



# Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, November 22, 2019 (Next newsletter will be Dec. 13)

## **Announcements**

### **Thanksgiving office hours**

The Economics administrative offices (and all university offices) will be closed and classes will not meet on Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29, 2019, to observe the Thanksgiving holiday.

### **Cytation Award nomination deadline Dec. 1**

Nominate a P&S colleague or group for a Professional and Scientific Council Cytation Award!  
Nomination deadline: 11:59 p.m. Dec. 1

### **Invitation to contribute to early indicators library**

Please contribute to a new library of early indicators to predict the long-term impacts of social science interventions, drawing on data from previous experiments you may have analyzed.

### **Winter break partial closing**

As in previous years, the university will reduce services from Dec. 23 through Dec. 27, 2019.

## **Department Highlights**

### **Edelman, Burke secure grant for Community Impact Co-Investment Fund**

Iowa Community Capital was awarded a \$139,000 grant from the U.S. Treasury CDFI Program to launch a Community Impact Co-Investment Equity Fund targeting promising ventures that locate in Opportunity Zones and other eligible Census tracts in rural and underserved areas.

### **New article by Bhattacharya**

An article, "Why mandate young borrowers to contribute to their retirement accounts?" by Joydeep Bhattacharya, professor, has been published in the journal *Economic Theory*.

### **NYT article on Mechanical Turk cites Asad research**

Research done by PhD candidate Sher Afghan Asad and Joydeep Bhattacharya, professor, was mentioned in a Nov. 15th *New York Times* article on Mechanical Turk.

### **Lyn attends Chicago Workshop**

Gary Lyn, assistant professor, was invited to participate in the Chicago Workshop in International Economics hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago Nov. 15, 2019.

### **Plastina, Sawadgo present at Chicago Fed**

Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor, and Wendiam Sawadgo, 5th year Ph.D. student, presented on Farmland Ownership and Environmental Impacts at the Annual Agriculture Conference at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2019.

### **Iowa farm debt highest in the nation**

Alejandro Plastina, assistant professor, and Chad Hart, associate professor, were interviewed for a Nov. 15 *Des Moines Register* story, "ISU report: Iowa farm finances continue to erode, with 44% of growers struggling to cover costs."

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Ruiqing Miao (Auburn University)**

Monday, December 2, 2019

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

#### **University Marketing Summit**

Thursday, December 5, 2019

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Lee Liu Auditorium in Howe Hall

#### **Wallace Huffman (ISU)**

Thursday, December 5, 2019

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

360 Heady Hall

#### **David Hennessy (Michigan State University)**

Monday, December 9, 2019

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

#### **Economics Holiday Party**

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

#### **Joshua Rosenbloom (ISU)**

Thursday, December 12, 2019

3:40 pm to 5:00 pm

360 Heady Hall

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