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Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

TBD

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 Wednesday, February 8
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 Momoko Hayakawa, Child-Parent Center Program, UMN
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Departmental Publications

Glewwe, Paul, Qiuqiong Huang, and Albert Park. 2017. "Cognitive Skills, Noncognitive Skills, and School-to-Work Transitions in Rural China." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 134 (January): 141-64. doi:10.1016/j.jebo.2016.12.009. Available [online](#).

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Jobs

Postdoctoral Researcher

The Research Center for Sustainable Energy and Water Supply at the University of Basel, invites applications for a fulltime postdoctoral position. The position is part of SCCER CREST, one of the Swiss Competence Centres for Energy Research. The position is an integral part of the second SCCER CREST phase (2017-2020) and will be embedded in the ongoing research projects in Basel on electricity and natural gas market modeling including market design aspects, investment evaluations and the extension of demand side modeling. Within SCCER CREST, the position is associated to Work Package 3 on 'Energy Policy, Markets and Regulation' linking theoretical and empirical economic research on the assessment of existing and new policies and market structures. Applications should be [emailed](#) as a single pdf and include a short cover letter, a CV (including the name of two academic referees) a short outline of current research projects, and one or two academic papers.

Postdoctoral Associate

Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies is seeking a postdoctoral associate to contribute to research on coupled ecological-economic systems and capital theoretic approaches to valuing stocks of natural capital. This position with [Dr. Fenichel's](#) ongoing projects is expected to last 1-2 years. Applicants should [email](#), via a single pdf, a cover letter describing their interests and skills as they relate to Dr. Fenichel's research, a CV, a one page description of a computational project he/she has engaged in outside of a class, and the contact information for three professional references.

**There is an opening at GIC for a mid-level position, immediate hire. Qualifications include agro/agribusiness experience, economics and marketing, an MA or MBA. Resume and references should be sent to:

Richard Gilmore
President/CEO
GIC Group
1434 Duke Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

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Jonah Helgertz, Economics, Lund University

Monday, January 23

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

Departmental Publications

Heggeness, Misty L., Kearney T. W. Gunsalus, José Pacas, and Gary McDowell. 2017.

"The New Face of US Science." *Nature* 541 (7635): 21-23. doi:10.1038/541021a.

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Announcements

IPID Workshops

If you are a student working on a thesis, dissertation, capstone, or paper related to international development, consider attending the IPID Student Society Workshops. These workshops are targeted to Masters and Phd students who are working on their thesis, dissertations, capstone or professional papers related to international development (i.e. social justice, food security, public health, non-profit work, natural conservation, economic development, etc.). The purpose of these workshops are to create a space for students to work quietly and individually in a group setting. At the beginning and end of every session, there will be a check-in and set goals for the duration of the session and for the next session. If there is enough interest among participants there will also be a system to do peer review for each other. Also, this will be an excellent opportunity to network with researchers across disciplines and catch up with the cutting-edge research in international development. Finally, when you finish your work we will connect you with *Reconsidering Development Journal* so you can have the possibility to publish your work! [RSVP online.](#)

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Jobs

Postdoctoral Research Assistant

An opportunity is available as a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Economics and Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at Iowa State. Drs. David Keiser and Catherine Kling are seeking a highly motivated, energetic postdoctoral associate to take a leadership role on a recently funded project from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Agency. This project is part of a collaborative effort of stakeholders including universities, state and federal agencies, NGO's and municipalities to develop a program built on the state's Nutrient Reduction Strategy to improve the resilience of communities in the face of flooding while simultaneously improving water quality. The successful candidate will contribute to non-market valuation studies of the economics of water quality and quantity, as well as the development of an integrated assessment model to help guide policy recommendations. There will also be opportunities to participate in several other ongoing research projects related to the economics of water quality. Funding

is available for up to 3 years, with annual renewal conditional on satisfactory performance. To apply, email [David Keiser](#) with a cover letter describing interest and skills, a CV, and a research paper, as well as three letters of recommendation.

Associate/Full Professor

The Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics (AEDE) in the College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Science (CFAES) at The Ohio State University invites applications for an Associate or Full Professor with tenure. The incumbent is expected to conduct innovative research on the economics of agriculture and food systems and to provide intellectual leadership to the Department and the University's Discovery Theme Initiatives in the areas of food systems. Food systems encompass all processes and infrastructure involved in feeding a population: growing, harvesting, processing, packaging, transporting, marketing, consumption, and disposal of food and food-related items. The appointee will have an academic year (9 month) appointment AEDE with competitive salary and benefits package and is expected to develop and maintain a world-class research program in their field of inquiry, teach in our undergraduate, Master's, and/or Ph.D. programs, and develop an appropriate outreach program. To apply, email [Dr. Ian Sheldon](#) with a cover letter, CV, statement of research and teaching interests, statement of experience and/or teaching philosophy, a writing sample and three references.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"More Religion, Less Crime: Evidence from Ramadan"

Weiwen Leung, PhD Student, Department of Economics, UMN

Friday, January 20

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King, Robert P., and Gigi DiGiacomo. 2017. "Planning for the Ups and Downs." *In Good Tilt*, January 11. Available [online](#).

Krafft, Caroline, Elizabeth E. Davis, and Kathryn Tout. 2017. "Child Care Subsidies and the Stability and Quality of Child Care Arrangements." *Early Childhood Research Quarterly* 39: 14-34. doi:10.1016/j.ecresq.2016.12.002. Available [online](#).

Salfer, J., M. Endres, W. Lazarus, K. Minegishi, and B. Berning. "Dairy Robotic Milking Systems - What are the Economics?", 11/2/16, eXtension.org, <https://articles.extension.org/pages/73995/dairy-robotic-milking-systems-what-are-the-economics>

Wang, J., Yue, C., Gallardo, K., McCracken, V., Luby, J. and McFerson, J. (2017), What Consumers Are Looking for in Strawberries: Implications from Market Segmentation Analysis. *Agribusiness*, 33: 56-69. doi:10.1002/agr.21473. Available [online](#).

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Announcements and Opportunities

Visiting Students

We are happy to welcome three agribusiness economics students visiting from [Zamorano University](#) in Honduras, who will be studying with Mike Boland for the next several months. Walter Pangan and Jose Navarro (both from Guatemala) and Laura Flores (Honduras) would be happy to help any graduate students practice their Spanish. If you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity, contact [Mike Boland](#).

Grad Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be hosting its first Waite Happy Hour of 2017 today at 4:15. Faculty and staff are always welcome to join; the more the merrier! See you there this afternoon!

Unpaid Internship with World Bank

The Global Indicators Group Department within the Development Economics Network at World Bank is seeking a highly motivated individual to join their team through an unpaid internship opportunity. This individual will conduct detailed research of laws, regulations, and policies that are related to Enabling the Business of Agriculture (EBA) program, provide support to preparation of the synthesis report on agribusiness regulatory environment and comparative analysis related to the set indicators on a country by country, regional and/or global basis, assist in researching legal framework for potential new countries, research new areas of interest for EBA topics and participate in developing effective partnerships with leading organizations and experts on EBA topics. Interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to [Esperanza Pastor Nunez de Castro](#).

Jobs

Postdoctoral Researcher

A graduate assistantship for an exceptional doctoral student is available at the Dwivedi Forest Sustainability Lab located at the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. The incoming doctoral student will pursue research on ascertaining the impacts of conservation easements on wood product markets in the US South. The incoming student is expected to complete his/her dissertation within three years from the start date. Applications will be reviewed on the basis of first come first serve basis. [Apply online.](#)

Economist

The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (UK) is seeking an Environmental Economist to work in the Blue Growth Directorate, providing technical support to current and future research programs. Specifically, this person will be required to: lead and provide advice on economic study design specifically on micro- as well as

macro-economic modelling; extract, manipulate, visualize, analyze and model economic data, sometimes coupled with biophysical data; and ensure high data quality and recording standards. More information about this position and how to apply are available [online](#).

Assistant/Associate Professor

The Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness at Louisiana State University, College of Agriculture is seeking an Assistant/Associate Professor for a nine-month tenure track position. 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](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development Seminar

"TBD"

Jenny Aker, Associate Professor of Development Economics, Tufts University
Friday, February 3
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

"Panel Price Indices for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables and Implications for Policy"

Metin Cakir, Assistant Professor, UMN
Wednesday, February 8
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC Seminar

"Segregation and Diversity as Multiscalar Phenomena: Why We Need Multiscale Measures to Understand Neighborhoods and Neighborhood Effects"

Chris Fowler, Department of Geography, Penn State
Monday, January 30
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM Seminar

"Insurance-Based Discrimination: Trends and Impact on Healthcare Access"

Kathleen Thiede Call, Professor, Division of Health Policy & Management, UMN
Friday, January 27
11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo Memorial Building

Departmental Publications

Eryilmaz, Derya, Timothy M. Smith, and Frances R. Homans. 2017. "Price Responsiveness in Electricity Markets: Implications for Demand Response in the Midwest." *The Energy Journal* 38 (1). doi:10.5547/01956574.38.1.dery. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Welcome Jenni Patterson!

Jenni Patterson joined the Department on January 31 as the Education and Grant Coordinator of MCEE, and will engage in education and programming as well as grant writing and fund raising activities. For the past ten years, Jenni was with PYC Out of School Time Program, first as a teacher, then as a program coordinator, and most recently as an academic manager. Before joining PYC, Jenni was with the Minneapolis Public Schools for eight years. Jenni has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Urban Education and a Master of Arts in Education, both from Hamline University. Please stop by room 116A to say hello and welcome her!

AAEA Mentorship Workshop

The mentorship workshop for Early Career Professionals will help participants in different aspects of their job, using experiences from those who are more seasoned in the field. Topics of interest include: Teaching, Service: Learning when to say "No", Grant Writing and Project Management, Work-Life Balance, Research and Publishing, Extension and Outreach, and more. This workshop will take place from May 31-June 1 in Vail, CO. [Learn more and register online.](#)

TFIC Luncheon

Kimberly Tam, Digital Marketing Specialist and Ag Food Business Management Alum will present, "Career: Unexpected" on Wednesday, March 1 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 202, St. Paul Student Center. As a digital marketer, Kim is responsible for formulating digital marketing strategies for healthcare and financial clients integrating SEO, paid search, content marketing, social media engagement, digital media, measurement and analysis. [Register online.](#)

Call for Papers

The first meetings of the Society of Household Economics will be held in San Diego on Sunday June 25 and Monday June 26. There will be parallel sessions and plenary sessions featuring Barry R. Chiswick, Daniela Del Boca, Michael Grossman, Charles Horioka, and Klaus Zimmermann. You may submit an extended abstract (max 1000 words) [online](#) for consideration by Wednesday, February 15. Authors of accepted abstracts will be notified by March 15. The full paper submission and registration deadline is April 15.

Call for Papers

The Center for Behavioral and Experimental Agri-environmental Research (CBEAR) will host a conference on Behavioral and Experimental Economics Methods and Applications to Agri-environmental Policy on October 14-15, 2017, in Shepherdstown, WV. This

conference will showcase experimental and behavioral economics research that addresses agri-environmental management and policy challenges. In addition to encouraging discussion and debate about theoretical and methodological advances, the conference aims to show how experimental and behavioral research can enhance the design and implementation of agri-environmental programs and policies. Find out more and submit your paper [online](#).

Jobs

Extension Economist

The Center for Farm Financial Management (CFFM) is seeking an Extension Economist to help develop and deliver educational programming and conduct scholarly research related to farm financial management, and to expand the entrepreneurial activities conducted within the organization. This individual must have a Master's degree in agricultural economics, applied economics, economics, finance, agricultural education, or a closely related field by the date of employment. More information and how to apply is [available online](#).

Graduate Research Assistant

The Minnesota Population Center at the University of Minnesota is recruiting graduate students to work on its U.S. or international demographic data resources. The students will work with social science data of various types, including census and survey data from the United States and other countries, historical census data, aggregate data or spatial data. They will interpret, edit and format technical documentation and analyze data in a statistical package, recording findings systematically. Some will help prepare data for distribution through MPC's data dissemination websites, including coding variables. To apply, use the University of Minnesota's online employment system and search job opening ID 315380. The cover letter should explain your interest in the position opening and highlight your relevant skills and abilities, while articulating any MPC projects in which you have a special interest.

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Trade and Development

"TBD"

Ragui Assaad, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, UMN

Friday, February 10

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

"Understanding the Relationship Between Media and Use of the Affordable Care Act Marketplaces: Linking Media Market Exposures to the National Health Interview Survey"

Sarah Gollust, Health Policy and Management, UMN

Monday, February 6

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Research Mixer

"Population Mobility and Spatial Demography"

Jack DeWaard, Sociology, UMN

Friday, February 3

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"We Don't Have a Plan. We Should Be Working On a Plan: Obstacles to Caregiver Transition Planning for Individuals with Fragile X Syndrome"

Harold Pollack, Helen Ross Professor, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago

Friday, February 3

11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo Memorial Building

Emerging Diseases in a Changing Environment

"Ending the Pandemic Era: Science at the Animal-Human-Environmental Interface"

Jonna Mazet, Epidemiology and Disease Ecology, UC-Davis

Tuesday, February 7

11:30 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union

Federal Reserve Bank Seminar

Fed Bag Lunch

TBA

Nicholas Bloom, Stanford

Tuesday, February 7

12:00 p.m., C-SOM 2-213

"The Effects of Monetary Policy and Other Announcements"

Randy Wright, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Wednesday, February 8

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Hanson, E and M.A. Boland. "University of Minnesota Agricultural Occupational Safety Project." In Mill and Elevator News XVII, No 2, fall 2016: 35-36

Junhu Ruan, Xuping Wang, Chengyan Yue, Guo Chen, and Minsoo Kim, "Optimization Models and Algorithms for Operation and Control with Advanced Information Technologies," Scientific Programming, vol. 2017, Article ID 4706714, 2 pages, 2017. doi:10.1155/2017/4706714. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

ApEc Alum Named 2017 AAEA Fellows

Dr. Harry Kaiser and Dr. Robert Myers, who are both alumni from the department, were just named among the AAEA's 2017 Fellows. Join us in sending them a warm congratulations!

Rob King Retirement Seminar and Reception

The department is hosting a retirement reception to celebrate Professor Rob King's long and dedicated career here in Applied Economics. The event will take place on May 25th in the Cherrywood Room. More details forthcoming.

National Grocers Association Competition

The Food Industry Center again sponsored a team of students to compete in the National Grocers Association case competition. This year's topic, "Marketing to Millennial Shoppers of Harp's Supermarkets in the Greater Arkansas Region," required students to present a strategy and solution to a panel of industry judges. Students Crystal Siemers-Peterman, Rebecca Steen, Brooke Wentz and Kennedy Janssen also acted as facilitators in educational sessions, participated in a 5k charity run and attended a variety of other educational programs.

Jobs

PhD Researcher

A fully funded four-year position is available at the Dwivedi Forest Sustainability Lab at the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. The student will be expected to develop an economic model for analyzing potential impacts of water markets on land use changes in South Georgia and North Florida. To apply, send a cover letter, CV, transcripts and writing samples by email to Dr. Puneet Dwivedi.

Assistant Professor

The University of Idaho's Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology invites applications for a tenure-track, nine-month position at the assistant professor rank beginning August 2017. A preferred candidate will have research and teaching interests at the nexus of environmental and agricultural economics. Specific areas of expertise may include agricultural-environmental policy, non-point source agricultural pollution, and water nutrient management in local, national, and international settings, including research on economic mechanisms to address water quality issues. Teaching responsibilities will include undergraduate and graduate courses that may include production economics, environmental economics, economics and policy of water quality and quantity, quantitative methods. The successful candidate will advise undergraduate and graduate students;

publish research in high quality journals; and secure extramural grant funding to support research and graduate students. [Apply online](#) using position number F000528P.

Postdoctoral Researcher

The Center for Experimental & Applied Economics at the University of Delaware is seeking a qualified candidate to serve as a postdoc researcher for 2-3 years with the opportunity for renewal thereafter. The successful candidate will focus on applying experimental and behavioral economics to agri-environmental issues, such as the reduction of non-point source pollution, environmental and food risks, and conducting randomized controlled trials on voluntary conservation programs. The successful candidate will have the opportunity to co-author several publications and participate in professional conferences. This position also involves opportunities to work on research with graduate and undergraduate student and will work with both Dr. Kent Messer, Director of the Center for Experimental & Applied Economics, and Dr. Leah Palm-Forster, Assistant Professor, in the Department of Applied Economics & Statistics at the University of Delaware. To apply, submit a letter of application, CV, personal statement, transcripts and names of three references, via email to [Maddi Valinski](#).

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Trade and Development

"Call Me Educated: Evidence from a Mobile Monitoring Experiment in Niger"

Jenny Aker, Associate Professor, Tufts University

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Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Effects of Local Regulation on Neighboring Jurisdictions: Evidence from Mining Ordinances"

Dan Phaneuf, Professor, Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Monday, February 20

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Federal Reserve Bank Seminars

Federal Bag Lunch

"Understanding the New Normal: The Role of Demographics"

Etienne Gagnon, Board of Governors

Wednesday, February 22

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Minnesota Population Center

"The Impact of kin availability, parental religiosity, and nativity on fertility differentials in the late nineteenth-century United States"

J. David Hacker, Department of History and Evan Roberts, Department of Sociology, UMN

Monday, February 20

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

IPUMS DHS: Data Users Meet Data Producers

Senior IPUMS DHS staff

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HPM Seminar

"Getting Old in Style: Serendipity and Health Services Research, I & II"

Douglas Wholey, Katie White, Nathan Shippee

Friday February 17 (Part 1)

Friday, February 24 (Part 2)

11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo Building

HCRC Seminar

"Self-Regulation in Context: Developmental Processes at Home and School"

David Berry, Institute of Child Development, UMN

Tuesday, February 21

12:00 p.m., Humphrey School Room 215

Departmental Publications

Michael Darger, Brigid Tuck & John Bennett (2017): Lessons learned from a generation of community-driven business retention and expansion programming, Community Development, DOI: 10.1080/15575330.2017.1284877. Available [online](#).

Michael Darger, Alan Barefield & Brent D. Hales (2017): Business retention and expansion (BRE) today - research, application, and evaluation: Introduction to the special issue, Community Development, DOI: 10.1080/15575330.2017.1285334. Available [online](#).

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****Cochrane Lecture** Modified Content**

The Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy (CIFAP), Department of Applied Economics is pleased to invite you to the Willard W. Cochrane Lecture in Public Policy on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 2:00 pm in room 105 of the Cargill Building.

The lecture, entitled "The Uneven Transformation of Rural Africa: Myths, Facts and Pressing Needs," will be given by Professor Christopher Barrett.

Christopher Barrett, Deputy Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Business, Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management, and International Professor of Agriculture at the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, as well as Professor in the Department of Economics and Fellow of the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, all at Cornell University.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Please [register online](#).

