



Spring 2019 Economics Alumni Newsletter

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Report From the Chair

Gary A. Hoover, Department of Economics

Welcome to our latest installation of the OU Department of Economics Newsletter. On our website (<http://ou.edu/cas/economics/>) you can find old editions of this newsletter to help you stay informed about the happenings in the department.

In spring of 2019, the economics department received an additional \$20,000 in donations to the Joe Shary Endowed Scholarship, allowing us to offer additional awards to deserving students. When I arrived here at OU Economics in 2015, the department gave out three undergraduate scholarships. This fall we will give out nine. It is all because of people like you.

In the spring of 2019, the Econ Club took a field trip to the Dallas Federal Reserve Bank, which you can read more about in this issue. Over 20 students were accompanied by Prof. Alexander Holmes and Corey Quiett. OU Economics continues to be over-represented at this event and our presence is noticed by other schools and the Fed members themselves.

In the fall of 2019, we will welcome two new faculty members. Professor Kevin Kuruc will join us after receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Texas where his research and teaching interests are in applied microeconomics and environmental economics. In addition, Professor Jonathan McFadden will join us where he previously worked for the United States Department of Agriculture. Prof. McFadden will immediately help in our ever-growing “Big Data” program.

Speaking of our B.A./M.A. program in “Big Data,” in May of 2019, we had our largest graduating class of students. It was such an honor to meet these young people and watch them receive their degree(s). The College of Arts and Sciences had so many students graduating that they had to have a separate program just for master's students. OU Economics had a lot to do with that!

We continue to expand the major. Adding up all undergraduate, B.A./M.A., and Ph.D. students the department has now topped 600. The department is always looking to expand the learning experience for our students. We will be adding sports economics and machine learning to the curriculum. These are large draws for our students.

The department faculty continue to amaze. During the spring of 2019 they have produced an enormous amount of scholarly output, which has been prominently featured in the profession. Two of our faculty members were awarded professional and university-wide awards. In addition, none of us have forgotten that our first obligation is to our fantastic students. One of our very own graduate students was awarded a teaching award.

We still have our T-shirt challenge going on. Contact the economics department so that we can send you one of our Econ Club-designed shirts. Get a shirt and take it with you as you travel and snap a photo so that we can see how many exciting locations our alumni and friends are finding themselves in.

If you're ever in Norman, please stop by to visit. You really have to see with your own eyes how exciting things are.

Gary “Hoov” Hoover



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On April 11 and 12, the OU Econ Club traveled to Dallas for the 13th annual Economics Scholars Program for Undergraduate Research conference, presented by Austin College and the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Around 19 club members went on the trip accompanied by the economics undergraduate adviser and faculty advisor.

Students attended a reception at the bank before the conference, and sat in on research presentations given by economics undergraduates from around the country. Several club members also acted as discussants for the presentations.



Students were able to attend the trip at minimal cost due to generous sponsorship by Phillips 66.



Econ Club stayed busy throughout the semester with regular meetings, special guest speakers and volunteering during "The Big Event."



The Economic Impacts of the Commerce Clause

Economics Club is happy to present Dr. Wert to discuss his knowledge of the Commerce Clause!



Thursday February 21

in Economics Club in Cate 1 room 338 from 6-7pm for food and economics!!!

Questions or accommodations of disability text (360)608-

Joint Math Club and Econ Club Movie Night

The Smartest Guys in the Room



Thursday, March 28th, 6:00 PM in PHSC 11

As always, there will be pizza, and all are welcome! Accommodations on the basis of disability are available by contact.

Practical Problems of Fairness and Efficiency in Dealing with Gerrymandering

Economics Club is happy to present Dr. Gaddie to discuss his knowledge of gerrymandering!

Thursday March 14

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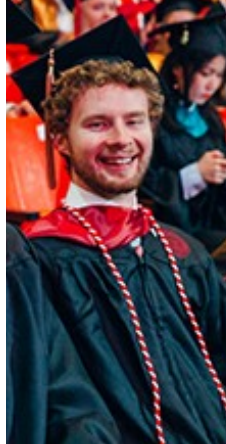
Approximately 30 OU economics graduates, led by banner carrier Sam Postma, attended the College of Arts and Science convocation ceremony on May 11.



Three economics students were recognized for graduating with perfect 4.0 GPAs after spring 2019: Tyler Dang, Taylor DuPont and Kestrel St. Clair. The students were given bronze medallions on crimson ribbons to wear during the May 10 commencement ceremony.

MarketWatch

Economics senior **Alex McClintic** was featured in the MarketWatch article, "[Why it costs colleges far more to educate a physicist or teacher than an English major.](#)" His quote in the article was about the accessibility and value of a variety of academic majors: "Students studying English, engineering and history all bring different skills and knowledge to campus and the world beyond college. Students shouldn't be dissuaded from pursuing a certain major because of the cost."



Economics graduate student **Saini Das** competed in the final rounds of the Three Minute Thesis competition held by the OU Graduate College. The competition challenges master's and doctoral students to present their research in a compelling and engaging manner to a non-specialist audience in just three minutes, using one static presentation slide as their only prop. The students' presentations were judged on comprehension, engagement and communication.

State Representative Daniel Pae



Oklahoma State Representative and former OU economics student **Daniel Pae** provides monthly State House of Representative updates via KSWO Channel 7 News. [View the latest video here.](#)

Economics graduate student **Brent Norwood** was selected as the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant for the 2018-2019 Academic Calendar year.

