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## Departmental Seminars and Events

**Trade & Development Seminar** — The next Trade & Development speaker is Anusha Nath, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Economics at the University of Minnesota, on Friday, November 13, 10:30-Noon, 119 Ruttan Hall. Topic: TBA

**Environmental & Resource Economics Seminar** — [Tracy Boyer](#), Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Oklahoma State University, will present "Ecological and Economic Tradeoffs in Wind Power Location (co-author Christopher Baker)" on Monday, November 16, Noon-1:30 pm in 230 Ruttan Hall.

## Seminars in other Departments

**Frontiers in the Environment Big Questions** — [Julia Ponder](#), Executive Director, Raptor Center and Assistant Professor, College of Veterinary Medicine will discuss "When Does Conservation Mean Killing?" on Wednesday, November 11 from Noon to 1:00 pm in the IonE Seminar Room R380, Learning & Environmental Sciences Bldg., St. Paul. WebEx address for online attendees: <https://umn.webex.com/umn/onstage/g.php?d=749731945&t=a> (If you click on this URL before the day of the event, the previous seminar will be listed.) \*\*Use web browsers Safari or Firefox to connect.

**Department of Economics** — [Florian Scheuer](#), Economics, Stanford University, will present "The Taxation of Superstars," with Ivan Werning on Thursday, November 12 at Noon in CSOM L114. (West Bank campus)

## Calendar

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## Departmental Publications

DiGiacomo, Gigi; King, Robert P.; Nordquist, Dale W. *Organic Transition: A Business Planner for Farmers, Ranchers and Food Entrepreneurs*. St. Paul, MN: University of Minnesota, Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture and Beltsville, MD: Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (SARE), 2015. SARE Handbook: 12 Call number: 631.5 D54 2015

## Jobs

**Assistant Professor** — The School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan seeks applicants for a full-time tenure-track Assistant Professor position in the Economics of Climate Change. Applicants should have a Ph.D. in economics, public policy, applied and agricultural economics, or a closely related discipline. Review of applications begins November 13, 2015. Complete position [announcement online.](#)

**Open Rank Faculty Position** — The Agribusiness Department within the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences at Cal Poly State University, San Luis Obispo, CA invites applications for a tenure-track, academic year position. Teaching responsibilities will be primarily in the areas of agribusiness finance, risk management, agribusiness strategy formulation and information technology (emphasis on data analysis). Examples of potential courses may include agribusiness credit and finance, risk management, information technology, and a senior project/capstone class. The successful candidate will have teaching, research, and service activities based on the Cal Poly Teacher-Scholar model. Duties may also include, but are not limited to, supervision of undergraduate senior projects, graduate student research, student advising, teaching graduate level courses in a Master of Professional Studies or certificate program. It is expected that the successful individual will be directly involved in the agribusiness finance and risk management program and assist in maintaining industry support and grant funding for the program's outreach/applied research program including workshop presentations, producing learning tools, and providing professional and industry meeting presentations. The successful candidate will engage in research-based scholarship that will lead to peer-reviewed journal articles. As a part of professional development, the successful candidate is expected to participate in scholarly activities and carry out a focused area of scholarship (research, grant writing, publications, and presentations). Excellent written and oral communication skills and strong interests in undergraduate and graduate teaching are required. Service activities will include participation on department, college, and university committees and instructionally related activities. To apply, please visit [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://www.calpolyjobs.org). Complete a required online faculty application and apply to requisition #103852.

**Assistant Professor & Extension Specialist** — The Department of Applied Economics at Utah State University, Logan is seeking an Assistant Professor and Extension Specialist, Agricultural Economics/Agribusiness). This is a nine-month tenure-track position with a 65:30:5 division of effort between extension, teaching, and service, starting August 1, 2016. The extension role also carries with it an expectation of applied research. There are opportunities, primarily through successful

