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DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

GRADUATION CELEBRATION

JUNE 10, 2026

HUSKY UNION BUILDING BALLROOM



Department of Economics Graduation Celebration Program of Events

Introduction and Welcome

Professor and Department Chair Eric Zivot

Speaker: Distinguished Alumnus

Matthew Bannick (B.A., Economics & International Studies, 1987) has extensive leadership experience in diplomacy, global business, and philanthropy, including serving as a U.S. diplomat, CEO of PayPal, and Managing Partner of Omidyar Network.

Today, he teaches at Stanford Graduate School of Business and advises organizations focused on creating lasting social impact around the world.

Presentation of Doctoral Degrees

Cheng Chen

*Essays on Health Policy, Consumer Behavior,
Social Beliefs, and Education*

Chair: Quan Wen

Zihao Chen

Essays on Macroeconomics and Economic Modeling

Chair: Yu-Chin Chen

Hae Choung

Essays in Contract Theory

Chair: Fahad Khalil & Jacques Lawarree

Terrence Dai

Essays on Migration, Health, and Policy

Chair: Rachel Heath & Alan Griffith

Ananya Diwakant

Essays on Gender and Development Economics

Chair: Alan Griffith and Rachel Heath

Lucy Hong

Essays on Policy, Consumer Behavior, and Health

Chair: Quan Wen

Presentation of Doctoral Degrees

Sudishka Joshi

Essays on Large BVAR with COVID-Volatility
Chair: Eric Zivot & Domenico Giannone

Mahtab Karimi

Inside the Firm: How Employee Knowledge and Ownership Shape Corporate Decisions
Chair: Eric Zivot & Jarrad Harford

Hyun Ji Kim

Household Responses to Policy and Climate Shocks in Low-Income Settings
Chair: Alan Griffith & Rachel Heath

Yvonne Ng

Essays on Housing Supply, Affordability, and Policy Incentives
Chair: Yuya Takahashi

Theradapuzha Ninan

Essays on the Drivers and Impacts of Clean Cooking Energy Transitions in India
Chair: Rachel Heath

Yuan (Alice) Qi

Essays on Causal Inference and Policy Learning
Chair: Yanqin Fan

Seyoung Won

Essays on Applied Time Series Econometrics
Chairs: Eric Zivot

Wendao Xue

Optimal Transport and Machine Learning Enabled Causal Inference
Chair: Yanqin Fan

Dhongkyu Yoon

Essays on Rational Inattention and Mechanism Design
Chair: Rachel Heath

Presentation of Teaching Honors

These awards were created in 1972 by friends and family of Henry Buechel, UW Professor of Economics from 1941-1970, to recognize exceptional teachers.

Henry T. Buechel Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching

Recipient: Theo Eicher

Henry T. Buechel Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Service

Recipient: Jacques Lawarrée

Student Speaker

Zayna Aarbi, BSc, Economics Undergraduate Board, Departmental Honors

Outstanding Undergraduate Paper Award

Zayna Aarbi "The Effects of Proximity to Culturally-Sensitive and Quality Education on Women's Well-being in Pakistan."

Thesis Adviser: Jason Kerwin

Siyi Li

"Spatial Friction and Network Dismantlement: A Quantitative Analysis of Qin's Strategic Selection in the Warring States Period."

Thesis Adviser: Xu Tan

2025-2026 Outstanding Scholars

Keshav Acharya
Vyakhya Bhargava
Chloe Chai
Keiko Chen
Zhiyu Cui
Wentao Deng
Maxwell Jesme
Matthew Liang

Yu-Qi Lin
Sixian Liu
Xinzhuo Liu
Chau Nguyen
Bianca Pistaferri
Twisha Santra
Kathryn Scott
Zhuochen Shi

Daniel Shubin
Nathan Siegel
Dhruv Srinivasan
Kasvina Tirumal
Mehmet Uslu
Shaobo Wen
Minlu Zhang

2025-2026 Economics Undergraduate Board

Zayna Aarbi *
Hovik Apinyan *
Stella Brown *
Kotaro Garvin *
Alexa Halliwell *
Maxwell Jesme *

Safa Hasan
Vincent Lien *
Elizabeth Martyrossian *
Henry Smith
Phoebe Thio

* indicates graduating students

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics

Cadnan Abu
Alexander Agadjanyan
Aarohi Agrawal
Pablo Ahmadi
Nicholas Anderson
Shengzhao Bi
Cesar Bouchelaghem
Ethan Broome
Amanda Bullett
Zhouqi Cao
Edward Chapman
Hongjie Chen
Jixuan Chen
Keiko Chen
Mingyang Chen
Xuanta Chen
Yanxi Chen
Zhongyang Chen
Jiayi Chu
Serena Chu
Charles Craemer
Erika Dahlgren
Benjamin Daniels
Nicholas Dashi
Ryan Dechant
Aashna Doshi
Reaa Dureja
Cayden Edwards
Ryoichiro Eguchi
Qiyang Fan
Laura Feir
Ryan Ford
Ao Gao
Xijie Gao
Paola Garcia-Pena Nava
Haosheng Ge
Isaac Gorden
Margaret Gormley
Tongtong Gu
Shiyu Guo
Emma Haag
Joshua Hanson
Natalie Holiday
Aidan Hood

