would work collaboratively on a variety of projects focused on policy-relevant research in areas such as early childhood research, child welfare, safety net programs, low income working families, immigration, demographic change, food insecurity, or asset building and wealth accumulation among low-income populations. [Apply online](#).

Research Associate

The Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) has an opening for a Research Associate/Staff Scientist in Climate Change Mitigation Policy. Primary responsibilities include gathering data, preparing and conceptualizing analytical tools and models, drafting reports, preparing proposals and more. More information and application is [available online](#).

Agricultural Economist

The ERS, Market and Trade Economics as well as Resource and Rural Economics are seeking economist positions. The position in Market and Trade Economics will be assigned as an Outlook Agricultural Economist in either Crops, Animal Products and Cost of Production Branch, or the International Demand and Trade Branch, and responsible for collecting economic data and preparing analysis as part of a larger program or study. They will contribute to market outlook and analysis programs in the branch. The position in Resource and Rural Economics will be assigned to the Farm Economy Branch. They will assist in developing data for use in analyzing farm sector and farm household income and well-being, as well as assist other economists in carrying out larger and more complex studies of the financial conditions of the farm sector. [Apply online](#).

Community Economics Educator

University of Minnesota Extension seeks a full-time educator to work with Southeast Minnesota communities on community economics and economic development opportunities. The detailed posting for the job, to be based in Rochester, is found under the Community Vitality listing [online](#).

Extension's Community Economics educators use applied research and research-informed programs and strategies to help communities make decisions that strengthen the vitality of their local economies. Community economics programs offer educational opportunities and assistance for communities in such areas as economic impact analysis, business retention and expansion, retail analysis and development, and tourism. Candidates need a master's degree and one year of related work experience. For more information, contact [Bruce Schwartau](#), program leader for Community Economics in the Center for Community Vitality, at 507-536-6308.

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

"*Agricultural Subsidy Incidence: Evidence from Commodity Favoritism*" [Paper available](#).

Nathan Hendriks, Associate Professor, Ag Economics, Kansas State

Wednesday, September 7

1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

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Announcements

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Call for Papers

The Working Group in African Political Economy (WGAPE) invites paper submissions which reflect WGAPE's broad research agenda on core issues within the political economy of African development, including ethnic politics, civil conflict and violence, decentralization and democratization, corruption, local governance and other related topics. Experimental research with field data will be given priority. Each submission that is selected will receive a one-hour discussion slot at the meeting. The meeting will take place January 3-8, 2017 at New York University-Abu Dhabi. The call is broken into two tracks:

1. Paper submissions for research discussions (Jan 6-8).
2. Application to participate in the training and research workshops (Jan 3-8)

For more information on these tracks, submission and travel information see their [website](#).

Jobs

Assistant Professor

Kansas State University, Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources is seeking an Assistant Professor position focused on Sustainable Food Production Systems. The successful candidate will support the undergraduate horticulture production option and M.S. specialization food systems, develop an internationally recognized and externally funded program focused on sustainable horticulture production systems, and have numerous opportunities for multi-disciplinary collaboration across campus. [Link to more information and to apply online.](#)

Postdoctoral Researcher

The University of Oklahoma, Koch Lab is currently seeking a postdoctoral researcher to work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers on the integrated modeling of the Oklahoma City coupled human and natural system. The position is part of the Oklahoma [EPSCoR](#) project and will focus on the development, implementation, and application of spatio-temporal simulation model. The simulation model will make use of the Envision modeling framework in order to integrate models representing the socio-economic and

biophysical components of the system. To apply, please send a cover letter, CV with publication list, and the names and contact information for three references as one combined pdf document to [Dr. Jennifer Koch](#).

USDA National Needs Fellowship

Kansas State University Department of Agricultural Economics has fellowship opportunities for three Ph.D. students and two Masters students. Topic areas include: Animal Health Economics, Biosecurity Economics, Livestock & Grain Marketing, Risk Management, Production & Policy Analysis, Farm & Ranch Management. For more information contact:

[Dr. Sean Fox](#)

Professor and Director of Graduate Studies
218 Walters Hall
Manhattan, KS 66506
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Announcements

Award Reception and Seminar

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Congratulations!

Congratulations to Vanee Dusoruth and Hikaru Peterson for being awarded a one year grant from the Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Institute for their proposal titled, "Throwing Away That Food? Impacts of Food Date Labelling and Cosmetic Standards."



Call for Graduate Student Submissions for the MGAPE Fall 2016 Meeting

The Fall 2016 meeting of the [Midwest Group in African Political Economy](#) (MGAPE) will be held at the University of Minnesota, organized by Jason Kerwin. Founded in 2011, MGAPE brings together junior faculty in Political Science, Economics, and Public Policy who combine rich research experience in Africa with training in political economy methods. MGAPE is a regional branch of the national WGAPPE. MGAPE meets to discuss works-in-progress of its regular members. The schedule will follow previous MGAPEs, starting with a public panel on food security on Friday afternoon, then dinner, and papers to be discussed Saturday through the early afternoon.

MGAPE is now accepting submissions from UMN graduate students interested in presenting their research on political economy in Africa at the workshop. We will consider both draft papers and research designs. Space at the workshop is very limited, so graduate student submissions will be held to the same standard as those made by regular MGAPE members. Submissions will be evaluated by the MGAPE executive committee. Students interested in presenting their work should email a title and abstract to [Jason Kerwin](#) with the subject line "MGAPE 2016 Submission for [NAME]", and indicate whether their submission is a draft paper or a research design.

CSAE 2017 Call for Papers

The Conference on Economic Development in Africa will be held at St. Catherine's College in Oxford, March 19-21, 2017. Papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are invited for the CSAE 2017 conference. Papers on countries other than those in Africa are welcome, providing they deal with issues central to African development.

Please note that due to the high demand to present papers at this conference, we will only be considering FULL DRAFTS of papers for 2017. Please ensure your paper also includes a short abstract.

All papers for consideration must be submitted via the [online submission site](#). Deadline for submissions is Friday, October 28.

Jobs

Assistant/Associate Professor

The Department of Environmental Science and Policy at the University of California at Davis has a faculty opening for an Assistant/Associate Professor in Social-Ecological Systems with a preferred emphasis in governance and quantitative approaches including but not limited to network analysis, mathematical models, computational models, and empirical research. This is an academic year(9-month), Assistant/Associate Professor tenure-track/tenured position with teaching, research, outreach/engagement and service responsibilities. More information about this position and how to apply is [available online](#).

Assistant Professor

The Environmental Studies program at St. Mary's College of Maryland is hiring a new faculty member at the Assistant Professor level, with the area of focus being science and policy. Those whose teaching interests are focused on the intersection of environmental science and policy with expertise and an enthusiasm to teach in both the ENST Science Track and ENST Social Science & Policy Track of the ENST major and minor curriculum in addition to teaching a regular rotation of common core courses in the major are encouraged to apply. A strong candidate will have a PhD before August 2017, previous experience teaching in a liberal arts context, and a high level of commitment to creative, undergraduate education. Find more information about this position and how to apply [online](#).

Ph.D. Fellowship

Dartmouth's doctoral program in [Ecology, Evolution, Ecosystems, and Society \(EEES\)](#) seeks applicants for a graduate fellowship focusing on the ecology, economics, and governance of ecosystem services to begin in the Fall of 2017. Potential research topics might include the science and policy of carbon storage in temperate forests, the use of deliberative multicriteria analysis in managing forests and watersheds, and the bioeconomics of forest insect pests. The ideal candidate will have an interdisciplinary background that includes aspects of environmental science and economics plus demonstrated capability in research. The EEES graduate program offers a cross-cutting intellectual environment, ample resources for graduate students, and a committed faculty. To initiate an application, please e-mail a CV and statement of interest to [Richard Howarth](#). Applications should be completed by December 1, 2016 using the [Dartmouth online application](#).

Branch Chief

The Economic Research Service (ERS) of USDA has a leadership vacancy for Branch Chief, International Demand and Trade Branch, Markets and Trade Economics Division. Requirements of the position include an advanced degree, intellectual leadership within the fields of economics or statistics and proven ability to lead a top quality and diverse group of researchers. The candidate will be responsible for planning, directing, and managing the International Demand and Trade (IDT) program of agricultural economic research, analysis, and information dissemination. More information is available online for [Federal Employees](#) and [US Citizens](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Electoral Reciprocity in Programmatic Redistribution: Experimental Evidence" [Paper Available](#)

Sebastian Galiani, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland
Friday, September 16
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Timothy Richards, Marvin & June Morrison Chair of Agribusiness & Resource Management, W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University
Wednesday, September 21
1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Market Power and the Transition to Clean Energy"
Bixuan Sun, Ph.D. Student, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
Monday, October 10
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

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Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"The Structure of U.S. Families and Intergenerational Transfers"
Judy Seltzer, UCLA
Monday, September 12
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Childrearing practices and son preference in political conflict settings: New findings from the Palestinian Family Study, 2010"
Allen Tate, Epidemiology and Community Health
Friday, September 16
12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, Willey Hall

Federal Reserve Bank Seminars

Fed Bag Lunches

"Missing Growth from Creative Destruction"

Pete Klenow, Stanford

Tuesday, September 13

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

TBD

Costas Meghir, Yale

Wednesday, September 14

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Firm Entry and Exit and Aggregate Growth"

Sewon Hur, Pittsburgh

Thursday, September 15

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

EpiCH Seminar Series

"Beyond Obamacare: Life, Death, and Social Policy"

Jim House, Ph.D., University of Michigan

Friday, September 16

10:00 a.m., West Bank Office Building, Room 140

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Dairy Academy and Farm Tour Experience

A One-Day Exploration of On-Farm Production and Processing
University of Minnesota students interested in food, health and/or agriculture-related careers have an opportunity to share in experiential learning alongside dairy farmers and industry professionals. Throughout the day, students will come to better understand the science behind how dairy products get from the farm to the plate. Together, science, technology and innovation are helping the dairy industry meet consumer needs for safe, nutritious, fresh foods- today and in the future. [RSVP online.](#)

Opportunities

Call for Papers

The SCC-76 "Economics and Management of Risks in Agriculture and Natural Resources" Group is soliciting submissions for the 2017 Annual Meeting, taking place March 30- April 1, 2017 in Pensacola Beach, FL. More information on [submitting a paper](#) and the [annual conference](#) is available online.

Jobs

Assistant Professor

The Food and Resource Economics Department at the University of Florida is seeking to fill a 12-month tenure-accruing position for an Assistant Professor with research and teaching interests in the Economics of International Development. The successful candidate will engage in scholarly activities related to instruction, advising and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, participating in curriculum enhancement, seeking funding, as well as other related activities. More information and application requirements are [available online.](#)

Associate/Full Professor

The Food and Resource Economics Department of the University of Florida is seeking to fill a 12-month position with tenure at the Associate or Full Professor level, with emphasis on research and teaching in the Economics of International Development. This

appointment will be 60% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station) and 40% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences). Applicants should have a nationally and internationally recognized research program in international development and will be expected to secure external funding to support their program, provide program leadership to faculty in the areas of international development and publish in national and international journals. More information and application requirements are [available online](#).

Economist

The U.S. EPA is recruiting for an economist position located in Washington, D.C. The position is located in the Economics and Policy Analysis Branch (EPAB) of the EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT). EPAB is responsible for performing economic analyses for all OPPT activities including both regulatory programs under the Toxic Substances Control Act and non-regulatory programs. The Branch also provides economic analyses of markets, financial feasibility studies, and industry sector studies to inform Agency and private sector decision makers as well as provides economic analyses for strategic planning, priority setting, and the measurement of environmental results. This announcement is [available online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Electoral Reciprocity in Programmatic Redistribution: Experimental Evidence" [Paper Available](#)

Sebastian Galiani, Professor, Department of Economics, University of Maryland
Friday, September 16
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

TBD

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Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Timothy Richards, Marvin & June Morrison Chair of Agribusiness & Resource Management, W.P. Carey School of Business, Arizona State University
Wednesday, September 21
1:30 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Market Power and the Transition to Clean Energy"

Bixuan Sun, Ph.D. Student, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
Monday, October 10
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

HCRC Brown Bag Seminar

"Early Childhood Interventions: Experimental and Observational Evidence"

Costas Meghir, Yale University
September 15, 2016
9:00 a.m., Humphrey School Room 205

"Inequalities in Access to Early Care and Education? Family-Centered Measures of the Cost-Quality Tradeoff"

Elizabeth Davis, Department of Applied Economics
September 20, 2016
1:00 p.m., Humphrey School Room 205

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Using mixedmetro.com to Study Residential Racial Segregation and Diversity"

Richard Wright, Dartmouth College

Monday, September 19

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Childrearing practices and son preference in political conflict settings: New findings from the Palestinian Family Study, 2010"

Allen Tate, Epidemiology and Community Health

Friday, September 16

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, Willey Hall

"Jobs beyond the academy: Career opportunities with the U.S. Census"

Rachelle Hill (MnRDC) and Sarah Heimel (U.S. Census)

Friday, September 23

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, Willey

EpiCH Seminar Series

"Beyond Obamacare: Life, Death, and Social Policy"

Jim House, Ph.D., University of Michigan

Friday, September 16

10:00 a.m., West Bank Office Building, Room 140

Healthy Food Summit 2016

Registration for the 2016 Healthy Food Summit, *Food, Microbes and Health*, October 27-28 is now open. Early bird pricing is available through September 23. [You can find more information and register online at the Healthy Food Healthy Lives website.](#)

Departmental Publications

Miller, S., and B. Nkuiya "Coalition formation in fisheries with potential regime shift."