grant writing, to augment salary beyond the nine-month base salary. The successful candidate will develop a nationally recognized extension and applied research program in agricultural economics/agribusiness management that is complementary to on-going departmental extension and applied research programs. Extension and applied research areas of emphasis may include, but are not limited to production economics, risk management, farm policy including insurance, farm/ranch management, commodity marketing, and price analysis. Research areas related to agricultural issues in Utah and the surrounding region are preferred. The candidate will be expected to seek external funding to support his or her extension and applied research program and to seek disciplinary and interdisciplinary collaborative opportunities with other faculty. The successful candidate will be expected to teach courses at both undergraduate and graduate levels, as well as serve on graduate student Master's and PhD supervisory committees. Please submit a letter of application, curriculum vita, graduate transcripts, sample extension or applied research paper, and three letters of reference to the USU Human Resources Website (<https://usu.hiretouch.com/job-details?jobID=948&job=assistant-professor-and-extension-specialist>). Formal review of applications will begin on December 4, 2015 and will continue until a suitable candidate is hired.

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## Announcements

**Congratulations Ward!** — Ward Nefstead received the Golden Plow Award from the American Society of Farm Managers & Rural Appraisers at the ASFMRA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas held on October 28-31, 2015. The award recognizes service of Twenty Years as Secretary of the Minnesota Chapter-ASFMRA. Ward is now the secretary who has served the longest in this capacity. Corey Prins of Northwestern Farm Management in Marshall, MN was also the recipient of the Farm Manager of the Year award sponsored by Syngenta. Corey manages 27,000 acres of farmland in Southwest Minnesota for Northwestern Farm Management.

**Holiday Luncheon** — The Applied Economics and Agricultural Education Annual Holiday Luncheon will be held on Friday, December 11th in the North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center. Attached is the invitation to RSVP. Please fill it out and return it to me, Karen Routhe, no later than Wednesday, December 2nd.

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## Seminars in other Departments

**Minnesota Population Center** — [Christine von Oertzen](#) of the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science will discuss "Machineries of Data Power: Manual versus Mechanical Census Compilation in Nineteenth-Century Europe" on Monday, November 16, 12:15-1:15 pm, MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall. Co-sponsored with the Program in the History of Science, Technology, and Medicine

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## Departmental Publications

Beddow, Jason M.; Pardey, Philip G.; Chai, Yuan; Hurley, Terrance M.; Kriticos, Darren J.; Braun, Hans-Joachim; Park, Robert F.; Cuddy, William S.; Yonow, Tania. "Research investment implications of shifts in the global geography of wheat stripe rust." IN: *Nature Plants*, no. 15132, September 14, 2015. DOI:10.1038/nplants.2015.132 [Available online](#)

## Jobs

**Research Analysis Specialist** — The [Minnesota Department of Human Services](#) is seeking a Research Analysis Specialist. As a result of recent legislation, the Department of Human Services (DHS) is required to submit legislative reports on services funded through adult mental health grants. This position will provide leadership for this work evaluating adult mental health grants and providing quality assurance for program certification and recertification for providers of services covered by the Assertive Community Treatment-Intensive (ACT), Adult Rehabilitative Mental Health Services, Dialectical Behavior Therapy. Full description [available online](#). Search for posting number 15DHS001507. Deadline: November 20, 2015.

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- \* \$22.00 for Others: P&A Staff, Emeritus Faculty, Visitors, Spouses
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### Announcements

**Applied Economics T-Shirts for Sale!** — The APEC Grad Club is selling Applied Economics T-shirts this semester! They are available for purchase this week (16-20) from Noon-1:00 pm in Waite Library and at this week's Waite Happy Hour on Friday @ 4:30 pm. The shirts are unisex sizes and are \$20. Proceeds go toward helping pay for Grad Club events. Cash, check or credit card accepted! Email Ian Luby ([lubyx023@umn.edu](mailto:lubyx023@umn.edu)) with any questions. Two pictures of the t-shirt designs are attached.

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## Jobs

**Lecturer, Business Statistics and Principles of Economics** — The Department of Business and Economics at the University of Wisconsin-Superior is seeking a full-time or part-time lecturer for Spring 2016, with potential for renewal for 2016-2017 academic year. Master's degree or ABD status in Economics, Statistics or a closely related discipline is required. Prior teaching experience is preferred. Full-time Spring 2016 teaching load: 3 sections of undergraduate Business Statistics, 1 section of undergraduate Principles of Macroeconomics, plus undergraduate student advising. Part-time Spring 2016 teaching load: 3 sections of undergraduate Business Statistics. Interested applicants should submit their cover letter, CV, and teaching evaluations and/or other evidence of teaching effectiveness to Dr. Zamira Simkins at [zsimkins@uwsuper.edu](mailto:zsimkins@uwsuper.edu)

