



Iowa State University Department of Economics

Friday, September 7, 2018

Announcements

NBER methodology lectures

Each summer, the NBER commissions a set of lectures on econometric methodology. This year's topic was "Weak Instruments and What to do About Them."

The 9th Annual AEA Conference on Teaching and Research

The submission portal will open Sept. 1, and the deadline is Dec. 1, 2018. The submission portal and general information is available at <https://www.aeaweb.org/committees/AEACEE/Conference/2019/submissions/>.

NSF 2026 idea machine competition

The National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the launch of the NSF 2026 Idea Machine, a prize competition to help set the U.S. agenda for fundamental research in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) and STEM education.

Honors Program Call for Spring Seminars

Honors seminars are 1-2 credit courses, offered over a half or full term, which explore topics of current or special interest. They are graded Satisfactory/Fail, usually capped at 17 students, and enroll Honors students from any year or major.

NBER's Entrepreneurship Working Group Meeting - Call for papers

The next meeting of the NBER's Entrepreneurship Working Group will be Friday, Dec. 7, 2018 in Cambridge, MA. If you are interested in presenting a paper at the meeting, please upload a copy here: <http://www.nber.org/confsubmit/backend/cfp?id=ENTf18>

Department Highlights

Rosenbloom named Cliometric Society fellow

Joshua Rosenbloom, professor and department chair, has been named a Fellow of the Cliometric Society by the Board of Trustees.

New publication for Huffman

Sonja Huffman, adjunct associate professor, had her article "Life satisfaction and diet in transition: Evidence from the Russian Longitudinal Monitoring Survey" published in Volume 49 Issue 5 September 2018, *Agricultural Economics*.

Arnold appointed Chubb division president

Scott Arnold ('89 ag business) was named Division President of Chubb Agriculture, North America, and President of Rain and Hail June 21, 2018.

[Baker wins Gross Fellowship](#)

Trenton Baker, third year Ph.D. student, has won the 2018 Wayne W. Gross Fellowship.

[New department IT techs](#)

Two new faces are joining the Heady and East IT tech folks this year. Charlie Donaldson, left, and Austin Golberg are both juniors in Management Information Systems.

[Hayes on effects of ASF on pork industry](#)

Dermot Hayes, professor, was quoted in a *Pork* article on the pork industry's efforts to combat African Swine Fever.

[Hart: Farm aid package a small Band-Aid](#)

Chad Hart, associate professor, was quoted in a UPI story on the program for federal aid to farmers "Farm aid package a 'small Band-Aid on a big wound,' farmers say."

[Costco raises the bar for Quad-City wages](#)

Several department faculty members were interviewed for a *Quad-City Times* story on how the new Costco whole-sale store opening in Davenport raised its hourly starting wage this year to \$14, nearly twice the minimum wage.

[Swenson: Jobs are growing, pay is not](#)

David Swenson, associate scientist, was interviewed about the failure of Iowa's wages to rise despite the state's lowest unemployment rate in nearly two decades. The story was picked up by several media outlets.

Job Opportunity

[Oklahoma State University](#)

Assistant Professor Natural Resources and Environmental Economics

Application deadline: Nov. 2, 2018

Upcoming Events

[Labor-Public Economics Workshop: Wallace Huffman \(ISU\)](#)

Thursday, September 13, 2018

3:40-5:00 pm

360 Heady Hall

[Marc Bellemare \(University of Minnesota\)](#)

Friday, September 14, 2018

3:40-5:00 pm

368A Heady Hall

[CALs Diversity Programs Cultural Competency Series](#)

Friday, September 28, 2018

1:00-5:00 pm

Location TBD

Registration deadline: Sept. 21

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