Che-Wei Hsu
Jerry Hu
Zixin Hu
Michael Hyde
Nandana Jaideep
Neelum Jawanda
Madison Jones
Maya Kacker
Hampton Kay
Leo Kilroy
Sun Kim
Freja Kizis
Giselle Lachini
Yuliang Lai
George Lerdal
Harrison Leu
Andy Li
Siyi Li
Siyi Li
Sophia Li
Thomas Liang
Helen Lim
Ching-Wei Lin
Matthew Lin
Shanfei Liu
Tieshun Liu
Xinzhuo Liu
Yifan Liu
Yiman Liu
Ananya Lohia
Micah Long
Tim Luebbert
Aidan Ma
Zimu Ma
Chantelle Macke
Kabir Maheshwari
Samuel Mamo
Aditi Mangla
Chenyu Mao
Matthew McMurray
Yichen Meng
Mirabella Miranda
Senna Mohaisen
Raja Mohar

Ian Moloney
Sebastian Morris
Emily Newbore
Shen Ni
Brandon Nicholls
Sejin Park
Jingyu Peng
Carlos Perez Loeza
Vivian Perzia
Isabella Peters
Ryan Phi
Bianca Pistaferri
Alyssa Priest
Samuel Quade
Arohini Rajvanshi
Liliana Rodriguez
Liana Rosado
Christian Samuel
Olivia Sanchez
Emily Sanders
Nicolas Schell
Miles Scherer
Regina Setiawan
Lia Severson
Jingyi Shao
Ishika Sharan
Houzhengwu Shi
Zhuochen Shi
Noah Shiira
Tara Shnain
Minal Siddiqui
David Smith
Dhruv Srinivasan
Aaron Starr
Evan Stuart
Daocheng Sun
Andrew Swinger
Sukyung Tae
Sayna Takezawa
Ying Tan
Yueying Tao
Maxim Tarasov
Kasvina Tirumal
Avalon Trafford

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees
Bachelor of Arts with a major in Economics

Mehmet Uslu
Tarik Wahdan
Chaoyang Wang
Henry Wang
Jing Wang
Lu-Chi Wang
Ruijin Wang
Yanxin Wang
Evan Wang
Yifan Wang
Yiran Wang
Yuan Wang

Yuhan Wang
Tristan Warner
Xinyu Weng
Eric White
Ella Wilks
Celab Williams
Francis Williams
Brigitte Worstell
Shaoyang Xu
Hexuan Yang
Shuya Yang

Yushi Yao
Xinman Yue
Huanhuan Zhang
Jiayi Zhang
Yan Zhang
Zhiyao Zhang
Ning Zhi
Muwen Zhou
Nanyi Zhou
Jinghan Zhu
Molin Zhu

Bachelor of Arts with a major in International Economics

Stella Brown
Zoey Friedman

Vincent Lien

Brianna McInnis

Bachelor of Science with a major in Economics

Zayna Aarbi
Taran Ahluwalia
Eldy Alexander
Hovik Apinyan
Kyle Bell
Sean Brainard
Noah Brandes
Meixi Chen
Qitong Chen
Ziyang Chen
Xiaochun Cheng
Oorjit Chowdhary
Alyssa Chu
Ana Concha
Rajvir Deol
Hongyuan Dong
Tianshu Feng
Mary Flynn
Mary Freeman
Kai Furutani
Junran Gao
Kotaro Garvin
Anya Gibson
Adam Hall
Alexa Halliwell

Varun Hariharan
Quinn Hart
Mir Hashmi
Maxwell Jesme
Yu Ji
Claire Jiang
Zhuoyan Jiang
Karnchanok Kanchanaporn
Hao Ke
Hanxi Ke
Arianna King
Owen Knight
Fletcher Knowles
Heiman Leung
Huijie Li
Jiayi Li
Jionghui Li
Qilin Li
Ying Li
Ziyu Liao
Shujing Lin
Yu-Qi Lin
Zihan Lin
Jialong Liu

Suyin Liu
Xinyi Liu
Yufei Liu
Elvin Liu
Sixian Liu
Jialan Ma
Peilun Ma
Zifei Ma
Zachary Mahar
Elizabeth
Martyrossian
Tharyn McConnell
Anika Mohan
Ewan Morrow
Melody Nguyen
Zitian Ni
Eliot Ozaki
Sumedh Panatula
Aakash Pany
Hannah Park
Cuong Pham
Tri Pham
James Rangel
Zhongqi Ren

Presentation of Undergraduate Degrees

Bachelor of Science with a major in Economics

Cooper Richmond
Hordur Rognuson
Rayyan Samad
Preet Shah
Xiaoquan Shang
Zheng Shen
Benjamin Shortt
Daniel Shubin
Justin Simpson

Renee Singh
Asmit Sinha
Elaina Sung
Cathy Tran
Andrew Verrengia
Huibing Wang
Zijian Wang
Ziyan Wang
Chenyi Wang

Weiyang Xu
Sabrina Yang
Nicholas Yin
Ho Yum
Chengmai Zhang
Minlu Zhang
Ziyi Zheng
Lu Zhou
Yuheng Zhou

Bachelor of Science with a major in Economics: Data Science

Hsin-Yu Chen

Bachelor of Science with a major in Financial Economics

Dohyun Kim
Francine Myles

Khai Tran
Owen Walker

Cheng-Ting Wu

Bachelor of Science with a major in Economics: Strategy

Ryunosuke Yoshioka

Departmental Honors Graduates

Zayna Aarbi
Noah Brandes
Kotaro Garvin
Maxwell Jesme
Jiayi Li

Siyi Li
Bianca Pistaferri
Nicholas Yin
Ziyi Zheng

Omicron Delta Epsilon Economics Honor Society Invitees

We are proud to invite 297 Economics majors to join Omicron Delta Epsilon, the international economics honor society. Invited students must maintain a high GPA in both Economics and general coursework.



Phi Beta Kappa Nominees

Kei Chen
Vicky Chen
Qiyang Fan
Maxwell Jesme
Siyi Li

Vincent Lien
Kabir Maheshwari
Duc Huy Nguyen
Vivian Perzia
Liliana Rodriguez



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