Journal of Environmental Economics and Management 79 (2016):189-207. [Available online.](#)

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Announcements

Award Reception and Seminar- TODAY!

Applied Economics alum Klaus Deininger will be presenting the Trade and Development Seminar today at 10:30. Following the presentation there will be lunch served and the presentation of the award around 1:00 p.m. If you are unable to attend the seminar, you are still welcome to join us for lunch. We look forward to having you celebrate with us!

Carl Casale of CHS at First Tuesday

Carl Casale, president and chief executive officer of CHS, a leading energy, grains, and foods company and the nation's largest member-owned cooperative, will be speaking at First Tuesday Speaker Series on October 4, 2016. Prior to joining CHS in 2011, he was executive vice president and chief financial officer for Monsanto Company.

Casale currently serves as director on the boards of the Ventura Foods, LLC; Ecolab Inc., National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, and the Minnesota Business Partnership.

[Register for this event online.](#)

Minnesota AgriGrowth Annual Meeting

Minnesota AgriGrowth is hosting their annual meeting on Thursday, November 10. If you are a student and would like to attend, contact [Mike Boland](#), who will help with rides and registration. The agenda can be found [online](#).

Opportunities

Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships at the Minnesota Population Center

Application Instructions for 2017-18 Fellowships ~ Preliminary Applications Due to MPC: Tuesday, October 25, 2016

The Graduate School will award a limited number of Interdisciplinary Doctoral Fellowships (IDFs) for 2017-18 to outstanding graduate students with interdisciplinary dissertation topics who would benefit from interaction with faculty at one of the University's interdisciplinary research centers or institutes. MPC welcomes applications from students pursuing population research.

The award includes a stipend of \$23,000 for the academic year (September-May), tuition for up to 14 graduate credits each semester (fall & spring), and subsidized health insurance through the Graduate Assistant Health Plan. Summer health insurance will be provided if the Fellow remains eligible.

Students seeking to hold an IDF in 2017-18 at MPC should contact MPC Training Director

David Hacker as soon as possible (well in advance of October 25) to indicate their interest. Although the Graduate School's deadline is Monday, November 14, applicants must submit their entire application packet (minus the letter of support from MPC's Director) to MPC Training Director [David Hacker](#) by October 25. MPC will then select applications to endorse, and will provide letters of support accordingly.

MPC will make its review and notify applicants of decisions by Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Prior to Monday, November 14, successful applicants will receive a PDF copy of a letter of support from MPC Director Rob Warren to be included with their applications to the Graduate School.

In addition to the selection criteria listed [here](#) by the Graduate School, the MPC review committee will consider how each applicant would benefit from residence in MPC's interdisciplinary intellectual community and how MPC would benefit from each applicant's residence.

Jobs

Post-Doctoral Research Associate

The Great Lakes Restorative Initiative (GLRI), is seeking a postdoctoral research associate to lead development of an adaptive approach to the selection of restoration project portfolios. They will work with decision stakeholders from the participating agencies to frame the decision making context, identify restoration priorities, characterize uncertainties in predicting project outcomes and design systems of monitoring to assess satisfaction of project goals. Interested applications should provide, in a single PDF document, (1) a cover letter that addresses qualifications and skills in the areas of expertise listed above, (2) a current vita, (3) a transcript of PhD work indicating degree award date, and (4) the names and contact information of three references who can attest to the candidate's qualifications. Send applications and inquiries by email to Dr. [Clint Moore](#), Assistant Unit Leader, Georgia Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit. Applications will be accepted until a suitable candidate is found.

Adjunct Faculty Position

The Economics Department at Augsburg College seeks to hire a part-time adjunct faculty member for the Spring 2017 semester to teach an undergraduate course in Environmental Economics. The course serves majors in both Economics and Environmental Studies. To apply, please [upload](#) a cover letter and your current CV. Contact [Keith Gilsdorf](#) with questions or for additional information.

Program Officer

The Ford Foundation seeks a creative, dynamic, Program Officer to join its Inclusive Economies team. This person will be part of a global effort to help advance inclusive economy. Reporting to the Director of Inclusive Economies, and as part of the Inclusive Economies (IE) team, the Program Officer will assess opportunities in the US and globally, identify key ecosystems interventions and work with various actors to analyze challenges and opportunities, identify levers of change, and play a leading role in shaping specific grant activities-particularly around Quality Work and Economic Security. The Program Officer will share substantive knowledge with Foundation colleagues; collaborate broadly across IE and other Foundation teams; serve as a 'connector' of grantees; promote thoughtful learning; and work with practitioners, government officials, scholars, NGOs, other donors and corporate sector leaders on issue of common concern to leverage positive impact toward common goals. [Apply online.](#)

Agricultural Economist

The ERS is hiring Agricultural Economists in the Crops Branch and in the Animal Products & Cost of Production Branch. They specifically seek cutting edge commodity analysts who will develop a program of economic research and outlook focused on (1) at least one of the crop markets covered by the Crops Branch (grains, oilseeds, cotton, rice, fruit and tree nuts, vegetables and dry pulses, sugar and sweeteners) and (2) livestock, dairy, and poultry markets covered by the Animal Products & C Cost of Production Branch. [Apply](#)

[online](#) using position number ERS-S16N-0036. For more information, contact [Suzanne Thornsby](#) or [Jeffrey Gillespie](#).

Assistant Professor

The University of Connecticut invites applications for an Assistant Professor in Agricultural Economics in the Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics. The successful candidate will have a 50% research and 50% teaching responsibility that includes developing and implementing a strong applied research program with a focus on agribusiness, food, or energy; teaching three courses per academic year; advising and mentoring undergraduates and graduates and actively seeking extramural funding. They will be interviewing at the ASSA meetings in Chicago, January 6-8 prior to flyouts. [Apply online](#).

Extension Educator

The University of Minnesota Extension has an opening in Rice and Steele Counties for an Extension Educator working in Agriculture Production Systems. This position will primarily focus on providing support for Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (AFNR) programs that are relevant to the local community. This support will involve local program development, delivery, marketing, evaluation, coordination, logistics and possibly participation in scholarly research. This position will also provide technical assistance and information in the area of crops, livestock, agricultural business management, and possibly horticulture. Special effort will be required to maintain competency in multiple discipline areas of agricultural production as well as knowledge of local/federal/state agency programs. [Apply online](#).

Faculty Position (all levels)

The Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at the University of California, Los Angeles, invites applications for a faculty position in environment and/or energy economics. Specifically, the applicant should have interests and experience in the following areas of research: environmental valuation, environmental policy, corporate sustainability, political economy, behavioral economics, environmental health, international economics, econometrics and experimental economics. Applicants will be expected to teach at both the undergraduate and graduate level, advise and mentor graduate students, and contribute to graduate education. [Apply online](#). Refer to position # JPF02335 in all correspondence.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

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Wednesday, September 28

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Monday, October 10

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Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Social Context and the Permeability of Racial Identity Boundaries: How Place Shapes Race"

Carolyn Liebler, University of Minnesota

Monday, September 26

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Experimental Evidence on discrimination in the labor marker"

Marina Gorsuch, University of Minnesota

Friday, September 30

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room, Willey Hall

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Rachelle Hill (MnRDC) and Sarah Heimel (U.S. Census)

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Department of Economics

Applied Micro Seminar

"What do Exporters Know?"

Michael Dickstein, NYU-Stern, joint with Eduardo Morales

Wednesday, September 28

3:30 p.m., HMH 4-190

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Information Resale in Networks"

Mihai Manea, MIT

Thursday, September 29

12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

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TFIC Luncheon Series

Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.

Cherrywood Room, St. Paul Student Center

Complimentary buffet lunch will be served starting at 11:30. Please [RSVP online](#) by October 7.

Kyle Punton, Sr. Key Account Manager, Kemp's LLC will present: "From Farm to Table-Careers in the Dairy Industry."

Kyle Punton is currently the Sr. Key Account Manager at Kemp's calling Supervalu and Cub Foods in Minneapolis. He has over 10 years of experience with Frozen and Dairy Consumer Packaged Goods. Kyle graduated from St. John's University with a BA in Communications.

Twin Cities Stata User's Group

The inaugural meeting of the Twin Cities Stata User's Group was held on September 28. The meeting was for both new and experienced Stata users. More details are available [online](#).

Jobs

Senior Economist

RTI International's Center for Environmental, Technology, and Energy Economics has an opening for a senior position in the Research Triangle Park, NC office. The successful applicant will play a central role in the application of a variety of economic, statistical, and economic development analysis methods in support of projects in the domains of natural resource, environmental, and public policy. Candidates with excellent skills in qualitative and quantitative analysis, policy evaluation, primary data collection, proposal and report writing, and project management are encouraged to apply. This position offers significant professional development opportunities within a leading research organization. [Apply online](#).

Economist

An environmental economist job is open at US EPA Office of Research and Development in Narragansett, Rhode Island. This position will provide assistance to Agency functions relating to environmental and ecological economics and sustainable development; independently plan, organize, and conduct social science research projects and investigations; collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to develop and conduct analyses that support sustainable environmental protection and management. More information

[available online.](#)

Assistant/Associate Professor

The University of Delaware is seeking applicants for a tenure-track appointment at the level of Assistant or Associate Professor in its School of Marine Science and Policy. The successful candidate will be expected to publish in top field journals, raise external research funds, and teach and advise at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Marine Science and Policy faculty members often have joint appointments in other University departments. Review of applicants will begin on December 1. [Apply online.](#)

Impact Evaluation Field Coordinator

RCT is seeking a temporary impact evaluation field coordinator for an experimental study with sugarcane outgrowers in Uganda. The randomized control trial, which is being carried out jointly with IFPRI and the Gender Innovation Lab, aims to identify ways to increase women's participation in cash crop value chains. The field coordinator will work as a World Bank Short-Term Consultant for up to 150 days from November 2016 - June 2017. Job details and application process is [available online.](#)

Assistant Professor

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M is seeking a tenure track assistant professor in the field of Energy Marketing Analysis and Decision Making. Research responsibilities include the application of economic principles and appropriate methodology related to energy and natural resource markets, their interactions, and subsequent impacts on state, national and global economies. Market structure, firm concentration and market performance, and decision making are important areas of focus, along with the role of spot, futures and options markets in price discovery and capital/resource allocation related to conventional and alternative energy sources. Apply electronically by sending a letter of application indicating qualifications and interest, a current curriculum vitae, transcripts, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent via [email](#). Address all application materials to: C. Parr Rosson, III, Professor and Department Head, Department of Agricultural Economics, 2124 TAMU, College Station, Texas 77843-2124, Phone: (979) 845-2116; Fax: (979) 862-1563 .

Assistant/Associate Professor

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology (AERS) at the University of Idaho (UI) is inviting applications for an Assistant or Associate Professor of Agricultural Economics, a 9-month, 70% research/30% teaching tenure track position. The successful candidate will develop a nationally-recognized research program in agricultural economics, with areas of interest that may include, but are not limited to: food and commodity markets, international trade, production economics, agricultural and food policy, price analysis and forecasting, industrial organization.

Position expectations are to teach undergraduate and graduate courses based upon educational background, interests, and departmental needs; advise undergraduate and graduate students; publish research in high quality journals; and secure extramural grant funding to support research and graduate students. The person filling this position will be expected to collaborate with other faculty and graduate students in both disciplinary and multi-disciplinary research. [Apply online.](#)

Research Associate

Columbia Business School seeks to recruit a full-time Research Associate (RAs) to assist with faculty research in the following divisions: Accounting; Decision, Risk & Operations (DRO); Finance & Economics (F&E), Management, and Marketing.

Under the guidance of Columbia Business School faculty, the RA will take an active role in on-going research projects in various stages from conception through publication. This position provides an opportunity to gain experience in academic business research and would be ideal preparation for a PhD program and other graduate study or careers in the data sciences. The work is overseen by a faculty liaison from the respective divisions along with the Director of Research. [Apply online.](#)

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Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Climate Shocks, Migration, and Mortality in Developing Countries: Case Studies Using TerraPop"

Raphael Nawrotzki, University of Minnesota

Monday, October 3

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

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Katy Kozhimannil, PhD, MPA, Associate Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management

Friday, October 7

11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

Finance Department Seminar

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Nobuhiro Kiyotaki, Princeton

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Can Economics Reduce Global Pollution Deaths?

An estimated 7.8 million people died in 2013 due to ambient and household air pollution, lack of access to safe water and sanitation, and exposure to lead. Over 90% of these deaths occurred in low and middle income countries. Can economic analysis help reduce this burden in a cost effective way? Join us for the Jon Goldstein Memorial Lecture featuring Maureen Cropper, University of Maryland. Hosted by the Department of Economics and the Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute. 6:00 pm lecture and 7:00 pm reception. Memorial Hall, McNamara Alumni Center. Free, but [registration](#) is required.

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be hosting happy hour today, October 7th at 4:00 p.m. in Waite Library. \$5 donation suggested.