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**Applied Economics T-Shirts – 2015**





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## Announcements

**Hold the Date!** — Mike Boland and the Food Industry Center are collaborating with the Carlson School of Management on a networking activity for UM alums entitled "Minnesota Food Businesses: Giving Consumers Choices." This networking event will take place on January 26, 2016. More information can be found at <http://carlsonschool.umn.edu/events/the-business-learning>

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## Jobs

**Three (3) Open Positions** — The [Department of Agricultural Economics](#) at Purdue University has three open positions. Research Assistant Professor in Global Economic Analysis (non-tenure); Clinical Professor, Center for Food and Agricultural Business (all ranks); and Assistant Professor of Agricultural Trade and Global Sustainability (tenure-track). More information on each of these positions is [available online](#).

**Three (3) Open Positions** — The [Agricultural & Resource Economics Department](#) at the University of California, Davis has three open positions and they are: Assistant Specialist in Cooperative Extension – Livestock and Rangeland Economist (100%) (Apply online at <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF00785>); Assistant Professor of Econometrics (Apply online at <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF00724>); and Assistant Professor of Development Economics (Apply online at <https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/apply/JPF00726>).

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## Announcements

**Thanksgiving Holiday** — All University offices will be closed on November 26-27 for Thanksgiving. The next edition of *Marginal Memos* will be on Tuesday, December 1.

**Holiday Luncheon** — The Holiday Luncheon is right around the corner, have you sent in your reservation? The deadline is Wednesday, December 2. The invitation is attached.

## Departmental Seminars and Events

**Environmental & Resource Economics Seminar** — [Mark Kanazawa](#), Professor, Department of Economics, Carleton College, will present "Climate Change Impacts on Minnesota's North Shore: An Analysis of State Park Visitation Data" on Monday, November 30, Noon-1:30 pm in 230 Ruttan Hall.

## Seminars in other Departments

**Health Policy & Management Seminar** — [Lynn Blewett](#), Professor, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, UMN and Director, State Health Access Data Assistance Center (SHADAC) will present "Update on the Minnesota HealthCare Financing Task Force" on Wednesday, December 2, 12:15-1:30 pm in D199 Mayo Memorial Building.

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### December 2

- RSVP deadline for the Holiday Luncheon

### December 4

- Trade & Development Seminar, Faress Bhuiyan, Carleton College, 10:30 am, 119 Ruttan, Topic: TBA

## December 11

- Holiday Luncheon, Noon, North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center

## Opportunities

**Fall Symposium** — Sustainable Crop Production Research and Outreach in Africa, Thursday, December 10, 2015 in 105 Cargill Building

The [Stakman-Borlaug Center for Sustainable Plant Health](#) invites you to a symposium on sustainable crop production research and outreach in Africa. The presentations and discussion during this symposium will touch upon the implications of crop production for food security, ecosystem health, and social well-being in Africa. This symposium is an opportunity to share the many experiences and ongoing activities within CFANS, and more broadly, to explore strategies for future research and outreach efforts in this area. More information about the symposium is [available online](#). To make a reservation, [click here](#).

**IPWSD 2016-Call for Applications** — The Sustainable Development PhD Program is organizing the sixth Interdisciplinary PhD Workshop in Sustainable Development (IPWSD) that will take place at Columbia University in New York City on April 22-23, 2016. Doctoral and post-doctoral students are welcome to submit an application by January 18th. Applicants will be notified of the final decision in early February, 2016.

IPWSD offers a platform for PhD students to present their work to a large audience and to get exposed to the frontier research in a wide range of fields interested in the interactions between human development and the environment. In the past, participants included PhD students from top university departments in Economics, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Political Science, Statistics, Engineering, Epidemiology, Geography, Ecology, and other fields.

