



Letter from Chair

The Economics Department has started the 2022-2023 academic year off with substantial momentum and positive news to share with our alumni.

Both our undergraduate and graduate programs have exciting new developments. Our Ph.D. program has admitted another 10 students this year and they have settled seamlessly into their first semester of classes.



The Department's long-anticipated [4+1 BA/MS](#) has launched and current Emory juniors are now able to apply. This innovative program trains students in more in-depth economic analysis which can open doors to many high-tech jobs as well as offering preparatory work for doctoral pursuit. We also have a new master's program and a joint minor in Artificial Intelligence in the works with the Computer Science department.

Our core faculty continues to grow with the additions of 4 new members: [Musa Ayar](#), [Zheng Fang](#), [Margaret \(Maggie\) Jones](#), and [Hau Nguyen](#). We are hiring for [five new faculty positions](#) this academic year to support our flourishing research and teaching agenda.

Last month, we opened our Department Lounge, located in the former Computer Lab, Rich 301. This new space provides faculty and students the ability to informally connect with one another in the spirit of building our academic community.

Thank you to those who attended last April's virtual lecture "Liberty, Courage, and the Principle of Political and Economic Equality" delivered by Dr. Preston King, academic and civil rights activist.

In April 2021, we hosted a virtual alumni panel featuring first-generation Emory Economics alumni. In discussing resources for first-generation students at Emory, the concern for food insecurity for Emory students came up as an issue. As a result, we are hosting a [virtual food drive](#) for the Eagle Food Co-Op at Bread Coffeehouse from now through Thanksgiving. Our goal is to have full participation from Department faculty and staff and hope that you can join us in supporting this cause as well.

Our department has an active [social media](#) presence and we hope that you follow us to remain up to date on our news and events. We continue to improve in ranking and stature within the profession and we are counting on your support in this ambitious journey.

Please save the date for Emory Week of Giving **October 31-Nov 4**. For the first time departments will lead the effort to fundraise for our important programs and we need your help. Look out for emails and posts on social media about how you can participate in [Emory Week of Giving](#) for the department of Economics and be sure to share with fellow alumni and friends.

Best,

Hashem Dezhbakhsh
Goodrich C. White Professor and Department Chair

Alumni News and Note

- Jerry Lau 14C, who served as the President of the Undergraduate Student Government during his time here, completed the Sanford School's MPP program at Duke University.
- Zachary Mozenter 14C started a new position as an Economist at the U.S. Department of Justice.
- Safiyah Bharwani 18C started a joint degree MBA & MPP program at Harvard Business School & Harvard Kennedy School.
- Ravi Doshi 18C started a new position as Manager, Corporate Strategy and Operations at Servier Pharmaceuticals.
- Stanton Huang 18C started a new position as a Software Engineer at Curology.
- Lokita Rajan 18C started a new position as an Industrial Information Project Manager at McMaster-Carr.
- Paige San Felipe 18C was promoted to Manager in the Workforce Readiness Consulting practice at NTT DATA Services.
- Jessie Zhao 19C started her MBA at The University of Chicago Booth School of Business
- Sienna Nordquist 20C started her PhD in Social and Political Science at Università Bocconi.
- Andrew Teodorescu 20C started his PhD in Finance at Stanford GSB.
- Emma Bailey 22C started a new position as a Research Associate for the Democratic National Committee.
- Adithi Kumar 22C was accepted to the MPH program at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health for Fall 2023.



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 and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have internship or job opportunities at your organization to share with current students.

Faculty News

- Professor [Stefan Hoderlein](#) received the 2022 Econometric Theory Award (Multa Scripsit) for his cumulative contributions to the Journal of Econometric Theory.
- Associate Professor [Kaiji Chen](#) was recently appointed [Associate Editor](#) of International Economic Review ([IER](#)).
- Professor [Vivian Yue](#) was recently appointed as a Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Economics.
- [Stephen O'Connell](#) was promoted to Associate Professor.
- [Kelli Lanier](#) was promoted to Senior Lecturer.
- [Shomu Banerjee](#)'s 'The Collected Papers of Leonid Hurwicz' was published by Oxford University Press in June. This is the first of four projected volumes.



- Welcome New Faculty:
 - [Musa Ayar](#), Professor of Pedagogy, completed his PhD in Economics at the University of Texas Austin (2008). Prior to joining the faculty at Emory in 2022, Dr. Ayar held a position at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville. Dr. Ayar's research focuses on applied microeconomics, particularly in the field of industrial organization. He was also the recipient of the Faculty of the Year Award from the University of Wisconsin-Platteville's Student Government Association in 2019 and the Arthur M. Kaplan Award.
 - [Zheng Fang](#), Associate Professor, completed his PhD in Economics at the University of California, San Diego (2015). Prior to joining the faculty at Emory in 2022, Dr. Fang held positions at Texas A&M University and Kansas State University. Dr. Fang's research focuses on bootstrap in nonstandard inference programs. His articles have been published in *Econometrica*, *Journal of Econometrics*, and the *Review of Economic Studies*.
 - [Margaret \(Maggie\) Jones](#), Assistant Professor, completed her PhD in Economics at Queen's University at Kingston (2018). Prior to joining the faculty at Emory in 2022, Dr. Jones held a position at the University of Victoria. Dr. Jones' research interests include economic history and labor economics with a focus on race, inequality, and Indigenous economic development. Her articles have been published in the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Economics of Education Review*, and the *Canadian Journal of Economics*. She was also the recipient of the National Science Foundation Standard Grant and Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Insight Development Grant.
 - [Hau Nguyen](#), Senior Lecturer, completed his PhD in Economics at the University of Notre Dame (2017). Prior to joining the faculty at Emory in 2022, Dr. Nguyen held a position at Seattle Pacific University. Dr. Nguyen's research focuses on labor economics and health economics. He also received the Teacher of the Year award at Seattle Pacific University in 2019.