Opportunities

Call for Papers

In the Spring of 2017, the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will host the 14th Midwest International Economic Development Conference on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the Pyle Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The keynote speaker will be Pascaline Dupas, Associate Professor of Economics at Stanford University.

You are invited to submit a paper to present at the conference. Papers on any topic related to international economic development are welcome. Submissions for an entire session are also welcome. Abstracts without papers will not be considered. Submission

deadline is January 4, 2017. The [submission portal](#) will be live on November 1. Questions about submission should contact [MWIEDC](#).

Call for Papers

The MEA invites papers and organized sessions in all areas of economics at the upcoming 81st Annual Meeting. The conference will take place from March 31st to April 2nd, 2017 at the Westin Cincinnati in Cincinnati, Ohio. Conference speakers include Michael Greenstone, Milton Friedman Professor in Economics University of Chicago and Director of the Energy Policy Institute at Chicago, as well as Thomas J. Holmes, MEA President and the Curtis L. Carlson Professor of Economics at the University of Minnesota and Consultant to the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

The deadline for abstract submissions is October 14th. Please refer to the conference page on the [MEA website](#) for submission forms and other details.

Call for Papers

The GlobalFood Program at the University of Gottingen in collaboration with the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) has organized the Third GlobalFood Symposium from April 28th-29th, 2017 in Gottingen. The aim of the Symposium is to discuss new research findings and policy changes related to the global agri-food system transformation. The two-day event will feature speakers: Jenny Aker, Kym Anderson, Jill McCluskey, Marie Ruel, Tom Reardon, Jo Swinnen, and Maximo Torero.

Submissions from researchers working on related topics from an economic and/or social science perspective are welcomed. All submissions should be in the form of extended abstracts to be submitted via the [GlobalFood website](#). Submission deadline is November 15th. More information can be found [online](#).

Jobs

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor of Economics

The Department of Economics at Iowa State University seeks to hire two tenure-track Assistant, Associate or Full Professors in Economics.

In one of these positions, the successful candidate will be expected to develop and innovative research program addressing key issues in international trade with emphasis on agricultural trade and agricultural markets. Areas of interest might include applications to trade policies, climate change, food security, technical change, product quality and development. Teaching responsibilities may include courses in agricultural, food and trade policy; international trade; international development; international finance; the PhD microeconomics core or related areas. [More information and to apply online](#).

In the other position the successful candidate's innovative research program will address key issues in risk commodities with emphases on commodities important to the State of Iowa. This might include crop insurance, basis analysis and arbitrage, agricultural and financial policy and/or related fields. Teaching responsibilities may include courses in agricultural marketing; commodity marketing and risk management; the PhD microeconomics core or related areas. [More information and to apply online](#).

13 Doctoral Researchers

The University of Gottingen has position openings for 13 doctoral researchers to join the Research Training Group (RTG) 1666 "Transformation of Global Agri-Food Systems". The positions duties include research on questions related to the "Transformation of Global Agri-Food Systems". The GlobalFood RTG carries out research on restructuring agricultural markets, including the growing role of international food standards, changing consumer preferences, and the rapid expansion of supermarkets. Projects analyze the implications for supply chain governance, international trade flows, market efficiency, ethical consumption and impacts on rural poverty, food security and nutrition in developing countries. These positions will require international travel for data collection and exchange with collaborators. [Apply online](#).

Assistant Professor

Applications are invited for a tenure-track faculty position at the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (FARE) at the University of Guelph. The successful candidate is expected to establish and maintain a high quality, externally funded research program in the area of agricultural business. Areas of research interest include: agricultural finance and risk management; supply chain management; development and management of value-chains; agricultural commodity and food product marketing; firm innovation and financing of startup firms; and agri-industrial organization. The position involves teaching three courses per year at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. Applicants should submit their CV, a statement of research interests and vision of their long-term program of research, a statement of teaching philosophy, and arrange for three letters of reference to be sent under separate cover to: [Ms. Debbie Harkies](#), Secretary to the Chair
Department of Food, Agricultural, and Resource Economics
University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, N1G 2W1

Research Assistant

The Freshwater Society is looking for a research assistant for a temporary, part time project. The successful candidate will research and summarize up to six organizational models that would provide guidance for rethinking the management and workflow of the Technical Service Areas. The project will run from October 2016 through the end of November. To apply contact [Peggy Knapp](#), Director of Programs at the Freshwater Society.

Postdoctoral Researcher

The George Perkins Marsh Institute at Clark University seeks a Postdoctoral Researcher in environmental economics, with an emphasis in ecosystem service valuation, stated and stated/revealed preference methods, and benefit transfer. The fellow will contribute to a portfolio of research projects led by George Perkins Marsh Institute director Robert J. Johnston addressing multiple aspects of environmental and non-market valuation. To apply, [please email](#): A cover letter explaining qualifications and interest in the position, an updated CV, graduate transcript, names and contact information for three references and a writing sample.

Postdoctoral Researcher

UCLA is looking for postdoctoral researchers for the 2017-2018 year to conduct social science research on climate change at the Center for Corporate Environmental Performance in the Institute of the Environment. The candidate will work with Professor Magali Delmas and other professors at the UCLA Institute of the Environment. [Apply online.](#)

Economist

The Risk and Benefits Group in the Office of Air and Radiation at the United States Environmental Protection Agency is looking for an economist who is interested in working in a multi-disciplinary team to help characterize the dollar benefits of improved air quality. This person will focus in particular on developing and identifying new willingness to pay and cost of illness measures to express the economic value of these impacts. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Smog in Our Brains: Gender Difference in the Impact of Exposures to Air Pollution on Cognitive Performance"

Xi Chen, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health & Institution for Social & Policy Studies, Yale University

Friday, October 14

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

Jeta Rudi, PhD candidate, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota
 Wednesday, October 12
 12:00 p.m., **230 Ruttan Hall**NOTE ROOM CHANGE**

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 Monday, October 10
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Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Intergenerational Mobility During the Great Depression"

James Feigenbaum, PhD Fellow, Princeton University
 Monday, October 10
 12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

MPC research mixer: Population mobility and spatial demography. This mixer and brainstorming session is open to anyone with an interest in this research area.

Jack DeWaard (Sociology) and Audrey Dorelien (Humphrey School)
 Friday, October 14
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HCRC Brown Bag Seminar

"The Play's the Thing: Theatre Arts and School Readiness in Low-Income Preschoolers"

Amy Susman-Stillman, Center for Education and Early Development, University of Minnesota
 Tuesday, October 18
 12:00 p.m., Humphrey School Room 205

Departmental Publications

Delbridge, T.A., and R.P. King "Transitioning to Organic Crop Production: A Dynamic Programming Approach." *Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics* 41 (2016):481-98. [Available online.](#)

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Ann joined fairlife as the Field Marketing Manager (FMM) in February 2015. As FMM, Ann develops, coordinates, and executes marketing campaigns for fairlife's core products in Minnesota. In 2012, she earned her bachelor's degree in Advertising from the University of Minnesota, with a minor in sports marketing, and currently serves on the Young Alumni Council for the University.

Kliethermes also received her Master's Degree in Sports Administration from Northwestern University in Chicago, and spend her time in grad school working for the University's athletic department, while also interning with Octagon Sports Marketing.

Last Chance to RSVP for Rob Johansson Seminar and Reception

Please join us in celebrating Dr. Johansson's outstanding accomplishments at a seminar and reception on October 20th from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the [Cargill Building](#) Atrium and Seminar room. [RSVP online](#) or contact [Sadie Brendalen](#).

Community Fund Drive Pet-A-Puppy Event and Pet Food Drive

On Wednesday, October 19 from 11:00-1:00 p.m. in 230 Ruttan Hall, we will have several adorable pooches for you to pet from rescue agency Pause for Paws. Help them out by bringing in a donation (food, leashes, treats etc) and

dropping it off anytime between now and next Wednesday in 231 or 146 Ruttan Hall.

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be hosting happy hour today, October 14th, at 4:00 p.m. at [Republic](#) (7 corners).



Jobs

Associate Research Fellow

The International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) seeks a qualified candidate to serve as an Associate Research Fellow (ARF) or a Research Fellow (RF) in its Environment and Production Technology Division. This is a two (2) year, fixed term, renewable, exempt appointment based either at IFPRI's South Asia Regional Office in New Delhi, India or in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Current research areas include - but are not limited to - evaluating (1) the impact of technologies and practices associated with sustainable agricultural intensification, as well as targeted subsidies designed to support their sustained adoption; (2) interventions aimed at providing new technologies, products, and services that have a potential impact on labor demand, gender roles, household welfare, and migration; and (3) preferences and behavioral dimensions that influence the sustained adoption of new technologies and practices within heterogeneous farming populations. Particular emphasis is placed on the study of public policies that influence public, private, and civil society interactions around agricultural research, extension and advisory services, rural enterprise, and community-based initiatives. To apply, go to the [IFPRI website](#), select "Jobs", and "Research Positions" to link you to Position #16-155.

Socio-Economist

The International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center, known by its Spanish acronym, CIMMYT is seeking a candidate for the position of Socio-economist to work on improving maize (and wheat) agro-food systems in Latin America. The position has a two-fold focus: (i) to assess and develop input/output value-chain opportunities, particularly in relation to agri-input (seed) markets; and (ii) to understand, document and enhance technology adoption and impacts. The position contributes to and draws on the experiences of a large multi-disciplinary research-for-development (R4D) team working on the Sustainable Modernization of Traditional Agriculture (MasAgro) initiative in Mexico and complementary projects to improve the livelihoods of poor farmers in Meso-America. You will work as a member of CIMMYT's Socio-Economics Program in close collaboration with other CIMMYT's programs and with public, private, local and international partners.

The position will be based at CIMMYT's Main Campus (located 45 km northeast of Mexico City, Mexico) and conduct activities in Central America, but will interact with CIMMYT's regional offices world-wide on a regular basis. Candidates must [apply online](#). Contact [Enrique Martinez](#) with any questions.

Postdoctoral Economist

The International Center for Tropical Agriculture is seeking a postdoctoral economist to lead impact assessment (IA), and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities across different research areas being implemented by CIAT and partners in Asia. These include: cassava value chains, forage-based livestock-crop systems, integrated agricultural systems and landscapes, climate change and ecosystem services, and food systems and value chains. The position will work with the CIAT regional team based in Hanoi, Vietnam in assessing research-for-development outputs and outcomes - both for institutional

learning and for sharing with various external stakeholders. This position is expected to collaborate with various CGIAR Research Programs (CRPs) where CIAT is participating in Asia. The selected candidate will be part of an international, multidisciplinary team that delivers research outputs for development outcomes and impacts. He/she reports to the Leader of Impact Assessment Research at CIAT Headquarters and to the Regional Director for Asia.

Applicants are invited to send a cover letter illustrating their suitability for the position with a detailed curriculum vitae, including names and addresses of three referees knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience. Submit applications by email to Human Resources Office, CIAT Headquarters, Cali, Colombia (attention: [Ms. Andrea Linares](#)) and should clearly indicate "Postdoctoral Economist -Asia".

Director

The USDA, Natural Resources Conservation Service seeks a Director to fill a role in the Resource Economics, Analysis and Policy Division. This position provides national leadership, guidance and direction in the management of resource economics and social sciences disciplines that include resource economics and agricultural economics.

Coordinates the policy and technical aspects of the work within these disciplines for all NRCS analysis needs, including operational and programmatic functions. Find out more information and submit your application [online](#).

Assistant Professor

The Food and Resource Economics Department seeks to fill a tenure-accruing position for an Assistant Professor with research and teaching interests in natural resource and/or environmental economics. This is a 12-month appointment that will be 40% teaching (College of Agricultural and Life Sciences) and 60% research (Florida Agricultural Experiment Station), available in the Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, at the University of Florida. Duties will include teaching two or three undergraduate and/or graduate courses per year on topics related to candidate's areas of interest or department needs. Tenure will accrue in the Food and Resource Economics Department. The faculty member will participate actively in undergraduate education and graduate education by chairing graduate committees, serving on graduate committees, supervising thesis and dissertation research, supervising undergraduate research, and publishing the results with his/her graduate students. The faculty member will seek contract and grant funding actively to support his/her program. The faculty member will engage in Extension activities in his or her program area. [Complete job description and application available online](#).

Domestic Baseline Coordinator

The Economic Research Service, Market and Trade Economics Division, Agricultural Policy and Models Branch is seeking a baseline coordinator to prepare domestic baseline projections for review and clearance by the World Agricultural Outlook Board, conduct evaluations of various policy options and program parameters required to implement farm commodity programs, coordinate and serve as research leader for all Baseline-related high priority and sensitive studies mandated by Congress, the Office of Management and Budget, and other Government agencies, as well as other duties. Use [this link](#) to view the entire application and apply online.

Postdoctoral Researcher

The George Perkins Marsh Institute at Clark University seeks a Postdoctoral Researcher in environmental economics, with an emphasis in ecosystem service valuation, stated and stated/revealed preference methods, and benefit transfer to join a vibrant and growing interdisciplinary research team.

