The Department of Economics is delighted to announce that Professor Yuya Takahashi has accepted our offer to join us as a tenure-track assistant professor starting Fall Quarter 2018.

Takahashi is currently an Assistant Professor in the Department of Economics at Johns Hopkins University. His main research field is empirical industrial organization, with a special emphasis on estimation of dynamic games and models of industry dynamics. One of his papers analyzes the exit process of movie theaters in the 1950's in the US, using a framework of dynamic game. In the paper, he quantifies the economic costs of consolidation that arise due to strategic interaction. Another paper of his proposes several statistical tests for the existence of multiple equilibria in dynamic Markov games.

He is also interested in developing methods of estimating treatment effects. One of his papers develops a method to estimate treatment effects in a situation where (1) there are multiple treatments, (2) the effect of a treatment depends on unobservable abilities of an individual, and (3) the effect varies depending on the time at which the individual is treated and the time elapsed since the treatment.

Takahashi was born and raised in Japan. He received his MA and BA from Keio University in Tokyo, Japan, both in Economics. He moved to the United States at age 25 to pursue his PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. After completing his PhD, he took an academic position in Germany and remained there for three years. He moved back to the U.S. upon accepting an academic position at Johns Hopkins University.

Takahashi enjoys reading books and watching movies, and would consider himself a "foodie". He plans to get involved with some sports when he moves to Seattle this fall.

The Department of Economics is excited to welcome Takahashi this fall.

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