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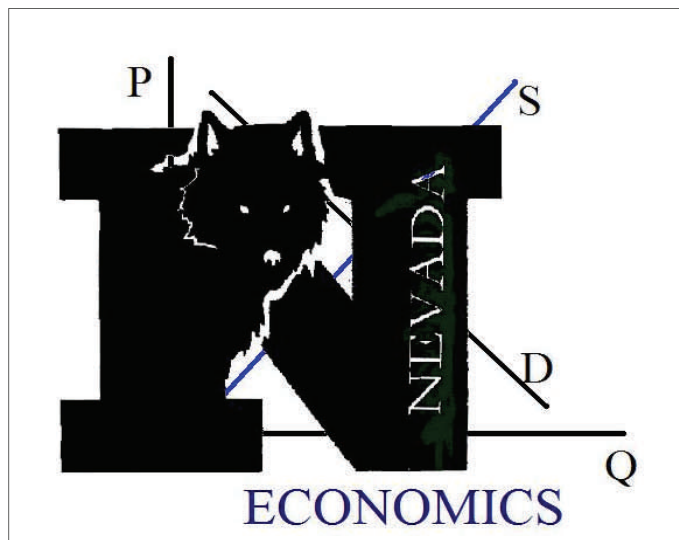
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DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome to the inaugural issue of "EcoNews", the newsletter of the Economics Department at the University of Nevada, Reno.

The Department welcomes Greg Mosier, new Dean of the College of Business. Dr. Mosier is former Regents Service Professor and Puterbaugh Professor of Ethics and Legal Studies in Business at Oklahoma State University. Mosier previously served as interim dean of the Spears School of Business and associate dean at Oklahoma State University.

The department has a new seminar and working paper series organized by our two latest hires, Professors Mehmet Tosun and Sankar Mukhopadhyay. Professor Mukhopadhyay joins us from the University of Pennsylvania, while Professor Tosun comes from West Virginia and Syracuse Universities. Information on the seminar series is posted outside the Economics office and working papers can be found on our website. The Department also welcomes Professor Brad



Schiller, visiting from American University. Professor Schiller has just published new editions of *The Economy Today*, currently in its 11th edition, and *The Economics of Poverty and Discrimination*, currently in its 10th edition. Over 2 million students have used Professor Schiller's textbooks! Professor Schiller is

teaching a new course on income dynamics and expanding our research in global poverty and income dynamics.

Coming very soon, if you would like to receive future editions of this newsletter, please sign up at our website, www.coba.unr.edu/econ/.

MORE OPTIONS FOR ECONOMICS MAJORS

The Department is collaborating with other departments to expand the options for undergraduates and modifying its Master's program.

Students working on a B.A. in Economics can earn a dual major in Economics and other disciplines, such as Geogra-

phy, Psychology, Political Science, and Mathematics. Students working on a B.S. will be able to dual major in Economics and Finance or International Business.

Beginning Fall 2008, the M.S. in economics will require two courses each in micro, macro,

and econometrics, better preparing students for future graduate studies and jobs requiring more intensive quantitative skills. The M.A. will require one course in each and is designed for students that are interested in a more policy oriented approach to economics.

ALUM PROFILE: LINDSAY (GEORGE) ANDERSON

The Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN) has announced Lindsay (George) Anderson as business manager.

In her position, Lindsay will oversee the organization's accounting, budgeting and financial reporting. She will manage EDAWN's accountability systems, including preparing grant applications and assisting the overall company in meeting its financial goals. Lindsay assumes an existing position at EDAWN that was recently vacated.

"Lindsay will play a fundamental role at EDAWN in assisting us in operations, client

services and reporting," said Chuck Alvey, president and CEO of EDAWN. "As our organization continues to recruit and expand quality companies, we look to Lindsay for financial analysis and expertise for EDAWN, the community and our partners."

Most recently, Lindsay worked as the business manager at The CFO Group, Inc., a company providing outsourced accounting services and accounting consulting. She managed employee programs and accounting. Additionally, she provided financial reporting, forecasting and analysis. Prior to that position, she

was a financial analyst at Skagen Designs, Ltd., developing sales reports and building forecasting models for the company.