The fellow will contribute to a portfolio of research projects led by George Perkins Marsh Institute (GPMI) director Robert J. Johnston and assistant director Dana Bauer, addressing multiple aspects of environmental and non-market valuation. These include large-scale projects supported by the National Science Foundation, Environmental Protection Agency, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, US Department of

Agriculture, and others. Specific topics include the estimation of (a) the value of water quality improvements, (b) the effect of ecosystem service information on homeowners' lawn care and landscaping behaviors and (c) the benefits of coastal climate adaptation. The fellow will also be encouraged to develop individual research interests. This is an excellent opportunity for an early career researcher wishing to develop a strong research program. To apply for this position please [email](#) a complete list of application materials which includes: A cover letter explaining qualifications and interest; an updated CV; a graduate transcript; names and contact information for three references and a writing sample. Questions should be directed to [Robert Johnston](#).

Regional Economic Modeller

CISRO in Australia is seeking a regional economic modeller. This is an opportunity to provide influential scientific leadership in linking basin scale hydrological processes, hydropower energy production and agricultural production to regional/national scale economic assessments. The Research Consultant will also contribute to the wider interdisciplinary efforts of the Land and Water business unit, within international projects that assess the integrated energy, food and water security of large river basins located within countries typified as developing economies.

The Research Consultant will build and maintain local and international alliances and networks that provide an up-to-date awareness of advances in technology and ideas. You will report on the uptake, outcome and impact of research outputs, provide a lead role in securing project funds through interactions with local and international clients and prepare detailed research proposals and project reports. You will seek advances in scientific knowledge and build on original and innovative concepts of others, recognize and exploit opportunities for innovation and generate new theoretical perspectives. [More information and to apply online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Smog in Our Brains: Gender Difference in the Impact of Exposures to Air Pollution on Cognitive Performance"

Xi Chen, Assistant Professor, School of Public Health & Institution for Social & Policy Studies, Yale University

Friday, October 14

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

TBD

Leah Bevis, Ohio State University

Friday, October 21

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

"Poorly Measured Confounders are More Useful on the Left Than on the Right"

Hannes Schwandt, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Zurich, Switzerland

Wednesday, October 19

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

[Paper Available](#)

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Intergenerational Mobility During the Great Depression"

James Feigenbaum, PhD Fellow, Princeton University

Monday, October 10

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop*Beneficence betrayed: Thoughts on the ethics of researching disadvantaged populations*

Michael Oakes (Epidemiology and Community Health)

Friday, October 21

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

HPM Seminar*"What is Evidence?"*

Robert Kane, MD, Center on Aging, Minnesota Area Geriatric Education Center,

Minnesota Evidence-based Practice Center

Friday, October 14

11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

Federal Reserve Bank Seminar*Fed Bag Lunch**"Self-Fulfilling Debt Restructuring"*

Tim Uy, Cambridge

Friday, October 14

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

HCRC Brown Bag Seminar*"The Play's the Thing: Theatre Arts and School Readiness in Low-Income Preschoolers"*

Amy Susman-Stillman, Center for Education and Early Development, University of Minnesota

Tuesday, October 18

12:00 p.m., Humphrey School Room 205

Departmental Publications

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Announcements

Congratulations Are in Order!

Congratulations to the Mykerezi family on the birth of their second child, Andri Anthony Mykerezi. Andri was born October 6, weighing 8 lb 13 oz and measuring 22.5 inches. All family members are happy and healthy!

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Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa: Present and Future Political Economic Challenges Event

Friday, October 28, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall

Long-term climate change and recent changes due to El Niño have both contributed to severe droughts across much of sub-Saharan Africa. These droughts have raised important questions about how to ensure food security for the region's growing population, with crucial implications for politics and economics in Africa. [Full flyer available here.](#) The roundtable discussion will feature the following panelists:

Marc Bellemare, University of Minnesota
Kim Dionne, Smith College
Willa Friedman, University of Houston
Christine Moser, Western Michigan University
Kathleen Klaus, Northwestern University

Minnesota AgriGrowth Council

The Minnesota AgriGrowth Council has their annual meeting on November 10th. Traditionally, several graduate students have attended and found it to be very valuable. This year, we have also encouraged Carlson School of Management students to attend. Thus far, I have three of their students attending. We will have a table where we can all sit together and I will handle registration and transportation. If you would like to know more about the program, you can visit [their website.](#)

Please email [Mike Boland](#) if you would like to attend. I need to have a final head count on

Wednesday, November 2. This year's program is good because it has several industry MS and PhDs in ag and applied economics speaking.

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be holding their weekly happy hour at [Republic](#) (7 corners) beginning at 4:00 pm.

Community Fund Drive Pet-A-Puppy Event and Pet Food Drive

THANK YOU to everyone who attended and donated to our Pet-A-Puppy event to benefit the Community Fund Drive and [Pause4Paws MN](#). We had a huge turnout and both the pups and volunteers went home exhausted! We are still taking pet food or supply donations until October 31st, so if you would like you can drop off items in 231 or 146 Ruttan in the designated boxes. Check out all of the adorable puppy pictures on our [Facebook page!](#)



Jobs

Postdoctoral Researchers

Resources for the Future (RFF) currently has openings for 1-2 postdoctoral researchers in its Postdoctoral Program in Energy, Natural Resources and the Environment. The program is designed to provide unique opportunities for postdoctoral fellows to contribute to projects underway, pursue new lines of inquiry, and participate with RFF fellows and senior fellows in engaging fully with policymakers in Washington, DC. RFF is interested in candidates working on energy issues, including research on energy efficiency in residential and commercial buildings; North American energy markets and policy; transportation issues, including passenger vehicles and consumer behavior, fuel economy standards, and fuel/carbon taxes; distributed energy and the future of electric utilities; and the energy-water nexus. [Apply online](#). Please [email](#) letters of reference directly, with candidate name in the subject email.

Department Head

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University seeks a dynamic leader with vision and a talent for innovation. The Head will lead a diverse group of talented faculty and staff in fulfilling the research, teaching and extension/engagement missions of a preeminent agricultural economics department in a major land grant university. The Head will build internal and external support for achieving objectives; muster financial resources; develop human resources; and make key resource allocation decisions. The Head exercises leadership in administrative, fiscal, and human resource matters. The Head is also expected to uphold the department's long-standing commitment to international programs; perform a liaison role within the university and with government agencies and industry groups; lead fundraising efforts; help strengthen interdisciplinary

activities; and represent the department to professional organizations, the university community, and society at large.

Qualified persons are requested to submit the following by [email](#) to Dr. Bernard Engel: a letter of application; a statement of the applicant's vision and administrative philosophy, emphasizing their ability to provide leadership to the teaching, research, extension and international missions of the department, and leadership experiences and qualifications; a complete curriculum vita including names, addresses, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses of five references. A background check is required for employment in this position. Nominations of outstanding potential candidates for the position are welcomed. Initial nominations and inquiries will be kept confidential; references will be contacted only upon approval of the applicant.

Assistant Professor

Mississippi State University, Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking an Assistant Professor with a strong emphasis in environmental and natural resource economics. This position has a 75 percent research appointment and a 25 percent teaching appointment with both appointments focusing primarily on environmental and natural resource economics. The incumbent will be expected to bring strong quantitative skills to bear on environmental and natural resource issues. Responsibilities include: (1) development of a nationally- and internationally-recognized research program in environmental and/or natural resource economics, (2) providing high-quality undergraduate and/or graduate teaching in environmental and/or natural resource economics, and making significant contributions to the development and growth of our undergraduate Environmental Economics & Management (EEM) major, (3) advising of undergraduate students, particularly EEM majors (4) direction of graduate student theses, (5) development of interdisciplinary relationships with scientists in other departments, and (6) securing external research grants and contracts. [Apply online](#) with posting PARF#493893.

Postdoctoral

The [Institute for Policy Integrity](#) at New York University School of Law is seeking a postdoctoral research fellow in economics. Policy Integrity is a non-partisan think tank dedicated to improving the quality of government decision-making through advocacy and scholarship in the fields of administrative law, economics, and public policy. We work to identify and support economically sound policies related to energy, the environment, public health, and safety.

Economic fellows will collaborate with legal and economic researchers to prepare policy reports, briefs, and journal articles on a variety of issues including energy and climate policy, natural resources management, utility regulation, and benefit-cost analysis. The ideal candidate should have a focus on policy-oriented research in one of the following areas: (1) environmental economics, resource economics, and numerical optimization; or (2) utility regulation, energy economics and policy, and electricity market design/pricing. [Apply online](#).

Assistant Professor

The Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, Colorado State University is seeking an Assistant Professor in the area of environmental and resource economics. The successful applicant will teach undergraduate and graduate courses in environmental and natural resource economics. The incumbent will advise undergraduate and graduate students, as well as participate in service activities in the Department, University, and profession. Applicants should be enthusiastic about developing a nationally and internationally recognized research program in environmental and natural resource economics and willing to collaborate. [Apply online](#).

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"State-Conditioned Soil Investment in Rural Uganda"

Leah Bevis, Ohio State University

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Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Ethical issues in using Twitter for population-level depression monitoring: a qualitative study"

Jude Mikal, MPC

Friday, October 21

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

"Understanding Internal Migration to Urban Areas: Evidence from Censuses and Surveys from the Developing World"

Deborah Balk, School of Public Affairs, City University of New York

Monday, October 24

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Remembrance of cars and buses past: How prior life experiences influence car ownership and transit use"

Mike Smart, Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University

Friday, October 28

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

HPM Seminar

"Hepatitis C and HIV in Substance Users: Economics of Screening and Linkage to Care"

Bruce R. Schackman, Director of CHERISH and Saul P. Steinberg Distinguished Professor of Healthcare Policy & Research, Weill Cornell Medical College

Friday, October 28

11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

Math Economics Seminar

"How to Trade Prophetically"

Alexander Garivaltis, University of Minnesota

Monday, October 24

3:30 p.m., HMH 4-190

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Speed, Accuracy, and the Optimal Timing of Choices"

Tomasz Strazalecki, Harvard

Thursday, October 27

12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

Federal bag Lunch

TBA

Jonathan Vogel, Columbia

Tuesday, October 25

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

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Announcements

Mark Your Calendar!

The Applied Economics and Agricultural Education Annual Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 9 at noon in the North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center. [Invitation available online.](#)

Chili Cook-Off Today in Waite Library!

Join Applied Economics and Ag Ed for our annual chili cook-off to raise money for the Community Fund Drive! TODAY in Waite Library from 12:00-1:30 we will be serving several different kinds of chili for you to sample and vote on to pick our chili champion! In addition, we will have cornbread, chips, cookies and water, so make sure to stop in while supplies last! \$5 gets you entry and unlimited chili and sides (until they're gone!) Come get it while it's hot!

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be holding their weekly happy hour at [Republic](#) (7 corners) beginning at 4:00 pm.

Jobs

Assistant Professor Positions

St. Catherine University is hiring for two tenure-track assistant professor positions, one in [economics](#) and one joint between [economics and political science](#). For the economics position, applicants should expect to teach broadly across introductory and upper level courses. For the economics and political science position, applicants should expect to teach introductory and upper level courses within their area of expertise across politics, economics, or nonprofit programs.

The selected candidate for each position is expected to have responsibilities in teaching, research and service. Currently, the teaching load is six sections (24 credits) per academic year. The creation of knowledge in the discipline resulting in its dissemination through the publication of peer-reviewed articles is expected. Applicants should demonstrate excellence in teaching and a commitment to university service. The selected candidate will be responsible for advising undergraduate students and is expected to engage in service activities with colleagues, the department, school, campus, community and professional organizations. Questions should be directed to [Deep Shikha](#).

Statistical Modeling Analyst

[PayNet](#) is the premier provider of risk management tools and market insight to the commercial credit industry. Using state-of-the-art analytics, PayNet is able to convert its

rich propriety database of commercial loans and leases into predictive information that subscribing lenders use to manage risk, lower operating costs, originate more loans, and improve their business strategy. The company is based just outside of Chicago in Skokie, IL.

Reporting to a Senior Statistical Modeler, the Statistical Modeling Analyst will be involved with a wide range of projects within PayNet's Analytics group including projects to improve or develop new cutting-edge predictive models and scores, projects to analyze how well these and other models predict actual borrower and portfolio performance, and projects to analyze market trends and lender's relative portfolio performance as part of an effort to improve their business both tactically and strategically. This position provides extensive opportunity for the right individual to be creative, grow, learn new things, and advance professionally. Intelligence, dedication, and the ability to work in an unstructured environment are the keys to success in this position. Authorization to work indefinitely in the United States, without any corporate sponsorship, is also required. Interested candidates are encouraged to send resumes or ask questions directly to [Mark Zoff](#).

Agricultural Economist

The USDA Economic Research Service (ERS) is hiring an Agricultural Economist in the Animal Products and Cost of Production Branch, Market and Trade Economics Division. We are seeking a cutting-edge senior analyst at the GS-14 level who will develop a program of economic outlook and research focused on beef and cattle markets. The successful candidate will plan and contribute to market outlook and analysis programs, including applied research on emerging economic and policy issues that impact the beef sector.

[Apply online](#) with position number ERS-S16N-0042 (Agricultural Economist). The position closes Wednesday 11/2/2016.

For more information, please contact [Jeffrey Gillespie](#), Chief, Animal Products and Cost of Production Branch, Market and Trade Economics Division, ERS.