IPWSD is organized by PhD students in Sustainable Development at Columbia University, with support of the Earth Institute, and various Columbia University departments. More information can be found on the [conference webpage](#). Questions can be directed to their organization team: [cu.sdds.ipwsd@gmail.com](mailto:cu.sdds.ipwsd@gmail.com)

## Jobs

**Two (2) Open Positions** — North Carolina State University is recruiting tenure-track faculty as part of two interdisciplinary initiatives: Sustainable Energy Systems & Policy (SESP) and Global Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WaSH). For each initiative, they are recruiting in several areas including economics. More information can be found here: [Job Openings for Economists](#) announcement (JOE ID number: 2015-02\_111454735 for WaSH and 2015-02\_111454691 for SESP).

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### Announcements

**Congratulations Marc & Janet!** — Marc Bellemare and his wife Janet Hou's new baby, Sophia Ying-Qi Bellemare, arrived on Wednesday, November 25, at 11:35 am. Congratulations, Bellemare family!

**Congratulations Phil!** — [Philip Pardy](#) has been named a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Election as an AAAS Fellow is an honor bestowed upon AAAS members by their peers, and recognizes scientifically or socially distinguished efforts to advance science or its applications. Phil was elected in the Section on Agriculture, Food and Renewable Resources for his distinguished contributions to the field of agricultural economics, with particular emphasis on the economics of innovation, agricultural productivity and economic development. The new Fellows will be formally recognized at the AAAS annual meeting in Washington, D.C., in February.

**Mark Your Calendar** — The faculty meetings for spring semester are scheduled for 1:30-3:00 pm in room 119 on the following dates: January 22, February 19, March 11, April 15, and May 13.

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**Trade & Development Seminar** — TODAY — [Faress Bhuiyan](#), Assistant Professor of Economics at Carleton College, will present "Perceptions versus Reality: Life Satisfaction and Economic Position Relative to Neighbors," TODAY, December 4 at 10:30 am in 119 Ruttan Hall.

**Final Defense** — [William Secor](#), PhD candidate, Applied Economics, will defend his dissertation "Three Essays on the Role of Ownership in the Food Economy" on Monday, December 7 at 9:00 am in 119 Ruttan Hall.

**Environmental & Resource Economics Seminar** — [Corbett Grainger](#), Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural and Applied Economics, University of Wisconsin-Madison will discuss "Property Rights, Regulatory Capture, and Exploitation of Natural Resources" on Monday, December 7, Noon-1:30 pm in 230 Ruttan Hall.

**Agricultural & Applied Economics Seminar** — [Metin Cakir](#), Assistant Professor, Applied Economics, will present "Does 'Shrinkflation' Contribute to Food Price Inflation?" on Wednesday, December 9 from Noon to 1:30 pm in 119 Ruttan Hall.

## Seminars in other Departments

**Minnesota Population Center** — Katie Genadek, Sarah Flood, and Joan Garcia Roman will present "Couples Shared Time Across Decades, Countries, and the Life Course" on Monday, December 7, 12:15-1:15 pm in the MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall.

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### December 9

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### December 11

- Holiday Luncheon, Noon, North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center

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- Last day of instruction

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## Jobs

**PhD-Level Graduate Assistant** — The School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota is seeking a graduate research assistant. This assistant will provide research support to Dr. Lynette M. Renner and Dr. Clea McNeely. Project Background: We are seeking a self-motivated, statistically savvy graduate student to work on the impact evaluation of the Ramsey County Truancy Intervention Project (TIP) (<https://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/attorney/TIPOverview.htm>) and Family Truancy Intervention Project (FTIP) (<http://www.co.ramsey.mn.us/attorney/FTIPOverview.htm>). These programs use a three-step method to help children and their families improve school attendance. Since the programs were established, they have served more than 35,000 students and there is preliminary evidence of success. The goal of the evaluation is to assess the long-term impact of TIP and FTIP on attendance, grade completion, graduation, academic achievement, and involvement in the adult criminal justice system. Two evaluation designs will be used: a regression discontinuity design and propensity score matching.

Appointment: The position is 25% time (10 hours per week), beginning January 14, 2016 and ending May 29, 2016 with potential for extension in subsequent terms. Total hours = 194 in spring semester (9.7 pay periods, 20 hours per pay period). Salary

Rate: \$19.76 per hour (PhD), plus pro-rated benefits. Application Deadline: Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Application Materials: Cover letter expressing your reasons for interest in the position and experiences related to the position; current vitae; and a solo- or first-authored writing sample. Apply To: All application materials should be sent to Lynette Renner, Associate Professor, School of Social Work, [renn0042@umn.edu](mailto:renn0042@umn.edu)

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### Announcements

**Mark Your Calendar** — The CFANS Fall College Assembly is on Thursday, December 17 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon in 105 Cargill Building. The agenda and WebEx information will be emailed prior to the meeting. Refreshments served at 9:30.