Call for Proposals

The Interdisciplinary Dissertation Proposal Development program seeks applications from humanities and social science doctoral students for 2017. The University of Minnesota is one of five national institutions selected to offer this program, made possible by a grant from the [Social Science Research Council](#) with approved funds provided by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Twelve U of M students will be selected. Application deadline is March 13.

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club will be hosting happy hour in Waite today at 4:15. As usual, food and drinks for everyone with a \$5 donation suggested. Hide from the snow with good drinks and great company!

Jobs

Extension Educator

Nebraska Extension and the Department of Agricultural Economics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln are seeking candidates for two 12-month, non-tenured Extension Educator positions. The successful candidates will be responsible for integrating economic analyses that strengthen farmers' and ranchers' strategic and profitability management and marketing decisions. They will be contributing members of an integrated team that will

coordinate and teach agricultural systems economic programming in Nebraska locally and state-wide. More information and application process [available online](#). Search requisition numbers F_160250 and/or F_160251.

Assistant/Associate/Full Professor

The Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, Institute of Agriculture at the University of Tennessee is seeking a qualified candidate to lead, develop, deliver and evaluate a nationally recognized Extension educational program focused on farm and financial management. The successful candidate will provide subject matter leadership on topics ranging from utilization and development of decision-making tools, short and long range planning and management, farm record-keeping and analysis, farm transition planning, and the economics of alternative production technologies and farming systems. To apply, submit a current CV, letter of interest and qualifications for the position, official transcripts and have three letters of reference sent directly to: [Dr. Burton English](#), Search Committee Chair, Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture, 302 Morgan Hall, 2621 Morgan Circle, Knoxville, TN, 37996.

Assistant/Associate Professor

The Department of Business Administration and Economics at Simpson College seeks an Assistant/Associate Professor of Economics for a tenure-track position beginning on or around August 20, 2017. Applicants with a PhD are preferred, although individuals with ABD will be considered. The candidate will teach a variety of areas, with emphasis on macroeconomics, international economics, finance and econometrics. An ability and interest in teaching data analytics or forecasting is a plus. The teaching load is six courses per year. To apply, send a cover letter, current CV, copy of graduate transcript, evidence of teaching effectiveness, a one to two page description of innovative teaching methods use in the classroom, and arrange for three letters of recommendation sent to: Professor Mark Juffernbruch, Chair, Department of Business Administration and Economics, Simpson College, 701 North C Street, Indianola, IA 50125.

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics

"Warming Temperatures Will Likely Induce Higher Premium Rates and Government Outlays for the US Crop Insurance Program"

Jesse Tack, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University

Wednesday, March 1

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

"Schooling Expansion and the Timing of First Marriage in Ethiopia, Malawi, and Uganda"

Monica Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Monday, February 27

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"IPUMS Time Use: Simplifying Access to the World's Time Diary Data"

Sarah Flood, MPC

Friday, February 24

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"Covering Health Care and Politics in the Trump Era"

Dan Diamond and Andy Slavitt

Friday, March 3

11:45 a.m., Mayo Auditorium

Departmental Publications

Choi, Jong Woo, and Chengyan Yue. 2017. "Investigating the Impact of Maximum Residue Limit Standards on the Vegetable Trade in Japan." *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review* 20 (1): 159-73. doi:10.22434/IFAMR2016.0002. Available [online](#).

Narouei-Khandan, H. A., C. L. Harmon, P. Harmon, J. Olmstead, V. V. Zelenev, W. van der Werf, S. P. Worner, **S. D. Senay**, and A. H. C. van Bruggen. 2017. Potential global and regional geographic distribution of *Phomopsis vaccinii* on *Vaccinium* species projected by two species distribution models. *European Journal of Plant Pathology*:1-12. doi: 10.1007/s10658-017-1146-4. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Cochrane Lecture

The Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy (CIFAP), Department of Applied Economics is pleased to invite you to the Willard W. Cochrane Lecture in Public Policy on Wednesday, March 8, 2017, at 2:00 pm in room 105 of the Cargill Building.

The lecture, entitled "The Uneven Transformation of Rural Africa: Myths, Facts, and Pressing Needs," will be given by Professor Christopher Barrett.

Christopher Barrett, Deputy Dean and Dean of Academic Affairs of the College of Business, Stephen B. and Janice G. Ashley Professor of Applied Economics and Management, and International Professor of Agriculture at the Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, as well as Professor in the Department of Economics and Fellow of the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future, all at Cornell University.

The lecture is free and open to the public. Please [register online](#).

Congratulations, Tade!

Professor Tade Okediji has received the 2016-2017 Morse-Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Award. Each year since 1965, the University of Minnesota has recognized a select group of teachers for their outstanding contributions to undergraduate education. This honor is awarded to exceptional candidates nominated by colleges in their quest to identify excellence. We certainly agree that Tade fits these criteria! Congratulations again, Tade.

University Policy on International Travel

As a reminder:

- (1) International Travel Registry. All personnel [traveling on University business](#) to any location outside the U.S. must register with [GPS Alliance](#) before departing.
- (2) Fly America Act. Air travel using federal funds must comply with the Fly America Act rules, which mandate the use of U.S. carrier service--even if non-U.S. carriers offer cheaper options--except in certain situations. For details about the Act and obtaining the required certifications for exceptions if applicable, please see [here](#) (click on the "Fly America Act" drop-down) or contact [Patrick Briscoe](#), the University's Export Controls and International Projects Officer (612-625-3860).
- (3) Sanctioned Destinations. Anyone planning to travel on University business to a location subject to U.S. economic sanctions must first consult with Patrick Briscoe. The restricted locations are currently--
Cuba,
Iran,

North Korea,
 Syria,
 Sudan (North), and
 the Crimea region of Ukraine.

Jobs

Research Associate

The CGIAR Standing Panel on Impact Assessment (SPIA) is recruiting a research associate to be based in Tanzania. One of SPIA's mandate is to assess the adoption and impact of agricultural technologies developed by the CGIAR programs. The research associate will liaise with SPIA staff, senior management and lead scientists from CGIAR Centers in Africa to identify technologies for specific LSMS-ISA countries, work with groups of CGIAR scientists in determining how specifically selected technologies might be uniquely identified, develop field-test protocols for specific technologies in Tanzania and, together with LSMS-ISA team, identify specific survey rounds in Tanzania where it is possible to introduce protocols for improved data collection. Interested candidates should [send their CV and a cover letter via email](#) with the subject line, "VACANCY: SPIA Research Associate."

Food Security Analyst

Chemonics seeks a food security analyst for the USAID Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET). FEWS NET is a leading global provider of objective, evidence-based food security information, and analysis. Duties in this position include: Synthesizing market and trade, nutrition, livelihoods, and other food security analysis for the development of regular, high-quality early warning information products, reviewing field-authored food security reporting, primarily for countries where FEWS NET has a local office, contributing to the monthly Food Assistance Outlook Brief for senior staff of Food for Peace, developing and present technical briefings to U.S. government staff and other partners, conduct field visits to support assessments and technical analysis and more. [Position description and application available online.](#)

Research Assistant Consultant

Chemonics seeks a Markets and trade research assistant consultant for the Famine Early Warning Systems Network (FEWS NET). FEWS NET is a leading provider of objective, evidence-based food security analysis. Created in 1985 in response to famines in East and West Africa, the project currently covers about 36 countries. Led by USAID, FEWS NET implementing partners include NASA, NOAA, USGS, USDA, Kimetrica, and Chemonics, which manages the Washington technical office and more than 20 field offices in Africa, Central Asia, Central America, and Haiti.

The ongoing third phase of FEWS NET (2012-2017) relies on close collaboration with international, regional, and national partners on food security analysis and reinforcement of food security networks. FEWS NET food security analysis, early warning, and decision support for emergency food assistance rely on the monitoring and analysis of staple food, as well as cash crop, livestock, and labor markets. FEWS NET seeks a Research Assistant to provide research support to home and field office operations for the Markets and Trade (M&T) sector, under the supervision of the project's M&T Advisor. The Markets and Trade Research assistant will support the development of the project's Market Fundamentals and Enhanced Market Analysis reports as part of a close-knit team of Agricultural Economists based in Washington, D.C. The countries of focus for this position are TBD, located in Sub-Saharan Africa. This is a full-time position for up to four months (April through July 2017) with the possibility of extension. Position description and application [available online.](#)

Summer Internships- USDA

The USDA has several student internships (GS-0199-07/09) available for summer 2017. These positions require individuals with a solid foundation in economic theory and strong quantitative skills; experience with data collection, econometric analysis, database

management and/or mathematical programming and models; and good communications skills. Interns participate in a wide variety of research projects involving agriculture and environment, domestic and international markets, agricultural and trade policy, food safety and others. To apply, search for announcement number ERS-PATH-0009, GS-0199-07/09, [online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics

"Revisiting the Effect of Food Aid on Conflict"

Christopher Barrett, Professor, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University

Wednesday, March 8

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall (Note time change)

Environmental and Resource Economics

"U.S Urban Water Prices: Cheaper When Drier"

Ian Luby, Ph.D. Program, Applied Economics, UMN

Monday, March 5

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development

"What Explains Vietnam's Exceptional Performance in Education Relative to Other Countries? Analysis of the 2012 Pisa Data, Preliminary Results"

Paul Glewwe, Professor, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, March 3

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

"The Perils of Pressure in Promoting Merit Goods: Evidence from a Sales Experiment in India"

Anita Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, School of Business, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, March 10

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Minnesota Population Center

"Troubling Abortion Metrics: Post-abortion care and the Global Politics of Reproductive Governance in Senegal"

Siri Suh, UMN

Monday, March 6

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Effect of Heat Waves on the Increased Probability of Death Due to Ischemic Heart Disease in the Minneapolis- St. Paul Metropolitan Area from 1998-2014"

Luke Smith, Epidemiology, UMN

Friday, March 3

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"Covering Health Care and Politics in the Trump Era"

Dan Diamond and Andy Slavitt

Friday, March 3

11:45 a.m., Mayo Auditorium

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"The Aggregate Implications of Innovative Investment in the Garcia-Macia, Hsieh, and Klenow Model"

Andy Atkeson, UCLA
Thursday, March 9
12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

Federal Bag Lunch

"Asset Bubbles and Macro-Prudential Policy"
Tomohiro Hirano, University of Tokyo
Wednesday, March 8
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Finance Department Seminar

"Ambiguity and the Trade-Off Theory of Capital Structure"
David Yermack, NYU
Friday, March 10
10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-213

Departmental Publications

Okediji, Tade, and Wahutu J. Siguru . 2017. "The Role of Ethnicity in Political Formation in Kenya." In *Dissent, Protest and Dispute in Africa*, edited by Emmanuel M. Mbah and Toyin Falola, 133-51. New York, NY: Routledge.

Pardey, Philip G., and Jason M. Beddow. 2017. "Revitalizing Agricultural Research and Development to Sustain U.S. Competitiveness." Philadelphia, PA: Farm Journal Foundation. Available [online](#).

Salfer, J.A., K. Minegishi, W. Lazarus, E. Berning, and M.I. Endres. 2017. "Finances and Returns for Robotic Dairies." *Journal of Dairy Science*, February. doi:10.3168/jds.2016-11976. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Rob King Retirement Celebration

The department is hosting a retirement reception to celebrate Professor Rob King's long and dedicated career here in Applied Economics. The event will take place at 2:00 p.m. on May 25 in the Cherrywood Room of the St. Paul Student Center. [RSVP online.](#)

Call for Papers: 2017 Latin American Meeting

The 2017 Annual Meeting of the Latin American and Caribbean Economic Association (LACEA) and the Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society (LAMES) will take place in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from November 9-11, hosted by Universidad de San Andres (UdeSA). The two meetings will run in parallel, sharing a single local organizing committee. By registering for LACEA-LAMES 2017 participants will be able to attend all sessions of both meetings.

The deadline for submissions is June 5, 2017. Authors may only present one paper in each track but the same paper cannot be submitted to both tracks. However, each person is allowed to be co-author of several papers presented. Papers can be submitted [electronically](#). Any author submitting a paper must be a member of the respective association at the time of submission. Membership can be found online at the [Econometric Society](#) and [LACEA](#).

SERI Fire Summer Seminar

The SERI Fire project's principal investigators will instruct and mentor successful applicants in an intensive week-long seminar, modeled on a successful synthesis course at the Bren School that has yielded three published papers and two papers under review. Students will collaboratively develop questions, review the peer-reviewed literature, and offer conclusions with implications pertaining to wildfire management.

Master's students and advanced undergrads with diverse backgrounds are encouraged to apply. This opportunity will be led from August 7-11 2017. All travel, lodging and meal expenses will be covered for participating students. Interested applicants should submit a resume and one-page statement of interest (that addresses areas of scholarly focus, interest in graduate school, and your contributions to diversity via the [online application portal](#). One letter of recommendation is required and should be [directly emailed](#) by the recommender.

Jobs

Postdoctoral Researcher

The Sanford School of Public Policy (in partnership with the Nicholas Institute of

Environmental Policy Solutions and the Duke University Energy Initiative) have an immediate opening for a postdoctoral research position in the area of access and transitions to sustainable energy. This is a fully funded two-year appointment with possibility for renewal. The successful candidate will work closely with faculty on energy and development issues, to synthesize and provide new empirical evidence on global energy transition. To apply, email a CV, cover letter, writing sample and three letters of reference to [Marc Jeuland](#).

Teaching Fellow

The UCL Institute for Sustainable Resources (UCL ISR) is seeking a Teaching Fellow for MSc in Economics and Policy of Energy and the Environment as the Deputy Course Director. The appointment will be UCL Grade 7. More information and how to apply is [available online](#).

Senior Research Associate

The Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP) is hiring a Senior Research Associate to conduct quantitative research including benefit-cost analysis on public policy topics. The work includes problem foundation, outcome evaluation design, benefit-cost modeling, literature reviews and meta-analysis, data and fiscal analysis, report writing, and presentations. This position involves close consultation with state legislative members and staff. More information and how to apply is [available online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

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Anita Mukherjee, Assistant Professor, School of Business, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Friday, March 10

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Ag Safety Awareness Webinar

"When machines meet the road: farm equipment crashes on public highways"

Marizen Ramirez and Karissa Harland

Friday, March 10

[Webinar Link](#)

HCRC

"Advancing Collective Community Capacity to Address Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resilience"

Peter J. Pecora, Casey Family Programs and University of Washington

Tuesday, March 21

12:00 p.m., Humphrey School Room 215

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Jobs

Chairperson

Michigan State University College of Agriculture and Natural Resources invites nominations and applications for the full-time, tenure-track annual position of Chairperson of the Department of Community Sustainability, an interdisciplinary department that provides a stimulating intellectual environment for engaged scholarship. The Chairperson of the Department of Community Sustainability provides facilitative leadership to the Department in all teaching, research, extension, and outreach programs and is expected to maintain and enhance a creative and productive environment for the faculty, support staff, and students. The Chairperson serves as the chief administrative officer of the Department, and reports directly to the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and interacts with senior leadership of the College, Michigan State University Extension and MSU AgBioResearch (formerly Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station) on a regular basis.

Qualified persons are requested to submit, as a single electronic document, a (i) a cover letter of application; (ii) a statement of administrative philosophy and vision emphasizing a) ability to foster faculty/staff/student development, b) alignment of leadership vision and experience with CANR's focus on excellence through diversity and inclusion, and c) program direction and growth for the future; (iii) complete curriculum vitae; and (iv) at the end of the cover letter the names, addresses, e-mail addresses and telephone numbers of five references to:

[Martin M. Baker](#), Managing Partner
Buffkin/Baker
10 Cadillac Drive, Suite 190
Brentwood, TN 37027

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

"TBD"

Jason Kerwin, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, March 24
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

HCRC

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Peter J. Pecora, Casey Family Programs and University of Washington

Tuesday, March 21

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Health Disparities Roundtable

"Building Safe and Healthy Communities for All"

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Friday, April 7Coffman Memorial Union

[More Information](#)

[Register Online](#)

MPC

"Racial/Ethnic Differences in Nursing Home Residents' Quality of Life"

Tetyana Shippee, Health Policy and Management, UMN

Monday, March 20

12:15 p.m., MPC Seminar Room

Emerging Diseases in a Changing Environment

"Combating Microbial Terrorists: How to End Our Preparedness Stalemate"

Julie L. Gerberding, MD, MPH, Executive Vice President, Merck

Thursday, April 13

11:30 a.m., Mississippi Room, Coffman Union

[Register Online](#)

Departmental Publications

Alston, Julian M., & Pardey, Philip G. (2017). Transforming Traditional Agriculture Redux. Staff Paper P17-2. St. Paul, MN: University of Minnesota, Department of Applied Economics. Available [online](#).

Lee, Jaeseok, and Chengyan Yue. 2017. "Impacts of the US Dollar (USD) Exchange Rate on Economic Growth and the Environment in the United States." *Energy Economics*, March. doi:10.1016/j.eneco.2017.03.006. Available [online](#).

Joglekar, Alison, Pardey, Philip G., & Wood-Sichra, Ulrike. (2016). Where in the World are Crops Grown? HarvestChoice Brief. St. Paul, MN and Washington, DC: International Science & Technology Practice and Policy (InSTePP) Center, University of Minnesota and International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). Available [online](#).

Joglekar, Alison, & Pardey, Philip G. (2016). Proximity to African Agricultural Markets, Down to the Last Kilometer HarvestChoice Brief. St. Paul, MN: International Science & Technology Practice and Policy (InSTePP) Center, University of Minnesota. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Farm Management Candidate Joleen Hadrich March 27th

Joleen Hadrich, candidate for the Assistant/Associate Professor position in Farm Management, will be visiting the department on Monday, March 27. Her seminar, "*The Effect of Farm Financial Structure and Efficiency on Farm Growth*," will take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in 119 Ruttan Hall. Joleen has a Ph.D in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University and is currently an Associate Professor of Agricultural and Resource Economics at Colorado State University. If you would like to sign up to be part of a small group meeting with her between 3:00-4:30 (meetings are in half hour increments) please [email Sadie Brendalen](#).

Congratulations, Papak Nabipay!

Papak's second child, Ziva Lo Napipay was born on March 7, 2017. She is happy, healthy and the family is doing well.

Twin Cities Chapter of Financial Executives

The April 19th theme of the Twin Cities FEI is, "Food Innovations and Consumer Food Trends," and will include presentations by Kris and Mary Kowalski of Kowalski's and Mike Boland. If any graduate students would like to attend this light breakfast meeting, please talk with Mike Boland. [More information can be found online.](#)

Download Duo and Donuts Event

The Office of Information and Technology reports that phishing activity has doubled in the past year. It has made available the Duo Two-Factor Authentication software to employees to help protect their information by requiring a two-step log in process. If you would like help setting up Duo, OIT staff will be available at a [Download Duo and Donuts event](#) on March 30th from 9:00-12:00 p.m. in the Technology Help Room in the St. Paul Student Center.

