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FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome back to fall semester! I hope you had a great summer and are ready to get back in the classroom. This year classes start on August 21 with the last day of classes scheduled for December 8, followed by Commencement on Friday, December 15. All faculty will be back this year, with some adjustments to their regular teaching schedules. Rich MacDonald will be hosting the study abroad in Alnwick Castle this fall in Alnwick, England. David Switzer will be serving as the Assessment/Tk20 Coordinator for the School of Public Affairs and the Faculty Assessment Director for the University. Monica Garcia Perez is on leave this fall and will return spring semester. Ming Lo is currently on leave and chairing the economics department at Metro State.

This year we will be hosting an Economics information session for students to answer questions about course scheduling, career opportunities, senior seminar topics, and just to get to know one another. In addition, the School of Public Affairs has two Directors to assist students. Kristy Modrow is the Experiential Learning and Outreach Director and can help with internships, study abroad, and service learning opportunities. Sarah Nelson is the Student Relations Director and can offer advice on other academic issues.

The 2017 MEA Annual Conference will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017 at Hamline University. The Hurwicz Distinguished Lecture will be delivered by Marianne Bertrand of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Watch for information by email about registration and transportation. The Winter Institute is scheduled for February 1 & 2 at SCSU and 912 Regency Plaza. This year's keynote speaker is Ed Glaeser, the Fred and Eleanor Glimp Professor of Economics at Harvard University. He has published dozens of papers on cities economic growth, law, and economics. In particular, his work has focused on the determinants of city growth and the role of cities as centers of idea transmission. We hope to have a great alumni attendance, so please mark your calendars.

Have a great year! Patricia

MEET THE PROFESSOR



Professor Lynn MacDonald traveled to Scotland this summer to learn more about her family heritage and to visit places of historical significance in the world of economics. In the picture, you see Professor MacDonald standing outside the entrance to the University of Glasgow—where Adam Smith held positions as Professor of Logic and Professor of Moral Philosophy. With the start of the school year, she is excited to share her findings and photographs with her students in her History of Economic Thought (ECON 478) course.

EVENTS

Minnesota Economic Association (MEA) Annual Conference

This year's conference will be held Friday, October 27, at Sundin Music Hall at Hamline University in St. Paul. The Hurwicz Distinguished Lecture will be presented by Marianne Bertrand, Chris P. Dialynas Distinguished Service Professor of Economics at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. Other featured speakers include Fabrizio Perri of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis speaking on inequality, Francesc Ortega of Queens College CUNY speaking on immigration, and a panel session on the Affordable Care Act.

Visit the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis website for more information <https://www.minneapolisfed.org/mea/>.

ALUMNI

Jenny Hughes will be starting her PhD in Economics at the University of Oregon this fall. Jenny writes, "I really appreciated all of the extra curricular activities economics students had the opportunity to participate in, such as the economics association, book club, and Winter Institute. SCSU really offers a variety of events if students take the time to explore what is available. The economics department is very supportive and willing to put in their own time to help or even just talk to their students and I am going to miss all the members of the economics department - I am very grateful of how supportive all of them have been. I am not sure what I will want to do once I graduate from Oregon but I do have 5 years to figure it out. In the meantime, my new motto will be "Go Ducks!". Jenny graduated this past spring with a double major in economics and mathematics.



Wenjing (Jane) Li, a 2013 graduate of our MS in Applied Economics program, received her PhD from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in August 2017.

Anne Bousquet is currently the CEO, Partner & Co-founder of Domaine Bousquet winery and WISD LLC. Born and raised in Carcassonne, France, Anne received her Bachelor degree in Economics from the University of Toulouse, France. She then moved to the US where she continued her education and received her Master's in Applied Economics from Saint Cloud State University, Minnesota. Soon after, she began working as an Economist at RISI in Boston and then Brussels overseeing and managing the World Paper Packaging Service. In 2008, Anne joined Domaine Bousquet as a Chief Financial Officer, Partner and Co-founder, where amongst many responsibilities, led the company's strategic and financial planning. Today Anne leads the company's global expansion strategy in North America, South America and Europe as the Chief Executive Officer of Domaine Bousquet and of its US importing company, WISD LLC. She also graduated in July 2016 from Miami's FIU Executive MBA program.



WINTER INSTITUTE

The Winter Institute is a two-day conference celebrating economic education. It offers high quality educational programming featuring nationally recognized speakers and stimulating ideas. The Winter Institute is unique in its ability to attract students, faculty, staff, community members, and business leaders. By bringing together this diverse audience, the event fosters idea creation and innovation. You can expect valuable networking opportunities, concurrent sessions featuring practical issues of interest, and nationally recognized speakers.

When: Thursday, February 1st and Friday, February 2nd

Where: St. Cloud State University and 912 Regency Plaza, St. Cloud, MN



The 2018 Winter Institute will feature urban economist, Edward Glaeser, who will discuss the future of cities. Glaeser is the leading economics expert on cities. He is a professor of Economics at Harvard University and serves as a Research Associate at NBER.

For the most up-to-date information, visit: <https://www.stcloudstate.edu/conferences/winter-institute/>



If you would like more information or if you would like to get involved, please contact Lynn MacDonald at winterinstitute@stcloudstate.edu



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SPRING 2017 GRADUATES

Business Economics

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Oliver Carrillo
Jennifer Hughes
Emily Stockham

Applied Economics

Kelli Delaney
Shehram Khan
Eric Marshall

Data Analytics Certificate

Kelli Delaney
Wendy Gilk
Eric Marshall
Kelli Schuh

SPRING 2017 DEAN'S LIST

Jose Aldava-soto
Kaitlyn Durham
Jennifer Hughes
Madina Kartkozhakova
Ryan Moore
David Spethmann
Brandon Taylor

SCSU recognizes outstanding scholastic achievement by awarding certificates each term, with the exception of summer semester, to students who earn a grade point average of 3.75 or better. A student must be a degree seeking enrolled student, and must complete at least nine credits of ABCDF graded courses to be eligible for the award.

GRADUATE ASSISTANTS

We welcome our returning graduate assistants **Arati Bista** and **Azat Nurmukhametov**, along with new graduate assistants **Abdoul Naze** and **Brandon Taylor** to our Applied Economics master's program.

FACULTY

Professor Mónica García-Pérez and her family welcomed the newest edition to their family, Marco, in June.



Congratulations!



We love correspondence from our alumni!

Please keep in touch with us—we welcome new information to include in upcoming newsletters.

Internships

We are always trying to expand our internship program. Let us know if your company offers internships and we will share this information with our majors.

Donations

Donating to our scholarships provides both financial support and encouragement to student recipients.

We have several accounts to choose from:

Economics Scholarship (undergraduate scholarships)

Rose Marie Gamber Scholarship in Economics (undergraduate scholarships)

Michael D. White Economics Fellowship (graduate scholarships)

Economics Foundation (Winter Institute and student research)

Information on ways to give can be found at

<http://www.stcloudstate.edu/foundation/waystogive/>



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Dr. N. Eric Hampton

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Dr. Mana Komai

Dr. Ming Chien Lo (*on leave*)

Dr. Lynn MacDonald

Dr. Richard MacDonald

Dr. Nimantha Manamperi

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Dr. Ken Rebeck

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The goal of our newsletter is to maintain communication with our alumni, faculty, & current students.

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