Message from the Department Chair

Spring semester brought new challenges for students, staff, and faculty due to the global pandemic. Still, we conclude the academic year acknowledging our hard work and achievements.

In this newsletter we celebrate Economics undergraduate and graduate students who were selected by economics faculty to receive awards that recognize academic success and engagement. We are proud of those students’ achievements.

We are also proud of all students who faced current and past challenges!

The Newsletter also features three of our outstanding economics alums who work in CareSource, and contribute to the region.

Congratulations to all graduating economics students! You have obtained, or are on track to obtain a degree that signifies substance and versatility. Keep in touch! We want to know about your paths, to help, and to keep you engaged in our departmental activities.

Welcome to all new and future students! We are looking forward to getting to know you!

I wish everybody a good summer, and I am looking forward to seeing you soon!

Zdravka Todorova
Chair and Professor, Economics

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Join our LinkedIn group

Wright State University Department of Economics to keep in touch with economics Alumni and Faculty!
WSU Economics Student Awards 2020

**Undergraduate Students Awards**

*Continuing Undergraduate Scholarships*

Brandon Parks (BSB Economics)
Riley Williams (BSB Economics)

*Top Scholar Undergraduate Awards*

Molly Hendrickson (BA Economics)
Austin Rex (BSB Economics)
Joseph York (BA Economics)

*Outstanding Undergraduate Student Awards*

Yunus Ibragim (BSB Economics)
Travis McConnell (BSB Economics)
Faith Rosenow (BSB Economics)
Timothy Keathley (BSB Economics)

**Graduate Students Awards - M.S. Social and Applied Economics**

*Outstanding Graduate Student Awards*

James Olderham
Joshua Pham

*Outstanding Graduate Assistant Awards*

Joshua Pham
Grayson Thacker
Cassandra Boyle

Congratulations!
Congratulations
2020 Inductees!

Cassandra Boyle
M.S. Social and Applied Economics

Travis McConnell
BSB Economics

Maria Perdomo Torres
BSB Economics

Interested in Student leadership Positions?
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Omicron Delta Epsilon
O Δ E - International Honor Society for Economics
Wright State Chapter since 1984

Requirements

Undergraduate Students: completion of 12 credit hours of economics courses with GPA of 3.0 or better in economics courses and an overall GPA of at least 3.0

Graduate Students: completion of one semester of full-time work in Wright State University M.S. Social and Applied Economics program, and GPA of 3.0 or better

Purpose

• to confer distinction for high scholastic achievement in economics
• to stimulate and promote student interest in all aspects of economics
• to provide a forum for expression of economic ideas on economic issues
• to establish closer ties between students, alumni, and faculty in economics
• to emphasize the professional aspects of economics as a career field

Vision

We support the development of members into engaged, skilled, and socially responsible professional economists.

Mission

Our mission is to inspire and help develop excellence through activities that:

• deepen and apply academic knowledge of economics
• encourage the study and practice of economics for the public good
• promote opportunities for professional engagement and personal growth
Charles Chiobi obtained his MS degree in Social and Applied Economics from Wright State University in 2017. He is a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon – the International Honor Society for Economics that recognizes high academic achievement. As a student he participated in the Dayton Mobile Market student non-profit social enterprise.

As a Process & Metrics Analyst working in IT Business Management at CareSource, Charles Chiobi is responsible for creating and enhancing processes for demand management. He works on third party secure data sharing and performance metrics for approved IT projects in the organization.

Ameer Hafeez obtained his MS degree in Social and Applied Economics from Wright State University in 2015. He was the recipient of the “Outstanding Student, M.S. in Social and Applied Economics” award in 2015. He is a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society for Economics.

Ameer Hafeez is a Senior Product Management Analyst at CareSource. His work involves design and strategy of various health insurance products including ACA, Medicare and Medicaid. In addition, he evaluates health care policy and traditional actuarial functions.

Aaron Blankenship obtained his B.S. in Business Economics in 2014 and his M.S. in Social and Applied Economics in 2016 from Wright State University. He received the Outstanding Graduate Assistant Award. He is a member of the Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society for Economics, and served as the vice president of the WSU chapter.

Aaron is a Financial Analyst in Marketplace & Medicare Advantage at CareSource. His responsibilities include benefit design, rate (premiums) setting, cost-benefit analysis, competitor analysis, and estimating costs and revenue. He also reconciles rate information to online information, and assists in the building of five-year proformas for each product, including making adjustments.

See WSU Newsroom story about Aaron, Ameer, and Charles giving a career talk to Economics students.

http://webapp2.wright.edu/web1/newsroom/2019/11/04/economics-alumni-caresource-managers-to-give-a-career-talk-nov-7/
Economics Department Events

Economics Club

In spring semester the club continued being active, and hosted a talk by Dr. Evan Osborne in February.

Applied Econometrics Workshop

In March the department hosted Dr. Steven Landgraf (Wittenberg University) who presented his research

Looking Ahead

Due to Covid-19, we could not hold the following planned activities. We are looking forward to rescheduling!

Economic Development Field Trip, City of Hamilton

Hosted by M.S. Social and Applied Economics Alumni:

Aaron Hufford (Chief of Staff) and

Jordan Schotz (Workforce development specialist)

Seminars in Local and Global Regional Economies

Dr. Monica Meireles
Instituto de Investigaciones Económicas, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM)

Financialized Capitalism, Banking Sector, and Latin American Underdevelopment: A Theoretical Framework

Credit, Gender and Development: A Comparative Study between Brazil and Mexico

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