



Fall 2016 Economics Alumni Newsletter

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Welcome and Department Update

Report From the Chair

Gary A. Hoover, Department of Economics

Welcome to the latest installation of the OU Department of Economics Newsletter. On our website (cas.ou.edu/economics), you may find old editions of the newsletter to help you stay informed about the happenings in the department. Recently, I glanced at a list of former graduates of this department. It is simply amazing how successful you all have been. Our graduates occupy the highest levels in government and industry. Many of our graduates are engaged in international economic analysis. We would love to brag on you. Got a promotion? Let us know.

Used some of the training you learned here in a practical way? Let us share that with other alumni. In December of 2016, I had the honor to greet every graduating economics major participating in graduation ceremonies. The numbers are growing. There were more graduates than we had at the previous fall graduation, and I hope we have more at the next. As a result of our growth, we continue to expand our offerings to our students and the greater OU community.

In the spring of 2017 we will offer Sports Economics as a new class, which has garnered tremendous demand. We are hoping to be able to offer other exciting classes such as Health Economics and the Economics of Poverty. The biggest news is the launching of our new master's program. It is designed so enterprising undergraduates can leave here in five years with both a bachelor's and master's degree. We should have our first graduate of this program in the spring of 2017! Our program is unique in that we combine data analytics with rigorous training in economic analysis.

Finally, after more than 40 years of dedicated service, William Clark will be retiring after the fall 2017 semester. As a way of showing our gratitude and to continue his legacy of supporting students in perpetuity, our department is starting the William M. Clark Endowed Scholarship. Each year during our annual Fall Open House, we present scholarships to deserving undergraduate and graduate students and would love to add a scholarship in Dr. Clark's honor to this tradition. Please help us. Reach out to me any time.

Below left: Gary Hoover presents economics graduate student-Huiqiong Duan-with the Alexander Kondonassis Award. Below right: Gary Hoover presents Economics graduate student-Lei He-with the Chong Liew Award.



- Gary "Hoov" Hoover

Economics Fall Open House

Economics' Second Annual Open House Draws Crowds and Breaks Records

More than 900 students attended the Second Annual Economics Open House on Oct. 19. OU's Zarrow Hall Community Room was packed to capacity, with students lined up around the block to meet our faculty and students. The special event, which was co-sponsored by Shell and the Economics Club, broke all records from the previous year

for an Economics event, and brought unprecedented publicity and attention to our growing major. The department awarded more than \$10,000 in scholarships to 10 amazing students. Faculty and staff were on hand to answer questions and help students sign up for the Economics major and minor. Students who attended picked up special t shirts and other custom merchandise designed by the Economics Club students, including designs by Economics senior Caleb Barrette, who started a career as a digital entrepreneur and graphic artist. Special guests included Nat Bhanthumachinda and Adrian Bregnard from Shell, Jennifer Lazar,

college counselor for Economics, and Adrienne Jablonski, director of the Office for Corporate Engagement for the College of Arts and Sciences, who joined more than 30 Economics faculty members, club volunteers and graduate students at the event.



Top left: Economics professors Chunbei Wang, Firat Demir and Le Wang talk to Stephanie Jansson, economics sophomore. Top right: Economics professors Daniel Nedelescu and Cynthia Rogers answer questions from students.



Above: Gary Hoover presents Xiao Liu, economics graduate student, with the Chong Liew award.

Below: Economics faculty members Ariel Weinberger, Le Wang, Pallab Ghosh and Daniel Nedelescu.



Above: Gary Hoover presents Marisa Kometas, an economics undergraduate student, with the Alexander Holmes Scholarship.

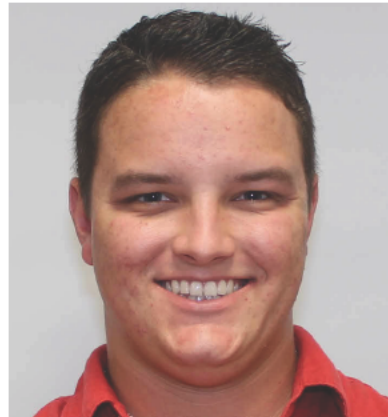
2016 Scholarship Winners

Economics Students Stand Out



Heather Legan - Senior

*Economics, B.A.
Chemical Engineering
Holmes Scholarship*



Alexander Hinshaw - Senior

*Economics, B.A.
Letters, B.A.
Holmes Scholarship*



Marisa Kometas - Senior

*Economics, B.A.
Biology, B.S.
Pre-Dentistry
Holmes Scholarship*



Jonathan Kim - Senior

*Economics, B.A.
Mathematics, B.A.
Holmes Scholarship*



Haylee Padgett - Senior

*Economics, B.A.
Chemistry & Biochemistry
Holmes Scholarship*

Thank you to our donors and alumni who support these scholarships and awards, each of which carries a \$500 award. Would you like to create or support an existing award? See the last page!

Faculty News and Awards

Cynthia Rogers and Gregory Burge were both featured on KOSU and KGOU in October 2016 for their research on Oklahoma State Question 779's impact on city governments.

Gregory Burge also was featured in a WalletHub study about 2016's states with the best and the worst economies.

Qihong Liu was elected in summer 2016 to the Board of Directors for the Chinese Economists Society. He also will join the journal *Information Economics and Policy* as associate editor in January. His paper, titled "Behavior-Based Price Discrimination in a Multi-Dimensional Preferences Market," with Rosa-Branca Esteves and Jie Shuai, won the Best Paper Award at the International Workshop on Innovation and Industrial Economics in June 2016 at Nanjing University in China.

