

## PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

# ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

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FALL 2012

### WELCOME BACK FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I want to welcome all Economic majors and minors back as we begin a new academic year. As you know, those in the Freshmen class who have just declared as a major or minor are now under a brand new college curriculum, but the basic economic requirements in all three of our concentrations remain the same, with Principles Microeconomics and Principles Macroeconomics still fulfilling the Social Science core requirement. Your advisor will also keep you up to date on which economic courses fulfill some of the proficiencies. The Fall semester is always one that goes by quickly, so it is not too soon to think about your

courses for next semester and schedule appointments with your advisors or myself if you want to discuss your options for the Spring semester. We will keep you informed of future guest speakers and planned events during the semester, and I encourage you to think about joining the Economics club as a way to enrich your experience at Providence College. And remember, I am available to try and answer any questions you might have, along with my administrative assistant, Maureen Medeiros. She is there to help, if needed, and will be able to register you for Economics courses when the time comes. She is at exten-

sion 2194 and I am at extension 2537. Also, keep in mind that economics tutors are available in the department.



Make use of them should the need arise. Again, I welcome all of you and wish you a successful academic year.

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### ECONOMICS CLUB HAPPENINGS

The Economics Club kicks off the new academic year with a meet and greet with the Club Advisory Panel of local professionals. Stop by Saturday, October 20th, starting at 4pm in the Fishbowl (Slavin 112)! In early November, the club will also host Dr. Eric Hirsch for a discussion on homelessness; time and location TBA. Officers include Pres-

ident Amanda Hadsell, Vice President Jacob O'Neill, Treasurer Elizabeth Cisek, Secretary Sara Casey, and Events Coordinator Nicole Fillion. The club meets Wednesdays bi-weekly at 7pm in Moore Hall III; if you're interested in joining, please email Sara Casey (scasey3@friars.providence.edu) to be added to the group and come by the next meeting!

## PROFESSORS DILLS AND KAHANE PROMOTED



Two professors in the economics department applied for and received promotions effective August 2012. Professor Angela Dills was promoted to Associate Professor. Professor Leo Kahane was promoted to full Professor. Professor Kahane joins Father Barerra as the two full professors in the department.

The promotions acknowledge their strong records of research, teaching, and service to the college, profession, and community.

Congratulations!



## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

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The Charles G. Koch Foundation renewed a grant for **Angela Dills** to bring in guest speakers to talk about liberty as well as to help fund a student economics book club. A paper Professor Dills wrote with Sean Mulholland, Juliana Carattini, and Rachel Sederberg entitled “Catholic Schools, Competition, and Public School Quality,” appeared in the October 2012 issue of *Economics Letters*. She also gave a talk on higher education issues in the presidential election for the College Board’s Institute on Financial Aid.

At the Western Economic Association conference in San Francisco, CA this summer, **Professor Leo Kahane** chaired a session on the Economics of Hockey including his paper “Wages and Marginal Revenue Product in the NHL Pre- and Post-Lockout”. He also served as a discussant at the meetings.

**Professor Alan Kessler** discussed a paper at the Western Economic Association meetings in San Francisco in July 2012.

**Professor MaryJane Lenon** published the paper “Healthy Spending: Connecticut: High Costs, Below Average Growth,” with Dennis Heffley in the Fall 2012 issue of *The Connecticut Economy*.

On October 17, 2012, **Professor O’Brien**, in conjunction with Commissioner Paul Chabot of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service, conducted a seminar in “Advanced Steward Training” at the Institute for Labor Studies and Research in Cranston, RI. Professor O’Brien addressed the attendees on the issues of “Past Practice”, “Employee Discipline”, and the “Arbitration Process.” A stimulating question and answer period followed the presentations.

## TWO YEAR SCHEDULE OF ELECTIVES

**Fall 2013:** International Trade, Economics of Education, China and Emerging Markets, Industrial Organization, Math for Economists I, Econometric Models, Public Finance, Labor and Management Relations, History of Economic Thought.

**Spring 2014:** Managerial Economics, Economics of Sports, Forecasting, Math for Economists II, Economics of Developing Nations, Environmental Economics, Collective Bargaining, Consumer Economics

**Fall 2014:** Labor Economics, International Trade, Industrial Organization, Collective Bargaining, Consumer Economics, Math for Economists I, Econometric Models, China and Emerging Markets

## WHERE IS THE CLASS OF 2012 NOW?

Our most recent graduates from the Economics Department are pursuing a variety of professional directions. Elaina Al-Nimrio is attending Emory Law School, Julian Matthews and Rebecca Mazur are pursuing MBAs at PC, and Robert Plantier is working towards an MFA in screenwriting at Pepperdine.

Graduates are working at Fidelity, Liberty Mutual, National Grain and Feed Association, Oberon Securities, Sovereign Bank, TJX, WTP Advisors, and a new Nigerian e-commerce company named Jumia.

We'd love to know what your plans are after graduation!



Mo Maruping  
Class of 2012  
Business Economics  
now at  
Liberty Mutual

## QUIRK INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS

The Quirk Institute of Industrial Relations held its annual John Fanning Conference on Labor-Management Relations on June 5, 2012. This year's conference posed the question: "Is Collective Bargaining At a Crossroads?" Prominent mem-

bers from the labor-management community throughout New England, as well as third party neutrals attended the event. Special awards were present to management representative Gary St. Peter, Esq. and to labor

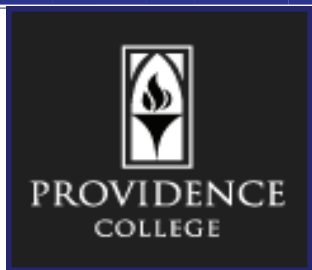
representative Mary Riley for their outstanding contributions to the cause of industrial peace. Professor O'Brien served as conference chairman.

## PROFESSOR O'BRIEN SERVES ON URI STUDY COMMITTEE

The President of the University of Rhode Island appointed Professor O'Brien to a study committee to determine if a new \$60 million Chemistry Building on the URI main campus

should be built under a Project Labor Agreement. Professor O'Brien served on the committee with two representatives from the URI Administration and two members from the

Rhode Island Department of Administration. The study committee conducted its deliberations over the period March 2012 to August 2012.



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## ELECTIVES SPRING 2013

The Economics Department always offers the five core courses of ECN 101: Principles of Economics: Micro; ECN 102: Principles of Economics: Macro; ECN 201: Microeconomic Analysis; ECN 202: Macroeconomic Analysis; and ECN 214: Introductory Econometrics with Lab. In addition, in Spring 2013, we offer:

- ECN 307: American Economic History
- ECN 320: Labor Economics
- ECON 335: Economics of Developing Nations
- ECN 344: Economics of Poverty and Discrimination
- ECN 345: Economics of Sports
- ECN 409: Economic Forecasting
- ECN 415: Math for Economists II
- ECN 425: Public Finance
- ECN 440: Economics of Globalization

