

Wednesday, September 2, 2015

UT Microfarm Weekly Workdays

The UT Microfarm is UT's first student-run organic and sustainable farming operation, and we need lots of regular volunteers! Workdays occur on Volunteers will be provided with water and light snacks as well as any shared harvests during the workdays. Volunteer activities consist of weeding, planting, transplanting, beautification, and a variety of other general farm tasks. Internships available for interested volunteers!

UT Microfarm, [2204 Leona Street](#), Wednesdays 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ([more info](#))

Thursday, September 3, 2015

An Economist's Perspective on Public Energy R&D

David Popp, Syracuse University

Peter O'Donnell Jr. Building (**POB**), Room 2.302 (Avaya Auditorium) @ 5:15 – 6:15 p.m. ([more info](#))
Refreshments will be served in the ACES Connector Lobby at 4:45 p.m.

Friday, September 4, 2015

You're Biased and I'm Not: Separating Energy Policy from Energy Politics

David B. Spence, UT School of Business and School of Law

In today's hyper-polarized regulatory policy environment, intense conflict over energy policy is a fact of life. Gone are the days when a Republican president created the EPA (Richard Nixon) or ran for office as "the environmental president" (George H.W. Bush), and a Democratic president deregulated natural gas markets (Jimmy Carter). Today, the parties are at ideological loggerheads on questions at the intersection of energy and the environment, disagreeing not only about what is best, but also about what is true. Is climate change real and driven by human behavior? Does fracking pose significant risks to groundwater or human health? Do power lines pose health risks to those who live near them? We will explore what the behavioral sciences have to say about why we cannot agree on what is true, let alone what is best, in energy policy debates, and how to overcome those biases.

AT&T Executive Education and Conference Center (**ATT**) @ 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. ([more info](#))
Seating is limited, a [\\$20 registration is required](#) which includes lunch.

Ongoing, Upcoming, and Special Notes

UT Microfarm seeking interns and consistent volunteers

UT's first student-run farm, is seeking interns and consistent volunteers to attend our weekly workdays! Located near the Facilities Complex at the corner of Manor and Leona, the Microfarm uses organic, sustainable methods to grow produce for UT dining halls, HOPE Farmer's Market, and the local community. The following positions are available:

- Pest Control and Fertilizing Interns
- Compost Management Interns
- Resource Recovery Interns
- Blog/Social Media Interns
- Farm Stand Interns

- Education/Outreach Interns
- Beautification Interns

All volunteer positions have the potential to earn a paid position for summer 2016 and/or the 2016-2017 school year. If interested, please [apply here](#) by **September 18th**. Interested volunteers should then attend a weekly workday (**Wednesdays 5-8pm and Sundays 9-12pm**) to meet the staff and undergo any necessary training. No experience is required!

UT Microfarm, [2204 Leona Street](#)

Please like [our Facebook page](#) for workday updates, cancellations, and other news.