Assistant Professor

The Institute for Energy Studies at Western Washington University (WWU) invites applications from candidates for a full-time, tenure-track position focusing on energy technology and policy. The position is at the Assistant Professor rank and begins on September 16, 2017. We seek an individual with teaching and research interests in fields such as energy efficiency, building science, renewable energy, electricity systems and utility planning, energy and climate policy, or community energy planning, together with a strong commitment to undergraduate education. The person chosen will have an ongoing and formal affiliation with WWU's Institute for Energy Studies and a full-time appointment in an academic department. The position entails teaching, advising, research, community engagement and service to support the Department, the Institute, and the University. Questions should be directed to [Phil Thompson](#). More information and application [available online](#).

Research Economists

The Environmental Protection Agency is recruiting research economists to join its National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE). NCEE's mission is to advance the theory and practice of economics and risk analysis within [EPA](#). NCEE serves as a center of expertise for cutting-edge policy analysis and research in environmental economics. Applicants should have a completed PhD in economics by August 2017. NCEE economists engage in both fast-paced efforts to apply economic reasoning in real-time regulatory development, and longer-term research projects to inform the Agency's strategic direction. Particular experience of interest: applied evidence-based research including quasi-experimental econometric methods and randomized control trial techniques; behavioral economics; modeling responses of energy and other sectors to environmental regulations using sectoral, CGE, or econometric approaches; and valuation of human health and ecological services. Full description and application [available online](#).

Assistant Professor

The University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) invites applications for the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics in the field of Economic Development; position number 82838, Department of Economics, College of Social Sciences, UHM, permanent, tenure track, full-time, 9-month, to begin August 1, 2017, subject to position clearance and availability of funds. The duties of this position are as follows: Teach undergraduate and graduate courses including Principles of Economics, Intermediate Microeconomics, International Trade, Development, and Experimental Economics. Supervise and mentor MA and PhD students, publish scholarly, peer-reviewed research in areas of expertise; seek extramural funding in areas of expertise; provide service to department, university and community. [Apply online.](#)

Graduate Fellowship

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at MIT's economics department announces a fellowship program offering financial support (tuition assistance of up to \$12,000 and a stipend of \$13,000) for one semester (approximately 4.5 months) for current PhD students. While preference will be given to students from economics programs, graduate students from other disciplines with strong quantitative and programming skills (STATA, R etc.) are very welcome to apply. During the fellowship, students will work with some of J-PAL's 150 affiliated professors from dozens of universities around the world, re-analyzing RCTs from scratch (starting with the creation of the data set from "raw survey" data, up to production of the final econometric analysis included in the working papers). The purpose of this fellowship is create a collaborative environment for reproducing and replicating the data analyses included in these studies.

The fellowship will last one semester with the students expected to work remotely from their host university. Work would start in mid-January 2016 and may include a 1-2 day trip to MIT to meet some of JPAL's staff (expenses will be covered by JPAL). High-performing fellows may be eligible for an extension of the fellowship during subsequent semesters or the summer break. Fellows will work under the overall guidance and supervision of JPAL's Manager for Research Transparency, and in collaboration, where necessary, of the authors of the original paper. More information and how to apply [available online.](#)

Research Associate

J-PAL seeks one qualified applicant for the position of Research Associate to support its Research Transparency grant, a three-year long project that includes four separate components: (1) AEA registry; (2) data publication; (3) pre-publication re-analyses; and (4) online training. This position will directly support the data publication component, of which J-PAL has set an ambitious goal of publishing more than 180 new datasets during the term of the grant.

The successful candidate will be based at J-PAL's Global office at MIT in Cambridge, MA and willing to commit to at least two years. This is a paid, full-time, open-ended position. RAs who perform well will be eligible for promotion to Senior RA after two years. RAs will also be eligible for a vast array of MIT benefits including tuition reimbursement for taking classes at MIT or other local universities. The Research Associate will report directly to the J-PAL Research Manager. More information and application [available online.](#)

Assistant Professor

The University of Hawaii at Manoa (UHM) invites applications for the rank of Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics and the Public Policy Center in the field of Applied Microeconomics; position number 84054, Department of Economics and Public Policy Center (PPC), College of Social Sciences, UHM, permanent, tenure track, full-time, 9-month, to begin August 1, 2017, subject to position clearance and availability of funds.

Duties of this position are as follows: Teach undergraduate and graduate courses including Principles of Economics, Public Economics, Labor Economics, Econometrics, and Health Economics. Supervise and mentor MA and PhD students, publish scholarly, peer-reviewed research in areas of expertise, seek extramural funding in areas of expertise; provide service to department, university and community. Work with the

Director of the PPC to further establish its viability and to conduct policy analysis of issues of state, national, and international interest. [Apply online.](#)

Agricultural Trade Position

The Department of Economics at Iowa State University seeks to hire a tenure-track Assistant Professor, Associate Professor (tenured or untenured), or Professor (tenured) in Economics. The successful applicant will be expected to develop an innovative research program addressing key issues in international trade with emphasis on agricultural trade and agricultural markets. Areas of interest might include applications to trade policies, climate change, food security, technical change, product quality and development. The successful applicant will be expected to publish regularly in top scholarly outlets, to provide high quality teaching at the undergraduate and graduate levels and to supervise graduate student research. Teaching responsibilities may include courses in agricultural, food and trade policy; international trade; international development; international finance; the PhD microeconomics core; or related areas. The successful applicant will be expected to seek external grant and contract funding. [Apply online.](#)

Assistant Professor

The University of Oregon Department of Economics invites applications for three or more tenure-track assistant professor positions to begin Fall 2017. We seek candidates who demonstrate potential for outstanding research and teaching at both the graduate and undergraduate levels in any field. We especially encourage applications from candidates working in the fields of International Economics and Environmental Economics, or whose fields otherwise complement the research interests of our current faculty members. The required Ph.D. in economics must be complete by September 15, 2017. Successful candidates will support and enhance a diverse learning and working environment. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Dropping Out of School under a Conditional Cash Transfer Program: The Role of Gender, Bullying and the Death of a Parent"

Adan Silverio Murillo, PhD candidate, Department of Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, November 4

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

TBD

Cael Warren, PhD candidate and Rob King, Professor, Department of Applied Economics, UMN

Wednesday, November 2

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

TBD

Beverly Wang, Ph D candidate, Department of Applied Economics, UMN

Monday, November 7

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Institute on the Environment

"The Ecological Benefits and Economic Costs of Protected Areas"

Paul Armsworth, University of Tennessee

Friday, October 28

1:00 p.m., IonE Room 350

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Examining the Relationship Between Temperature, Rainfall and Low Birth Weight in Africa"

Kathryn Grace, Department of Geography, UMN

Monday, October 31

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Remembrance of cars and buses past: How prior life experiences influence car ownership and transit use"

Mike Smart, Planning and Public Policy, Rutgers University

Friday, October 28

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

"Reproductive and Sexual Health"

Katy Kozhimannil (HPM) and Elizabeth Boyle (Sociology), University of Minnesota

Friday, October 4

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

HPM Seminar

"Hepatitis C and HIV in Substance Users: Economics of Screening and Linkage to Care"

Bruce R. Schackman, Director of CHERISH and Saul P. Steinberg Distinguished Professor of Healthcare Policy & Research, Weill Cornell Medical College

Friday, October 28

11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

HCRC Seminar

"Limitations to Human Potential: The lifelong burden of prenatal alcohol exposure"

Jeffrey Wozniak, Department of Psychiatry, UMN

Tuesday, November 15

12:00 p.m., Humphrey School, Room 205

EpiCH Seminar

"Racism and Health"

Rachel Hardeman, Health Policy and Management, UMN

Friday, November 4

West Bank Office Building, Room 364

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Who Wants Affordable Housing in their Backyard? An Equilibrium Analysis of Low Income Property Development"

Rebecca Diamond, Stanford with Tim McQuade

Thursday, November 3

12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

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Announcements

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be holding their weekly happy hour at Waite Library beginning at 4:30 p.m. As always, a \$5 donation is suggested. Hope to see you there!

IPID Networking Event

IPID will be hosting our first mini networking event of the year this Monday, November 7th from 9:30am - 10:30am in Coffman Memorial Union - Room 303. Come and join IPID members and non-members for stimulating discussions around economic development, global health, international education standards, NGOs, government, and much more. There will be free Panera bagels and coffee as well.

Please [RSVP](#) and feel free to bring friends along who are looking to learn more about IPID and who would enjoy having thought-provoking conversations around topics of international development.

AAEA Abstract Submission Site is now open

Please visit the [2017 site](#) to submit an abstract.

In order to submit an abstract for the 2017 AAEA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL, you must either have paid the 2017 AAEA membership fee, or pay a \$25.00 abstract submission fee during the submission process. To renew your annual dues please visit your ["My Account"](#).

The deadlines for abstract submissions are December 1 for invited papers and case study papers. January 12 for organized symposia and selected presentations.

Jobs

Research Assistant

The Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking applicants for a graduate research assistantship in horticultural economics at the Ph.D. level. The applicant is expected to collaborate with a multidisciplinary team working to value the economic benefits of turfgrass cultivars with improved drought and shade resistance. Specifically, the team will survey sod producers, homeowners, and other landscape industry segments to estimate economic benefits of the improved turfgrass cultivars by conserving potable water resources and other desirable traits. The successful applicant will design survey questionnaires and conduct quantitative economic research using survey data. Research outcomes could be used towards the applicant's dissertation. The position is available starting from August 2017 for three years. The Ph.D.

research assistantship in the Department of Agricultural Economics pays annual stipends (\$20,000) and includes a full tuition waiver and payment of a health insurance premium. Required qualifications include completion of a master's degree from an accredited institution; excellent written and oral communication skills; and quantitative skills in statistics or econometrics. For more information contact [Dr. Tracy Boyer](#) or [apply online](#).

Postdoctoral Fellowship

A postdoctoral fellowship funded through the National Research Council and its Research Associate Program is available with the EPA in the area of stormwater management. The effort involves local, state and federal agencies, and various stakeholder groups. There is general recognition that reliance on "gray infrastructure" through the simple removal of stormwater via sewers fails to make cost-effective use of ecosystem services such as infiltration and evapotranspiration. Consequences include higher stormwater management costs and ecosystem damage costs as well as excessive nutrient flows to coastal waters. This has led to policy emphasis on green infrastructure to make use of ecosystem services to manage surface water flows and lower stormwater management costs. For more information on how to apply, visit the [NRC website](#).

Research Scientist

The Chesapeake Research Consortium (CRC) invites applications for the position of research scientist in optimization tool development at the Chesapeake Bay Program (CBP) office in Annapolis. This position is in support of the CBP partnership to inform state, regional, and local decision-making on the implementation of the most cost-effective, efficient, and targeted nutrient and sediment reduction actions. Priorities for this position are set by the CRC's Advisory and Support Committee (ASC) with specific technical guidance provided by the Science and Technical Analysis and Reporting (STAR) Team and its workgroups, specifically the Modeling Workgroup.

The successful candidate will lead efforts to develop optimization software for maximizing cost-effectiveness of resources committed to achieving water quality goals. The successful candidate will work directly with non-federal stakeholders and other users to ensure procedures are in place to collect the necessary information for optimizing cost effectiveness of resources. The candidate will work with [CAST \(Chesapeake Assessment Scenario Tool\)](#) developers on ways to link a new optimization tool using CAST datasets and interfaces. S/he will develop, link, apply, and refine a prototype optimization system to more deeply explore response surfaces for selected objective functions and mathematical representations of relevant constraints, in an effort to gain insight into cost effectiveness of different kinds of BMPs. To apply, please e-mail a cover letter, resume, transcripts from Ph.D. studies, and contact information for three references to [William Ball](#).

Three Assistant Professor Positions at Mississippi State University

Mississippi State University currently has openings for three assistant professors in the following areas: Environmental/Natural Resource Economics, Price Analysis/Trade/Agribusiness Economics and Risk Analysis/Agricultural Policy Economics. All three positions are nine month, tenure-track appointments with a 75% research and 25% teaching assignment. All applicants are expected to be strong in their respective areas and bring skills that will influence those issues as well. To apply for any of these positions, submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, official transcripts of all university work, and three professional letters of reference to: [Dr. Keith H. Coble](#), Department of Agricultural Economics, P.O. Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

Doctoral and Postdoctoral Researchers

The Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research (PIK) is currently seeking candidates to support the take-off and implementation of a new research agenda with a focus on sustainable energy transformation in Germany and Europe, and linkages to international climate policy. The project has openings for researchers in the following topics: intersectoral transformation pathways in Europe, environmental co-benefits of the low-carbon energy transformation, renewables integration and power markets, sustainable bioenergy and land use, sustainable transformation of the transport sector, climate policy instruments for the energy sector, and post-paris international climate policy. To apply,

please send a letter of motivation including research interests, a CV with contact details of two referees, publication list, and a sample of your work [by email](#).

Research Assistant

The Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation is seeking applicants for a graduate research assistantship in Water Resource Economics at the Ph.D. level. An applicant is sought to collaborate with a team working on water quality challenges related to nonpoint source pollution. This is part of a research collaboration that leverages empirical data on agroforestry management practices on working lands to understand how nutrient credit trading may be designed and implemented to achieve water quality objectives. The successful applicant will conduct quantitative economic research to understand how nutrient credit trading affects nonpoint source emissions and key water quality indicators.