Classes Without Quizzes

[Registration](#) for CFANS Classes Without Quizzes, which will be held Saturday, April 1 is now open. This year's keynote address, "*The Geography of Food*," will be presented by Mike Boland.

Rob King Retirement Celebration

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Life Course Center Miniconference

"Reimagining Policy for a Fast Changing Life Course"

Friday, March 31

9:00-3:30 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

This is a free event but [registration is required](#) by March 24.**Jobs****Analyst**

The Resources, Science and Industry Division (RSI) of the Congressional Research Service (CRS) is seeking an Analyst in Agricultural Policy. The analyst will conduct analyses that inform congressional deliberations on agricultural policy related to domestic agricultural programs, policies, and markets. The ideal candidate will have knowledge of the economics, history, trends, and current status of agricultural policy with an emphasis on crop insurance and farm income support programs for major commodity crops, sugar, and dairy, as well as associated legislative, economic, and regulatory issues and interrelationships with other key agricultural policy areas. Analyst duties include preparing objective, 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 participating in or leading team research projects and seminars. The employee is also expected to develop over time the skills necessary to provide public policy and legislative analysis and consultation to congressional committees, Members, and staff. [Apply online.](#)

Postdoctoral Position

A postdoctoral position in bioeconomics or natural resource economics is available at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (FES). The successful candidate will contribute to research on coupled ecological-economic systems and capital theoretic approaches to valuing stocks of natural capital. The individual filling this position is expected to collaborate with faculty and to develop original research. For more information or to apply please [contact Eli Fenichel](#) (Yale F&ES). Applicants should send a cover letter describing their interests and skills as they relate to my research, a CV, a description (up to one page) of a computational project he/she has engaged in outside of a class, the contact information for three professional references, and JMP. Please combined documents into a single pdf.

Postdoctoral Position

A postdoctoral research associate position is available with the Great Lakes Restorative Initiative (GLRI) in Strategic Decision Making for Enhancing Habitat Connectivity in Great Lakes Restoration Efforts. The overarching goal for the post doc is to provide scientific support to the LCW strategic planning process via literature synthesis, spatial analysis, and portfolio optimization. The post doc will work in direct support of the LCW, including representatives of US Environmental Protection Agency, US Forest Service, US Geological Survey, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, National Park Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and state agencies. The post doc will pursue the following objectives with regular input from members of the LCW: Provide science support to the LCW strategic planning process as determined by LCW leadership and post doc supervisors; propose and carry out a spatial analysis of terrestrial and aquatic habitat connectivity for species with different dispersal capabilities and needs; quantitatively explore alternative portfolios of land and water conservation opportunities to jointly maximize terrestrial- and aquatic connectivity; recommend ecologically-based measures of success (i.e., ecological indicators) that the LWG can measure to track progress; publish peer reviewed journal article(s). Interested candidates should provide in a single PDF document (1) a cover letter that addresses qualifications and skills, (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.

CEA Opportunities

The Council of Economic Advisers has many job and internship opportunities for both faculty on sabbatical, grad students and possibly undergrad students as well. More information about these numerous opportunities is [available online](#).

Internships

The Tax Research Division at the Minnesota Department of Revenue has two summer internships available. These student worker positions will assist with tax study and research work, specifically work on the MN Tax Expenditure Budget Report. The project work involves analyzing and updating economic and tax data, creating and developing spreadsheets, and preparing written reports and tables. [Apply online](#) by typing '12047' into the 'Keywords' search bar.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

"Peers and Motivation at Work: Evidence from a Firm Experiment in Malawi"

Jason Kerwin, Assistant Professor, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, March 24

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

"Soap Operas and the Management of Seasonal Rural Finance: Evidence from Peruvian Agricultural Households"

Martin Valdivia, GRADE, Peru

Friday, March 31

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Farm Management Assistant/Associate Professor-Candidate Joleen Hadrich Seminar

"The Effect of Farm Financial Structure and Efficiency on Farm Growth"

Joleen Hadrich, Associate Professor, Colorado State University

Monday, March 27

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MPC

"Building a National Longitudinal Research Infrastructure"

Steve Ruggles, UMN

Monday, March 27

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

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Department of Forestry Resources Grad Student Seminar Series

"Evaluating Ecosystem-based Adaptation Programs for Social and Ecological Benefits"

Anne B. Christianson, Doctoral Student, Natural Resources Science and Management Program

Wednesday, March 29

3:00 p.m., 203 Green Hall

HPM

"The Cost-Effectiveness of Enhancing a Quit and Win Smoking Cessation Program for College Students"

Jonah Popp, HPM Doctoral Student

Friday, March 24

11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo

"A Modified Delphi Study to Envisage Transformed Long-Term Care: Round One Results from an Initiative of the LTC Re-Think Tank"

Rosalie Kane, PhD, Professor, HPM

Friday, March 31

11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Heterogeneity and Persistence in Returns to Wealth"

Luigi Pistaferri, Stanford

Thursday, March 30

12:00 p.m., CSOM L122

Federal Bag Lunches

"Intermediation as Rent Extraction"

Guido Menzio, Minneapolis Fed

Monday March 27

12:00 p.m, Research Conference Room

"Deviations from Covered Interest Rate Parity"

Wenxin Du, Federal Reserve Board

Tuesday, March 28

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"TBA"

Lawrence Schmidt, University of Chicago

Wednesday March 29

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Finance Department Seminar

"A Macroeconomic Model with Financially Constrained Producers and Intermediaries"

Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh, NYU

Friday, March 31

10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-233

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Announcements

Farm Management Candidate Terry Griffin April 3

Terry Griffin, candidate for the Assistant/Associate Professor position in Farm Management, will be visiting the department on Monday, April 3. His seminar, "*Persistence and Sequence of Precision Agriculture Technology Adoption*," will take place from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in 119 Ruttan Hall. Terry has a Ph.D. in Agricultural Economics from Purdue University and is currently an Assistant Professor at Kansas State University. If you would like to sign up to be part of a small group meeting with him between 3:00-4:30 (meetings are in half hour increments) please [email Sadie Brendalen](mailto:Sadie.Brendalen@umn.edu).

Congratulations Terry Hurley!

Terry Hurley has been named an editor for the American Journal of Agricultural Economics (AJAE). Join us in wishing him congratulations on this exciting accomplishment!

2017 Retail Grocer Study Tour

Students are invited and encouraged to attend the 2017 tour, "Agricultural Careers Across the Entire Value Chain: From Farm to Fridge," on Friday, April 28. Experts will explain what is needed to be successful in areas such as on-farm business practices and management; technology, sustainability, water conservancy; animal nutrition, veterinarian & animal care; plant production & supply chain management; E-commerce; retail dairy case management & logistics and consumer research and marketing. This activity is being sponsored by The Food Industry Center at the College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences and the Carlson School of Management. [Reserve your spot now](#); space is limited.

Federal Reserve Bank Agricultural Symposium

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is having their annual Agricultural Symposium June 15-16 in Kansas City. This year's topic is, "Agricultural Consolidation: Causes and the Path Forward," featuring Mike Boland as one of the discussants. If you have an interest in attending the conference, please let Mike know.

Rob King Retirement Celebration

The department is hosting a retirement reception to celebrate Professor Rob King's long and dedicated career here in Applied Economics. The event will take place at 2:00 p.m. on May 25 in the Cherrywood Room of the St. Paul Student Center. [RSVP online](#).

Jobs

Assistant/Associate Professor

The University of Georgia, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics has an opening for a full-time, tenure-track, appointment for Assistant or Associate Professor of Applied Economics. This person will work closely with other extension and research faculty from AAE and other departments to deliver a nationally-recognized cotton marketing and/or production economics/farm management extension and applied research program. Examples of specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to: providing timely market information to county agents and producers, conducting county agent in-service trainings, developing and updating annual enterprise budgets, and conducting economic analyses of different technologies. More information and application [available online](#).

Social Scientist

ACTeon is looking for a Social Scientist to join its team. The main tasks and activities relevant to the position include: Performing consultancy and research on (innovative) social, governance and public policy issues linked to the development and implementation of environmental policies with emphasis on: Perceptions and values attached to the management of ecosystems and to the services these ecosystems deliver; Social acceptability of policies, strategies, and projects addressing environmental issues and concerns; The assessment of social impacts, and the design of policies and policy instruments that minimize negative social impacts and/or help to capture social benefit opportunities; Drivers of, and conditions for, changes in behavior, among others. [More information about ACTeon is available online](#). To apply, send your application with a cover letter, a recent Europass CV and names of three references [via email](#).

Postdoctoral Position

The Integrated Assessment Modeling group at the National Center for Atmospheric Research (NCAR) in Boulder, Colorado, seeks a postdoctoral researcher in spatial modeling of land use change to develop and apply models at the US and global scale with a focus on agriculture. Key functions in this position are to (1) analyze and employ historical land use and land cover data, including crop-specific changes in agricultural land use, to estimate and validate statistical models of land use change; (2) participate in a comparison of results with those from other land use models; (3) conceive of, and carry out, improvements to the statistical model based on the results of the comparison with observations and with other models; (4) interact with integrated assessment and land surface modelers (including those employing the NCAR Community Land Model, CLM) to incorporate land use change in analyses of climate effects on agriculture, energy, land, and water. A detailed job description and instructions on how to apply are [available online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

"Soap Operas and the Management of Seasonal Rural Finance: Evidence from Peruvian Agricultural Households"

Martin Valdivia, GRADE, Peru

Friday, March 31

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Farm Management Assistant/Associate Professor-Candidate Terry Griffin Seminar

"Persistence and Sequence of Precision Agriculture Technology Adoption"

Terry Griffin, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Kansas State University

Monday, April 3

10:00 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Health Disparities Roundtable

"Building Safe and Healthy Communities for All"

Keynotes: Mary M. Lee, Deputy Director of PolicyLink; Luz Maria Frias, President, and CEO at YWCA Minneapolis; Chanda Smith Baker, President, and CEO at Pillsbury United Communities

Friday, April 7 Coffman Memorial Union

[More Information](#)

[Register Online](#)

MPC**"Contraception, A Social Vaccine"**

Amy Ong Tsui, Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health, John Hopkins University

Monday, April 3

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop**"Statistical Inference When You Have Full Population Data"**

Rob Warren, MPC

Friday, March 24

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM**"A Modified Delphi Study to Envisage Transformed Long-Term Care: Round One Results from an Initiative of the LTC Re-Think Tank"**

Rosalie Kane, Ph.D., Professor, HPM

Friday, March 31

11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo

Finance Department Seminar**"A Macroeconomic Model with Financially Constrained Producers and Intermediaries"**

Stijn Van Nieuwerburgh, NYU

Friday, March 31

10:30 a.m., CSOM 2-233

Departmental Publications

Ritter, Joseph A. 2017. "How Do Police Use Race in Traffic Stops and Searches? Tests Based on Observability of Race." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 135 (March): 82-98. doi:10.1016/j.jebo.2017.02.005. Available [online](#).

Yue, Chengyan, and Jingjing Wang. 2017. "Temporal Discounting of Future Risks." In *Consumer Perception of Product Risks and Benefits*, edited by Gerard Emilien, Rolf Weitkunat, and Frank Lüdicke, 253-65. Cham: Springer International Publishing. doi:10.1007/978-3-319-50530-5_14. Available [online](#).

Yue, Chengyan, Shuoli Zhao, Karina Gallardo, Vicki McCracken, James Luby, and Jim McFerson. 2017. "U.S. Growers' Willingness to Pay for Improvement in Rosaceous Fruit Traits." *Agricultural and Resource Economics Review*, March, 1-20. doi:10.1017/age.2016.31. Available [online](#).

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Marginal Memos

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Announcements

Congratulations!

Applied Economics alum, Xudong Rao, now at Wageningen University, has won the University Excellence Teaching Award for his co-taught course in Advanced Econometrics. Send an email or phone call his way to wish him congratulations on this excellent accomplishment!

International Dinner

The Grad Club has selected the date of May 12 at 5:00 p.m. for its annual International Dinner. The event will be held in the Northstar Ballroom at the St. Paul Student Center. More information forthcoming.

Rob King Retirement Celebration

The department is hosting a retirement reception to celebrate Professor Rob King's long and dedicated career here in Applied Economics. The event will take place at 2:00 p.m. on May 25 in the Cherrywood Room of the St. Paul Student Center. [RSVP online.](#)

Jobs

Postdoctoral Fellow

A postdoctoral fellowship is available for a highly qualified individual to join the [Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research](#) (CILER) at the University of Michigan to work on the human dimensions of harmful algal blooms in the Great Lakes. The successful applicant will work with a team of scientists at CILER and the NOAA [Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab](#) (GLERL) to perform primary research that extends biophysical models of harmful algal blooms and their impacts on nearshore water quality and hypoxia, with social dimensions that predict human behavioral and economic responses to HABs or their impact on coastal communities. In addition to primary research, the successful candidate will oversee outreach and stakeholder engagement efforts that facilitate the co-design of research between stakeholder groups/ local water managers and scientists, and that help translate research and model development into socially useful forecasting tools. To apply, email a cover letter stating your research accomplishments and interests, a CV, two representative publications, and the names and contact information for three references to:

[Bradley J. Cardinale](#)

Professor, School of Natural Resources & Environment
Director, Cooperative Institute for Limnology & Ecosystems Research
University of Michigan

Environmental Health Scientist

The Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy (BESP) is seeking an experienced Environmental Health Scientist to join its team. The Bureau of Environmental Surveillance and Policy (BESP) in the Division of Environmental Health at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) works to inform and improve environmental health policies and programs by conducting environmental health surveillance, analyzing program data, conducting research, developing and supporting health informatics for the division, and disseminating findings through reports and online data portals. The Bureau uses air quality and public health data to inform and improve local environmental policy and provide the public information on air quality exposures and their health impacts. This exciting new position offers the opportunity to lead research efforts that leverage the large and unique air pollution and health datasets managed by DOHMH to help shape the City's environmental agenda. The candidate will work with staff from the New York City Community Air Survey (NYCCAS) and collaborate across multiple agencies in conducting research and preparing analyses and communications material related to the City's air quality and climate change agenda. The environmental health scientist will possess a mix of skills to conduct quantitative environmental and public health research, including interpretation of results with policy implications, and ability to communicate effectively with the public and stakeholders. [Apply online](#) entering job ID #285613 in the search bar.

Postdoctoral Researcher

The Nicholas School of the Environment at Duke University has an immediate opening for a postdoctoral research position in the area of natural resource economics. This position is fully funded by an NSF grant "[Coastal SEES Collaborative Research: Climate change impacts on the sustainability of key fisheries of the California Current System.](#)" The position is located at the NOAA Southwest Fisheries Science Center in La Jolla, CA. The position is a two-year appointment, with the possibility of renewal in the future.

The successful candidate for this position will work closely with Prof. Junjie Zhang (Duke), Dr. James Hilger (SWFSC), and an interdisciplinary team from the University of California at San Diego (UCSD) and San Diego State University (SDSU) on evaluating the impact of climate change on Californian fisheries. The candidate can also collaborate with the [Center for Environmental Economics at UCSD](#). The research position requires working with large datasets, developing empirical models, and collaborating with an interdisciplinary team in fisheries, climate change, economics, and sociology. To apply, please submit the following documents by email to [Junjie Zhang](#): CV; cover letter; writing sample; three letters of reference.

PhD Position

A fully funded four-year position for an exceptional doctoral student is available at the Dwivedi Forest Sustainability Lab located at the University of Georgia's Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources. The incoming doctoral student will pursue research on economics, life cycle, and land use change of oil seed crops for jet fuel production in the context of US South. More details of the position are [available online](#). Interested candidates are encouraged to directly contact [Dr. Puneet Dwivedi](#) with a cover letter, curriculum vitae, transcripts, and writing samples before applying formally.

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics

TBA

Thomas Reardon, Department of Agricultural, Food and Resource Economics, Michigan State University

Wednesday, April 12

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development

"Intergenerational Transmission of Mother to Child Health: Evidence from Cebu the Philippines"

Kira Villa, Department of Economics, University of New Mexico

Friday, April 7
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

TBA

Hamid Mohtadi, Applied Economics, UMN and Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Friday, April 14
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC

"Effect of the Minimum Wage on Infant and Child Health"

George Wehby, Health Management, and Policy, University of Iowa

Monday, April 10
12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"Comparative Effectiveness of H. Pylori Screen-And-Treat Strategies in Mexico: A Simulation Model Approach"

Fernando Alarid, HPM Doctoral Student

Friday, April 7
11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo

"Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility and Participation Among Children and Parents Under the Affordable Care Act"

Genevieve Kenney, PhD, Health Policy Center, Urban Institute

Friday, April 14
11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo

Emerging Diseases Series

"Combating Microbial Terrorists: How to End Our Preparedness Stalemate"

Julie L. Gerberding< MD, MPH, Executive VP, Merck

Thursday, April 13
11:30 a.m., Mississippi Room-Coffman Union

Department of Economics Seminars

Math Economics

"Optimal Contracts with Reflection"

Borys Grochulski, Richmond Fed

Monday, April 10
3:30 p.m., HMH 4-190

Minnesota Economics

"Actors in the Child Development Process"

Christopher Flynn, NYU

Thursday, April 13
12:00 p.m., CSOM L-122

Federal Reserve Bank Seminars*

**To attend a seminar or bag lunch, you must call 612-204-6455 a minimum of 24 hours in advance to reserve your spot.*

Federal Bag Lunch

"Old, Frail, and Uninsured: Accounting for Puzzles in the U.S. Long-term Care Insurance Market"

Karen Kopecky, Atlanta Fed

Thursday, April 12
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Burgess, Matthew G., Christopher Costello, Alexa Fredston-Hermann, Malin L. Pinsky, Steven D. Gaines, David Tilman, and Stephen Polasky. 2017. "Range Contraction Enables Harvesting to Extinction." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, February 2017. doi:10.1073/pnas.1607551114. Available [online](#).

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Marginal Memos

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Announcements

Dissertation Defense

Lindsey Novak will be defending her dissertation, "The Persistence of Female Genital Cutting in West Africa," on Monday, May 1 at 1:00 p.m. in 119 Ruttan Hall.

International Dinner

Grad Club is excited to invite you to the annual International Dinner on May 12th, in the Northstar Ballroom at 5pm. As you know, this tradition is aimed at recognizing and celebrating the global spirit of our Department.

This year, we will have musical trivia, a dance performance, and more! We will take care of the food, and your ticket comes with one complimentary drink ticket. If you anticipate consuming more drinks, please consider donating an additional \$2 per drink. Ticket prices are \$15 for graduate students and significant others, and \$20 for faculty and staff and their significant others (children are also welcome free of charge! Just include in your total person count).