**In the News** — The USDA recently released *Climate Change, Global Food Security, and the U.S. Food System*, a peer-reviewed scientific assessment that identifies climate change effects on global food security. The assessment a contribution to the U.S. National Climate Assessment, is called for under the President's Climate Action Plan, and was led by USDA. Visit the USDA's Office of the Chief Economist's [webpage](#) to view a video discussion. The complete report is available [online](#). Marc Bellemare is one of the authors.

### Departmental Seminars and Events

**Agricultural & Applied Economics Seminar** — [Metin Cakir](#), Assistant Professor, Applied Economics, will present "Does 'Shrinkflation' Contribute to Food Price Inflation?" on Wednesday, December 9 from Noon to 1:30 pm in 119 Ruttan Hall.

**Environmental & Resource Economics Seminar** — [Hamid Mohtadi](#), Professor of Economics, University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee and Adjunct Professor of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota will present "Natural Resources, Taxation and Transparency: Shedding New Light on an Old Question" on Monday, December 14, Noon-1:30 pm in 230 Ruttan Hall. (co-authors Michael L. Ross and Stefan Ruediger)

### Seminars in other Departments

**Frontiers in the Environment** — "Can Energy Use Data Reduce Electricity Costs and Environmental Impacts? Guest speakers: [Alexandra Klass](#), IonE Resident Fellow and Distinguished McKnight University Professor, Law School; and [Elizabeth Wilson](#), IonE Resident Fellow and Professor, Humphrey School of Public Affairs. Wednesday, December 9, Noon to 1:00 pm in the Humphrey Forum, Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs. (West Bank campus)

**Health Policy & Management Seminar** — Titilope Adeniyi, PhD Student, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, UMN will present "The Effect of Illness on a Spouse's Healthcare Utilization" on Wednesday, December 9, 12:15-1:15 pm in D199 Mayo Memorial Building.

**MPC Inequality & Methods Workshop** — The final workshop of the semester will feature [Jason Fletcher](#), Public Affairs and Sociology, University of Wisconsin-

Madison. He will present "Trends in Educational Mobility Across Time and Place in the Early 20th Century US" on Friday, December 11, 12:15-1:30 pm in the MPC Seminar Room, 50 Willey Hall. (West Bank campus)

## Calendar

### December 9

- Ag/Applied Economics Seminar, Metin Çakir, Noon, room 119

### December 11

- Holiday Luncheon, Noon, North Star Ballroom, St. Paul Student Center

### December 14

- Env/Resource Economics Seminar, Hamid Mohtadi, Noon, room 230

### December 16

- Last day of instruction

### December 23

- End of semester

### December 24-25

- All University offices closed

## Jobs

**Postdoctoral Position** — A postdoctoral position is available in the Earth and Environmental Systems Institute at the Pennsylvania State University. Successful candidates will become part of an interdisciplinary research network on Sustainable Climate Risk Management (SCRiM, [scrimhub.org](http://scrimhub.org)). Centered at Penn State and linking 18 universities and five research institutions in six nations, SCRiM addresses the question: What are sustainable, scientifically sound, technologically feasible, economically efficient, and ethically defensible climate-risk management strategies? SCRiM catalyzes fundamental, mission-oriented, and transdisciplinary research to characterize climate risks and trade-offs associated with risk management instruments such as mitigation, adaptation, and geoengineering. The network provides unique opportunities for research, education, outreach, decision support, and professional development. SCRiM postdocs enjoy ample opportunities for transdisciplinary research collaboration as well as professional mentoring by a team of experts in relevant disciplines. The position is available immediately and will remain open until filled. Initial appointment will be for a period of one year, with excellent possibility of renewal for one or more additional years. To apply, visit <https://psu.jobs/job/60928>.