Economics student **Hannah Pike** and Biology and Letters student **Muneeb Ata** presented economics-related papers at the 31st annual OU Undergraduate Research Day, sponsored by the Honors College.



Hannah's paper "How Majority-Minority Districting Harms African Americans in the US" was presented with Professor Aparna Mitra, and Muneeb's paper "Labor Mobility Patterns of Oklahoman Undergraduate Students" was presented with Professor Gregory Burge.

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Professors Georgia Kosmopoulou and Daniel Nedelescu authored a chapter titled "Panel Data Analysis based on Lab Evidence in Auction Market Experiments," which will be included in the econometrics textbook "Panel Data Econometrics Volume 2: Empirical Applications."

Professor Saleh Tabrizy was featured in an OU Center for Teaching Excellence speaking event titled Voice and Voices, and gave a presentation titled "Teaching Large Classes" in January 2019.

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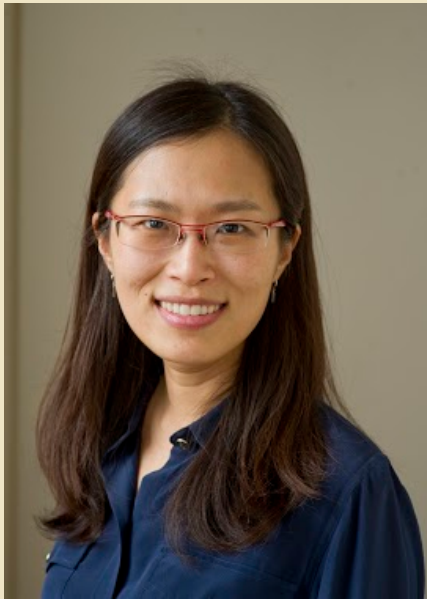
Professor Cynthia Rogers co-authored a paper with Jia Wang (assistant professor at University of Dayton, OU economics Ph.D. graduate) and Stephen Ellis (associate professor of philosophy at OU) titled "Income Inequality and Economic Development Incentives in US States: Robin Hood in Reverse?" which was co-winner of the 2019 Dan Rickman Best Paper Award for the Review of Regional Studies. [View the paper summary here.](#)



The research was also featured in a [Science of Politics podcast](#).

Professor Rogers also serves as a member of the Incentive Evaluation Commission, seen below during a March session. The Incentive Evaluation Commission was legislatively formed in 2015 to produce objective evaluations of the State of Oklahoma's wide array of economic incentives.





Professor Myongjin Kim received the 2019 Merrick Teaching Award

Professor Le Wang was selected as a recipient of the President's Associates Presidential Professorship



Alumni News

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Trey Dronyk-Trosper, a 2009 (B.A.) and 2015 (Ph.D.) graduate from OU Economics, recently accepted a senior economist position with Amazon. He will join their program evaluation team, based out of the Seattle headquarters. The move to Amazon follows a stay at Tulane University, where he held a postdoctoral fellowship through the Murphy Institute.

Trey has published articles in journals including *Real Estate Economics*, *Regional Science and Urban Economics*, *Public Finance Review*, *Journal of the American Planning Association*, and *Journal of Sports Economics*.

OU Research Seminar Series

Spring 2019 - Coordinator: Jaeho Kim

Catalina Amuedo-Dorantes, San Diego State University

"Immigration Enforcement, Police Trust and Domestic Violence"

Jie Shuai, Zhongnan University

"Upstream Market Structure and Downstream Cross Holding"

Ronni Pavan, University of Rochester

"Parental Skills and Child Development"

Luis Cabral, New York University

"Price Matching Guarantees and Collusion: Theory and Evidence from Germany"

Manisha Shah, University of California Los Angeles

"Including Males: Improving Sexual and Reproductive Health for Female Adolescents"

Qingqing Cao, Michigan State University

"Recessions and Recoveries. Multinational Banks in the Business Cycle"

OU Economics Faculty Research Interests

Gregory Burge

Urban Economics
Public Economics

Firat Demir

International Finance
Development Economics

Pallab Ghosh

Labor Economics
Econometrics

James Hartigan

International Trade
International Finance
Industrial Organization

Daniel Hicks

Economic Development
Macroeconomics

Joan Hicks

Economic Development

Alexander Holmes

Human Resources Public
Finance
Local Econ. Development

Gary A. Hoover

Public Policy Analysis
Public Finance
Income Distribution
Labor Economics

Benjamin Keen

Monetary Economics
Macroeconomics
Applied Time Series
Econometrics

Jaeho Kim

Empirical Macro
Bayesian Econometrics
Time Series Analysis

Myongjin Kim

Industrial Organization
Applied Econometrics

Georgia Kosmopoulou

Microeconomic Theory
Industrial Organization

Qihong Liu

Industrial Organization
Applied Micro

Aparna Mitra

Labor Economics
Development Economics

Daniel Nedelescu

Industrial Organization
Labor Economics
Behavioral Economics
Experimental Economics

Tyler Ransom

Labor Economics
Urban Economics
Economics of
Education

Cynthia Rogers

Urban Economics
Public Economics
Public Policy

Hwei Shen

International Economics
Macroeconomics
International Finance

Saleh S. Tabrizy

International Trade
International Finance
Development, Growth,
Innovation

Chunbei Wang

Labor Economics
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Chinese Economy

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