You can also bring a dessert or appetizer from your country (or another one!) to share with everyone. We want to have a diverse collection of food from different places. To give you some additional incentives, we will throw in 2 drink tickets to whomever brings either a dessert or an appetizer.

[Please RSVP online.](#) RSVP is required, to allow us to properly prepare for the number of people coming. Paying in advance is highly encouraged. Paying for your ticket at the door will have a \$2 penalty.

You can pay Mariana, Ian, or Natalia in cash during happy hours or whenever you spot us around. Card payments will be available in Ian's office, he can be found there during business hours!

Jobs

Adjunct Professor

The Economics Department at St. Catherine University is looking for adjunct professors to teach in 2017-18. Adjuncts will teach primarily introductory statistics courses. If you are interested, please contact [Caroline Krafft](#).

Postdoctoral Position

An exciting opportunity is available as a postdoctoral research associate in the Department of Economics and Center for Agricultural and Rural Development (CARD) at

Iowa State. Drs. David Keiser, Gabriel Lade, and Catherine Kling are seeking a highly motivated, energetic postdoctoral associate to take a leadership role on a recently funded project examining the damages from nutrient pollution, including both human health impacts and drinking water treatment costs. The successful candidate will contribute to non-market valuation studies that consider these two important aspects of water quality policy. There will also be opportunities to participate in several other ongoing research projects related to the economics of water quality. Funding is available for two years (second year conditional on satisfactory performance). For more information or to apply, please contact [Gabriel Lade](#). Applicants should send a cover letter describing their interests and skills as they relate to the position description, a CV, and a research paper (working or published). Applicants should also arrange for three letters of recommendation to be sent to Dr. Lade.

Assistant Professor

Applications are invited for a tenure-track (12 months per year) 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 agri-food trade and policy. Topical areas of research interests include, but are not limited to: the economic impact of regional trade agreement and non-tariff barriers to trade; trade competitiveness; and the impact of emerging trade policies and trade agreements. The position involves teaching three courses per year at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. The candidate will be expected to develop and maintain an effective outreach program that extends the reach of their research to inform decisions taken by stakeholders in government and non-government organizations, and which can inform public discourse on trade issues. Applications should include CV, statement of research interests and vision of long-term program of research, a statement of teaching philosophy, and 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

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics

TBA

Lindsey Novak, PhD Student, Applied Economics, UMN
Wednesday, April 19
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Trade and Development

"Oil, Taxation and Transparency"

Hamid Mohtadi, Adjunct Professor, Applied Economics, UMN; Professor, Economics, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Friday, April 7
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics

"Evidence on the Impacts of Forestry Concessions on Wealth in Liberia"

Suhyun Jung, Research Fellow, International Forestry Resources and Institutions (IFRI), School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan
Monday, April 17
12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Student Talks

Monday, April 17

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

"Persistent Norms and Tipping Points: Female Genital Cutting in Burkina Faso" Lindsey Novak, Applied Economics, UMN

"Globally Competitive? Drivers of International Student Enrollment in U.S. States" Jasmine Trang Ha, Sociology, UMN

HPM

"Medicaid/CHIP Eligibility and Participation Among Children and Parents Under the Affordable Care Act"

Genevieve Kenney, PhD, Health Policy Center, Urban Institute

Friday, April 14

11:45 a.m., A-110 Mayo

HCRC

"Adverse Childhood Experiences: Longitudinal outcomes in context of environmental risk & intervention"

Allie Giovanelli, Institute of Child Development and Human Capital Research

Collaborative, UMN

Tuesday, April 18

12:00 p.m., Humphrey School, Room 215

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Announcements

Congratulations, Sue!

Sue Pohlod has been given the distinguished honor of receiving the University's President's Award for Outstanding Service. Congratulations Sue! This is well-deserved recognition for your remarkable work!

International Dinner

Grad Club is excited to invite you to the annual International Dinner on May 12th, in the Northstar Ballroom at 5pm. As you know, this tradition is aimed at recognizing and celebrating the global spirit of our Department. [Read more and RSVP online.](#)

Jobs

Funded MS

Applications are now being accepted for a funded 2-year Master of Science degree program in environmental economics at the University of New Hampshire. The selected student will conduct research on the bioeconomics of agrobiodiversity and resilience to pests in apples. The research will be part of a multi-state project that aims at the "conversion of research-based knowledge of chemical ecology into tools useful to supporting sustainable and economically sound pest and pollinator management in agricultural systems." The selected student will complete their M.S. in Natural Resources: Environmental Economics in the Environmental and Resource Economics program (EREC) in the Department of Natural Resources and the Environment (NREN) at UNH. The position includes full tuition, a base stipend of \$16,640 and additional paid hourly work over the summer, and health insurance for 2 years.

To apply, submit by email to [Professor Shadi Atallah](#): 1. Cover letter describing your interest in the research projects stated above or a closely related topic; 2. Resume indicating your scholarly, extracurricular, and work experiences; 3. Contact information for three academic or professional references (indicate their position/role); and 4. Copy of all undergraduate transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable) and GRE scores. Review of applications will begin immediately and continue until a suitable candidate is identified. Candidates who are short-listed will be asked to submit full application materials; [see more information online.](#)

Visiting Professor

The Department of Economics at Colby College invites applications for a visiting assistant professor position beginning September 1, 2017. We will consider candidates with specialization in any field of graduate study in economics. The successful candidate will teach 5 courses during the 2017-2018 academic year. Ph.D. preferred; ABD considered. All materials must be [submitted electronically](#). A complete application dossier

must include: your curriculum vitae; a cover letter that describes your motivation for applying to Colby and includes an outline of your research agenda and how a liberal arts environment aligns with your teaching philosophy; three letters of recommendation; a representative sample of your scholarship; your graduate transcript; and evidence of classroom teaching effectiveness. More information is [available online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Agricultural and Applied Economics Seminar

"Bayesian Estimation of the Storage Model using Information on Quantities"

Christophe Gouel, INRA Research Fellow; IFPRI Visiting Fellow; IFPRI

Wednesday, April 26

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

TBD

Matt Reimer, Assistant Professor of Economics and the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska, Anchorage

Monday, May 1

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC

"Quantifying Global International Migration Flows"

Guy Abel, Sociology and Political Science, Shanghai University

Monday, April 24

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

MPC Workshop

"Population Association of America Conference Practice Talks"

Friday, April 21

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"Improving Equity in Birth Outcomes: A Community-based, Culturally-Centered Approach"

Rachel R. Hardeman, Assistant Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, UMN

Friday, April 21

11:45, A-110 Mayo Building

Math Economics Seminar

"Value of Persistent Information"

Marcin Peski, Toronto

Monday, April 24

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

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"The Effect of the Affordable Care Act on the Labor Supply, Savings, and Social Security of Older Americans"

Eric French, UCL

Thursday, April 27

12:00 p.m., CSOM L-122

Federal Bag Lunch

TBA

Albert Marcet, Barcelona CSE

Monday, April 24

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Everything all the Time? Entry and Exit in U.S. Imports"

Roc Armenter, Philadelphia Fed

Tuesday, April 25

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Secor, William G., and Michael A. Boland. 2017. "Corn-Ethanol Plant Investment: A Real Options Case Study." *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* 99 (2): 524-31. doi:10.1093/ajae/aaw102. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Congratulations, Melissa Ilse!

Melissa and her husband Morgan welcomed their beautiful baby girl, Eloise Marie Ilse on Friday, April 21. Congratulations and joyful wishes to their newly expanded family!

AWARDS! AWARDS! AWARDS!

The department has been proud to receive notifications of numerous award winners over the past week. Their effort and dedication to our department is outstanding and we couldn't agree more that they are worthy of recognition.

Michael Boland

2017 Distinguished Teaching Award for Undergraduate Faculty
2017 Alumni Society Distinguished Faculty Award

Donald Liu

2017 Innovation in Undergraduate Education Award

Robert Craven

2017 Alumni Society Distinguished Staff Award

Center for Farm Financial Management

AAEA's Distinguished Extension/Outreach Program Award

Ph.D Final Defense Dates

May 1

"The Persistence of Female Genital Cutting in West Africa"

Lindsey Novak

1:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

May 3

"Three Essays in Development Economics"

Johanna Fajardo-Gonzalez

8:15 a.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Journal of Food Products Marketing: Special Issue on Food Waste

The Journal of Food Products Marketing will launch a new series of special issues exploring Contemporary Topics in Food Marketing. The first special issue will be guest edited by Dr. Brian Roe and Danyi Qi of the Department of Agricultural, Environmental and Development Economics at The Ohio State University on [FoodWaste: Marketing Strategies](#). Possible topics include: Labeling innovations; Consumer response; Food waste measurement; Food recovery programs and Gleaning and markets. Submissions

should follow the [manuscript style guidelines for the Journal of Food Products Marketing](#). All manuscripts should be [submitted online](#). The deadline for receiving manuscripts is October 1, 2017. [Read more](#).

Grad Club Happy Hour

Grad club is throwing a Waite Happy Hour today starting at **5 p.m.*** (*note time change). Hope to see you then!

Jobs

Economist

CSIRO seeks to appoint two senior economists providing leadership in natural resource and environment analysis, policy, and modeling. Individuals with recognized expertise and an emerging international reputation, with knowledge across one or more of agricultural economics, sustainable resource use, biosecurity, drivers and impacts of climate change, economic modeling, and multi-model integrated assessment are encouraged to apply.

In the biosecurity and agricultural economics area, the candidate will address complex interlinkages between resource use, economic drivers, social and technological change, and sustainability in agriculture, working in a stimulating interdisciplinary setting. Research will explore how to maintain agricultural profitability when faced with plant and animal biosecurity threats and impacts.

In the integrated economic modeling and policy area, the candidate will understand the connections between economic activity, energy, resources, and food and land use, and be interested in analyzing these at national and global scales decades into the future. An ideal candidate will play a key role in CSIRO's multi-model integrated assessment framework, leading the development and use of Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) whole-of-economy models, in collaboration with teams responsible for technology-based models for energy, and spatial models for land use, fresh water, and biodiversity. [Read more and apply for both of these positions online.](#)

Research Fellow

The US Water Alliance is looking for two Graduate Student Researchers for the summer of 2017 to provide research and writing support to advance key policy initiatives. During these 10-week, full-time, paid internship positions, our Graduate Student Researchers will work on focused projects, which are outlined below. Graduate Student Researchers will also have the opportunity to attend and help shape the US Water Alliance's One Water Summit, a thought-provoking and action-oriented convening of hundreds of water leaders from across the nation. Graduate Student Researchers will each contribute to a concrete publication or deliverable as an output of their time with the US Water Alliance. These internships would be ideal for graduate students interested in water policy, sustainability, community development, social and economic equity, and infrastructure. To apply, send a cover letter and resume by email to [Megan Demit](#).

Research Assistant

An opportunity for a summer research assistant is available to work with David McKenzie of World Bank in Washington. The candidate needs to be a PhD student from a top school with good Stata skills, and ability to do careful data work. If you have studied machine learning this would be a plus. There are several potential projects to work on: one on using machine learning to help predict which small businesses will grow; a second on understanding how small business owners use mental accounting techniques; as well as work helping clean and prepare public use replication files for several papers. If you are interested in apply [email David](#) with your CV and a cover letter explaining your background and experience/suitability. There is flexibility regarding start and end dates to fit different university calendars. [Read more about this opportunity online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

Environmental and Resource Economics Seminar

"Mechanisms Matter for Evaluating the Economic Impacts of Spatial Marine Closures"

Matt Reimer, Assistant Professor of Economics and the Institute of Social and Economic Research, University of Alaska, Anchorage
 Monday, May 1
 12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC

"Leveling the Playing Field? Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Infant Mortality among Low Risk Women in the United States"

Robert Hummer, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Monday, May 1

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

"Choice and Competition"

Bryan Dowd, Division of Health Policy & Management, UMN

Friday, April 28

12:00 A-110 Mayo Building

Department of Economics Seminars

"Optimal Monetary Policy with Informational Frictions"

Jennifer La'O, Columbia

Wednesday, May 3

3:30 p.m., HMH 1-107

Minnesota Economics Seminar

"Robust Incentives for Teams"

Juusto Toikka, MIT

Thursday, May 4

12:00 p.m., CSOM L-122

Federal Bag Lunches

"TBA"

Matthew Rognlie, Northwestern

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"TBA"

Christian Moser, Columbia Business

Wednesday, May 3

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Finance Department Seminar

"TBA"

Lorenzo Garlappi, UBC

Friday, May 5

10: 30 a.m., TBA

Departmental Publications

Rudi, Jeta, and Metin Çakır. 2017. "Vice or Virtue: How Shopping Frequency Affects Healthfulness of Food Choices." *Food Policy* 69 (May): 207-17.
 doi:10.1016/j.foodpol.2017.04.007. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Undergraduate Commencement Reception

As a reminder, the department is hosting an open house to celebrate the graduation of many of our students next Friday, May 12th from 10:00-11:30 a.m. in Waite Library. Light appetizers will be served. We look forward to seeing you then!

International Dinner

The Grad Club's annual International Dinner is also next Friday, May 12th at 5:00 p.m. in the Northstar Ballroom. For more information and to RSVP, [see the full announcement online](#).

Rob King Retirement Celebration

This event on May 25th, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Cherrywood Room is drawing nearer, so please remember to RSVP online if you haven't already done so. More information and the full schedule is available [on our website](#).

[Applications Accepted for Price Theory Scholar Program](#)

This program allows PhD students in economics from other universities to experience and learn to apply price theory in the Chicago tradition during a one-quarter residency at the University of Chicago. Selected students are enrolled in the first quarter of the Price Theory sequence taught by Kevin M. Murphy. This course emphasizes the application of simple economic principles to important real-world problems. Candidates for the Price Theory Scholars Program must be nominated by a professor or adviser. While applications are submitted by candidates, recommendations are not accepted directly from the candidates themselves. If you are interested in applying, please [contact Jason Kerwin](#). More information on this program is [available online](#).

Jobs

PhD

The Institute of Science, Technology, and Policy (ISTP) at ETH Zurich is offering a PhD position on options for increasing transparency and reducing negative environmental and social impacts of metal supply-chains. The successful candidate will examine the practices and preferences of Swiss companies with respect to cleaning up their supply chains for gold, copper, and lithium. They will explore the potential role of increasing transparency and enhancing rules of origin and traceability in reducing the ecological and social footprint of metal supply chains. For more information contact [Professor Isabel Gunther](#). Please submit your application [online](#) with attention to ETH Zurich, Olivier Meyrat, Human Resources, 8092 Zurich.

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC Workshop

"Modeling Movement Within Geographic Context"

Someyah Dodge, Geography, Environment and Society

Friday, May 5

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

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International Dinner TONIGHT!

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House for Rent

- Home in Roseville near UMN St.Paul campus
- 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, kitchen, living room, big family and dining room, hardwood floors all throughout the first floor
- New stainless steel kitchen appliances and hardwood floor in kitchen
- Large front and back yards, back yard has new wood deck and patio
- 1.5 car garage, newly paved driveway, plenty of street parking
- 3 minute drive/8 minute walk to UMN St.Paul campus; border of Roseville/Lauderdale/Falcon Heights area
- Close to entrance of 35W/280/36;
- The option of fully furnished or not furnished; flexible lease 6 months to one year or more.
- Please contact [Fahima Aziz](#)

Congratulations to NAMA Marketing Team

The University of Minnesota Student NAMA marketing team placed fourth in the national competition with their product Heartbeat Vodka. In addition to the fourth place finalist plaque, the students received additional awards for being a semifinalist, having the best product name and most of all were judged the top team by the other students in the competition. The University of Minnesota NAMA student marketing teams finished in the top ten teams for five of the last seven years. Students who competed in this years marketing competition include Brooke Wentte, Anna Culbertson, Crystal Siemers-Peterman, Elise Loveless, Joe Sullivan, Trey O'Bryan, Alex Broderius, Megan Slater, Loren Dauer, Tom Schwartz, Madison Taylor, Jack Roessler, Emily Annexstad, Eric Olson, Rachel Coyne and Greta Tank. Advisors include Ward Nefstead and Robert Olson. Congratulations to the NAMA team!

Jobs

Revenue Research Director

The State of Minnesota is looking for a candidate to direct a research group that provides data and analysis of Minnesota's state taxes and estimates the impact of proposed law changes, serve as a state expert in tax policy, and provide policy makers at the Minnesota Department of Revenue, Minnesota Management and Budget, Minnesota Legislature and the Governor's Office with expert information, data, and recommendations. The successful candidate will have strong theoretical and practical experience in economics and public finance and be able to identify and propose creative solutions to address the state's tax policy issues. To apply, visit the [State Careers website](#) and enter Job ID 12799.

Postdoctoral Fellow

The U of Manitoba Transport Institute is seeking a highly motivated Postdoctoral Research Fellow (PDF) (initially for one year, with a possible extension up to four years) with exceptional academic standing to study the socio-economic impacts in the event of oil spills in ice infested waters due to Arctic shipping. Under the supervision of the Director of the Transport Institute of the Asper School of Business of the University of Manitoba, Winnipeg, MB, Canada (UMTI), you will be working as part of an internationally renowned team of researchers as part of a recently funded four-year Genome Canada large scale project, entitled "GENICE: Microbial Genomics for Oil Spill Preparedness in Canada's Arctic Marine Environment". Interested candidates should [e-mail](#): 1) a cover letter explaining their research interests and previous research experience, 2) their curriculum vitae, 3) transcripts, and 4) the names and contact information of at least two references. Please note "Postdoctoral Research Fellow Advertisement" on the subject line.

Departmental Seminars

Environmental and Resource Economics

"Is There a Climate Policy Dilemma?"

Jay Coggins, Applied Economics, UMN

Monday, May 15

9:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall NOTE TIME AND ROOM CHANGE**

Departmental Publications

Krutikova, Sofya, and Paul Glewwe. 2017. "Introduction to Symposium on Using the Young Lives Data to Study Child Poverty in Developing Countries." *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, May, 000-000. doi:10.1086/692352. Available [online](#).

Yue, Chengyan, Jingjing Wang, Eric Watkins, Stacy Bonos, Kristen Nelson, James A. Murphy, William Meyer, and Brian Horgan. 2017. "Consumer Preferences for Information Sources of Turfgrass Products and Lawn Care." *Agronomy Journal* 109(4). doi:10.2134/agronj2016.05.0310. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

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Jobs

PhD Scholarship Opportunity

The Forrest Research Foundation welcomes applicants for a PhD scholarship package worth \$46,000 per year at the University of Western Australia. All disciplines are eligible. Apply online by May 31.