The position is available to start in August 2017. Ph.D. research assistantships in the Department of Forest Resources and Environmental Conservation pay annual stipends (\$20-22k) and include a full tuition waiver and a health insurance premium subsidy. Required qualifications include a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution; excellent written and oral communication skills; and an interest in water quality problems related to land use and agroforestry. To apply, or for more information, please contact [Dr. Kelly Cobour](#).

Economist

Landcare Research is recruiting an economist with a strong interest in natural resources, the environment, and public policy. The position is suited to an environmental/resource economist who uses econometric techniques with primary data to better understand economic behavior. This position is suitable for PhDs with strong applied econometric skills and economic intuition and experience collecting survey microdata. [Apply online](#).

Economist

Landcare Research is recruiting an economist with a strong interest in natural resources, the environment, and public policy. The successful candidate will use his/her expertise in partial equilibrium and/or general equilibrium modelling to contribute to the development of NZFARM, CLiMAT-DGE, and other economic models. For this position, candidates with post-PhD modelling experience are especially encouraged to apply, although new PhDs will also be considered. [Apply online](#).

Postdoctoral Researcher

The Institute for Public Policy (Faculty of Economics and Business) at the Universidad Diego Portales, the Solar Energy Research Center (SERC) based at the Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Universidad de Chile invite applications from economists (or related fields in the social sciences) for a joint postdoctoral research position in the area of sustainable development. Both the Institute for Public Policy and the Solar Energy Research Center are looking to strengthen their research in subjects related to public policy for sustainable development, particularly in areas that relate to policy incentives and regulatory barriers pertaining to the development of alternative energy sectors in Chile. Specific subjects of interest include: energy economics, green economy, sustainable productive development and related fields. Please send (in English) a motivational letter, curriculum vitae, summary of Ph.D. research, brief research proposal (no more than two pages) and two letters of support to [Sandra Mella](#).

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Patrick McEwan, Wellesley College

Friday, November 11

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

"The Impact of Disadvantaged Peers: Evidence from Resettlement after Public Housing Demolition"

Eric Chyn, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, University of Virginia

Wednesday, November 9

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Reliable Reduction in Agricultural Runoff under Environmental Uncertainty"

Beverly Wang, Ph D candidate, Department of Applied Economics, UMN

Monday, November 7

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Final Defense

"Essays on Food Choices and Food Safety"

Jeta Rudi, Applied Economics

Friday, November 11

9:00 a.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Conservation Sciences Seminar

"More than a feeling: The impact of community on conservation behavior"

Mae Davenport, Associate Professor, Department of Forest Resources, UMN

Friday, November 4

12:00 p.m., 335 Borlaug Hall

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"The Epidemiological Transition in United States Cities, 1900-1950"

Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, Department of Sociology, UMN

Monday, November 7

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Research Mixers

"Reproductive and Sexual Health"

Katy Kozhimannil (HPM) and Elizabeth Boyle (Sociology), University of Minnesota

Friday, November 4

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

"Population Health and Health Systems."

Theresa Osypuk, Epidemiology and Community Health

Friday, November 11

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

HPM Seminar

"Information Asymmetry and the Outcomes of Hospitalized Patients"

Michael Usher, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor/Hospitalist, Division of General Internal Medicine, UMN

Friday, November 4

11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

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Department of Economics Seminars

The Minnesota Lecture

"Economists and Public Policy: The Heller Legacy"

Arthur Rolnick, UMN

Friday, November 11

4:00 p.m., HMH 1-104

Math Econ Seminar

"Experimentation via External Sales Networks"

Ankur Mani, UMN

Monday, November 7

3:30 p.m., HMH 4-190

Other Seminars

Private Versus Public Provision of Health Insurance: Lessons from the Affordable Care Act and Medicare

Featuring Amil Petrin, University of Minnesota; Robert Town, University of Texas-Austin; and Heather Howard, Princeton University.

Thursday, November 17

5:30 pm lecture and 7:00 pm reception. Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey Conference Center. Free, but [Registration required](#).

Departmental Publications

Fajardo-Gonzalez, Johanna. 2016. Inequality of opportunity in adult health in Colombia. *Journal of Economic Inequality*. [Available online](#).

Hovhannisyan, V., and M. Bozic. 2016. The effects of retail concentration on retail dairy product prices in the United States. *Journal of Dairy Science* 99 (6): 4928-38. [Available online](#).

Lazarus, William F. 2016. *Potential impacts of reduced farm spending on the economies of Minnesota and three selected counties*. St. Paul, Minnesota: University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics, Staff Paper P16-6. [Available online](#).

Paul, Christopher J., Erika S. Weinthal, Marc F. Bellemare, and Marc A. Jeuland. 2016. Social capital, trust, and adaptation to climate change: Evidence from rural Ethiopia. *Global Environmental Change* 36 (1): 124-38. [Available online](#).

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Announcements

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be holding their weekly happy hour at [Republic](#) (7 Corners) beginning at 4:30 p.m. As always, a \$5 donation is suggested. Hope to see you there!

New Initiatives in Waite Library

Waite Library has a new initiative underway to digitize older (print) theses and dissertations from our alumni and put them online in AgEcon Search. We can digitize theses you earned here in the Department, or obtain and digitize print theses from other institutions. We just need your permission! Our goal is to make accessible all of the valuable research done by our graduate students that never made it into the journal literature (often because students chose not to pursue an academic career) and is lost forever.

If you are interested in making the results of your hard work - even if it was done many years ago - available to researchers around the world, please call 612-625-1705 email [Linda Fells](#).

Water Resources Center Newsletter Available

The Water Resources Center has a new weekly e-newsletter, The Confluence, to share water-related events, grant opportunities, and other news from the U's water community. [Subscribe to The Confluence](#).

Interdepartmental Team Building Event

The Department of Applied Economics is hosting an interdepartmental team building event on November 18th from 3:00-4:30 pm in Waite Library. Complimentary snacks and beverages will be available. This event is open to EVERYONE (faculty, staff, students) throughout departments in CFANS so spread the word! We look forward to seeing you there!

Jobs

Assistant or Associate Professor

The College of Business and Economics at the University of Guelph invites applications for a tenure-track position to be based in the School of Hospitality, Food and Tourism Management, specializing in Management Strategy, with additional knowledge and focus on strategy within the food industry a considerable asset. Primary responsibilities include teaching the capstone strategy course in the Bachelor of Commerce degree and niche MBA program, the pursuit of scholarly research, and contributing to the PhD in Management. Applications must include a letter of introduction; CV; three reference

letters; a teaching philosophy statement that includes teaching interests; a research agenda for the next three years and a sample of a recent research applications. They should be mailed to:

[Dr. Statia Elliot](#)

Director, School of Hospitality, Food and Tourism Management
College of Business and Economics
University of Guelph
Guelph, Ontario N1G 2W1

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Assistant Professor

The Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management at Cornell University seeks an Assistant Professor in Development Economics. The successful candidate is expected to establish a distinguished program of research and teaching in the field of development economics and is expected to publish in top field and general economics journals, contribute to problem solving research consistent with Cornell's land grant mission, and supervise students. [Apply online.](#)

Assistant Professor

The University of California, Santa Barbara invites applications for at least one faculty position at the assistant professor level in environmental, public, theory or macroeconomics. Applicants should have a PhD in Economics completed by August 1, 2017. A completed application will include a letter of intent, CV, three reference letters and samples of research. [Apply online.](#)

Assistant Professor

West Texas A&M University invites applications for the position of Assistant/Associate Professor of Agricultural Business and Economics. This is a nine-month, tenure track position (60% teaching, 30% research, 10% service). The successful candidate is expected to contribute to a strong teaching program in the agricultural economics/agribusiness area, develop and deliver undergraduate and graduate courses and research programs and work closely with agribusiness leaders and scientists, engineers and other agencies of the Texas Higher Plains. Applicants should provide a letter of interest, official transcripts, resume, a statement of current and future research interests, and arrange for at least 3 letters of reference to be sent to:

[Dr. Mallory K. Vestal, Search Committee Chair](#)

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Canyon, TX 79016-0001
Phone: 806-651-2570
Fax: 806-651-2938

Economist

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) helps America's farmers and

ranchers conserve the Nation's soil, water, air and other natural resources. We need people who want to apply their education and experience to make sure we all enjoy the benefits of productive soil, clean water, clean air, and abundant wildlife that come from a healthy environment. "Helping People Help the Land" .

There is 1 vacancy available in Alexandria, LA. The incumbent will serve as an Agricultural Economist provides technical assistance as an Economist for conservation planning and related training. [Apply online.](#)

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TBD

Akinori Kitsuki, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, November 18

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

"RIN Pass-Through to Retail E85 Prices Under the Renewable Fuel Standard"

Gabriel Lade, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Iowa State University

Wednesday, November 16

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Estimating Path Dependence in Energy Transitions"

Kyle Meng, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Bren School of Environmental Science & Management, University of California, Santa Barbara

Monday, November 14

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Working Conditions and Health, An International Comparison Between 34 European Countries"

Johanna Muckenhuber, Medical University of Graz

Monday, November 14

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Population Health and Health Systems."

Theresa Osypuk, Epidemiology and Community Health

Friday, November 11

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

Social Media Workshop

Jason Keriwn and Marc Bellemare, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, November 18

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM Seminar

"Respect and Shared Decision Making in the Clinical Encounter: A Video Reflexive Ethnography"

Heidi McLeod, PhD candidate, Health Policy and Management, UMN
Friday, November 11
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Thursday, November 17
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Thursday, November 17
5:30 p.m., Cowles Auditorium

Finance Seminar

Estimating the Value of Information
Ohan Kadan, Washington University
Friday, November 11
10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-219

Departmental Publications

Kennedy, C.M., P.L. Hawthorne, D.A. Miteva, L. Baumgarten, K. Sochi, M. Matsumoto, J.S. Evans, S. Polasky, P. Hamel, E.M. Vieira, P.F. Develey, C.H. Sekercioglu, A.D. Davidson, E.M. Uhlhorn, and J. Kiesecker "Optimizing land use decision-making to sustain Brazilian agricultural profits, biodiversity and ecosystem services." *Biological Conservation*. [Available online](#).

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Economist

The USDA's Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) has one vacancy in Bozeman, MT for an Agricultural Economist on the Technology Staff in the state office, providing technical assistance as an economist for Programs Neutral Planning. The successful candidate will be responsible for developing economic resource data for all statewide Natural Resource Conservation Service activities related to resource planning, as well as preparing reports and implementing group resource conservation plans. Find more information and [apply online](#).

Assistant Professor

The School of Economics at the University of Sydney is inviting applications from outstanding candidates in all fields of economics for a position of Lecturer (equivalent of Assistant Professor) in a full-time, tenure-track position. The School has a broad range of research interests in both theoretical and applied areas of Economics and is responsible for undergraduate and graduate programs in Economics. Initial interviews will be held at the ASSA meetings in Chicago in January 2017. [Apply online](#).

Social Demographer/Economist

NICHD Population Dynamics Branch is seeking a social demographer or economist to manage and develop a portfolio of innovative grant-supported research and research training and identify scientific opportunities to generate new knowledge supporting the NICHD mission. This is a pre-announcement and applications must be submitted through the [USAJobs](#) website to be considered. Please check the website regularly for updated postings. Interested parties should contact Drs. [Rosalind King](#) and [Regina Bures](#).

Postdoctoral

A postdoctoral position in decision support for sustainable climate risk management is available in the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute at the Pennsylvania State University. The successful candidate will join a transdisciplinary team to support the social science analysis of two central areas of concern: (i) the role of values in climate change science and risk management and (ii) how attention to stakeholder values can serve to

improve decision making under conditions of risk and uncertainty. Find more information and apply for this position [online](#).

Economist

[ACTeon](#) is looking for a dynamic junior Natural Resources/Environmental Economist to join its Economics Team based in Colmar (France). This position will perform consultancy and research on socio-economic issues linked to the development and implementation of environmental policies, as well as contribute to ACTeon's information and communication, including policy reports and contribute to the organization of policy workshops, conference and trainings. Apply by sending your application with a cover letter, a recent Europass CV, and names of three references [via email](#) by November 21.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"Seasonality of Food Insecurity in Rural Zambia"

Akinori Kitsuki, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, November 18

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

TBD

Andrew Stevens

Wednesday, November 30

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Mechanistic Models for Predicting and Managing Impacts of Toxic Chemicals on Ecosystem Services"

Valery Forbes, Dan, College of Biological Sciences, UMN

Monday, November 21

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar

"Sanitary Intervention, Municipal Effort and the Decline of Mortality in England and Wales, Circa 1859-1914"

Bernard Harris, University of Strathclyde and Andy Hinde, University of Southampton

Monday, November 21

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Social Media Workshop

Jason Keriwn and Marc Bellemare, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, November 18

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Department of Economics Seminars

Math Econ Seminar

"Incomplete Information Games with Ambiguity Averse Players"

Peter Kilbanoff, Northwestern

Monday, November 21

3:30 p.m., HMH 4-190

Federal Bag Lunch

"How Strong is Gravity? Using Hospital Choice to Separate Home Bias from Distance Costs"

Devesh Raval, FTC

Monday, November 21

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Bellemare, M.F., and Y.N. Lee "Attitudes to Price Risk and Uncertainty: The Earnest Search for Identification and Policy Relevance." *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics/Revue Canadienne d'Agroeconomie* 64 (2016):599-612. [Available online.](#)

Pardey, P.G., R.S. Andrade, T.M. Hurley, X. Rao, and F.G. Liebenberg "Returns to food and agricultural R&D investments in Sub-Saharan Africa, 1975-2014." *Food Policy*. [Available online.](#)

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****This is an abbreviated version of marginals due to the long weekend. Marginals will resume as usual on Friday, December 2**

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REMINDER!

