

DEPARTMENT OF  
ECONOMICS



ECONOMICS  
GRADUATION CELEBRATION

June 8, 2016

3:00 p.m.

HUB Ballroom

# 2016 Economics Graduation Program

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## INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME

Professor Fahad Khalil

## INTRODUCTION AND KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Christina Tapia, Chair, Economics Visiting Committee

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Timothy B. Jenkins

University of Washington BA Economics, 1986  
Co-Founder, Point B, Inc.

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## KATHY GEHRT MEMORIAL ECONOMICS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Presented by Olga Yang

### **J. David Griswold**

The Kathy Gehrt Memorial Economics Volunteer Service Award was Established in 2014 to recognize the efforts of a volunteer who has made significant difference in the department through his or her involvement. It is named in memory of alumna Kathy Gehrt (BA '75, MA '77), a longtime supporter and volunteer in the department who served as the first female Chair of the Economics Visiting Committee and was the department's Distinguished Alumna in 2004.

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## PRESENTATION OF DOCTORAL DEGREES

Presented by Professor Yu-Chin Chen

**Mahama Samir Bandaogo**, *Essays on Fiscal Policy, Monetary Policy, and Currency Unions: Exploring the Role of Informality and Labor Mobility*

Co-Chairs: Yu-chin Chen and Fabio Ghironi

**Pasita Chaijaroen**, *Essays on Economic Impacts of Coral Bleaching*

Chair: Rachel Heath

**Thomas Fillebeen**, *How Do Small Players Deduce Beliefs about Uncertainty? A Look at Texas Shale Oil Investments*

Chairs: Robert Halvorsen and Chris Anderson

**Ranganai Gwati**, *Foreign Exchange Options and the Economics of Exchange Rates*

Chair: Yu-chin Chen

**Ming He**, *Nonparametric Identification and Structural Estimation of Auction Models*

Chair: Yanqin Fan



# Congratulations to our 2015-2016 Graduates!

**Alexander Henke**, *Essays on Corruption and Enforcement*  
Co-Chairs: Fahad Khalil and Jacques Lawarrée

**Lin-chi Hsu**, *Essays on the Economics of Crime and Family*  
Chair: Elaina Rose

**Yangguang Huang**, *Essays on Procurement, Scoring Auctions, and Quality Manipulation Corruption*  
Co-Chairs: Yanqin Fan and Quan Wen

**Alexander Hubbard**, *Macroeconomics Dynamics of Market Risk Capital Requirements and Credit Supply Interdependence*  
Chair: Philip Brock

**Ying Jiang**, *Essays on the Analysis of Dynamic Games*  
Chair: Patrick Bajari

**Kyungkeun Kim**, *Essays on International Asset Allocation and Pricing*  
Chair: Yu-chin Chen

**David Oxborrow**, *Essays on International Demographic Economics*  
Chair: Stephen Turnovsky

**Galip Kemal Özhan**, *Essays in International Finance and Macroeconomics*  
Chair: Fabio Ghironi

**Inhwan So**, *Essays on Monetary Policy in Small Open Economies*  
Chair: Yu-chin Chen

**Jorge Rojas Vallejos**, *Essays on Inequality, Economic Activity and Globalization: Theory and Evidence*  
Chair: Stephen Turnovsky

**Miaoyu Yang**, *Machine Learning and Hedonic Models*  
Chair: Patrick Bajari

**Muxin Zhai**, *Essays in Environmental and Health Economics*  
Chair: Robert Halvorsen

## PRESENTATION OF TEACHING HONORS Presented by Yu-Chin Chen

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### **Henry T. Buechel Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching**

Dr. Dennis O'Dea

This award was established in 1972 by Henry Buechel's friends and family to honor and encourage other outstanding teachers. Professor Buechel joined the UW faculty in 1942 and was widely considered one of the most inspiring educators on campus.

### **Henry T. Buechel Award for Outstanding Contribution to the Undergraduate Program**

Dr. Gregory Duncan

This award honors distinguished service to the undergraduate program.

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## PRESENTATION OF UNDERGRADUATE AWARDS

Presented by Melissa Knox, Dennis O'Dea,  
Michelle Turnovsky, and Haideh Salehi-Esfahani

### **George & Pearl Corkery Memorial Scholarship**

William Barcelona *and* Carter Danforth

Alberta Corkery established the George & Pearl Corkery Memorial Scholarship in honor of her parents, whose love of learning inspired all of their children.

This scholarship is given to juniors who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

### **Alberta C. Corkery Scholarship**

Isabella Brown *and* Sara Standish

Alberta C. Corkery graduated from the University of Washington with an Economics Degree in 1937. This scholarship is awarded to an economics junior on the basis of academic achievement and need.