Head of Partnerships and Communication

CIAT is seeking a dynamic professional to lead Partnerships and Communications efforts. This is a senior position that leads a large team of people focusing on Resource Mobilization, Contracts Management and External Communications. As a member of the Senior Management Team and reporting to the Director General, the Head of Partnerships and Communications works in the intersection between science and business for the improvement of food and nutrition security, and the livelihoods of people across the world.

Leading CIAT's responsibility to donors and investors for the advancement agricultural research for development impact, the Partnerships and Communications team seeks to increase collaborations with governments, foundations, civil society organizations and the business community to scale impact. Applicants are invited to send a cover letter illustrating their suitability for the above position

against the listed qualifications, competencies, skills together with a detailed curriculum vitae, including names and addresses of three referees knowledgeable about the candidate's professional qualifications and work experience. All correspondence should be addressed to [Natasha Marulanda](#) and should clearly indicate "Head of Partnership and Communication".

Analyst

The Congressional Research Service (CRS) Resources, Science and Industry Division (RSI) is seeking an Analyst in Environmental Policy with a focus on environmental policy and science related to air quality and emissions control. Analyst duties include preparing objective, 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 participating in or leading team research projects and seminars. The employee is also expected to develop over time the skills necessary to provide public policy and legislative

analysis and consultation to congressional committees, Members, and staff at increasingly sophisticated levels. Interested candidates can learn more and apply [online](#).

Agricultural Specialist

The USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service is looking for an agricultural economist for their office at the U.S. Embassy in Ottawa. This role serves as Agricultural Specialist in Office of Agricultural Affairs performing analytical reporting and trade policy work of broad scope and complexity while maintaining an expert and comprehensive understanding of Canadian agricultural production, policies and trade at the federal and provincial level. The successful candidate will serve as an expert advisor to Agricultural Minister Counselor in the assigned areas of responsibility, recommending solutions to agricultural policy problems between the U.S. and host country, assisting and on occasion representing Agricultural Minister Counselor in discussions and negotiations with host government officials. This position works closely with the Senior Agricultural Specialist on coordinating analytical and policy assessments. [Read more and apply online](#).

Seminars in Other Departments

HPM Seminar

"Policy Prescriptions for the US Pharmaceutical Market"

Neeraj Sood, Professor & Vice Dean for Research, USC Sol Price School of Public Policy and Director of Research, Leonard D. Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics
Tuesday, June 6

10:45 a.m., 3-125 Mayo Building

Federal Bag Lunch

"The Expansionary Lower Bound: a Theory of Contractionary Monetary Easing"

Paolo Cavallino, IMF

Wednesday, May 25

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Kriticos, Darren J., John M. Kean, Craig B. Phillips, Senait D. Senay, Hernando Acosta, and Tim Hays. 2017. "The Potential Global Distribution of the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug, *Halyomorpha Halys*, a Critical Threat to Plant Biosecurity." *Journal of Pest Science*, May. doi:10.1007/s10340-017-0869-5. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

5th Annual Summer School on Sustainable Climate Risk Management

Applications are open for this opportunity, which will take place July 30-August 4, 2017 at The Pennsylvania State University. As part of its educational and research mission, The Network on Sustainable Climate Risk Management hosts an annual summer school to foster opportunities for collaboration and to provide a solid foundation in the broad, multidisciplinary knowledge, tools, and methods of the diverse fields participating across the network. Participants will also gain hands-on experience with key methods and tools including robust decision making, use of simple models, and analysis of relevant datasets. [Learn more and apply online.](#)

Jobs

Research and Statistical Analyst

Ramsey County seeks to hire a full-time statistician to perform and interpret statistical analyses of property valuation data; to access and update data on the County's Computer-Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) System; to develop personal computer applications to facilitate remote access to database integration; to develop and administer valid surveys as assigned; and to evaluate and recommend changes in the County's valuation models. [Apply online.](#)

Economist

NOAA Fisheries Pacific Islands Fishers Science Center (PIFSC) is looking to hire a Research Economist that would be housed in the Ecosystem Sciences Division. The Division conducts a broad range of research across the Pacific Islands Region to support NOAA goals of sustainable fishers, ecosystem-based fisheries management, habitat conservation, and protected species recovery within coastal and oceanic regions. The Research Economist would conduct studies to help ensure that marine resource managers have an understanding of fishery economics and socioeconomic values associated with marine resource use and conservation in Pacific Island communities. [Apply online.](#)

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Federal Bag Lunch

"Optimal Monetary Policy and Portfolio Choice"

Pablo Sebastian Fanelli, MIT

Tuesday, May 30

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Optimal Fiscal Policy with Recursive Preferences"

Anastasios Karantunias, Atlanta Fed

Wednesday, May 31

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Davis, Elizabeth E., Caroline Krafft, and Nicole D. Forry. 2017. "Understanding Churn: Predictors of Reentry among Families Who Leave the Child Care Subsidy Program in Maryland." *Children and Youth Services Review* 77 (June): 34-45. doi:10.1016/j.childyouth.2017.03.014. Available [online](#).

Pennington, Derric N., Brent Dalzell, Erik Nelson, David Mulla, Steve Taff, Peter Hawthorne, and Stephen Polasky. 2017. "Cost-Effective Land Use Planning: Optimizing Land Use and Land Management Patterns to Maximize Social Benefits." *Ecological Economics* 139 (September): 75-90. doi:10.1016/j.ecolecon.2017.04.024. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Final Defense

Beverly Wang is presenting her final defense on Tuesday, June 6th at 9:30 a.m. in room 230. Her dissertation is entitled, "*Economics of Water Pollution: Permit Trading, Reliability of Pollution Control, and Asymmetric Information*," and all are welcome to attend.

Sad News

We are saddened to share the news that Arvid Knudtson passed away on May 26th. Arvid Knudtson was a leader in agriculture, banking, and the planning and management of agricultural cooperatives. He was a native of Chisholm, Minnesota and completed his undergraduate education here at the U with a degree in animal husbandry. Our deepest condolences are with the Knudtson family.

Request for Papers

J-PAL is seeking affiliates to participate in the pre-publication replication project on a rolling base until Fall 2017. Papers that are ideal for this project are those that are near journal submission in Fall 2017. The paper should be submitted to J-PAL after major components of the analysis have been completed. If you are interested in submitting a paper for replication, please contact [James Turitto](#). More details can be found [online](#).

Jobs

Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Department of Earth & Planetary Sciences at Johns Hopkins University invites applications for the Glenadore and Howard L. Pim Postdoctoral Fellowship in Global Change. Candidates whose research spans the natural sciences, social sciences, health sciences, and/or public policy aspects of global change are preferred. The duration of the fellowship is one year with an anticipated extension for a second year. [Apply directly](#) through Interfolio.

Economist/Engineer

The Union of Concerned Scientists is hiring a vehicles analyst to advocate for oil saving solutions in state and federal policy. Other responsibilities include transportation energy and emissions analysis, communications, advocacy and expert engagement. For more information and to apply, [visit the website](#).

Assistant/Associate Professor

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University seeks applicants for an assistant/associate professor of forest economics and management. This tenure-track, academic-year position will be expected to teach two upper-division undergraduate courses, develop a leading research and/or extension program in forest resource

management and/or economics that addresses critical issues at the state, national or international levels. The balance of research and extension will be negotiated depending on candidate's interest and background. To apply, submit a letter of application, statement of teaching philosophy (2 pages maximum), statement of research and/or extension (2 pages maximum), and a CV that includes a complete publication list and the names and contact information for at least 3 professional references to [Marlene Mann](#).

Research Associate

The Department of Community Sustainability and the Center for Global Change and Earth Observation at Michigan State University is seeking a full-time Research Associate/post-doc to be part of a four-year NSF-funded grant that is developing new ways to reduce the social, economic and environmental costs of hydropower development. The position will begin as soon as an appropriate candidate is found. The successful applicant will become part of an interdisciplinary team dedicated to investigating the multi-tiered and multi-sector governance structure of the food-energy-water system. The research associate will conduct an institutional analysis of the FEWs nexus to help achieve an integrated policy assessment of this nexus for the Amazon basin. Applications should be submitted electronically through Michigan State University's [website](#) under job posting number 432771.

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Federal Bag Lunch

"A Macroeconomic Model with Financial Panics"

Mark Gertler, NYU
Tuesday, June 6
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"TBA"

Jesus Fernandez-Villaverde, University of Pennsylvania
Wednesday, June 7
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

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Announcements

Honorable Mention for AAEA Choices Article

The AAEA selected, "The Debate about Farm Nitrates and Drinking Water," authored by Mark J. Hanson, Andrew Keller, Mike Boland and Bill Lazarus to receive an *Honorable Mention* Agricultural & Applied Economics Association's Outstanding *Choices* Article Award. Congratulations to all for their outstanding scholarship, and a thanks to CIFAP for their assistance in the funding.

Call for Papers

Tufts University will be hosting the 2017 Northeast Universities Development Consortium (NEUDC) Conference on November 4th and 5th, 2017. Papers that investigate topics in economic development are invited for submission. The final date for submitting a paper is August 18, 2017. Only full drafts will be considered, including an abstract not exceeding 300 words. For further details and how to submit, please visit the [Tufts NEUDC website](#).

Jobs

Graduate Fellowship

The Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab (J-PAL) at MIT's economics department announces a fellowship program offering financial support for one semester for current PhD students. 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. The purpose of the fellowship is to create a collaborative environment for reproducing and replicating the data analyses included in these studies. [Read more about this position and application procedure.](#)

Sponsorship Sales & Industry Relations Manager

Hummer Agribusiness Search, Inc is seeking a sponsorship sales & industry relations manager to join their enthusiastic team. This position will develop strong relationships with industry partners, solicit funds from agribusinesses, sell ads to agribusinesses for association publications, secure sponsorships for trade show booth and speakers for the annual meeting, coordinate activities of the Soybean Industry Relations Action Team. More information is available [here](#).

Postdoctoral Position

Professor Siqi Zheng at the Department of Urban Studies and Planning, the Center for Real Estate, and the STL Lab at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology is seeking exceptional candidates to fill two postdoctoral positions. Responsibilities of these positions include: conducting high-quality research, presenting research results at international workshops, conferences and exhibits, co-authoring articles for publication in top-tier, peer-reviewed journals, managing working paper series and organizing research seminars.

Interested candidates should submit a CV, cover letter, and three references with contact information to [Lu Men](#).

Environmental Economist

Cape Cod Commission is seeking an experienced economist to work as part of a team to craft economic strategies for the region, ensuring an understanding of the value and benefits from the natural environment. Monitor and analyze market and environmental trends and interpret indicators to ascertain the overall health of an environment and the economy. Conduct quantitative research, build models, perform economic, fiscal, and market analyses, and assist with regional planning projects and policy research. [Visit the website](#) for more information and complete job description.

Editor/Content Creator

Penton Media is looking for a Senior Editor/Content Creator. Choose from Penton/Informa offices or work remotely. This person will work closely with the content team to collect, compile, and report media, news and data through print and digital productions and help farmers with up-to-date market information through leading technology. Journalism experience with weekly and monthly deadlines; knowledge of markets and finance, some travel and photography, significant comfort level with mathematics and translating data into words and graphics, knowledge of statistics, forecasting and economics. [Apply online](#).

Departmental Publications

Aistrup, Joseph A., Tom Bulatewicz, Laszlo J. Kulcsar, Jeffrey M. Peterson, Stephen M. Welch, and David R. Steward. 2017. "Sustaining the Ogallala Aquifer: From the Wells to People, A Holistic CNH Model." *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences Discussions*, May 2017. doi:10.5194/hess-2017-300. Available [online](#).

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Tilman, David, Michael Clark, David R. Williams, Kaitlin Kimmel, Stephen Polasky, and Craig Packer. 2017. "Future Threats to Biodiversity and Pathways to Their Prevention." *Nature* 546 (7656): 73-81. doi:10.1038/nature22900. Available [online](#).

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Jobs

Lecturer

The Division of Politics, Philosophy and Public Affairs at the University of Washington-Tacoma is hiring a temporary full-time lecturer in economic for the 2017-2018 academic year. This one-year position requires teaching 7 courses over three quarters (2-2-3). Environmental economics and introductory economics are scheduled for Autumn 2017, and the schedule has some flexibility regarding course assignments for the Winter and Spring 2018 quarters. To apply, send a CV along with teaching interests to [Professor Justin Beaudoin](#).

Lecturer

The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Berkeley invites applications for a pool of part-time, non-tenure track lecturer positions to teach courses in Economics, and related topics. Potential course topics may include Introduction to Environmental Economics and Policy an introduction to microeconomics with emphasis on resource, agricultural, and environmental issues; Econometrics developed through applications to a set of case studies and real data in the fields of environmental, resource, and international development economics; Health and Environmental Economic Policy as a theoretical and statistical framework used to analyze instances of market failure in the provision of health and environmental goods; Economic Development in regard to problems of underdevelopment and poverty, policy issues, and development strategy. [Apply online.](#)

Postdoctoral Fellow

The Center for Environmental and Resource Economics (CERE) at Umea University is seeking a postdoctoral fellow in empirical energy economics. The selected candidate will conduct applied/empirical research in energy economics, particularly the economics of electricity, working in a small group of economists. Requirements include a PhD in economics or related fields and a strong background in modern empirical economics, including a familiarity with empirical welfare measurement, and strong interest in energy-related issues. [Apply online.](#)

Internships

Latin America and Caribbean (LCR) Regional Unit of the Agriculture Global Practice (GFADR) is seeking an intern to support the World Bank Group's agriculture and food systems operation work in LCR. The successful candidate will be expected to adapt to evolving work assignments and should have the flexibility to respond professionally to emerging priorities. Responsibilities include: assisting on the preparation and implementation support of GP-supported projects, working under the guidance of the practice manager on strategic communications or guidance notes, carrying out substantive research and analytical tasks on a wide range of operational topics and

providing support as required. To apply, send a CV, letter of interest and writing sample to [Mario Mendez](#), [Rachael Themora Levy](#) and [Sylvie M. Pittman](#).

Another internship with this organization is open to support the preparation of Phase II KP. Phase II KP will explore how potential future World Bank interventions could contribute to achieving food system outcomes within TRANSFORM conceptual framework while specifically focusing on inclusiveness. The framework posits that future food systems must be focused on: (i) job creation and inclusiveness; (ii) affordability and accessibility; (iii) food safety, quality, and nutrition; and (iv) sustainability and resilience. The intern will be carrying out data collection and analysis, drafting sections of the KP, participating in consultations, and supporting project management. To apply, send a CV, letter of interest, and writing sample to [Mario Mendez](#), [Rachael Themora Levy](#), and [Sylvie M. Pittman](#).

Departmental Publications

Choi, Jong Woo, Chengyan Yue, James Luby, Shuoli Zhao, Karina Gallardo, Vicki McCracken, and Jim McFerson. 2017. "Estimating Strawberry Attributes? Market Equilibrium Values." *HortScience* 52 (5): 742-48. doi:10.21273/HORTSCI11359-16 Available [online](#).

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Xu, Weihua, Yi Xiao, Jingjing Zhang, Wu Yang, Lu Zhang, Vanessa Hull, Zhi Wang, Hua Zheng, Jianguo Liu, Stephen Polasky, et. al. 2017. "Reply to Yang et Al.: Coastal Wetlands Are Not Well Represented by Protected Areas for Endangered Birds." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, June, 2017. doi:10.1073/pnas.1706515114. Available [online](#).

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Jobs

PhD Researcher

PhD project titled, "Permanence in Economics, Social Preferences and Social Interactions- Application to environmental issues seeks a PhD student to integrate ecological knowledge in the analysis with support from other team members. The main question of the PhD thesis would be to understand the effectiveness of incentives on both long-lasting cooperation and permanence from both the economic and ecological sides when looking at biodiversity conservation. The PhD candidate will benefit from a Co-tutelle agreement between the University of Strasbourg and the Brandenburg University of Technology Cottbus-Seftenberg. The PhD project will be part of the joint research project PEPSI (Permanence in Economics, Social Preferences, and Social Interactions) between the same partners. To apply, send a letter of motivation, detailed CV and copies of undergraduate and graduate transcripts by email to [Anne Stenger](#).

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TFIC Annual Report

The 2017 Annual Report of The Food Industry Center is now available [on the web.](#)

Jobs

Assistant, Associate or Full Professor

The Global Institute for Water Security, University of Saskatchewan is seeking a tenure-track or tenure candidate to fill a position in hydro-economics. The position will contribute to the Global Water Futures program (GWF), a transformative pan-Canadian research program led by the U of S. GWF aims to place Canada as a global leader in water science for the world's cold regions and to address the strategic needs of the Canadian economy in adapting to change and managing the risks of uncertain water futures, including extreme events. Interested candidates should contact [Phani Adapa](#), Ph.D., P.Eng. Assistant Director, Global Institute for Water Security.

Postdoctoral Associate

Professor Seong-Hoon Cho at the Department of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture is seeking a post-doctoral research associate for the area of natural resource and environmental economics. The person for this position will work on valuation of ecosystem services and spatial modeling. To apply you must [complete an online application](#) and submit the following materials: a cover letter describing research interest, academic, related work experience and career goals; a current CV; unofficial transcripts; contact information of three references.

Researcher

SRUC currently has an opening for a postdoctoral research associate to participate in a research consortium on greenhouse gas removals (GGR) from the atmosphere. The research focus is on delivering the most comprehensive global assessment of potential, feasibility, barriers, and impacts of soil-based technologies for GGR. The successful candidate will focus on the economic potential of a series of soil-based technologies that are deemed to be technically feasible in different parts of the world. The methodological approach will be based on the construction of marginal abatement cost curves (MACC) to assess the cost-effectiveness of measures. [Apply online.](#)

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Announcements

Call for Papers

Tufts will be hosting the 2017 NEUDC (Northeast Universities Development Consortium) Conference on November 4th and 5th, 2017 and invites you to submit a paper for this conference. All papers investigating topics in economic development are welcomed.

The final date for submitting a paper is August 18th, 2017. Only full drafts of papers will be considered. Please submit a paper with an abstract not exceeding 300 words for this deadline. You can find out how to apply by [clicking here](#). Notifications on decisions will be sent out by late September. Further details will be [available online](#).

Call for Papers

Papers addressing economic analysis of the broad issues relevant for economic development in Africa are invited for the CSAE 2018 conference. The 2018 conference will be held at St. Catherine's College, Oxford, March 18-20, 2018. Only full drafts will be considered and are due by October 27, 2017. All papers for consideration must be [submitted online](#).

Call for Papers

The Australasian Agriculture and Resource Economics Society (AARES) 2018 Annual Conference will be held February 6-9, 2018 in Adelaide, Australia. The committee now invites selected paper, contribute paper and poster contributions highlighting the latest economic research and policy innovations in the areas of agriculture, environment, food, resources and agribusiness. The 2018 Annual AARES Conference will offer a forum for applied and theoretical economists to gather along with industry and policymakers to share experiences and draw insights. More information on paper and poster submission and conference details can be found [online](#).