This is a reminder about our upcoming Annual Luncheon that will take place on Friday, December 9, 2016 at 12:00 noon in the North Star Ballroom in the St. Paul Student Center. Please return your RSVP/invitation to Karen Routhe by December 1, 2016.

[Invitation available online.](#)

Jobs

RA

The University's grand challenge research team on "Assessing Interventions for Justice and Equity" invites applications for Research Assistants. We seek 2 graduate student researchers (preferably ABD students) and 1 undergraduate assistant for this mixed methods multidisciplinary project. To apply, email cover letter and CV to [Chelsea Carlson](#). The team recognizes and values diversity and inclusion and encourages applications from students of varying identities and backgrounds. The start date is flexible on this multi-year project. The faculty research team includes Christopher Uggen (Sociology) and Myron Orfield (Law) (Co-PIs) and Ragui Assaad (Humphrey School), Yingling Fan (Humphrey School), Paul Glewwe (Applied Economics), Rhonda Jones-Webb (Epidemiology & Community Health), and Kola Okuyemi (Family Medicine & Community Health).

Graduate RA 1: Duties include conducting literature reviews on the effectiveness of social interventions to reduce inequality, matching data files, statistical analysis and assist with project management/logistics, manuscript and report preparation. Data management and statistical expertise required. Some work will be on St. Paul campus.

Graduate RA 2: Duties include: conducting literature reviews on the effectiveness of social interventions to reduce inequality; assist in developing interview guide for key informant interviews; conduct interviews, and assist with project management/logistics, manuscript and report preparation. Experience and training in interviewing is required.

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor

The Division of Economics and Business at the Colorado School of Mines invites applications for two tenured/tenure track positions at any rank (assistant, associate, or full professor) in Economics beginning in Fall 2017. Applicants with expertise in one or more of the areas corresponding to the following Journal of Economic Literature (JEL) fields will be considered: Q2 Renewable Resources and Conservation, Q3 Nonrenewable Resources and Conservation, Q4 Energy, and Q5 Environmental Economics.

The successful candidate will be expected to develop a strong program of scholarship that includes regular publication in scholarly journals, undergraduate and graduate instruction and advising in the Division's economics programs, solicitation of external research funding and engagement with the activities of the research institutes within the Division. The successful candidate will be expected to extend and supplement current strengths of the programs in the Division of Economics and Business, as well as work with others in the college and at the university level. [Apply online](#).

Data Analyst

The Yale Program on Climate Change Communication is seeking a data analyst to support their team of researchers on managing and processing social science data from survey and experimental datasets. Specifically, the analyst will obtain geographic, demographic, and other data from a variety of sources, process data for modeling inputs, support the development of new models, and help develop graphics and visualizations of research results. To apply, send a cover letter and CV to [Jennifer Marlon](#) with the subject heading, "YPCCC Social Data Analyst position."

Statistician

The US Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service (ERS) is seeking an experienced mathematical statistician with expertise in statistical survey methodology (including survey design, sampling, and estimation) and in statistical modeling. The incumbent will lead the methodological research focused on the USDA's new survey, The National Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey (FoodAPS). [FoodAPS](#) breaks new ground in food acquisition data collection by using some of the most innovative approaches to gather unique, comprehensive, and consistent consumer food acquisitions data that have not been available in previous surveys. FoodAPS-1 was fielded in 2012, and FoodAPS-2 is now being developed. Come and research various aspects of the survey procedures, publish in peer-reviewed journals and in ERS reports, and lead the creation of the second generation of FoodAPS. If you have any question about the position, please reach out to [Mark Denbaly](#) 202-527-5122 or [apply online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

TBD

Harounan Kazianga, Oklahoma State University

Friday, December 2

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

TBD

Joel Cuffey, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN

Wednesday, December 7

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

MPC Seminar/ Research Mixer

Cathy Fitch and Laura Cleveland, MPC

Friday, December 2

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Departmental Publications

Smith, D., D.S. Zamora, and W. Lazarus "The economics of planting and producing biomass from willow (*Salix* spp.) living snow fences." *Agroforestry Systems* 90 (2016):1-10. [Available online](#).

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Faculty Meeting

There is a faculty meeting this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in 119 Ruttan. Agenda items include undergraduate program, instructional model update, discussion with Associate Dean Mike Schmitt and probationary faculty review.

Grad Club Happy Hour

Grad club will be hosting their weekly happy hour in Waite at 4:15 today. Drinks and pizza included. See you there!

Opportunities

Call for Papers

The AMA Innovation Lab (BASIS) is pleased to announce a call for papers for the World Bank's Annual Bank Conference on Africa (ABCA) to be held at Berkeley on June 5-6th, 2017. Submitted papers with a focus on Africa are now welcome on any of the following topics: Structural transformation and agriculture; Adoption and profitable use of agricultural technology; The political economy of agriculture; Data and measurement issues pertinent to agriculture; as well as papers that examine the following in the context of agriculture: economic growth, conflict, resilience, productivity, input and output markets, gender, land tenure, urbanization, education, health, nutrition, labor, safety nets, and/or regional integration. Full papers should be submitted in pdf format [by email](#) no later than February 24, 2017. Decisions will be made by March 31.

Midwest Development Conference Submission

The Department of Agricultural & Applied Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will host the 14th Midwest International Economic Development Conference on Friday, April 21, and Saturday, April 22, 2017, at the Pyle Center at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The keynote speaker will be Pascaline Dupas, Associate Professor of Economics at Stanford University. We invite you, and any other interested faculty and graduate students in your department or elsewhere, to submit a paper to present at the conference. Papers on any topic related to international economic development are welcome. Submissions for an entire session (of 4 papers) are also welcome. Abstracts without papers will not be considered. Deadline for submissions is January 4, 2017. The submission portal is [available online.](#)

Call for Papers

The Conference on Agriculture and Development invites papers for their event March 31-April 1, 2017 held in New Haven, Connecticut. The Economic Growth Center, the Macmillan Center and the School of Management at Yale University are sponsoring a conference on Agriculture and Development on Fri-Sat, March 31-April 1, 2017 on the Yale campus in New Haven. The conference will include speakers on Agricultural Productivity and Development, Structural Transformation, and Rural-Urban Spatial and Sectoral Linkages. Please [email your paper](#) with the subject header, "Agri-Devo Conference" by January 15, 2017.

Jobs

Statistician

The DOL is seeking a statistician to serve in the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy (OASP), Chief Evaluation Office (CEO). CEO coordinates, manages, and implements DOL's evaluation program and maintains a data analytics unit which supports DOL agencies by leveraging public and proprietary data, as well as existing administrative, to help guide program administration and support data-based decision making. The successful candidate will be responsible for supporting, implementing, managing, and coordinating a wide variety of data analysis projects. This work will generally involve the use of traditional statistical and analytical methods, with innovative applications to DOL program data, and representing new approaches to using data and analysis to support DOL program office staff in their work. [Apply online.](#)

Research Assistant

J-PAL Africa seeks a qualified applicant for a Research Associate (RA) position starting immediately to work on a research project evaluating the impact of providing improved information about workseekers skills on job search outcomes and firm hiring outcomes. The position is based in Johannesburg, and offers an opportunity to gain first-hand field and management experience on a cutting-edge development project. Different contract lengths are available (either 2-3 months or 6 months or longer term). Please [submit by email](#) the following documents to with the subject line "H2 project 2016 - RA Application": (1) a cover letter clearly addressing your qualifications for the various responsibilities listed above, (2) Curriculum Vitae, (3) transcripts of your undergraduate and graduate courses, if applicable (including course names and grades), and (4) your citizenship and whether you currently have the right to work in South Africa.

Applied Economist

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at UW-Madison is continuing its search for an applied economist in any field, who has interest in Russian-area themes. The successful candidate will conduct research and teach undergraduate and graduate courses (current teaching load is two courses per year), and serve as an advisor to graduate and undergraduate students. Specifically, we seek an applied economist with the quantitative and empirical skills needed to contribute to the Department's core missions, who also has interest in pursuing research topics that add to the University's capacity for Russian-area studies. Expertise can be in any suitable field of economics, including but not limited to agricultural, development, energy, environmental, health, international, and resource economics. [Apply online.](#)

Research Assistant

The Center for Urban and Regional affairs here at the U is searching for a student researcher to work on their Community Market Study for Ranch-raised, Locally Processed Beef. The selected candidate will be expected to conduct literature review related to implementing local marketing campaigns taht promote or enhance beef production methods; develop and implement a producer survey on production capacity and timing, pricing, processing needs and cattle production best management practices; as well as other related duties. Find more information and [apply online.](#)

NINE VACANCIES! NINE!

The USDA APHIS has nine openings for Risk Analysts including Plant Pathologists, Ag

Economists and Entomologists. Read more about these different openings and [apply online](#).

Postdoctoral Scholar

Applications are invited for a postdoctoral associate position available in bioeconomics or natural resource economics at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. The successful candidate will contribute to research on coupled ecological-economic systems and capital theoretic approaches to valuing stocks of natural capital. For more information or to apply please contact [Eli Fenichel](#). Applicants should send a cover letter describing their interests and skills, a CV, a one page description of a computational project you have engaged in outside of class, and contact information of three professional references.

Postdoctoral Scholar

Two postdoctoral fellowships are available at Arizona State University. The fellows will work with Dr. Joshua Abbott to contribute research on coupled ecological-economic systems. The fellows will be hired in the following areas:

1. Modeling and Managing Fisheries as Natural Capital: The goal of this project is to develop a multispecies bioeconomic simulation model of Bering Sea fisheries, and to use this model to develop a novel ecological-economic indicator for assessing sustainable fisheries management. The successful candidate will collaborate with Dr. Abbott and National Marine Fisheries Service scientists to analyze ecological and economic data, develop the bioeconomic model, participate in stakeholder workshops, and coauthor academic publications. The start date is as early as Spring 2017 but will be no later than Fall 2017.

2. Modeling and Managing Fisheries subject to Climate Variability: The goal of this project is to develop an econometric model of fishermen's participation and catch in multiple Pacific Northwest fisheries and to create a bioeconomic model examining the implications of fishermen's adaptations to climatic variability. The successful candidate will collaborate with Dr. Abbott and an interdisciplinary team of collaborators to estimate the econometric model, participate in stakeholder workshops, and coauthor academic publications. The start date is no later than Fall 2017.

[Apply online](#) for either or both of these positions.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"The Medium-Term Impacts of Girl-Friendly Schools: Seven-Year Evidence from School Construction in Burkina Faso"

Harounan Kazianga, Oklahoma State University

Friday, December 2

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

"The Effect of Subsidized Health Care on Household Food Expenditure and Food Insecurity: Evidence from Colombia"

Camilo Bohorquez Penuela, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, December 9

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12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HCRC

"The Developmental Correlates of Early Deprivation: Studies of Orphanage-Adopted Children"

Megan Gunnar, Institute of Child Development, UMN
Tuesday, December 13
12:00 p.m., Humphrey School room 205

HPM Seminar Series

"Data Driven Approaches to Understanding HIV Care Patterns and Retention in Care Challenges"

Eva Enns, PhD, UMN
Friday, December 2
11:45 a.m., 3-125 MMB

MPC Seminar

"The social climate for LGBTQ youth: How we measure it and why it matters"

Marla Eisenberg, UMN
Monday, December 5
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Regional Heterogeneity and Monetary Policy"

Joseph Vavra, Chicago Booth
Thursday, December 8
12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

Federal Bag Lunch

"Employment Fluctuations Along the Aggregate Labor Supply Curve"

Benjamin Schoefer, UC-Berkeley
Tuesday, December 6
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Finance Department Seminar

TBD

David Sraer, UC-Berkeley
Friday, December 9
10:30 a.m., TBD

Departmental Publications

Miller, S.J. "Protecting Marine Ecosystems: Regulation Versus Market Incentives." *Marine Resource Economics* 32 (2016). doi:10.1086/689214. [Available online.](#)

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Announcements

Annual Luncheon Today!

Applied Economics and Agricultural Education are hosting the Annual Luncheon today at noon in the North Star Ballroom in the St. Paul Student Center. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Opportunities

Pacific Conference for Development Economics

PacDev will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at the University of California, Riverside. Submissions can be sent now through midnight on Wednesday, December 21st via their [online portal](#). For more information on this conference, visit [their website](#).

Jobs

International Trade Specialists

The Animal and Plant Divisions in the Office of Agreements and Scientific Affairs in the Foreign Agricultural Service. These positions will be expected to develop, plan and conduct in-depth analysis of complex issues which contribute to the accomplishment of the agency mission to expand and maintain international market opportunities for U.S. agriculture; analyze substantive international trade data; review and evaluate agreements, legislation and policies; conduct assessments and develop interpretation of international trade issues and events, as well as other duties. These two positions are both available online: [Position 1](#). [Position 2](#).