### **J. Parker & Evelyn Cruz Sroufe Scholarship**

Melissa Blue

The J. Parker and Evelyn Cruz Sroufe Scholarship was established by Parker Sroufe, the founding chairman of the department's Visiting Committee, and his wife, Evelyn Cruz Sroufe.

### **Yanlan & Robert Yang Scholarship**

Cristina-Gabrielle D Camilon

Olga Yang (BA '82) established the Yanlan and Robert Yang Endowed Scholarship in honor of her parents. It is awarded to students on the basis of academic merit and need.

### **Albert L. Bogdan Scholarship**

Salina Abraham

This scholarship was established in 2007 by a bequest from the estate of Albert Bogdan. Mr. Bogdan graduated from UW in 1936 with degrees in Economics and History. He spent much of his career teaching in the Enumclaw School District.

### **Clifford and Wanda Kahl Student Support Fund in Economics**

Andrew Whan

The Clifford G. and Wanda M. Kahl Student Support Fund in Economics was established by alumnus Kerry Kahl (BA '73, MBA '83) in honor of his parents. Kerry is co-chair of the Economics Undergraduate Mentorship Program.

### **Friends of Economics Scholarship**

Kristy Soo Jung Kwon

This scholarship is made possible through the support of alumni and friends of the Department of Economics.