Jobs

Senior Manager, Policy Analysis

The Senior Manager of Policy Analysis at No Kid Hungry will be responsible for identifying opportunities for state, city/county, or school district level policy change that increase access to the National School Breakfast, Summer Food Service, the Child and Adult Care Food Programs, and the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). This work will include using data to assess the participation, financial and educational impacts of passing state level child nutrition legislation or other policy initiatives in different states; and identifying state level relationships and other factors to support these efforts. The Senior Manager will also be responsible for developing policy resources; providing technical assistance and capacity building to partner organizations engaging in state level advocacy; identifying trends in state or local policy on child nutrition

programs; and tracking current legislation and school district policy changes to identify best practices. Full job description and application process [available online](#).

Program Associate

BRAC now has an opening for a program associate and invites applications from qualified candidates. Reporting to the Program Manager, Health and, once identified, the Program Manager, Agriculture & Rural Livelihoods, the Program Associate, Health & Agriculture will collaborate and coordinate closely with other Program team members, the Communications team and others at BRAC USA to mobilize resources for the BRAC family, build awareness for BRAC's work in North America and provide strategic program support in the areas of health, nutrition, WASH, agriculture and rural livelihoods.

The Program Associate will engage in project design, implementation and evaluation for the seven countries in Africa and Asia where BRAC operates health programs, focusing on maternal/child health, HIV/TB/malaria, Ebola prevention, nutrition, clean water/sanitation and non-communicable diseases, development of BRAC's community health worker model and engagement in health systems strengthening in partner countries. [Apply online](#).

Assistant or Associate Specialist in Natural Resource Economics

The mission of the Marine Science Institute and Bren School of Environmental Science and Management is to develop interdisciplinary solutions to environmental problems, train environmental leaders and work for a sustainable future. A team of faculty with interdisciplinary expertise in economics, climate, policy, land-use and ecology are seeking a Master's level individual to conduct research and analyses for diverse research projects, including but not limited to: the economic impacts of climate change, carbon market design and performance, low carbon energy transitions, economics of land-use change, analysis of land markets, ocean and land-based food security implications of climate change, and market-based approaches to fisheries management and marine conservation.

The successful applicant will have strong data analysis and management skills along with experience in conducting academic research. We are seeking an adaptable, motivated team player who is able to effectively prioritize and juggle multiple concurrent projects. [Apply online](#).

Departmental Publications

Dang, Hai-Anh H.; Glewwe, Paul W.. 2017. *Well begun, but aiming higher: a review of Vietnam's education trends in the past 20 years and emerging challenges*. Policy Research working paper; no. WPS 8112. Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group. Available [online](#).

Olander, Lydia, Stephen Polasky, James S. Kagan, Robert J. Johnston, Lisa Wainger, David Saah, Lynn Maguire, James Boyd, and David Yoskowitz. 2017. "So You Want Your Research to Be Relevant? Building the Bridge between Ecosystem Services Research and Practice." *Ecosystem Services* 26 (August): 170-82. doi:10.1016/j.ecoser.2017.06.003. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

No Marginals Next Week

Marginal Memos will not be sent out the week of July 24. They will resume as usual on Friday, August 4.

Short Course Available

The short course, Introduction to Data Analysis with R and Reproducible Data Science will take place August 31 and September 1, 2017. This course will offer a hands on introduction to Data Science and Statistics using the free and publicly available software R. Assuming no background knowledge of software or Statistics, it will bring you up to speed on some of the most useful, modern, and popular data analysis techniques. More information forthcoming.

Jobs

Post-Doctoral Fellowship

The Ivey Energy Policy and Management Centre at the Ivey Business School, Western University, Canada, invites applications for a Post-Doctoral Research Fellowship. The position is available for a two-year period. The post-doctoral research fellow will conduct research on energy sector policy and business issues, and work collaboratively with the Director of the Centre. In addition, the Fellow will be expected to assist with Centre conference, public communications, and applied research projects. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, CV, and representative publications or manuscripts to [Laura McLeod](#). More information on this position is [available online](#).

Post-Doctoral Fellowship

Applications are invited for an environmental economist to work full time as a Postdoctoral Impact Fellow on the SWEEP (The South West Partnership for Environment and Economic Prosperity). Working closely with the environmental economics group in Exeter's Land, Environment, Economics, and Policy Institute, the successful candidate will join an interdisciplinary team of social and natural scientists who are engaging directly with government and business to address a range of environmental problems across the South West of England. More information and application procedure is [available online](#).

Departmental Publications

Short, Gianna, Chengyan Yue, Neil Anderson, Carol Russell, and Nicholas Phelps. 2017. "Consumer Perceptions of Aquaponic Systems." *HortTechnology* 27 (3): 358-66. doi:10.21273/HORTTECH03606-16. Available [online](#).

Levins, Richard A. 2017. "Organic Grain Production in the Upper Midwest: Status and Prospects." Minneapolis, Minnesota: Dovetail Partners. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Published Research paper Award

Congratulations to Metin Cakir and Jeta Rudi for receiving the Published Research Paper Award, Agricultural and Marketing Section, AAEA for their paper entitled, "Vice or Virtue: How Shopping Frequency Affects Healthfulness of Food Choices."

Call for Papers

The International Growth Centre (IGC) and two centers at Columbia, the Center for Development Economics and Policy (CDEP) and the Jerome A. Chazen Institute for Global Business, will be hosting a 2-day conference at Columbia on October 27th and 28th, 201, on the theme of, "Firms, Trade, and Development."

Papers are welcomed on this theme for consideration on the program. Please submit yours by September 1st to [Olena Jennings](mailto:Olena.Jennings).

Jobs

Research Scientist

COHESIVE-India is looking for a highly motivated and organized Research Scientist with research experience and interest in quantitative research methods for a large new research project in India focusing on financial transfers in maternal and child health and nutrition. In addition to evaluation of conditional transfers, the project will focus on research related to intra household resource allocation, effect of information on household behavior, and household investments in the perinatal period. The person in this position will work closely with the PI's to develop the survey instruments, interventions, and protocols for field work and data management. In addition, they will develop and lead the analysis of several waves of data collected across multiple states leading to research manuscripts and project reports targeted at policy makers. Please [email](#) a cover letter, CV, and names of 3 references.

Post-Doctoral Position

The Northeast Regional Center for Rural Development (NERCRD) seeks applications for a one-year post-doc position. This person will be responsible for conducting economic and statistical analyses on a wide range of rural development topics, as determined by the Center's emerging needs and priorities. This research will contribute both to the science base as well as to informing U.S. rural economic development policy. A part of the research portfolio will include assessing the impacts of different federal policies over time and space, along with an opportunity to work with Penn State's Census Data Center. To apply, send a statement of interest in the position, two writing samples, and names of and contact information for three references to [Professor Stephan Goetz](#).

Post-Doctoral Position

UNC Global Food Research Program is seeking a post-doctoral scholar trained in economics with strong econometric training interested in an array of nutrition-related tax and food policy research. The research will take place at the Carolina Population Center with the Global Food Research Program team in collaboration with two economists, Shu Weng Ng and Barry Popkin, alongside a team of other scholars and researchers. The candidate should have experience in public health nutrition research, large data-sets, and STATA, as well as household scanned food purchase data, store scanned food sales and nutritional data and dietary surveys. [Apply online.](#)

Agricultural Economist

The Policies in Trade and Agriculture Division (PTA) at OECD is looking for an agricultural economist to provide economic analysis and policy advice. The work will involve analyzing a wide range of policies affecting the performance of agriculture and food. The selected person will be expected to make a strategic contribution to the analytical priorities of the Division as well as to contribute to corporate priorities and the Directorate's other responsibilities. S/He will report to the Head of Division. Main responsibilities include: contributing to the identification of priority areas of work and appropriate research methodologies for undertaking policy relevant analyses on emerging issues affecting the performance of agriculture and food, including for countries outside the OECD area, carrying-out research, draft analytical reports, and develop evidence-based recommendations to improve agriculture policy performance, including medium and long-term approaches to enhancing productivity and innovation, contributing to country-specific policy reviews and to the annual publication OECD Monitoring and Evaluation of Agricultural Policies, and drafting briefing material for senior OECD officials, review analytical and policy documents and contribute to corporate priorities as required. [Apply online.](#)

Assistant/Associate Professor

UGA currently has an open position for Assistant/Associate Professor in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics for a full-time, tenure-track, 9-month appointment with a negotiable teaching/research split. The selected candidate will spearhead an internationally recognized research program focusing on agricultural, environmental, resource or development economics. This program should address current and emerging state, national and global issues of significant importance. Prolific publishing in high-quality academic journals is expected in conjunction with communication of results and expertise to policy makers, industry, and other constituencies. Collaboration with other faculty members and the directing of a substantial number of graduate (particularly Ph.D.) students is also expected. All faculty members are responsible for obtaining sufficient extramural funding to support their graduate students and other research expenditures. Teaching appointment will alternate between two and three classes per year and may include a summer course. A strong commitment to the department's instructional programs and to excellence in teaching and graduate student mentoring is expected of all faculty members. [Apply online.](#)

Senior Environmental Economist

The Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science in the Blue Growth Directorate program is seeking an experienced, environmental economist to provide technical support to current and future research programs. Specifically, they will be required to: lead and provide theoretical and applied advice on economic study design specifically on micro- as well as macro-economic modelling; extract, manipulate, visualise, analyse and model economic data, sometimes coupled with biophysical data; and ensure high data quality and recording standards. More information and application are [available online.](#)

Departmental Publications

Bluffstone, R., J. Coulston, R.G. Haight, J. Kline, S. Polasky, D.N. Wear, and K. Zook. 2017. "Estimated Values of Carbon Sequestration Resulting from Forest Management Scenarios." In *The Valuation of Ecosystem Services from Farms and Forests: Informing a Systematic Approach to Quantifying Benefits of Conservation Programs*, 25. Report No.

0114-301. Washington, D.C.: The Council on Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics (C-FARE). Available [online](#).

Smith, Pamela J., Bolormaa Jamiyansuren, Akinori Kitsuki, Jooyoung Yang, and Jaeseok Lee. 2017. "Determinants of Comparative Advantage in GMO Intensive Industries." *World Trade Review*, First View, July 20, 2017. doi:10.1017/S1474745617000180. Available [online](#) .

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Announcements

Ward E. Nefstead has been elected to the editorial committee of the Journal of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. The Journal features articles on farm management, real estate, and appraisal. It is a recognized source for applied research in these areas. His term continues to 2020. Congratulations, Ward!

Several students recently participated in judging entries for the Supervalu Master Marketer competition. This competition features entries from retail food stores in categories ranging from promotion of new store openings to radio and television commercials. Judging criteria included creativity, effectiveness and financial return to the promotional activity. The students participating were: Elise Loveless and Eric Olson-both CFANS and departmental students. Ward Nefstead also judged several special categories as part of the competition.

-Ward Nefstead

Jobs

Post-Doctoral Research Assistant

The Ohio State University is seeking a candidate for a research associate position in environmental social science. The ideal candidate will have core theoretical interests in modeling behavioral complexity in integrated systems research, with a focus on farmer land use/management decisions. The candidate will conduct new research related to farmer land use/management decisions in response to uncertain climate, market and policy conditions (projects funded by USDA, NSF and US EPA). Specifically, the candidate will 1) conduct focus groups, surveys, and choice experiments aimed at understanding farmer decision making in response to risk and uncertainty at multiple scales, 2) integrate the newfound understanding of behavioral complexity at the watershed scale into integrated models, 3) review relevant literature in order to prepare manuscripts related to farmer decision making in the food-energy-water context; 4) conduct secondary data analysis on existing data sets, 5) prepare presentations and present findings at local, regional and national meetings; and 6) prepare general summary reports for public dissemination. [More information and application information is available online.](#)

Researcher 6

The University of Minnesota, Department of Forest Resources is seeking a Researcher 6 to model the distribution and density of invasive plant species across Minnesota. The researcher will lead research efforts with a team of scientists and managers from the University of Minnesota Department of Forest Resources, University of Minnesota Extension, and MN Department of Agriculture to develop species distribution models for

12 invasive plants across Minnesota. The results of this work will be used to conduct economic analyses of invasive species across Minnesota. The position is available immediately and includes one year of funding and health insurance. Future funding is contingent on satisfactory progress and success in securing additional funds. [Read more and apply online.](#)

Senior Economist

Landcare Research is recruiting an economist with a strong interest in natural resources, the environment, and public policy. Candidates must have a PhD degree and a track record of applied research focusing on market and/or non-market valuation, including ecosystem services. The successful candidate will join a group of 13 researchers in environmental/agricultural economics and related fields, will contribute to existing research projects, and will develop new research areas in partnership with end users and stakeholders. Experience conducting policy-relevant research and experience working in the public and/or private sector is desirable. [Apply online.](#)

Manager

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry is seeking a strategic, innovative and results-oriented leader. The Manager, Natural Resources Information Section will play a key role in the delivery of an information management system and development of analysis services to support the government/ministry strategic objective to protect and sustain Ontario's forests, fish and wildlife populations, biodiversity and habitats, and provincial natural heritage sites. [Read more and apply online.](#)

Departmental Publications

Kenkel, Phil, and Michael Boland. 2017. "Implications of Equity Structure on Governance of Agricultural Cooperatives." *The Cooperative Accountant* 70 (2): 2-12

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Jobs

Associate Senior University Lecturer

The Centre for Environmental and Climate Research ([CEC](#)) is seeking to recruit an Associate Senior University Lecturer in Ecological-Economic Modelling with a focus on ecosystem services. CEC has successfully developed integrated ecological-economic modelling, where economic and ecological models are combined to predict consequences of management and policy decisions on ecosystems. This development has resulted in multiple external grants and commissioned work, resulting in a need to further strengthen the modelling team at CEC. The appointee will be expected to play a key role in CEC's modelling team, leading the development and use of ecological-economic models, in collaboration with researchers at CEC and within the Strategic Research Area Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in a Changing Climate ([BECC](#)), responsible for spatial models for land use, biodiversity and indicators of ecosystem services. [Read more and apply online.](#)

Departmental Publications

Yue, Chengyan, Jingjing Wang, Eric Watkins, Stacy A. Bonos, Kristen C. Nelson, James A. Murphy, William A. Meyer, and Brian P. Horgan. 2017. "Heterogeneous Consumer Preferences for Turfgrass Attributes in the United States and Canada," *Canadian Journal of Agricultural Economics/Revue Canadienne D'Agroeconomie* 65 (3): 347-83. doi:10.1111/cjag.12128. Available [online.](#)

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Jobs

Postdoctoral Fellow

The North Central Regional Center for Rural Development (NCRCRD) is jointly funded by USDA and land-grant universities, such as Michigan State University (MSU) in its 12-state region. MSU and the NCRCRD seeks recent PhDs as post-doctoral fellow to execute the following activities:

Actively engage with the NCRCRD advisory board and land-grant university administrators to develop/disseminate curriculum and programming, develop grant-writing teams, and prepare refereed journal articles related to one or more of the following broad areas: Building a 21st century economy, Sustainable communities, Leadership development and civic engagement, and Community health and wellness. The position will be appointed for up to twelve months, and pending funding availability extended to 24 months. [Apply online](#) using job code 451591.

Seminars in Other Departments

Federal Bag Lunch

"Notching R&D Investment with Corporate Income Tax Cuts in China"

Daniel Xu, Duke

Wednesday, August 30

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Optimal Trend Inflation"

Klaus Adam, Mannheim

Thursday, August 31

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Departmental Publications

Cureton, Colin, Robert P. King, Cael Warren, Katherine Young Grannon, Courtney Hoolihan, Mark Janowiec, and Marilyn S. Nanney. 2017. "Factors Associated with the Healthfulness of Food Shelf Orders." *Food Policy* 71 (August): 124-31. doi:10.1016/j.foodpol.2017.08.002. Available [online](#).

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Announcements

Call for Papers

This is just a reminder that the submission deadline for the 13th Annual Conference on Economic Growth and Development at ISI Delhi is September 15th. The conference website and submission process is [available online](#).

Grad Club Happy Hour

The Grad Club is hosting a happy hour tonight at 4:30 p.m. at Surly's outdoor beer garden. In addition, the annual welcome picnic will take place Thursday, September 14, so keep an eye out for a signup sheet.

Jobs

Assistant/Associate Professor

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue is seeking a self-directed, academic-year faculty member to develop an internationally recognized program of scholarly teaching, research, and/or outreach in agribusiness management and finance. The candidate will be expected to teach undergraduate and/or graduate courses, disseminate scholarly output on applied topics in agribusiness management and decision-making through peer reviewed journals, Extension outlets, executive education programs, and other online communications. The candidate must be comfortable engaging executives and managers of food and agricultural businesses and financial institutions in developing the research/engagement agenda, securing extramural funding, and communicating results to agribusiness audiences. [Read more and apply online](#).

Ag and Food Policy Positions

Oklahoma State University has several positions open at varying levels. More details and all of these available positions are [available online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

"Effects of Emigration on Rural Labor Markets"

Ahmed Mushfiq Mobarak, Yale University

Friday, September 8

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics

Casey J. Wichman, Fellow, Resources for the Future

"The Effects of Climate on Leisure Demand: Evidence from North America"

Wednesday, September 13

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics

"Estimating the Contribution of Environmental Regulations to Air Pollution and Mortality in India"

Ashwini Sankar, PhD student, Applied Economics

Monday, September 11

12:00 pm., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Applied Micro Seminar

"A mechanism design approach to identification and estimation"

Brad Larson, Stanford

Wednesday, September 13

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

Federal Bag Lunch

"Housing Wealth Effects: The Long View"

Emi Nakamura, Columbia Business

Tuesday, September 12

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room (Federal Reserve Bank)

MPC Seminar

"Inequality in Mortality: Evidence from the U.S. and Canada"

Janet Currie, Princeton

Monday, September 11

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM Seminar

"State Health Policy and Politics"

Lynn Blewett, HPM

Friday, September 15

11:30 a.m., Mayo 3-125

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Announcements

Outstanding Alumni Award

Please join us to celebrate this year's Outstanding Alumni Award winner, Vic Adamowicz, on Monday, October 16. Vic will be giving the Environmental and Resource Economics seminar at noon, and we will be hosting his reception at 2:00 p.m. in the Cherrywood Room at the St. Paul Student Center. All are welcome to attend. [RSVP online.](#)

CIFAP Travel Grant

The Center for International Food and Agricultural Policy (CIFAP), is willing to fund travel fund requests by graduate students and faculty. Individual awards are not to exceed \$2,000, and are to be spent within one calendar year of notification of funding. Travel Grant proposals are funded on a rolling basis. Complete proposal information was sent via email.

CIFAP Call for Research 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), and are to be spent within one 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 \$25,000.