M&E Specialist

Save the Children is recruiting for an M&E Specialist to support the monitoring and evaluation of the Skills to Success (S2S) global program. This position supports the monitoring and evaluation of the Department of Hunger and Livelihoods' (DHL) Skills to Succeed (S2S) global program, funded by Accenture. The incumbent will be responsible for ensuring that field teams adhere to quality M&E standards and processes in accordance with S2S program logframes and MEAL guidelines by: a) checking quality of data collected from the field and conducting data analysis; b) building M&E capacity in the field; c) supporting the adoption and timely usage of the S2S management information system (MIS) in field locations; and d) supporting field teams in developing or updating M&E workplans. Primary responsibilities of this position support efforts to maximize quality programs and ongoing learning at Save the Children. [Apply online](#).

Research Analyst

The Minnesota Department of Revenue is seeking to hire a GIS Analyst to perform a wide

range of GIS analysis tasks, including geocode large tax databases for required studies and research projects; manage programs for Streamlined Sales Tax Program; perform testing on databases to ensure quality and accuracy as well as other duties as necessary. [Apply online](#) using job code 9631.

Fellowships

The Gulf Research Program of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine is accepting applications for its 2017 [early-career research fellowships](#) and [science policy fellowships](#). These fellowships offer early-career researchers and professionals in the social and behavioral sciences, health and medicine, engineering and physical sciences, earth and life sciences, and relevant interdisciplinary fields a unique opportunity to focus on leadership development while conducting research or work that is relevant to the mission and goals of the Gulf Research Program. Learn more and [apply online](#). Applications are due by 5pm ET on February 22, 2017.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

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Camilo Bohorquez Penuela, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, December 9

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

"Integrating Efficiency Concepts in Technology Approximation: A Weighted DEA Approach"

Kota Minegishi, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Science, UMN

Wednesday, December 14

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Climate Policy and Innovation: A Quantitative Macroeconomic Analysis"

Stephie Fried, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Carleton College

Monday, December 12

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

HCRC

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Tuesday, December 13

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MPC Seminar

"IPUMS-Time Use: Simplifying Access to the World's Time Diary Data"

Sarah Flood, UMN

Monday, December 12

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Regional Heterogeneity and Monetary Policy"

Joseph Vavra, Chicago Booth

Thursday, December 8

12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

Federal Bag Lunch

"Secular Stagnation, Land Prices, and Collateral Constraints"

Zhifeng Cai, UMN
Monday, December 12
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Micro Heterogeneity and Aggregate Consumption Dynamics"

Thomas Winberry, Chicago-Booth
Tuesday, December 13
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Efficient Ex-Ante Stabilization of Firms"

David Frankel, Iowa State
Friday, December 16
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

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Announcements

Marginal Memos will continue as an abbreviated version over the next two weeks due to the lack of seminars and information during winter break. It will resume as usual following the New Year.

Jobs

Economist

Teagasc is currently seeking a Senior Economist or Social Scientist to lead Rural Economy & Development. Teagasc is the agriculture and food development authority in Ireland. Its mission is to support science-based innovation in the agri-food sector and the broader bio-economy that will underpin profitability, competitiveness and sustainability. It carries out extensive research, advisory and education activities aimed at the Irish agri-food sector. Rural Economy & Development is one of four research and development programmes operated by Teagasc. The Head of Program is responsible for leadership, development and strategic management of the rural economic research and development program including economics and rural research, the National Farm Survey, economic benchmarking, farm business development and rural innovation activities. The role involves extensive liaison with policy makers, other state agencies, farm representative bodies and other rural organizations, and businesses operating in the agri-food sector. It also involves developing relevant relationships outside of Ireland in the EU and beyond. If you are interested in this position, contact [Anthony Carrig](#).

Assistant/Associate Professor

The University of Southern Maine is seeking applicants for a full time, tenure track position with teaching and scholarly expertise in the study of local, national, and/or global food systems. Possible academic fields include Sociology, Economics, Geography, Environmental Policy, Public Policy or a graduate interdisciplinary program in Food Studies. The faculty's appointment will be a joint appointment in Food Studies and Economics, with a primary commitment to the USM Food Studies Program but with support and mentoring from Economics and related faculty in the social sciences. The position is open to either a beginning assistant professor, an assistant professor with 2 or more years of full time faculty status or a beginning associate professor with commensurate experience. This faculty member will develop and teach both undergraduate and graduate courses. During her/his first two years, the successful candidate will define and complete an applied research project that supports sustainable development of Maine food systems. During this phase, the position has a 2-2 teaching load. Beginning in 2019-2020, this faculty member will transition to a 3-3 load with expectation for ongoing research. The first two years (2017-2018) are funded by MEIF funds. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Seminars for the department have concluded for the Fall 2016 semester. Spring 2017 seminar information will be distributed as soon as possible.

Departmental Publications

Hurley, T.M. "Shock and Awe Pest Management: Time for Change." *Choices* 31 (2016). [Available online.](#)

Hurley, Terrance M. "Slutsky, Let Me Introduce You to Arrow-Pratt: Competitive Price Effects with Uncertain Production." Staff Paper P16-07. St. Paul, Minn.: Dept. of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, December 2016. [Available online.](#)

Hurley, Terrance M., Xudong Rao, and Philip G. Pardey. "Re-Examining the Reported Rates of Return to Food and Agricultural Research and Development: Reply." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Advance Access, December 10, 2016. doi:10.1093/ajae/aaw079. [Available online.](#)

Smith, P.J., and E.S. Katovich "Are GMO Policies "Trade Related"? Empirical Analysis of Latin America." *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy* (2016). Advance Access. [Available online.](#)

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Jobs

Research Assistant

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at the University of Georgia is recruiting Ph.D. students to participate in research projects in the areas of agricultural production, marketing, and farm and agribusiness management. Selected students will identify specific research topics, which may focus on issues related to row crop, fruit and vegetable, ornamental horticulture, or livestock production or marketing; farm, agribusiness, or cooperative management; impacts of agricultural policy at the farm and agribusiness levels; or other policy-relevant topics. [Apply online.](#)

Assistant/Associate Professor

There is a 9 month tenure track position in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness with joint appointments in the LSU College of Agriculture and the Louisiana Agricultural Experiment Station. The person in this position is responsible for developing a nationally recognized teaching and research program in the area of natural resource economics with a focus on coastal resource policy analysis and other relevant natural resource issues. Duties will include supporting the department's teaching program by teaching undergraduate and/or graduate courses including courses in one or more of the following areas: natural resource economics, environmental economics, and resource management, as well as undergraduate and graduate student advising. The incumbent will be positioned within the department's Center for Natural Resource Economics and Policy and is expected to work closely with affiliated units on campus, such as the Louisiana Sea Grant College Program, School of Renewable Natural Resources, and School of the Coast and Environment. The individual in this position will conduct economic analyses using conceptual and quantitative methods to inform policy considerations of coastal resource management, protection, and restoration strategies in the Mississippi River Delta region. [Apply online.](#)

Fellowship

Duke Kunshan University is now accepting applications for the new international Master of Environmental Policy (iMEP) Program. The iMEP program is a two-year degree offered jointly by Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy and Nicholas School of the Environment. Students will study core courses in both environmental management and public policy at Duke Kunshan University and Duke University. Combining a world-class faculty, a cutting-edge research center, a multi-culture experience and an innovative curriculum, the [Master of Environmental Policy Program](#) prepares students for unparalleled career opportunities. Students of the iMEP program emerge with the skills they need to forge evidence-based environmental policy solutions in the public and private sectors. They will have access to a host of resources including research opportunities at the [Environmental Research Center](#), career coaches, workshops, webinars, career fairs, library resources and proprietary job

databases. Students will also have the opportunity to be paired with career advisors who are there to share first-hand experiences and offer personalized advice to help them hone professional skills. For questions and to apply, contact [Ms. Wanyong Ge](#).

Economist

The Institute of Social and Economic Research at the University of Alaska Anchorage is looking for a research professional to conduct economic analysis and assist faculty in collecting data, conducting analysis, and writing reports. We are looking for someone who is able to use economic theory and econometric techniques to examine complex questions that arise in the fields of fiscal policy, health economics, and resource economics.

The position requires knowledge of, or interest in, microeconomics, a broad range of research skills, and the ability to perform quantitative analysis. Research professionals interact closely with other research professionals and faculty members in nearly all aspects of work including a variety of quantitative and qualitative tasks, such as: (a) data gathering and analysis; (b) conducting literature reviews; (c) production of reports, presentations, refereed publications; and (d) ensuring the quality of all work products.

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Announcements

The Food Industry Center Luncheon Series

TFIC will host its first Luncheon Series of the new year on Wednesday, January 25th. Aaron Riippa, Sourcing Business Leader with General Mills Yogurt Operating Unit will present "*Consumer Trends in Yogurt, and Why it Matters*". As a member of the Extended Yogurt Leadership Team, Aaron is responsible for the connection and strategy alignment between Sourcing and the Yogurt brands, such as Yoplait, Annie's, Liberte, and others. Aaron is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and University of Arkansas. [Register online](#) by Friday, January 20th. [More details.](#)

Jobs

Economist

There are several openings for Economists at Economic Research Service of the USDA. The Resource and Rural Economics Division (RRED) informs public and private decisions involving natural resources and the environment, rural development, farm households and businesses, agricultural technology and productivity, and farm structure. Indicators, forecasts, and special studies are disseminated to policy makers and the public through a variety of outputs.

If selected for the RRED position, you will improve the acquisition and processing of data for forecasting farm business and farm household income; or you will have responsibility for coordinating an annual field-level survey of farm production practices, input use, and costs.

The Market and Trade Economics Division (MTED) conducts research on U.S. and global economic factors affecting markets for agricultural products. MTED plays a leading role in market analysis and projections for USDA and publishes commodity market information through a variety of outputs. MTED also provides leadership and support for the Department's annual baseline analysis of long-term commodity projections.

If selected for the MTED position, you will serve as a situation and outlook analyst. You will assist in the creation and dissemination of Situation and Outlook newsletters and annual Yearbooks; perform analytical assignments that maintain and support the ERS market outlook program while advancing an understanding of crop and livestock markets; and review economic and industry-related literature to support economic analysis of market issues.

The Food Economics Division (FED) provides economic research, data, indicators, and policy analysis of consumer, food marketing, and food assistance issues related to

consumption determinants and trends; consumer demand for food quality, safety, and nutrition; food security; food market competition and coordination; low-income assistance programs; and food safety regulation.

If selected for the FED position, you will work with a senior economist on food safety analysis and data and on projects that link food and nutrition databases. You will also manage and improve ERS' Food Acquisition and Purchase Survey (FoodAPS) web page, including developing website resources for FoodAPS public-use files. You will track ERS and external research studies related to FoodAPS and help make them available online. You can [apply online](#) for all of these positions.

Research Fellow

Two Post-Doctoral Research Fellow Positions are available at The University of Western Australia.

(1) Three-year appointment

The position focuses on the co-benefits and trade-offs between environmental, economic, and cultural outcomes, requiring a skillset in the design and use of environmental planning tools, such as multi-criteria analysis, and in analysis of the performance and outcomes of interdisciplinary research. The position will work in collaboration with other researchers in the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy at UWA, and with Scientists nationally in the NESP's Northern Australia Environmental Resource Hub. [Apply online.](#)

(2) 12-month appointment

The position focuses on non-market valuation, and particularly on benefits transfer. The position will work in collaboration with other economists in the Centre for Environmental Economics and Policy at UWA, and with Scientists nationally in the NESP Threatened Species Recovery Hub and the CRC for Water Sensitive Cities. [Apply online.](#)

Post-Doctoral Fellowships

The Frederick A. and Barbara M. Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise at the University of Michigan will be accepting applications from scholars who will conduct high-quality and impactful research, participate in seeking extramural funding related to their research, write jointly-authored and peer-reviewed articles, and contribute content for a broad array of audiences under the Erb Institute's thought leadership banner in at least one of the following four areas: Consumer behavior and conscious consumption; Community and human development; Global change; and/or Corporate governance. [Apply online.](#)

Graduate Assistant

West Virginia University seeks qualified applicants for a PhD in Natural Resource Economics or a MS in Agricultural and Resource Economics. Both graduate programs are administered by the Division of Resource Economics and Management. Division faculty are engaged in applied research projects dealing with various topics related to land, water, energy, and economic development. Assistantship funding opportunities are available through the Division, faculty grants and contracts, a cooperative agreement with the Natural Resource Conservation Service, and the Regional Research Institute located at WVU. For more information about applying for either the PhD or MS program, please contact Dr. Alan Collins by [email](#) or phone(304)293-5486, or [visit their site.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

TBD

Metin Cakir, Assistant Professor, UMN

Wednesday, February 8

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

HCRC Seminar

"A Menu-Based Approach to Parent Involvement: Processes, Strategies, and Impacts"

Momoko Hayakawa, Child-Parent Center Program, UMN

Tuesday, January 17

12:00 p.m., Humphrey School, Room 205

Consortium on Law and Values in Health, Environment & the Life Sciences Lecture Series

Emerging Diseases in a Changing Environment

"The Dynamics and Evolution of Emerging Pathogens: Insights from Californian Salt Marshes, House Finches & Zika Virus"

Andrew P. Dobson, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Princeton University

Tuesday, January 24

11:30 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union

Departmental Publications

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