



Department of Economics News

Dear Economics Alumni,

We are thrilled to share our recent news and developments with you after a lively fall semester. We started the semester with five new faculty additions and six new Ph.D. students, bringing our current faculty size to [32 members](#) and our graduate program to [24 students](#). The Department continues its ambitious hiring plan of adding four new faculty members with support of the College.

Last semester provided us the opportunity to collaborate with other economists to conduct further research in our field. The Emory Economics Department was proud to host the [I-85 Macro Workshop](#) in October. This workshop was organized to build ties between macroeconomics researchers in the southeast and to expose graduate students pursuing a PhD in economics to macroeconomics research.

In December, we partnered with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta and Georgia Institute of Technology to host the [8th Atlanta Workshop on International Economics](#). Around 50 people attended the workshop, including researchers from around the country, ranging from Princeton University to the University of Wisconsin. Seven papers were presented and discussed, whose topics covered topics like the international trade war as well as public and private capital flows.

Additionally, we are proud to have unveiled our new department [website](#). This website will continue to keep alumni and our Emory economics community connected.

Please consider [making a gift](#) to the Department of Economics. Your gift will make a difference to students, research, and teaching.

We look forward to keeping you updated on our department's achievements and developments.

Best,

Hashem Dezhbakhsh

Chair and Goodrich C. White Professor

Alumni News and Note



The [Economics Student Society](#) hosted an Alumni Networking Night in October. This event encouraged current students to interact with recent Economics alumni across a multitude of career fields. Alumni who participated include Scott Parent (13OX, 15C), Safiyah Bharwani (18C), Karen Nguyen (19C), Chantele Collings-Faulkner (16C, 18MPH), Loren Bright (17C), Siddanth Paharia (19BBA), Shirley Sun (15C), and Jonathan Brown (19C).

During Homecoming weekend, the Department, in conjunction with the Office of Alumni Advancement and Engagement, presented a Professional Pathways Conversation with a panel of Economics alumni. The panel was comprised of Hillary DeNigro ('89C) Federal Communication Law and Policy Attorney, Joseph Miller ('86C) Partner at Crowell Moring, Christina Hardaway ('09C) Foreign Service Officer, U.S. Department of State, and Lewis Kalmans ('91C), Executive Director of Wealth Management, Morgan Stanley. This event was intended for undergraduate students to learn more about various career paths that are available to them with an economics degree.

If you are interested in networking or mentorship opportunities, [update your contact information](#). Submit your career development news to eeichin@emory.edu to be featured in a future newsletter.

2019 Faculty Additions

- **Christoph Breunig**
Assistant Professor Christoph Breunig received his PhD in economics from the University of Mannheim. His research interests include econometrics of big data and microeconometrics.
- **In-Koo Cho**
Professor In-Koo Cho received his PhD in economics from Princeton University. His research interests include microeconomic theory, theory of learning, and machine learning.
- **Krzysztof (Chris) Karbownik**
Assistant Professor Chris Karbownik received his PhD in economics from Uppsala University. His research interests include economics of health sciences and applied microeconomics.
- **Kyungmin (Teddy) Kim**
Associate Professor Teddy Kim received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania. His research interests include internet economics and microeconomic theory.
- **Paloma Moyano**



Lecturer Paloma Moyano received her PhD from the The Graduate Center at City University of New York. Her research interests include health economics, development economics, and economics of education.

Faculty Achievements

- **Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor Tao Zha** was recently named a Fellow of the International Association for Applied Econometrics. The aim of the Association is to advance the education of the public in the subject of econometrics and its applications to a variety of fields in economics.
- **Associate Professor Vivian Yue** has recently been invited to be a member of the Board of Editors of the American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics. She was also recently invited to be an Associate Editor of the International Economic Review.
- **Associate Professor Kaiji Chen** was selected to serve as a Faculty Advisor on the Emory College of Arts and Sciences Council. Comprised of Emory faculty, staff, and students, Council members investigate all reports of academic misconduct.
- **Assistant Professor Krzysztof (Chris) Karbownik** was recently named an IZA Institute of Labor Economics Fellow. The IZA selects outstanding young researchers who seek innovative answers to work-related challenges of the future and who aspire to leading positions in labor market research. Chris was also appointed a Faculty Research Fellow of the NBER Program on Children and NBER Program on Education.



Graduate Program

Our brilliant graduate students continue to excel in their coursework, present at conferences, and publish in prestigious journals. Some of their latest academic highlights include:

- **Santiago Montoya-Blandón**, 4th year graduate student, recently published his research, “Forecasting from Others’ Experience: Bayesian Estimation of the Generalized Bass Model” in the International Journal of Forecasting. This is the leading peer-reviewed journal in its field and the official publication of the International Institute of Forecasters (IIF). Santiago also had another paper, “Semiparametric Quasi Maximum Likelihood



Estimation of the Fractional Response Model,” (with Associate Professor David Jacho-Chávez) accepted for publication in Economics Letters.

- **Juan Estrada-Sosa** and **Diego Rojas Baez**, 3rd year PhD students, presented their research at the 2019 BoC Microeconometrics: Survey Methodology and Data Science conference organized in Ottawa, Canada in September.

Undergraduate Program



This academic year is bringing exciting growth to the portfolio of academic options our undergraduate students can pursue in their economics education. The Department is partnering with Emory’s Center for the Study of Human Health to launch a new joint major. This innovative degree explores the complex interactions between human health, health care markets, and health policy that affect patients and consumers.

We are also in the process of developing a cutting-edge 4+1 program where students will be able to finish a BS in Economics/MS in Economics by completing coursework at Emory for an additional year. The 4+1 program offers tracks in Health Economics Analytics and Policy; Cost, Benefit, and Pricing Analytics; and Financial Markets and Macroeconomic Analysis.

Another joint major in the pipeline is with computer science, designed to equip our students with the tools necessary to succeed in careers related to artificial intelligence and machine learning. We are thrilled to expand and enhance the types of education we can offer to Emory Economics students.

Upcoming Events



Friday, April 10 at 2 p.m.

Goodrich C. White Hall Room 208

2020 Kafoglis Economics Nobel Laureate Lecture featuring Joseph E. Stiglitz

All Kafoglis Economics Nobel Laureate Lectures are free and open to the public, but RSVP is required. Event details and a link to RSVP can be found [here](#).

Support the Economics Department



Your support for the Research and Teaching Fund plays a crucial role in strengthening the Department by providing resources for core academic initiatives. The fund helps us recognize talented and hard-working economics students by rewarding their efforts and pushing them to reach their potential. The fund also allows us to invite prominent scholars to share their expertise with faculty and students.

Through the generous contribution of our late colleague, Professor Kafoglis, we recently established

the Milton and Virginia Kafoglis Nobel Laureate Lecture Series Fund. This fund allows us to bring Nobel laureates and other high profile scholars to campus to benefit the entire community. This fund is open for additional contributions. Your contribution to this fund will enhance the Department's ability to achieve eminence.

To support our funds, please visit the [Giving section of our website](#).