Proposals are due to Marc F. Bellemare (mbellema@umn.edu) with cc to Ellen Carlson (ejc@umn.edu) no later than 5 PM CDT on Friday, September 29, 2017. Proposals will then be evaluated and voted on by the CIFAP steering committee according to the specified criteria, and funding decisions will be made by October 20. Complete proposal information was sent via email.

Jobs

Economist

The Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA) is currently seeking an economist to provide high-quality deliverables for FCA's Farmers Screen and Irrigation Modernization programs. The ideal candidate will have experience with researching and analyzing the effects of proposed policies, management actions, and projects on agricultural, environmental, and community resources. In a typical week, the economist may draft part of a Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment, assess the lifetime economic benefit of an FCA fish screen versus alternative screen, or refine and continue to develop a modernization benefits assessment tool. To apply, please [email](#) a cover letter and resume with "FCA Economist" as the subject line.

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer

The University of Queensland, School of Earth and Environmental Sciences currently seeks a lecturer/senior lecturer for Environmental Management in undergraduate and postgraduate teaching to further develop the school's teaching strengths in areas of environmental management, while producing high-quality research outputs. More information and application are [available online](#).

Associate Professor

The University of Queensland seeks an Associate Professor to serve in their School of Earth and Environmental Sciences. The successful appointee will teach both undergraduate and postgraduate courses in environmental management, while also producing high-quality research. More information and application are [available online](#).

Postdoctoral Researcher

An exciting opportunity for a postdoctoral researcher is currently available in Latin America at Chalmers University, hosted by Martin Persson and working closely with the [Trase](#) initiative and the Stockholm Environment Institute. A focus of this position will be to lead on participatory approaches to engage with different supply chain actors to understand the relative importance of different push and pull factors in shaping the sourcing and investment decisions of these actors, and thus help understand the potential for leakage dynamics. More information and application are [available online](#).

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

"TBA"

Tomoko Utsumi, PhD student, Applied Economics, UMN
Friday, September 22
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics

"TBA"

Nelson Villoria, Assistant Professor, Kansas State University
Wednesday, September 27
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

HCRC Brown Bag Seminar

"The NET-Works Trial: Linking families, communities and primary care to prevent obesity in preschool-age children"

Nancy Sherwood, Obesity Prevention Center, UMN
Tuesday, September 19
12:00 p.m., 215 Humphrey School

HPM Seminar

"State Health Policy and Politics"

Lynn Blewett, HPM
Friday, September 15 AND September 22
11:30 a.m., Mayo 3-125

Heller-Hurwicz Economics Institute

"Consumer, Heal Thyself! A Prognosis for Health Care in America"

Daniel McFadden (BA '57, PhD '62), winner of the 2000 Nobel Prize
Thursday, September 28
3:00 p.m., Cowles Auditorium
RSVP required: <https://z.umn.edu/mcfadden>

Federal Bag Lunches

"Assessing the Gains from E-Commerce"

Pete Klenow, Stanford

Monday, September 18
12: 00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"TBA"

Serdar Ozkan, Toronto

Tuesday, September 18
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Note:

If you wish to attend a seminar or bag lunch at the Federal Reserve Bank you must call (612-204-6455) a MINIMUM of 24 hours in advance to get your name on a visitor list. Be prepared to give your affiliation (i.e., University of Minnesota graduate student, Department of Economics). If you are not on an approved visitor list, you will not be allowed to attend bag lunches or seminars at the Fed.

Departmental Publications

Lustig, Audrey, Susan P. Worner, Joel P. W. Pitt, Crile Doscher, Daniel B. Stouffer, and Senait D. Senay. 2017. "A Modeling Framework for the Establishment and Spread of Invasive Species in Heterogeneous Environments." *Ecology and Evolution*, March 2017. doi:10.1002/ece3.2915. Available [online](#).

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Announcements



Outstanding Alumni Award and Dinner

Please join us to celebrate this year's Outstanding Alumni Award winner, Vic Adamowicz, on Monday, October 16. Vic will be giving the Environmental and Resource Economics seminar at noon, and we will be hosting his reception at 2:30 p.m. in the Cherrywood Room at the St. Paul Student Center. All are welcome to attend. [RSVP online](#). If you would like to join Vic for dinner that night at 6:00 p.m. at Salut, please [email Sadie Brendalen](#) and she will add you to the reservation.

Jobs

Faculty Tenured/Tenure-Track

The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of Maryland seeks multiple faculty appointees who will develop distinguished research and teaching programs in one or more of the following areas: agricultural economics, environmental economics, applied econometrics, and applied microeconomics. The appointees are expected to develop exemplary research programs that serve the public interest at the state, national, or international level, and teach in the Department's instructional programs at the undergraduate and graduate level. All candidates must apply online to both 1) <https://ejobs.umd.edu> and 2) <https://econjobmarket.org>. At the first, applicants should upload a .pdf of their CV, which should include a list of three references. Additional materials submitted through the second site include a research paper, a statement of research and teaching interests, and three letters of recommendation.

Assistant Professor

UC-Davis has an opening for an academic year, assistant professor position in the Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics. They seek an outstanding candidate with promising research on natural resource topics, including but not limited to water or marine resources, land use, climate, or energy. For questions or to apply, contact [Travis](#)

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Assistant/Associate Professor

UC-Davis is seeking an academic year, assistant or associate professor with a 75% appointment in Agricultural and Resource Economics and 25% appointment in resource economics and policy. They are seeking outstanding candidates with research programs in marine resource economics and policy. For questions or to apply, contact [Jim Sanchirico](#).

Research Analyst

The Tax Research Division at the Minnesota Department of Revenue has an open, full-time position available for a research analyst. Preferred qualifications include computer training or experience with SAS, SPSS, SQL or equivalent, training or experience developing models or conducting modeling activities, and successful participation in the State of Minnesota Star of the North Fellowship program. [Apply online](#) and enter '16613' in the keywords area.

Fellowships

Applications are now being accepted for the AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships (STPF). STPF is the premier opportunity for outstanding scientists, social scientists and engineers to learn first-hand about policymaking while contributing their knowledge and analytical skills to address today's most pressing challenges. Fellows serve yearlong assignments in all three branches of the federal government in Washington, D.C. and represent a broad range of backgrounds, disciplines and career stages. [Visit their website](#) for more information and to apply.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

"An Empirical Investigation into the Nestle Infant Formula Controversy"

Bruce Wydick, Professor of Economics and International Development, University of San Francisco

Friday, October 13

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

"Asymmetry in Civic Information: An Experiment on Tax Incidence among SME's in Togo"

Paul Dower, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, UW-Madison

Friday, October 20

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics

"Economic and Behavioral Drivers of Herbicide Resistance Management in the U.S."

Huichun Sun, PhD Student, ApEc

Wednesday, October 18

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics

The Scope for Ecological Infrastructure in the Panama West Canal Watershed

Vic Adamowicz, Professor, Department of Resource Economics and Environmental Sociology and **ApEc 2017 Outstanding Alumni Award winner**

Monday, October 16

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Dissertation Defense

"Three Essays in Economics of the U.S. Dairy Markets"

Fanda Yang, Applied Economics

Tuesday, October 17

1:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

HCRC

"College completion and labor force transitions"

Alessia Leibert, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development

Tuesday, October 17

12:00 p.m., 215 Humphrey School

HPM Seminar

TBA

Paula Lantz, PhD , Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Professor of Public Policy, U of Michigan

Friday, October 13

11:30 a.m., 3-125 Mayo

Forest Resources Seminar

Unmanned Aircraft Systems ("Drones") Research, Teaching, and Extension in Forestry and Natural Resources

Joe Knight, Associate Professor

Wednesday, October 25

4:00 p.m., 302 Kaufert Lab (Social hour to follow!)

Departmental Publications

Bellemare, Marc F., and Jeffrey R. Bloem, review of Experimental Conversations: Perspectives on Randomized Trials in Development Economics, by T.N. Ogden, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, October 2017. doi:10.1093/ajae/aax061. Available [online](#).

Cortés, Darwin, Julieth Santamaría, and Juan F. Vargas. 2016. "Economic Shocks and Crime: Evidence from the Crash of Ponzi Schemes." *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization* 131 (November): 263-75. doi:10.1016/j.jebo.2016.07.024. Available [online](#).

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The Food Industry Center luncheon series

TFIC will host its next luncheon on Tuesday, November 7 at 11:30 a.m. in room 202 at the St. Paul Student Center. The guest speaker, Nicole Peter, is Plant Manager at Grupo Bimbo and will present, "*Relocation-How being open to experience can make you a strong player on any team.*" [RSVP online](#) by November 3.

Jobs

Research Assistant

The Jobs Group at the World Bank is seeking a Research Assistant to support the design, implementation, and impact evaluation of a youth labor market inclusion pilot and impact evaluation in Mexico. The terms of Reference are enclosed. I would kindly ask for your help identifying candidates and distributing among your networks.

Applicants should have (i) BA required or Master's degree preferred, in economics, public policy, international development, or related fields; (ii) fluent or native knowledge of Spanish and English required, excellent verbal and written communication in both languages is required; (iii) experience working in Latin America, with experience working in Mexico preferred; (iv) a strong conceptual grasp of how to design rigorous impact evaluations, including randomized controlled trials, required; (v) experience in designing survey questionnaires, preferred; (vi) experience analyzing quantitative survey data, required; (vii) knowledge of Stata (strongly preferred), R, or other data analysis software; (viii) excellent organization skills, strong communication and interpersonal skills. Send all materials to [Eliana Carranza](#) and [Ana Lucia Cardenas](#).

Associate/Full Professor and Willard R. Sparks Chair

The Department of Agricultural Economics at Oklahoma State University is seeking an associate or full professor and Willard R. Sparks Chair in Agribusiness Studies. The Sparks Chair is endowed through a gift from Willard R. Sparks, Founder and Chairman of the Board of Sparks Companies, Inc. The holder of the Sparks Chair will be expected to develop and/or sustain a nationally-recognized research and teaching program in the general area of agribusiness. They will be expected to direct studies to understand factors affecting agricultural and natural resource industries, develop information to aid private sector firms in making business decisions, and provide information to assist and guide

government leaders in understanding the implications and impacts of policy alternatives on agribusinesses. Apply online at

<https://okstate.csod.com/ats/careersite/JobDetails.aspx?site=8&id=4063> .

Fellowship

A postgraduate research training opportunity is currently available at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Policy (OP) National Center for Environmental Economics (NCEE) in Washington, DC.

The participant will be involved with NCEE economists and scientists in analyses and research efforts on benefit-cost research and techniques. The central focus of this research project is expected to be on developing new techniques and tools to incorporate the benefits and costs of environmental regulations in computable general equilibrium (CGE) models. Introducing complex non-price based policies into CGE models represents a challenge not yet robustly addressed by the economic literature, though the development of techniques for their incorporation could provide significant value for regulatory analysis. Similarly, there are serious technical challenges to consider when evaluating the benefits of environmental regulations (including health and non-market impacts of improvements in environmental quality) in an economy-wide framework given how they propagate through the economy.

The participant will be involved in new and on-going research efforts focused on improving analysts' ability to overcome these challenges. Projects may include direct development of, and analysis with, CGE models and/or econometric analysis to inform the calibration of CGE models. [Apply online.](#)

Extension Specialist

The Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics at the University of California, Berkeley, invites applications for a full-time Specialist in Cooperative Extension (CE) in the area of Quantitative Policy Analysis expected to begin July 1, 2018. The research output of this specialist would provide a resource for county advisors and local government officials addressing stakeholders' questions regarding the local impacts of proposed and implemented policies, including policies regarding land use changes. The specialist would be expected to develop and implement economic models of California's agricultural and natural resource sectors for the purpose of conducting economic evaluation of public policies and other changes. [Full description and application available online.](#)

Positions at North Dakota State University

North Dakota State currently has openings for three full-time positions in the Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics. [Assistant Professor, Agricultural Finance Specialist/Assistant Professor](#) and [Research Assistant](#). Information regarding all three of these positions, as well as application procedures, are available by clicking on the links provided above for each position.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

"Are Rural Microsavings Commercially Viable? Experimental Evidence from a For-Profit Financial Education Program in Peru"

Chris M. Boyd, PhD student, ApEc

Friday, November 3

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics

"The Welfare Impacts of New Demand-Enhancing Products: The Case of Honeycrisp Apples."

Yanghao Wang, PhD Candidate, ApEc

Wednesday, November 8

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics

"Does Oil Hinder Transparency?"

Hamid Mohtadi, Adjunct Professor, ApEc
 Monday, October 30
 12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

MPC

"Using Geometry for Statistical Analysis of High-Dimensional Data"

Singdhansu Chatterjee, UMN

Monday, November 6

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

HPM

TBA

Bryan Dowd, Professor and Tsan-Yao Wang, HPM doctoral student

Friday, November 10

11:30 a.m., 3-125 Mayo

Department of Economics

"Climate (and Other) Catastrophes"

Robert Pindyck, MIT

Thursday, November 9

6:00 p.m., Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School

[RSVP required](#)

Math Economics

"Robust contracts in common agency"

Keler Marku, UMN

Monday, November 6

3:30 p.m., HMH 4-170

Minnesota Economics

"The rise of market power and the macroeconomic implications"

Jan Eeckhout, UCL

Thursday, November 9

12:00 p.m., TBD

Federal Reserve Bank Luncheons

"Why do people leave bequests? A quantitative exploration"

Matthias Kredler, Carlos III

Monday, November 6

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"Hours, occupations and gender differences in labor market outcomes"

Richard Rogerson, Princeton

Tuesday, November 7

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

"TBA"

Javier Cravino, University of Michigan

Wednesday, November 8

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

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Departmental Publications

Bloem, Jeffrey R., Duncan Boughton, Kyan Htoo, Aung Hein, and Ellen Payongayong. 2017. "Measuring Hope: A Quantitative Approach with Validation in Rural Myanmar." *The Journal of Development Studies*, October, 1-17.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2017.1385764>. Available [online](#).

Dang, Hai-Anh H., and Paul W. Glewwe. 2017. "Well Begun, but Aiming Higher: A Review of Vietnam's Education Trends in the Past 20 Years and Emerging Challenges." *The Journal of Development Studies*, October, p.1-25.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/00220388.2017.1380797>. Available [online](#).

Griscom, Bronson W., Justin Adams, Peter W. Ellis, Richard A. Houghton, Guy Lomax, Daniela A. Miteva, William H. Schlesinger, et.al. 2017. "Natural Climate Solutions." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, October.

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Information about topics, papers and presenters at last year's conference is [available online.](#)

Questions about submissions, contact: [Paul Glewwe](#) and submit papers to: [Sadie Brendalen.](#)

Jobs

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 food industry economics and management. The position involves teaching three courses per year at the undergraduate and/or graduate level. The successful candidate will be expected to develop and maintain an effective outreach program that extends the impact of his/her research in informing public and private sector decision-makers. Applicants should submit a CV, job market paper or example of written research output, 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 a separate cover to:
[Ms. Debbie Harkies](#), Secretary to the Chair
 Department of Food, Agricultural and Resource Economics
 University of Guelph, Guelph, ON N1G 2W1

Assistant Professor

The Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics at Virginia Tech invites applications for a tenure-track position at the rank of Assistant Professor with a specialization in agricultural trade and policy.

The position is 70 percent research and 30 percent teaching. This is a 9-month, academic-year

appointment with expectations of applying for and obtaining external funding. The successful candidate is expected to have strong quantitative skills and establish a nationally-recognized research program focused on agricultural trade and policy issues. The successful candidate will also have the opportunity to engage in transdisciplinary research, curriculum, and/or outreach initiatives with other university faculty working in the Global Systems Science Destination Area (GSS/DA) with which this position is associated. [Read more and apply online.](#)

PhD Assistantships

Colorado State University currently has three calls for graduate assistantships:

[Food Economics and Policy](#)

[Natural Resource-Based Economic Development](#) and

[Water Economics.](#)

More information about each of these specific opportunities is available online at each link.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

"A Little Skin in the Microfinance Game: Reducing Moral Hazard in Joint Liability Group Lending Through a Mandatory Collateral Requirement."

Jon Einar Flatnes, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultura, Environmental, and Development Economics, The Ohio State University

Friday, November 17

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

IPID

"Developing an indigenous economy in southern Belize."

Christina Coc, Pablo Mis (Keynote) and Joel Wainwright

Friday, November 10

3:00 p.m., Carlson L-114

MPC Workshop

"IRB Workshop: How to Determine if/when You Have Human Subjects"

Courtney Jarboe, Education and Outreach Specialist, Human Research Program Protection

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Grensing, Gina, and Alexander Hook. 2017. *Cottage Grove Business Retention and Expansion Strategies Program: Summary Report*. Edited by Michael Darger and Matt Wolf. University of Minnesota Extension.

Haynes, Monica, Gina Grensing, Alexander Hook, and Tim O'Neill. 2017. "Cottage Grove Business Retention and Expansion Strategies Program: Research Report." St. Paul, MN: University of Minnesota Extension.

Quintana Ashwell, Nicolas E., Jeffrey M. Peterson, and Nathan P. Hendricks. 2017. "Optimal Groundwater Management under Climate Change and Technical Progress." *Resource and Energy Economics*, Accepted Manuscript, November 5. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.reseneeco.2017.10.00>. Available [online](#).

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Grad Club Happy Hour

Grad Club will be holding happy hour in Waite library today starting at 4:30pm. They will have the usual assortment of drinks and food including pizza, with seasonal warm drinks as well. \$5 suggested donation as usual.

Jobs

Post-Doctoral Researcher

UAA's College of Business and Public Policy is searching for a bright creative scholar with interests in natural resource and development economics. Preference will be given to candidates with strong training in applied microeconomics, and interest in experimental methods. Responsibilities include 1) engaging in high-quality research that informs public policy in resource-rich economies and that leads to publications in top journals, 2) working

collaboratively on research projects with members of the Department of Economics, and 3) teaching one principles of economics course per semester. Salary will be \$70,000 per year. The successful candidate will also receive a generous benefits package, relocation funds, and a \$7500 annual research/travel budget. The appointment is for one year, renewable for a second year subject to satisfactory performance. Read more and [apply online](#).