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### Seminars in other Departments

**Human Capital Research Collaborative** — TODAY — "Impact of a Community Development and Poverty Reduction Program on Early Childhood Development in Morocco" featuring Caroline Krafft, Assistant Professor, St. Catherine's University, TODAY from Noon to 1:00 pm in Room 205 Humphrey School of Public Affairs. (West Bank campus)

The Human Capital Research Collaborative (HCRC) is a unique partnership between the University of Minnesota and the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis to promote effective public policies and programs for young people through multidisciplinary research on child development and learning. HCRC is jointly sponsored by the Humphrey School of Public Affairs and the Institute of Child Development, College of Education and Human Development.

### Calendar

#### December 16

- Last day of instruction

#### December 23

- End of semester

#### December 24-25

- All University offices closed

#### January 1

- All University offices closed

### Opportunities

**Call for Proposals** — The [International Growth Centre](#) (IGC) invites researchers to submit proposals for research projects relevant to economic growth policies in developing countries. The deadline for submissions is 11:59 pm GMT, January 17, 2016.

We are pleased to open the six-monthly [IGC call for proposals](#), across our four research themes: State Effectiveness; Firm Capabilities; Energy; and Cities. The IGC commissions research through the Research Programme and the Country Programme. The Research Programme focuses on cutting-edge, policy-relevant academic research shaping effective economic growth policies in the global south. The Country Programme focuses on high-quality economic growth research addressing the policy needs of IGC's partner countries.

Core research questions and priorities for each research theme are outlined in the IGC Research Priorities document. In addition, we provide a detailed description of policy relevant research gaps in each of the IGC's partner countries. Applicants are strongly encouraged to review the IGC's research priorities, as well as the ones related to the countries they would like to work in.

## Jobs

**Researcher 7** — The [Food Protection and Defense Institute](#), a Homeland Security Center of Excellence is seeking a Researcher 7. The primary purpose of this position is to design, supervise and coordinate a range of food defense research projects. The Researcher will be responsible for the development of a food defense research program that includes economically motivated adulteration, supply chain theft, food fraud, food traceability, and intentional adulteration. The Researcher will confer with the Research Director to outline work plans and to determine duties, responsibilities and scope of program. Successful applicants will develop a strong extramurally funded research program within the area of food defense, both applied and basic in nature. The researcher will be expected to develop collaborations with other investigators; such as in the areas of agriculture, food science, veterinary medicine, and public health. Teaching expectations include the development of content and giving lectures in courses offered by FPD. The Researcher is expected to participate intellectually with faculty and graduate students. More information: [foodprotection.umn.edu/about/careers](http://foodprotection.umn.edu/about/careers).

**Adjunct Needed for Spring Semester Principles of Macroeconomics Course** — The Department of Economics at St. Catherine University is looking for an adjunct professor to teach a principles of macroeconomics course Monday-Wednesday-Friday from 10:55 am - 12:00 pm spring semester. If you are interested, please contact Caroline Krafft at [cgkrafft@stkate.edu](mailto:cgkrafft@stkate.edu).

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## Announcements

**Holiday Schedule** — All University offices will be closed on December 24 and December 25. The next edition of *Marginal Memos* will be on Tuesday, December 29.

**Dual M.S. Approved** — The Board of Regents approved the Carlson School of Management and College of Food, Agricultural, and Natural Resource Sciences (Twin Cities campus) dual M.S. in Applied Economics / M.B.A. degree program. ~ Mike Boland

**From CFANS OIT, Holiday Phishing Scams** — Phishing e-cards, fake shipping notifications, spurious charities--scams abound this holiday season. Read about how to guard against electronic scams this holiday season [here](#).

## Calendar

### December 23

- End of semester

### December 24-25

- All University offices closed

### January 1

- All University offices closed

## Opportunities

**GIL Fellowship Program** — The World Bank's Africa Gender Innovation Lab (GIL) is hiring three GIL Fellows from Sub-Saharan Africa. The Lab conducts rigorous impact evaluations of development interventions to generate evidence on how to close gender gaps in productivity, earnings, and assets.