Undergraduate Program News

- This year's [Undergraduate Award Winners](#) were:
 - Andrew Taber (The W. Tate Whitman Prize in Economics)
 - Nicholas Skelley (The Jack and Lewis Greenhut Prize)
 - Leah Hartung (The George Benston and Richard Muth Prize for Excellence in Economics)
 - Christina Leonard (Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Assistant).
- The Emory Economics Review (EER) published its first paper issue in April 2022. EER is a student-run multimedia [publication](#) focusing on a discussion of contemporary economic issues by publishing opinion pieces and research papers. You can read the issue [here](#).
- Economics and philosophy double major, Stephanie Zhang 22C, was awarded [the 2022 Marion Luther Brittain Award](#), the highest honor presented to a student by Emory University.
- Economics and anthropology double major Hunter Akridge was named one of only 16 [Beinecke Scholars](#) selected nationwide this year.



Graduate Program News

- This year's [Graduate Student Awards](#) winners were:
 - Juan Estrada (Graduate Student Research Award of Excellence)
 - [Hanna Glenn](#) (Graduate student Teaching Award of Excellence)

Juan was also recognized with the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Associate Award at the Laney Graduate School's Dean's Address & Inaugural Awards Reception on April 14, 2022.



- Last Spring, recent Ph.D. program graduate Kaylyn Sanbower was awarded the virtual People's Choice Award as a finalist in the Three Minute Thesis (3MT) competition sponsored by The Laney Graduate School during Student Appreciation Week.
- We have 10 new students joining our Ph.D. program this semester. Welcome to [Jafet Baca](#), [Shirley Cai](#), [Emerson Hamer](#), [Marcelo Ortiz](#), [Michaela Philip](#), [Hannah Pitzer](#), [Guido Romero](#), [Qianqian Tang](#), [Michelle Tao](#), and [Jin Zhang](#).
- [Jung Jae Kim](#) had his paper "[An Empirical Assessment of Collusion in the Negotiable Certificates of Deposit Market in Korea: A Discriminant Analysis](#)" accepted for publication at Asian Economic Journal.
- [Alexandra Manta](#) accepted a position as an Applied Scientist at Zillow starting in June 2023. She also had her paper "[Estimating Social Effects in a Multilayered Linear-in-Means Model with Network Data](#)" accepted for publication at Statistics & Probability Letters.
- [Hanna Glenn](#) presented her paper "Labor Markets and Technological Change: Evidence from Electronic Health Records" at the Young Economist Symposium ([YES](#)) conference at Yale University on August 19, 2022.
- [Andrew Smith](#) presented two papers "[What's a Little Malpractice between Friends? How Malpractice History Affects the Demand for Physician Services](#)," and "[The \(Non\)Effect of Liberalizing Scope of Practice Rules on Nurse Practitioner Malpractice](#)," at the American Society of Health Economists ([ASHEcon](#)) conference on June 26-29, 2022 in Austin, TX.
- [Pablo Estrada](#) accepted a fully funded offer to participate in the OSG User School at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, July 25-29, 2022.

Upcoming Events

The Economics Department continues to remain active with mostly in-person and a few virtual activities. Please stay up to date by viewing the [Events Calendar](#) section of our website and feel free to join us for seminars or other events that you are interested in.



Support the Economics Department

Your support plays a crucial role in strengthening the department by providing resources for core academic initiatives. You can contribute to four different funds:

1. **Research and Teaching Fund:** This fund supports teaching initiatives, student research and teaching awards, and invitation of prominent scholars to campus to share their expertise with faculty and students.
2. **Kafoglis Nobel Laureate Lecture Series Fund:** This fund was initially endowed with generous support from our late colleague Milton Kafoglis and his wife Virginia Kafoglis to allow us to bring Nobel laureates to campus to present public talks open to the community and interact with the faculty and students. Your contribution to this fund will enhance the department's ability to continue this tradition.
3. **Faculty Research and Department Initiatives:** This fund plays a crucial role in strengthening the department by providing resources for faculty research and academic initiatives and supporting department initiatives as we strive for excellence.
4. **W. Tate Whitman Prize in Economics:** This award is presented to an undergraduate student for their ability to present a clear, cogent analysis of complex issues, extraordinary personal integrity, and wise leadership in the classroom and department.



As always, for more information on how you can support the Department of Economics please visit the [giving section](#) of our website.