Jun-Young Lee

Sangjin Lee

Soojin Lee

Youbin Lee

Duke Leepipatnavit

Danielle Elizabeth Letts

Ho Cheung Leung

Andrey Levanidov

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Mengmeng Li

Qi Li

Zihao Li

Yong Jae Lim

Maxine Lin

Qian Lin

Zihao Lin

Zijun Lin

David Patrick Linney

Minjing Liu

Yao Lu

Yi Lu

Carina Lukito

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Teresa Ruth Makar

Samuel David Mangum

Lidan Mao

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Travis Duncan Marshall

Evan James Mast

Ryan Patrick McDonald

Brian Joseph McTernan

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Chloe Marie Miller

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Peter John Mills

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Sarajane Louisa Powell

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Jenna Lynn Sanders

Evelyn Sandra

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Jonathan Wonjae Seo

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Sonali Abhay Shukla

Ethan Patrick Slater

Ejegu Tesfay Smith

Erik Lyle Snyder

Xinyue Song

Siddhartha Sriramoju

Samuel Jackson Stephens

Sean Michael Stevens

Dongwei Sun

Manwei Tang

Rujia Tang

Shengbo Tang

Xichun Tang

Anqi Tao

Jiajun Tao

Lei Tao

Evan Fowler Thorn

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Dongni Wang

Li-Chin Wang

Mengyan Wang

Mingyan Wang

Shuang Wang

Shuting Wang

Xuli Wang

Yiyi Wang

Yutong Wang

Spencer Olen Ward

Brooke Lee Wieser

Lin Wu

Shiqiu Wu

Yuren Wu

Zonghao Wu

Huijing Xia

Kerui Xu

Fan Yang

Heetae Yang

Heng Yin

Mengrui Yin

Michael Kawika Young

Chun Yu

Haiyue Yu

Michael Richard Zellem

Gaigai Zhang

Haocheng Zhang

Keyang Zhang

Qiang Zhang

Qihua Zhang

Hui Zhong

Xiaotong Zhou

Xingnan Zhou

Alexei Zhouk

Chen Zhu

Alexander Menelaos Ziomas

**Class of 2016 Bachelor of Arts in Economics**

Tom Denis Ambrus	Yangzhi Dai	Kevin Lawrence Ho
Yuchen An	Dominique Eisen Maniquis	Wengian Hoi
Philip Charles Arbaugh	Dela Cruz	Myeongpyo Hong
Abigail Anne Armstrong	Alexandra Jane	Di Hu
Leo Alonzo Atregeno	Delahooke	Qiong Hu
Kaylee Michelle Baldassin	Dennis Ding	Anni Huang
Ryan Timothy Baldwin	John William Jr Donovan	Jing Huang
Krista Carolann	Hannah Elizabeth Driscoll	Lei-An Huang
Bartkowski	Nicholas Efthimiadis	Runyu Huang
Kevin William Sturges	Henry William Ehlen	Yinfang Huang
Baum	Anthony John Emde	Yingying Huang
Christine Marie Billing	Yuyang Fan	Zipeng Huang
Aaron Singh Bisla	Wen Fang	I-Ling Hung
Maximillion Gardner	Doudou Feng	Alexander Ton Huynh
Blake	Katharyn Sarah Fuller	Shane Baker Jansen
Raine Alexander	Mengyao Gao	Muhammad Aqwa A Jasmi
Blechschiidt	Mingyue Gao	Jee Yoon Jeon
Derek Rey Bracy	Steven Gilbert	Yuqing Ji
Shannon Elizabeth Bray	Brandon Kyle	Anyu Jia
Joshua Ryan Breer	Gilbertson	Qihao Jin
Rachel Lee Brown	Sarah Susan Glenn	Yuting Jin
Kale Jensen Bryan	Cody Kazuma Greene	Hannah Marie Johnson
Lien Cam Bui	Bowen Guan	Spencer Page Jones
Laura Louise Caudle	Songyan Han	Vishesh Rakesh Kadakia
Hui Tung Chan	Sung Man Han	Rino Kanagawa
Jui-Ting Chang	Zhangao Han	Gabriel Cheung Hyoo Kang
Cathy Xinyu Chen	Sarah Rachel Hansen	Shihan Kang
Miaoyun Chen	Daniel C Hanson	Bradyn Eugene Kawcak
Po-Han Chen	Sierra Grace Harden	Dorothy Kim
Shu Chen	Benjamin Quinn	Hojoon Kim
Tianhe Chen	Hasegawa	Joon Sung Kim
Tianyi Chen	Nicole Sachiko	Seokcheon Kim
Xi Chen	Hatheway	William Younghan Kim
Xiaoxiao Chen	Kalae Allison Haun	Adam Christopher Kirk
Yu-Jou Chen	Natasha Haycock-Chavez	Matthew Lawrence Kuehn
Yuzhuo Chen	Hai Feng He	Matthew Robert LaCroix
Hoi Tung Cheung	Shanshan He	Karsyn C Lamb
Kevin Chouw	Cole Joseph Heckel	Samantha Banks Laufer
Koon Min Chua	Brian Aric Helmholtz	Chinh Huynh Le
Bryan Thomas Cikatz	Duncan Mccammon	Christopher Simon Lee
Juan Cisneros	Hendrickson	Eunjung Lee
David Adam Cooperstein	Kayla Erin Hertzberg	Gar Juen Lee
Ian Mcewan Coyer	Austin James Hitchcock	Hong Kyu Lee

**Agnes C. Nelson Memorial Scholarship**

Jerad Stottlemyre

This scholarship was made possible by Elmer Nelson, son of Agnes C. Nelson. Mrs. Nelson, born in 1877, had a deep understanding of the fundamental interrelation between politics and economics. This Scholarship is thus awarded to students with a double focus in Economics and Political Science.

**Outstanding Paper Awards**

Irena Chen, *Does Aid Really Aid? Examining the Roles of State Capacity and Government Corruption on Health Aid Effectiveness*

Adviser: Rachel Heath

Sang Jin Lee, *The Gender Wage Gap in the Russian Federation: The Presence of Discrimination*

Adviser: Oksana Leukhina

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**HONORS**


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**Outstanding Scholars**

David Adam Cooperstein	Minjing Liu	Darryl Gray Puri
Mingyue Gao	Yijia Liu	Erik Lyle Snyder
Kayla Erin Hertzberg	Mengyang Ma	Xinyi Sun
Sihui Huang	Zetian Ma	Hui Tang
Yingying Huang	Teresa Ruth Makar	Sheng Xu
James Tyler Hyman	So Min Oh	Han Yao
Muwen Jin	Khyentse Surya Prakasa	Chen Zhang
Sier Lai		

**Graduates with Honors**

Joshua Barwell	Xiaoxiao Li	Macey Wong
Irena Chen	Yibo Liu	Fan Yang
Sangjin Lee	Yu Ma	Xiao Yin
Chenxi Li		

**2015-2016 Economics Undergraduate Board & Tutors of Merit**

William Barcelona	Hongdi Fu	Monishita Pal
Irena Chen	Chenxi Eddie Li	Aneela Seraj
Bryan Thomas Cikatz	Tianbai Li	Bryant Wong
AJ Emde	Mourya Mamidala	Clarissa Yi

**Certificate in Economic Theory and Quantitative Methods**

Yiming Bei	Yijia Liu	Kerui Xu
Chang Gao	Yu Ma	Han Yao
Muwen Jin	Mengjuan Xing	Mengrui Yin
Shuangyimiao Li		