The GIL Fellowship Program aims to develop the skills of prospective PhD students – as well as recent PhD graduates – from Sub-Saharan Africa to prepare them for a PhD or help them jumpstart their post-doctoral research career. We seek two types of candidates: those who wish to do research in a quantitative discipline (e.g., economics) and those who wish to conduct qualitative research. Applicants will be asked to indicate a preference for a quantitative or qualitative fellowship position.

More details can be found below:

**Who:** Women and men (under the age of 36) who are nationals of a Sub-Saharan African country and plan to pursue – or have just completed – a PhD in economics, public policy, statistics, sociology, or a related field

**What:** One-year fellowship (World Bank term staff position)

**Where:** Washington DC-based position with travel to Sub-Saharan Africa

**When:** Apply by January 6, 2016

**How:** Follow this link to apply on the World Bank's website: <http://goo.gl/7VpkEL>

## Jobs

**Sales Account Manager** — The Center for Farm Financial Management has a position open for a Sales Account Manager. This person will work as part of the CFFM team to develop relationships and manage sales of FINPACK primarily to agricultural and commercial lenders. Here is a link to the position description: [http://cffm.umn.edu/OUT/Sales\\_Account\\_Manager.pdf](http://cffm.umn.edu/OUT/Sales_Account_Manager.pdf). If you know of someone who may be interested, please pass this information on to them.

**Administrative Associate 2** — The Center for Farm Financial Management is searching for an Associate Administrator. This position has broad responsibilities that include conference coordination, software and educational software distribution, and project support. The full position announcement is at <http://cffm.umn.edu/out/Admin.pdf>. Please spread the word.

**Postdoctoral Research Fellow** — The [Frank Batten School of Leadership](#) and Public Policy and the Weldon Cooper Center for Public Service at the University of Virginia invite applications for a Postdoctoral Fellow in general equilibrium modeling and public policy to begin in fall 2016. We welcome applications from scholars who have earned doctorates in economics, public policy, or related fields. This position is focused on the development of policy-relevant general equilibrium modeling for use in state-level analysis but in the context of multi-level governance, including federal and international. The research fellow will also work with the Batten School's Center for Leadership Simulation and Gaming on using models in policy simulations.

We wish to advance the art of state-level policy evaluation by developing tools for evaluating state-level policies and that account for temporal dynamics, regional interactions, and the nested interactions with other levels of governance. Relevant policy contexts include environmental policies, tax policies, infrastructure investments, and other important public policy issues. Candidates are expected to have completed their doctoral degrees by August 1, 2016.

All candidates must apply online. Paper and emailed applications will not be considered. Your application will not be complete until all required documents are available on Econjobmarket.org and you receive a confirmation number for the submission of your Candidate Profile from Jobs@UVA.

There are two required steps to complete an application: (1) Register with UVA's employment system: Apply to the advertised position and complete a candidate profile through Jobs@UVA (which is located at <https://jobs.virginia.edu>). To submit your candidate profile, search for posting 0617732 and follow the directions. Do not submit job market materials to Jobs@UVA. This step should only take a few minutes to complete. (2) Submit your job market materials to <https://econjobmarket.org>. Applicants should submit a CV, one research paper, and three references.

**Assistant Professor** — 50th Anniversary Lecturer (Assistant Professor) in Agricultural and Environmental Economics--Lancaster University is opening a full-time faculty position in Agricultural and Environmental Economics, with a focus on sustainable development. Celebrating 50 years of academic excellence, Lancaster University has opened 50 new academic appointments, focusing on areas of research excellence. Such lectureships are especially research focused during the first five years, with little or no teaching at all during the first two years. Early career academic staff will further benefit from strong development or research support and adequate mentoring needed to achieve ambitious research objectives.

Candidates should have a Ph.D. in economics, with research interests in agricultural, development or environmental economics. An interest in economic development and

food security, related to environmental change is particularly desirable. A quantitative background together with some experience in dealing with satellite-based and/or geo-referenced data would be an asset. The lecturer is expected to build bridges across disciplinary boundaries within the University. An interest in the role of agricultural companies within sustainable development is welcome. The Lecturer is expected to publish his/her research outputs in high-quality economic journals and in scientific journals of general interest. In addition, candidates are expected to consider appropriate outreach vehicles to ensure that their scientific contribution also has real-world "impact".