Post-Doctoral Fellowship

The Frederick A. and Barbara M. Erb Institute for Global Sustainable Enterprise at the University of Michigan seeks a post-doctoral scholar to help develop and lead a two-year research effort on measuring the impact of corporate sustainability efforts with the goal of advancing the triple-bottom-line. To apply, applicants must submit - in a single, collated PDF document - by 17:00 ET on January 6, 2017:

- A brief cover letter (maximum two pages), which provides a summary of the applicant's PhD research and career goals, and outlines how an Erb Institute post-doctoral fellowship will advance their career in sustainability research.
- A proposal (maximum five pages) outlining the type of research the applicant would conduct while in residence; the proposal must directly address the research opportunity outlined above. Proposals that involve more than one discipline approach are especially welcome;
- An up-to-date curriculum vitae. As an addendum, applicants are asked to provide a list of courses taken while a graduate student (a transcript is not required); and
- Two short (manuscript-length) examples of your written work. One of these examples should reflect applicants' dissertation research; however, applicants are asked to not send a copy of their dissertation.
- Separate from these application materials, applicants must arrange to have three letters of recommendation sent to the selection committee care of the email address below. Recommendation letters must be from individuals qualified to write about the applicant's aptitude for the position. Without exception, letters of recommendation must also be received by the deadline on January 6, 2017. Application materials, including letters of recommendation, should be sent to [Dr. Joseph Árvai](#), Director of the Erb Institute.

Economist

CSIRO Australia is currently recruiting two senior economist positions. The first is a leader in applied economics across one or more of biosecurity, agricultural economics, or sustainable resource use encompassing natural resource and environment analysis, policy, and modelling. To be successful you will be recognized for your expertise and emerging international reputation and seeking to challenge yourself to contribute meeting Australia's future challenges. You will be keen to apply your skills to address complex interlinkages between resource use, economic drivers, social and technological change, and sustainability in agriculture. A stimulating interdisciplinary setting at CSIRO will encourage you to leverage CSIRO 's world-leading biophysical research in agriculture, biosecurity, and landscape systems. [Apply online](#).

The second opportunity is an opportunity for an experienced science leader to provide strategic science leadership and engage in business development to join CSIRO's world-leading national outlook integrated modeling team. This includes: A strong business development component engaging with Australian government agencies and businesses to develop scenarios and outlook that helps decision makers in the policy and business community to make evidence-based decisions about future policy and investment needs and their economic, social and environmental outcomes.

- Driving the ongoing development of the CSIRO integrated modeling platform, will engage with different model leads and guide scientific strategy of the modeling team.
- Senior thought leader in CSIRO with influence across a number of domains,

potentially beyond integrated modeling for sustainability.

- Leading innovative research projects leading to scientific achievements that are aligned with CSIRO's strategies.
- Building and maintaining networks, and play a lead role in securing project funds, provide scientific leadership and pursue new ideas and approaches that create new concepts and will contribute to the strategic research direction of CSIRO. [Apply online.](#)

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Jobs

Consultant

The United Nation's World Food Programme in Juba, South Sudan is looking for a 3 month (to start) consultant to standardize P-Codes across programs. Ideal candidate should have several years of GIS and/or Data Management experience. The position is based in Juba, which is a non-family duty station. Responsibilities include: coordination related to the integration of p-codes into operational templates using geographic information, creating a mapping process linking existing p-codes to the most recent operational plan, integration of p-codes into programmatic use and assisting other units so that they will eventually follow the practice and working with information management working group to identify ways for greater reporting overlap. [Apply online.](#)

Researcher

Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei (FEEM) is seeking a researcher who will work on the WITCH integrated assessment model. The successful candidate will join the WITCH

modeling group and work in frontier research on climate change economics and integrated assessment modeling with a specific focus on energy modeling, demand-side modeling, statistical analysis or behavioral economics. A description of the modeling tools and the research group is available at www.witchmodel.org. Duties will be carried out at the FEEM office in Milan, Italy. The selected candidate will interact with researchers of different nationalities and will write and present scientific papers. An excellent command of written and spoken English is essential for this position. Applicants should send a detailed curriculum vitae to [Marjaester Cassinelli](mailto:Marjaester.Cassinelli). Shortlisted candidates will be asked for letters of recommendation.

Economist

I.M. Systems Group Inc., a contractor to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), seeks an economist to conduct natural resource damage assessments for oil spills and hazardous waste sites. The individual will work with NOAA's Assessment and Restoration Division under the Damage Assessment, Remediation, and Restoration Program in the areas of economics for damage assessments, methods development, and technical support for policy initiatives. This position is located in NOAA's Silver Spring, Maryland offices. More information and application process is [available online](#) (NOA1791 Environmental/Natural Resource Economist).

Assistant Professor

Mississippi State University is seeking an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Economics for a tenure-track, 9-month appointment. This is a 60% research, 40% teaching appointment. The candidate should bring strong quantitative and econometric skills to bear on applied economic issues. Emphases in any of the following areas are highly sought: agricultural risk, consumer demand, food policy, health economics or agribusiness. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vita, transcripts of all university work, job market paper, and have three professional letters of reference sent to: Dr. Keith H. Coble, Department of Agricultural Economics, Box 5187, Mississippi State, MS 39762, or via email to coble@agecon.msstate.edu. Applicants must complete the Personal Data Information form found at www.jobs.msstate.edu. (Search postings for PARF# 496453).

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Trade and Development

TBA

Tomoko Utsumi, PhD student, Applied Economics, UMN
Friday, December 8
10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics

TBA

Brady Horn, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions, University of New Mexico
Wednesday, December 13
12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Seminars in Other Departments

Math Econ Seminar

"Mechanism Design with Aftermarkets: Cutoff Mechanisms"

Piotr Dworzak, Northwestern
Monday, December 4
3:30 p.m., C-SOM 1-143

Federal Bag Lunches

TBA

Fernando Alvarez, Chicago
Monday, December 4
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

TBA

Xavier Ragot, Science PO
Tuesday, December 5
12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

TBA
Ben Smith, UCLA
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David Andolfatto, St. Louis Fed
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Departmental Publications

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Announcements

Final Reminder for Annual Luncheon!

The Applied Economics and Agricultural Education Annual Luncheon will be held TODAY at noon in the North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center! We look forward to seeing you there!

Doctoral Student Course

Attention doctoral students: Several of you have taken a course entitled, PA 5926, *Presentation Skills: How to Inspire Your Audience and Change the World*, and found it to be useful. Thus, we are encouraging others to follow in your footsteps. This course is taught twice in spring 2018. Mondays, 4-5:30 for 7 weeks (Jan 23-March 13) and Tuesdays, 4:15-5:45 for 7 weeks (March 20-May 8). This course highlights essential presentation skills for internships, capstones and jobs. For questions, contact [Gwen Freed](#) or [Diana Beck](#).

Jobs

Graduate Assistantships in Energy Poverty

UNC and NCSU are recruiting graduate students for a project on energy poverty in Southern Africa. Participating departments at UNC include Environment and Ecology, Geography, and Public Policy, and at NCSU include Forestry and Environmental Resources. Students in these interdisciplinary departments may specialize in the policy or economics of environment and development. More information on the NCSU Graduate Energy Poverty Fellowship is available [at this link](#). While more information on the UNC Graduate Energy Poverty Fellowship is [available here](#).

Researchers

The [CMCC](#) is taking into consideration the possibility to hire talented, motivated and proactive researchers to cover two open positions on data assimilation and ocean modeling. The location is the CMCC - Ocean Modeling and Data Assimilation Division in Bologna, Italy. The primary purpose of this position is to perform research, development, and assessment of the variational data assimilation system currently used at CMCC for reanalyses and operational forecasting. Furthermore, the successful candidate will be asked to guide the research to operations transitions of the developed data assimilation systems. [Apply online](#).

Assistant Professor

The Department of Environmental Sciences at the University of North Carolina Wilmington is hiring a tenure-track position at the Assistant Professor level in Renewable Energy Science and Policy beginning August 2018. This position will complement a cluster hire position in the Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences with expertise in the application of geosciences to resources and energy. The goal of this effort is to bring together a core group of faculty to work across disciplinary boundaries in the field of coastal resources and energy sciences. [Apply online](#) using vacancy number 16F-158 and position number 404.

Departmental Seminars

Trade and Development

The "Scarring" Effects of Informal Employment in Indonesia

Tomoko Utsumi, PhD student, Applied Economics, UMN

Friday, December 8

10:30 a.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Agricultural and Applied Economics

TBA

Brady Horn, Associate Professor, Department of Economics, Center on Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions, University of New Mexico

Wednesday, December 13

12:00 p.m., 119 Ruttan Hall

Environmental and Resource Economics

Optimal Conservation in a Public Agency Framework

Ian Luby, PhD candidate, Applied Economics, UMN

Monday, December 11

12:00 p.m., 230 Ruttan

Seminars in Other Departments

Math Econ Seminar

TBA

Phillip Strack, UC-Berkeley

Monday, December 11

3:30 p.m., CSOM 1-143

Applied Micro Seminar

Economies of Density in E-Commerce: A Study of Amazon's Fulfillment Center Network

Peter Newberry, Penn State

Wednesday, December 13

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

MPC Seminar

Gangland Co-Residence as a Potential Social Determinant of Health

Brian Finch, USC

Monday, December 11

12:15 p.m., 50 Willey Hall

Federal Bag Lunches

Investment Shocks, Unemployment Risk, and Macroeconomic Comovement

Daeha Cho, Boston University

Monday, December 11

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

TBA

Gregor Jarosch, Stanford

Tuesday, December 12

12:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

Discount Rates, Human Capital, and Employment Fluctuations

Virgiliu Midrigan, NYU

Friday, December 15

1:00 p.m., Research Conference Room

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Announcements

Final Defense

Ana Cuesta will be presenting her final defense on Tuesday, December 19th in 230 Ruttan Hall. [Contact Ana](#) for more details if desired.

Grad Club Happy Hour

To help celebrate the end of another semester, grad club will be hosting happy hour in Waite Library today at 4:30! Come and enjoy drinks, food and company before the long break/ \$5 suggested donation.

Jobs

Postdoctoral Researcher

The Department of Natural Resources and the Environment at the University of New Hampshire (UNH) invites applications for a Postdoctoral Research Associate to work on an interdisciplinary project focused on the bioeconomics of managing invasive plants in forests with heterogeneous landownership. The project seeks to integrate models of landscape composition, invasive plant distributions, and bioeconomic models to address both basic and applied research questions about optimal invasive plant management strategies at the parcel and landscape levels. Primary responsibilities will include conducting and analyzing a discrete choice experiment, building a bioeconomic model of invasive species spread and control within and among land parcels, and an agent-based model that integrates a bioinvasion risk model with a model of landowner decision-making over invasive species control. The successful candidate will work directly with the project's PI, Dr. Shadi S. Atallah, Assistant Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics in the Environmental and Resource Economics program, Department of Natural Resources and the Environment, and Affiliate Assistant Professor of Economics at the Paul College of Economics and Business. Interested candidates should email (1) a cover letter describing their research interests and qualifications; (2) a CV; (3) 1-2 representative publications; and (4) a list of 3 references to [Shadi Atallah](#). Review of applications will begin on January 2, 2018. Please indicate whether you will be available for an interview at the ASSA meetings in Philadelphia.

Supervisory Agricultural Economist

An opening for the branch chief of the ERS's Conservation and Environment Branch of the Resource and Rural Economics Division is now available. The mission of the Resource and Rural Economics Division (RRED) is to provide information and analysis to enhance public policy, and to conduct analysis that informs national public and private decisions involving the interrelationship among natural resources, environmental amenities, rural development, and agricultural activities, agricultural research and development, technology and productivity, the structure of farming, upstream agricultural and other rural businesses, farm income, and the well-being of farm and rural households. Supervisory Agricultural Economist (Branch Chief) will supervise a staff of professional economists and support personnel, be responsible for planning, directing, and managing the Branch's program of agricultural economic research, analysis, and information

dissemination. Additionally, they will be responsible for serving as the agency's reference point to provide economic advice and counsel relating to the branch's area of responsibility. [Apply online](#) .

Energy Economist

The National Renewable Energy Laboratory is seeking a senior energy or environmental economist to join the Strategic Energy Analysis Center. Building on the Analysis Center's strong capabilities in energy-economic modeling and analysis, the senior level researcher would be responsible for developing a strategy for, implementing, and leading a new program that applies economic analysis to inform national and international policy, renewable and energy efficient technology evolution, and the economic impacts of transforming energy systems. The Senior Economist will work to develop a dedicated program with the mission of providing best in class, robust, and objective economic analysis on a broad set of energy and environmental issues. The program will consolidate and build on the Analysis Center's current capabilities, and will have the direct support of the director as well as current staff engaged in economic analysis. [Apply online](#).

Agricultural Economist

The Department of Agricultural at the Economic Research Service has an opening for an Agricultural Economist within the Market and Trade Economics Division, Agricultural Policy and Modeling Branch. MTED conducts research on U.S. and global economic factors affecting markets for agricultural products. The program supplies information and analysis for decisions by USDA policy and program officials, other Executive Branch decision makers, and Congress and its staff. The successful candidate will serve as an Agricultural Economist working in the area of data management, computer programming, and modeling analyst for the USDA Baseline. They will work directly with the Baseline Coordinators to assure effective delivery of timely, high-quality products and analysis to the Office of the Secretary and other Departmental Officials. They will be responsible for providing authoritative technical analysis and managing and updating large datasets covering agricultural data for multiple countries and commodities. Full description and application [available online](#).

Departmental Seminars

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Seminars in Other Departments

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Aistrup, Joseph A., Tom Bulatewicz, Laszlo J. Kulcsar, Jeffrey M. Peterson, Stephen M. Welch, and David R. Steward. 2017. "Conserving the Ogallala Aquifer in Southwestern Kansas: From the Wells to People, a Holistic Coupled Natural-Human Model." *Hydrology and Earth System Sciences* 21 (12):6167-83. <https://doi.org/10.5194/hess-21-6167-2017>.

Congratulations to Mike Boland, who worked with the University Libraries' new publishing service to publish this book, which is an ebook with a print version too!

Boland, Michael. 2017. *An Introduction to Cooperation and Mutualism*. 1.0. St. Paul, Minnesota: University of Minnesota Libraries Publishing. Available [online](#). More information on the Libraries' Open Textbooks initiative is available [here](#).

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Announcements

Call for Papers

Reconsidering Development Spring 2018 issue is currently seeking research articles, policy notes or briefs, book reviews, and photo or artistic essays for their 2018 Spring edition of the journal. The deadline for submission is January 31, 2018. *Reconsidering Development* particularly encourages submissions that reflect underrepresented voices, creative methodologies, and contemporary forms of expression in order to reconsider the broader field of development. The journal's readers include faculty and students in many departments-including the social sciences, public policy, economics, education, history, health sciences, and development studies-as well as development practitioners and policymakers. All submissions can be sent directly to editor@umn.edu.

Congratulations!

After 27 hours of labor, Matt Simonson and his partner welcomed their baby boy Elliot into the world on December 16 at 2:55 a.m. Mom, baby, and dad are happily enjoying their newly expanded family!

Jobs

Research Agricultural Economists (8 vacancies!)

Economic Research Service (ERS) seeks Research Agricultural Economists with responsibility for formulating research plans, developing methodology, determining data needs, and defining resources needed to carry out complex economic research and analysis programs of great significance, difficulty, and national importance. Duties will vary depending on the mission of the division in which the incumbent works. The three hiring divisions include Food Economics Division, Market & Trade Economics Division, and Resource and Rural Economics Division. More information and application process [available online](#).

PhD Research Assistantship

The Department of Forestry and Natural Resources at Purdue University is seeking a doctoral research assistant interested in the intersection of social inequalities and payments for ecosystem services to join their program starting fall semester 2018. The position is for three years and is part of an NSF-funded research project by Purdue University, Utah State University, and Brandeis University. Specific responsibilities include: (1) managing day-to-day communication and relationship between research team and field partner in Bolivia, (2) collecting quantitative data in the field in rural Bolivia (as soon as summer 2018) as part of a randomized control trial (RCT); (3) analyzing this quantitative data; and (4) assisting investigators with other research-related project activities. While the doctoral student will assist the project, he/she will also be encouraged to develop his/her own dissertation research questions to pursue within the context of the broader project. Interested applicants should send a brief letter of interest and a copy of their CV (including GPA and GRE scores) via email to Dr. Zhao Ma prior to formally applying to the Purdue Graduate School. Review of applications will start on January 15,

2018, and will continue until the position is filled.

Faculty Position

The new School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS) at the University of Michigan is seeking applications for a full-time, nine-month, tenure-track open rank faculty position in the field of Data Science for Sustainable Development. Candidates whose work focuses on (i) addressing key development challenges and questions around sustainable development goals, policies, interventions and social processes, and their impact on sustainability outcomes, (ii) using cutting-edge analytical tools to generate new understanding of the processes leading to sustainability transitions are encouraged to apply. The successful candidate's research will investigate sustainability and development through an examination of issues related but not limited to health / poverty / environment / resources / infrastructure / and/or renewable energy. Candidates will have the ability to develop new data platforms and applications that enhance the visibility of SEAS as the place to conduct such research and to be trained in this field, and (iii) combining an interest in data science, broadly defined and including statistical, econometric, spatial, simulation (e.g. ABM), and/or network analyses with the ability to train SEAS students for careers in the sustainable development field by offering courses in data science and causal inference applied to sustainable development-related subjects. [Apply online.](#)

Economist

The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas has an opening for a Masters level economist to help support the Kansas City Fed's work in agricultural economics and finance. This position will provide research and policy support to senior staff economists and Bank management on agricultural research projects, policy-briefing material, and speeches to the public. Provides support by regularly collecting, analyzing, and summarizing data, writing articles for Bank publications, strengthening Bank relationships with key external constituencies, and making presentations to the public. Interested candidates should email [Nathan Kauffman](#).

Planning Director

MMB has an opening for a full-time position in the Economic Analysis Unit of MMB. This position reports to the State Economist 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. This employee will prepare internal and external reports on U.S. and Minnesota economic activity, revenue forecasts, revenue volatility, and forecast error. Minimum qualifications include a master's degree in applied economics, economics, business, public policy or a related field and graduate coursework in econometrics. [Apply online](#) using posting number 18989.

Assistant Professor

The University of Wisconsin-River Falls has an opening for an Assistant Professor of Agricultural Business. The successful candidate will have expertise in one or more of the following areas: agricultural marketing and sales, risk management, accounting, and/or international marketing. This is a full time 9-month, tenure-track position. The standard teaching load is 12 credit hours per semester. Other teaching opportunities may include courses in the core agricultural economics curriculum depending on departmental needs. Materials should be [submitted online](#) using posting number AAF00289.

Legislative Analyst

The nonpartisan Research Department of the Minnesota House of Representatives is accepting applications for one Legislative Analyst position. This analyst will work on property taxes and tax modeling, and may also work with the department technology support team. Qualifications include (1) a master's degree or equivalent in public policy, public affairs, economics, statistics, or a similar field; (2) experience with data management and analysis software or programming languages; (3) excellent human relations and teamwork skills; (4) excellent oral and written communication skills; (5) the ability to communicate quantitative information to an audience without quantitative training; and (6) interest in public policy and government. [Apply online.](#)

Departmental Seminars

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Seminars in Other Departments

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Departmental Publications

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