Lindsay earned a Master of Arts in Economics from University of Nevada, Reno in December 2006. Previously, she earned a Bachelor of Science in business administration (finance) from UNR. She is a charter member of Soroptimist International of Washoe County and she has been active in developing the recently launched Young Professional Network. She is also a member of the UNR Alumni Association.



Lindsay (George) Anderson

PROFESSOR WILLIAM EADINGTON TO GO ON ONE YEAR SABBATICAL

Professor William Eadington, Director of the Institute for the Study of Gambling and Commercial Gaming will be taking a year sabbatical to complete a book on gambling tentatively titled "The Ascendancy of Casinos." According to Eadington, the book will "look at some of the major economic, social, and political

forces in societies throughout the world that have led to the legalization and liberalization of gaming laws, and the substantial expansion of gaming and casinos over the past five decades."

In addition, Professor Eadington will be giving presentations in various forums throughout the world, organ-

ize the 17th Annual Executive Development Program at Lake Tahoe, and launching an Executive MBA with a specialization in Gaming Management between the Universities of Ljubljana (Slovenia), Macau, and UNR.



Professor William Eadington

ALUM PROFILE: KELLY WILKIN

Kelly Wilkin graduated in 2006 from UNR with a M.S. in Economics. Currently, Wilkin is in the second year of the Economics PhD program at Georgia State University in Atlanta, where he is studying labor economics and urban economics in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.

Wilkin is currently working as a graduate research assistant

under Dr. Paula Stephan which, he states, "involves a lot of data gathering, manipulation, and some analysis". Wilkin notes that his studies dominates most of his life, "as even our days "off" are spent attending lectures and seminars, including one by Paul Krugman who is coming to GSU in late September."

Atlanta offers plenty to do, and Wilkin spends a majority

of his free time playing intramurals, where he is a member of the campus dodgeball champions. Wilkin says that "the PhD in economics has been a very humbling experience, but one that is immensely fruitful and gratifying."

ALUM PROFILE: JINAN MOUSSALLI

Jinan Moussalli, B.S. 2006, joined NAI Alliance Commercial in November of 2005 as the Research Specialist for the Office, Retail, and Industrial Properties Groups. Moussalli received her Nevada Real Estate license in mid 2006, and is now an Associate Broker in the Office Properties Group where she represents landlords and/or prospective tenants in lease and sale transactions.

Jinan earned her B.S. in Economics with a minor in Marketing and Spanish, and was named the College of Business Administration's Top

Scholar in Economics. Jinan was also named to the College of Business Administration Dean's List and the National Dean's List.

Jinan is currently a member of the Reno/Tahoe Young Professionals Network (RTYPN), National Association of Industrial and Office Properties (NAIOP), Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW), the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN), and the Reno/Sparks Chamber of Commerce. She is also a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumni Association and the

Delta Sigma Pi Professional Business Fraternity Alumni Association.



Jinan Moussalli

PROFESSOR MARK PINGLE TO TAKE SABBATICAL IN ROME, ITALY

Professor Mark Pingle will take his first sabbatical from the department in Fall 2007. Professor Pingle has the honor of being chosen among many applicants to be a visiting professor at Luiss Guido Carli University (LUISS) in Rome, Italy. While there, Professor Pingle will teach and participate in a research

group headed by John Hey, who is the European Vice President for the Economic Science Association and is well known for his experimental work on decision making. Professor Pingle will be working with Hey to "develop a specific testable theory of bounded rationality, and at least outline a set of

experiments that could be run to start testing the theory."

Professor Pingle will also be initiating a new principles of economics course to undergrads at LUISS and a Ph.D. macroeconomics course. He has also been invited to give presentations in Paris and Berlin.