The Department of Economics is part of the Lancaster University Management School (LUMS). LUMS is a world-ranked international business school which has topped the UK research rankings for nearly two decades. The Economics department is one of the largest in the School with over forty faculty members. For more information, please visit: <http://www.lancaster.ac.uk/lums/economics/>

For further information, please contact Jean-Francois Maystadt ([j.maystadt@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:j.maystadt@lancaster.ac.uk)). Preliminary interviews could be conducted at the January 2016 AEA meetings in San Francisco and RES meetings in London.

**Chief of the Conservation and Environment Branch** — Senior economists are sought for a position as Chief of the Conservation and Environment Branch, Economic Research Service, USDA. ERS serves as the economic research and policy analytical arm of the USDA. The mission of ERS is to provide objective economic information and analysis to inform public and private decisions regarding agriculture, food, the environment, and rural America. To learn more, please visit [www.ers.usda.gov](http://www.ers.usda.gov).

Branch Chiefs are responsible for leading high quality, technically complex programs of research, analysis, and information dissemination for 15-20 Ph.D. economists. Primary responsibilities include creating the overall vision for developing a high-impact program of research and analysis; providing input as needed into the planning and implementation of research projects; allocating staff and other resources necessary to accomplish the branch's research mission; and managing, mentoring and reviewing branch staff and their outputs to maintain high technical quality and standards of performance. Closing date: January 11, 2016

Vacancy Announcement Number: ERS-S16N-0005 is open to all U.S. Citizens. You may use the following link to view/apply for this position: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/424665700>

We will be at the ASSA meetings and would be happy to discuss this opening. For additional information, or to set up a meeting in San Francisco, please feel free to contact: Marca Weinberg ([Weinberg@ers.usda.gov](mailto:Weinberg@ers.usda.gov))

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### Calendar

#### January 1

- All University offices closed

#### January 18

- All University offices closed in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

#### January 19

- Spring Semester begins

### Departmental Publications

Newton, John; Thraen, Cameron S.; Bozic, Marin. "Evaluating Policy Design Choices for the Margin Protection Program for Dairy Producers: An Expected Indemnity Approach." IN: *Applied Economic Perspectives and Policy*, Advance Access. DOI: 10.1093/aep/ppv033; December 18, 2015. [Available online](#)

Bellemare, Marc F.; Barrett, Christopher B.; Just, David R. "The Welfare Impacts of Commodity Price Volatility: Reply." IN: *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, Advance Access. DOI: 10.1093/ajae/aav070, December 18, 2015. [Available online](#)

### Jobs

**Agricultural Conservation Specialist** — [Winrock International](#) is seeking an Agricultural Conservation Specialist, Senior Program Associate. Winrock International believes that well-structured markets can be an effective and efficient mechanism for improving environmental outcomes in a cost-effective manner. Sound science and economics are essential for the long-term success of environmental markets, as well as conservation policies and programs. This new position will enhance Winrock's role as a leader in the use of pay-for-performance conservation to efficiently address environmental issues related to agriculture and will be integral to the organization's commitment to expand its impact in this area.

The Senior Program Associate will help to expand Winrock's leadership role in the United States and globally in the use of pay-for-performance conservation, which seeks to develop outcome-based incentives that motivate agricultural producers to seek out the most appropriate and cost-effective actions to reduce nutrient loss and

greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from their lands. The Senior Program Associate will also conduct analysis and manage projects in support of Winrock's Pay-for-Performance Conservation Initiative, as well as our work on sustainable livestock systems, and other Winrock projects. The focus of this work is primarily in the U.S., however, international applications and work on Winrock's overseas projects is possible. Existing knowledge and experience with United States agricultural production is required.

Applicants may go to Winrock's Job Page at [Winrock.org/careers](http://Winrock.org/careers) to complete an online application, submit a current resume and cover letter referencing HRM / ECO-PO by January 15, 2016.

**Post-Doctoral Economist** — The [Environmental Defense Fund](http://www.edf.org) (EDF) has a 1-2 year postdoctoral opening for an economist (or political economist) with an interest in international carbon markets and the potential for plurilateral "club" approaches to international climate policy. The focus is on research to support the design and implementation of a potential "club of carbon markets." Please see the position description through the application portal at <https://www.edf.org/jobs/post-doctoral-economist-global-climate>

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