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PEOPLE

[Mark Skidmore](#) has been named director of the [North Central Region Center for Rural Development](#) (NCRCRD). He will replace Scott Loveridge as director, effective January 1, 2016. The NCRCRD works with Extension professionals, researchers and their partners to enhance rural development outcomes in the north central region comprising Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin.

SEMINARS

AFRE Seminar

Alexandra Polovinka, Western Michigan University. "Formal and Informal Payments in the Health Care Sector in Russia" November 5, 3:30pm, Room 75, Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Brown Bag Seminar

Gaurav Arora, PhD student in Economics, Iowa State. "Role of Ethanol Plants in Dakotas Land Use Change: Incorporating Flexible Trends in the Difference-in-Difference Framework with Remotely-Sensed Data". November 3, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

Angé Kakpo, Master student in AFRE. "Improving Market Participation through Higher Fertilizer Use: A Case Study of Horticultural Farmers in Mali." November 10, 11:50am, Room 75 Morrill Hall of Agriculture.

CALL FOR PAPERS

2016-2017 IAF Fellowship Competition Announcement. InterAmerican Foundation fellowships are available to Ph.D. candidates in the social sciences, physical sciences, technical fields and the professions as related to grassroots development issues. Awards are based on both development and scholarly criteria. Proposals should offer a practical orientation to field-based information. In exceptional cases the IAF will support research reflecting a primary interest in macro questions of politics and economics but only as they relate to the environment of the poor. Citizens of from the Americas are eligible. Deadline for proposals: January 29, 2016. www.iie.org/iaf.

The **International Food and Agribusiness Management Association** (IFAMA) is accepting applications for participation in the 2016 Student Case Competition. The competition is part of IFAMA's Annual World Symposium and Forum occurring June 19-23, 2016. The Student Case Competition provides students an opportunity to showcase their skills for food and agribusiness professionals attending the conference. The competition consists of teams who simulate a fast turn-around analysis and presentation to a senior management team on an industry topic. The MSU AFRE team won 1st place in 2015. Deadline: Feb. 2, 2016 Submit to: www.ifama.org/2016student. More information: www.ifama.org/2016

The **International Food and Agribusiness Management Association** (IFAMA), IFAMA Europe, Wageningen University and the Danish Food Cluster invite submissions for participation in the combined 26th Annual IFAMA World Conference and the 12th Wageningen International Conference on Chain and Network Management (WICANEM) in Aarhus, Denmark, June 19-23, 2016. Deadline: November 29, 2015 www.ifama.org/2016. Submit to: www.ifama.org/2016submit

JOBS

Purdue University, Department of Agricultural Economics is seeking an outstanding individual to develop a nationally recognized program in international agricultural trade and global sustainability. Feeding a growing, increasingly affluent global population while improving environmental quality presents a major challenge for the agricultural sector. Deadline: Dec.1, 2015. <https://ag.purdue.edu/agecon/Pages/Job-Opportunities.aspx>

Ford Motor Company Global Data, Insight, and Analytics (GDIA) unit is looking for individuals with a background in applied economics to apply the latest tools and methods to business problems at Ford.
<http://corporate.ford.com/careers.html>

Colorado State University, Department of Agricultural and Resource Economics is Assistant Professors of: **Energy Economics** (see <http://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/18701>) – Apply by Nov. 15, 2015, and **Economics of Animal Agriculture** (see: <http://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/18560>) – Apply by Dec.15, 2015.

Washington State University, The School of Economic Sciences (SES) within the College of Agricultural, Human and Natural Resource Sciences (CAHNRS) and the Paul G. Allen School for Global Animal Health (SGAH) in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Washington State University are seeking two full-time, 9-month tenure-track positions: one Assistant or Associate Professor, and one Associate or Full Professor, to begin August 16, 2016. <http://ses.wsu.edu/>

All announcements should be sent to Debbie Conway, Editor, in Room 202 Morrill Hall of Agriculture or e-mail: conway@msu.edu NO LATER than 12 noon on Thursday; after 12, they will be in the next BI-WEEKLY edition.