Qihong Liu and Myongjin Kim in 2016 had a joint paper featured in *Inside Higher Ed* titled "Do Female Professors Survive the 19th-Century Tenure System?: Evidence from the Economics Ph.D. Class of 2008," along with Susan Chen.

Georgia Kosmopoulou recently had the contributions of her research highlighted in the National Science Foundation's director's blog this year in celebration of Women's History month.

James Hartigan in September 2014 was named editor-in-chief of the *Journal of International Trade Law and Policy*, and he also was accepted into the *Emerging Sources Citation Index* of Thomson Reuters' *Web of Science*. Hartigan reduced the acceptance of unsolicited submissions from over 40 percent to under 15 percent, and reduced the number of articles published per year by more than 35 percent. In effect, 45 percent of the papers he published were invited, causing the citations and usage to increase dramatically.

Saleh S. Tabrizy has a forthcoming paper in *Economics of Innovation and New Technology* titled "Productivity and Offshoring Innovative Activities." He also is working on a new ongoing project, "Industry-level Relative Rational Prices, Pass-Through Behavior, and Trade Flows," which is a joint work with Rebecca Neumann at University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Firat Demir was a panelist in the discussion on the "Foreign Policies of Clinton and Trump" organized by the Center for the Americas by the College of International and Area Studies in October. Additionally, he has been interviewed by *Russia Today* news channel several times about the Middle East. Demir also was invited by the Westminster Presbyterian Church to give a talk in December on the recent political crisis in Turkey. He has a forthcoming essay in *Review of Middle East Studies* titled "From Islamic Renaissance to New-Fascism in Turkey," as well as a paper in *Global Economy Journal* with C. Wu, titled "Exchange Rate Adjustments and US Trade with China: What does a State Level Analysis Tell Us?" Demir's book, *South-South Trade and Finance in the 21st Century: Rise of the South or a Second Great Divergence*, with co-author O.S. Dahi, came out in print in 2016.

Myongjin Kim in 2015 submitted a paper, "Does Job Satisfaction Increase Sales and Customer Satisfaction? Evidence from Retail Banking in South Korea," with Richard Gil and Inhyouk Too, to the *B.E. Journal of Economic Analysis and Policy*.

Ariel Weinberger was invited to revise and resubmit a paper on exporter heterogeneity in the *Journal of International Economics*. The paper also was presented at the *Rocky Mountain Empirical Trade Conference* in Banff, Canada. In addition, he continues to advance projects on globalization, market power and the labor share of production.

OU Research Seminar Series

Fall 2016 - Coordinator: Dan Hicks

James Lake, Southern Methodist University
Are Global Trade Negotiations Behind a Fragmented World of "Gated Globalization"

Jeff Prince, Indiana University
The Empirical Economics of Online Attention

Jonathan Williams, UNC-Chapel Hill
A Snapshot of the Current State of Residential Broadband Networks

Karam Kang, Carnegie Mellon University
Winning by Default: Why Is There So Little Competition in Government Procurement?

James Hartigan, University of Oklahoma
Punching Out of One's Weight Class? Cross-Agreement Retaliation in the WTO

Danila Serra, Southern Methodist University
The Industrial Organization of Corruption: Competition, Communication and Citizen Reporting

Nitya Pandalai-Nayar, Michigan
Multinationals, Offshoring and the Decline of U.S. Manufacturing

Hugh Cassidy, Kansas State
The Occupational Attainment of Legal and Undocumented Immigrants

James Zilliak, University of Kentucky
Welfare Reform and the Intergenerational Transmission of Dependence

Sarah Larson, University of Central Florida
The Unemployment Insurance and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs as a Safety Net in the Great Recession Evidence from the State of Georgia

Daniel Larson, University of Oklahoma
Determinants of Earnings for U.S. Professional Road Cyclists: Individual Tournaments Practiced in Teams

Right: Students lining up outside Zarrow Hall to attend the Second Annual Economics Open House
Far Right: Gary Hoover addressing a future economist

OU Economics Faculty Research Interests

Gary A. Hoover
Public Policy Analysis
Public Finance
Income Distribution
Labor Economics

Firat Demir
International Finance
Development Economics

Robin Grier
Economic Development
Economic Growth
Latin American Development

Alexander Holmes
Human Resources
Public Finance
Local Economic Development

Georgia Kosmopoulou
Microeconomic Theory
Industrial Organization

Daniel Nedelescu
Industrial Organization
Labor Economics
Behavioral Economics
Experimental Economics

Chunbei Wang
Labor Economics
Entrepreneurship

Gregory Burge
Urban Economics
Public Economics

Pallab Ghosh
Labor Economics
Econometrics

James Hartigan
International Trade
International Finance
Industrial Organization

Benjamin Keen
Monetary Economics
Macroeconomics
Applied Time Series
Econometrics

Qihong Liu
Industrial Organization
Applied Micro

Cynthia Rogers
Urban Economics
Public Economics
Public Policy

Le Wang
Econometrics,
Labor and Development
Economics, Applied
Microeconomics and
Chinese Economy

Will Clark
Public Finance
Economic Development

Kevin Grier
Economic Growth
Economic Development

Daniel Hicks
Economic Development
Macroeconomics

Jaeho Kim
Empirical Macro
Bayesian Econometrics

Myongjin Kim
Industrial Organization
Applied Econometrics

Aparna Mitra
Labor Economics
Development Economics

Saleh S. Tabrizy
International Trade
International Finance
Development, Growth,
Innovation

Ariel Weinberger
International Trade
Macroeconomics
Aggregate Productivity
Fluctuations



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