**Certificate in Environmental and Natural Resources Economics**

SangJin Lee                      Qingxiao Liu

**Certificate in International Economics**Rachel Brown                      Qingxiao Li                      Pok-Hin So  
Kevin Lawrence Ho                      Yao Lu                      Rui Tang  
Chinh Le                      Monishita Pal**Certificate in Quantitative Managerial Economics**Tom Denis Ambrus                      Tianyu Liu                      Anqi Wang  
Jui-Ting Chang                      Zetian Ma                      Yishu Wang  
Kuei-Ko Chen                      Benjamin W Reinhart                      Xingnan Zhou  
Mayuka Kahara                      Min Shao**2015-2016 Phi Beta Kappa Nominees**Bryan Thomas Cikatz                      Samantha Laufer                      Yiyang Xu  
Benton Joseph Coblentz                      Teresa Ruth Makar                      Seyeon Yu  
Danielle Goldenberg                      Ya Mao                      Jiani Zhao  
Sihui Huang                      Samuel Stephens                      Alex Ning Zhou  
Muwen Jin                      Charles Woldorff  
Kristy Soo Jun Kwon                      Sheng Xu**Economics Honor Society Invitees: Omicron Delta Epsilon**

This year we are proud to invite 197 of our majors to join Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honor Society for Economics. To be invited to join, majors must have achieved high grades in economic courses and maintain a high UW grade point average. Congratulations to our new ODE invitees!

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**2016 GRADUATES**

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**Class of 2016 Bachelor of Science in Economics**Joshua Paul Barwell                      Shihao Cui                      Xue He  
Yiming Bei                      Christopher Ian Davis                      Yanqiang He  
Mengying Bi                      Brendan Nathaniel Davy                      Zeyan He  
Alexander Benjamin                      Jeremy Scott Dean                      Songqi Hou  
                    Braman                      Jennette Elora Erickson                      Anjie Huang  
Jinyuan Cao                      Bo Ram Gal                      Sihui Huang  
Xun Cao                      Malika Sarah Garoui                      Xinyi Huang  
Irena Beverly Chen                      Marin Kimoto Gow                      Yifei Huang  
Kuei-Ko Chen                      Ziming Gu                      Yong Y Huang  
Wei qi Chen                      Xuanhong Guo                      James Tyler Hyman  
Jae Jin Chong                      Zhiyun Guo                      Faliha IbnatMarwin Zamora Imperial                      Mary Flarenn Imbang                      Xiao Yin  
Muwen Jin                      Reyes                      Nicole Jansen Young  
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Clarissa Yola Junardi                      Aneela Seraj                      Jiani Zhai  
Heseung Jung                      Li Shen                      Aiyi Zhang  
Mayuka Kahara                      Dong Shi                      Chen Zhang  
Matthew Robert LaCroix                      Lin Shi                      Xiaowen Zhang  
Ming Lai                      Lisha Shi                      Yanni Zhang  
Sier Lai                      Ryunosuke Shibata                      Jiani Zhao  
Chenjing Li                      Pok-Hin So                      Lingnan Zhao  
Chenxi Li                      Yaonan Song                      Liyuan Zhao  
Chuanzhen Li                      Mitchell Joseph Riddell                      Jiarui Zhou  
Dongjin Li                      Stolarczuk                      Junmeng Zhu  
Lun Li                      Diliu Su                      Larry Zhu  
Shuangyimiao Li                      Chengbin Sun                      Bianca Stefania Zlavog  
Tianbai Li                      Xinyi Sun  
Xiaoxiao Li                      Hui Tang  
Yunjing Liang                      Rui Tang  
Xiao Min Lin                      Duc Le Anh Truong  
Mairuo Liu                      Harrison Joseph Waldock  
Shuang Liu                      Anqi Wang  
Tianyu Liu                      Fang Wang  
Yibo Liu                      Junyan Wang  
Yijia Liu                      Sijun Wang  
Yiran Liu                      Yanqiu Wang  
Yutong Lu                      Yishu Wang  
Jiesi Luo                      Yuhan Wang  
Mengyang Ma                      Sizhe Wen  
Pingchuan Ma                      Macey Danielle Wong  
Yu Ma                      Alexander Francis  
Zetian Ma                      Woodhouse  
Mourya Ramulu Mamidala                      Haixia Wu  
Ya Mao                      Shangcheng Xie  
Cameron James Mielke                      Mengjuan Xing  
Muhammad Firdaus Bin                      Huangfa Xu  
                    Mohd Soberi                      Sheng Xu  
Lauren Michelle Nemitz                      Yimei Xu  
Myungjoon Noh                      Fan Yang  
Matthew Ogi                      Meng Yang  
Darryl Gray Puri                      Sen-Kai Yang  
Mingyang Qi                      Yifan Yang  
Bingyan Qian                      Han Yao  
Jia Xin Qian                      Yawen Ye