Professor Mark Pingle

ALUM PROFILE: CLINT CHAPMAN

Chapman graduated from The University of Nevada, Reno in May 2005 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics. After graduating from UNR, Chapman signed on with Toll Brothers Inc., a National Homebuilder that recently started operations in the Reno area, as a Purchasing Assistant. Through this role he was in charge of managing the Purchasing Department in Reno, and soon became the Pur-

chasing Manager. Most recently Chapman was offered the opportunity to move to the Commercial Industry as an Estimator with The PENTA Building Group. Chapman notes that "this has been nothing short of a wonderful learning experience and a great opportunity, which is going to offer much growth and opportunity in the future." Chapman invites any future UNR graduates who are inter-

ested in a career in the Residential / Commercial Construction Industries to contact him.



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The Idea Place

Would you like to receive this newsletter? Coming very soon, you will be able to subscribe or unsubscribe from this newsletter at our website. It's free and we won't share your information with anyone.

Are you an alumnae who would like to be featured in an upcoming issue? Please get in touch with us. We would love to hear from you and highlight your accomplishments!

The Department of Economics at the University of Nevada, Reno is an “**idea place**,” and seeks to become an increasingly creative and valuable resource as it conducts teaching, research, and service activities.

Through its two undergraduate degree programs, its two graduate level master's degree programs, and its minor the Department transfers existing economic ideas to students.

Through basic and applied research, the Department's faculty members create and develop ideas that push back the frontier of knowledge and assist public and private decision makers in practical ways. Through service to the community and to the economics profession, the Department seeks to be the “go to place” for creative and practical ideas.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

Glen Atkinson retired from the department in 2006 and was promoted to Professor Emeritus. He is currently acting as interim director for the college's new Center for Regional Economics.

Tom Cargill recently published an article appearing in *International Finance* on the Bank of Japan's monetary policy as well as a paper on housing bubbles published by the Korea Economic Institute in Washington, D.C. Professor Cargill was invited for the tenth consecutive time to participate in the 10th annual conference on financial systems in Japan and the U.S. sponsored by Harvard Law School.

John Dobra is developing a new course entitled “Political Economy” that will be offered in Spring 2008.

William Eadington is on sabbatical. Read more inside.

Federico Guerrero is applying for tenure and promotion and has recently published an article in *International Finance* with Tom Cargill.

Bob Metts has reduced his teaching schedule and is only teaching in the Spring. He continues his research on disability and economic development and is currently researching the role of private enterprise in the design and implementation of disability policy.

Sankar Mukhopadhyay continues to work on his research and organized our Department seminar series along with Professor Tosun.

Mark Nichols is now Chair of the Department.

Ted Oleson is the minor advisor and continues to teach our capstone course in economic history and the statistics course in the MBA program. He hopes to offer an honors history course in Fall 2008.

Elliott Parker was elected by the faculty senate to serve on its executive board, and recently redesigned the international business advising process. Last year he gave a presentation of one of his papers in the U.S. Senate, and he is currently working with Federico Guerrero on the relationship between government size and economic growth.

Mark Pingle is on sabbatical. Read more inside.

Brad Schiller joins us this year from American University. Read more on page 1.

Shunfeng Song has recently published two books on development and private enterprise in China. Professor Song will be presenting research conducted with Economics Master's students Dan Li and Erquian Zhu, and Resource Economics Ph.D. student Fungisai Nota in Seattle, St. Louis, and Las Vegas.

Debbie Stiver is our academic advisor. She also continues to work closely with the American Statistical Association (ASA) and recently made a presentation to the Northern Nevada Math and Science Conference. For more information on the benefits of joining the ASA visit www.nevada.edu/~nvasa.

Mehmet Tosun worked with Dilek Uz and Omid Harraf on a World Bank funded project entitled “Intergovernmental Structure and Reform in the MENA Region.” Professor Tosun also published his article “Endogenous Fiscal Policy and Capital Market Transmissions in the Presence of Demographic Shocks” in the *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, a top journal in the field.

Jeanne Wendel is serving on the State of Nevada's K-12 Social Studies Standards Revision committee. Serving with Jeanne are Professors Cargill and Pingle. This committee is revising the K-12 standards for teaching history, geography, economics and civics.