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# Economics Department Newsletter

## Spring 2011

### Omicron Delta Epsilon

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On April 7, 2011 the new members of the economics honor society ODE were inducted. The keynote speaker at the banquet was William J. Simeone, Jr., MHA, Association Vice President of Operations and a Corporate Officer of the MD Anderson Physicians Network. Mr. Simeone, a graduate of the PC Health Services Administration Program (1983), has 25 years experience as a health care leader at MD Anderson Cancer Center, the number one ranked Cancer Center in the United States.

Admission to the honor society requires that students complete each of the five core Economics courses (101, 102, 201, 202, and 214) with a grade of at least "B"; attain an overall average of "B" or better in all Economics courses; and earn an overall average of "B" or better in all courses. Congratulations to the new inductees on their sustained, excellent academic performance! The new inductees are:

#### Seniors

Jack Annunziato  
Lauren Ballback  
Amanda Fakhir  
William Kalinowski  
Aaron Keller  
Sean Mitchell  
Michael Reed  
Ross Walendziak

#### Juniors

Daniel Cellars  
Joseph Cyr  
Katherine Foy  
Shannon Gombos  
Christopher Gulovsen  
Kevin Lynch  
Leah Levitte  
Daniel Maglio

#### Juniors

Julian Matthews  
Abigail O'Malley  
Robert Plantier  
Joseph Vanesian  
Nicholas Vaz

The new inductees join the current members of ODE (all seniors):

Kara Cook  
Alissa Descoteaux\*  
Christine Ferris  
Amanda Flood\*  
Lillian Glueck

Andrew Hayes\*  
Danielle Hustus  
Stephen Justus  
Robert Lyons  
Peter Nguon

Robert Page  
Daniel Sullivan  
Brittany Taylor  
Mary Wallace  
Kaitlyn Wiatrak

Congratulations to the three students obtaining the highest GPA in their economics major: Alissa Descoteaux in Business Economics; Amanda Flood in Economics; and Andrew Hayes in Quantitative Economics.

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### Faculty Activities 2010-2011

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Beginning this summer, **Dr. MaryJane Lenon** will be the Interim Dean of the School of Business .

**Dr. Nazma Latif-Zaman** attended the Federal Reserve in the 21st Century symposium for college professors at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in March 2011.

**Dr. Angela Dills** presented a paper at the Southern Economic Association conference in Atlanta, GA in November 2010. Her paper "A Comparative Look at Private and Public Schools' Class Size Determinants," coauthored with Sean Mulholland was published in the December 2010 issue of *Education Economics*. The Spring 2011 issue of *Education Finance and Policy* will include her paper, coauthored with Rey Hernandez, "More Choice, Less Crime."

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## Tentative two-year schedule of courses

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The core courses (101, 102, 201, 202, and 214) are offered every semester. The following is a tentative two year schedule of economics electives.

**Fall 2011:** International Trade, Seminar on Markets and Morality, Public Finance, Labor and Management Relations, Health Economics, Environmental Economics, Math for Economists I, Econometric Models, Forecasting

**Spring 2012:** Economics of Globalization; Labor Economics; China and Emerging Markets; Economics of Developing Nations; Business, Government, & Society; Consumer Economics, Law and Economics, Math for Economists II

**Fall 2012:** International Trade, Managerial Economics, Industrial Organization, Collective Bargaining, History of Economic Thought, Environmental Economics, Math for Economists I, Econometric Models, Forecasting

**Spring 2013:** Economics of Globalization, Public Finance, China and Emerging markets, Economics of Developing Nations, American Economic History, Economics of Poverty & Discrimination, Law & Economics , Math for Economists II

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## Speaker Series Spring 2011

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With generous funding from the Charles G. Koch Foundation, the economics department hosted two guest speakers this semester: Professor Ben Powell (right) of Suffolk University and Professor Steve Horwitz of St. Lawrence University. On February 7, Dr. Powell defended sweatshops and discussed how anti-sweatshop activists' activities could reduce Third World employment and investment. His talk generated a stir on campus, with several opinion pieces concerning his talk appearing in *The Cowl*. On March 31, Dr. Horwitz discussed how economic growth and the market order have changed the nature of family. Both talks were well attended by our economics students and other members of the PC community.



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## Annual John H. Fanning Conference

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The Quirk Institute will be hosting its annual John H. Fanning Conference on June 23, 2011 from 9 am to 4 pm. The Quirk Institute, directed by Professor Francis O'Brien serves as a neutral forum within which members of the labor and management communities, as well as representatives of public agencies, can meet and discuss those issues which affect the collective bargaining process. The annual conference explores timely issues related to labor and management relation.

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## 2011 Graduates in Economics

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Congratulations to the Class of 2011 on their impending graduation! Our seniors in the Economics Department are pursuing a wide variety of activities post-graduation. Students will be working at Liberty Mutual (Alissa Descoteaux), Sankaty Advisors (Mary Beth Wallace), KPMJ (Kaitlyn Wiatrak), and the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (Robert Frederickson). Graduates will attend graduate school at Georgetown (Stephen Hankinson) and medical school at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (Jack Annunztko). Below we highlight two of our graduating economics majors.



Will Short

Will Short is graduating as a Quantitative Economics major and Finance minor. Next year he will be working through Teach for America as a secondary school mathematics teacher in Los Angeles, California. The Teach for America program is a two-year commitment that places re-

cent graduates as well as seasoned professionals in low-income school districts to teach grades ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade.

During this commitment he will be pursuing a Master's degree in Urban Education from Loyola Marymount University. Will credits PC Economics for helping him to "think about the issues as far as allocation of funds for education, and also helped solidify a strong math background from which [he] was able to land a job."

Lillian Glueck is starting the Contracts Leadership Development program, a 2 year rotational program at Raytheon. Her first assignment is to Raytheon Technical Services Company in Dulles, VA starting this summer. Lillian noted that "One great aspect of majoring in economics is that it doesn't dictate a particular career. You have so many options open to you as an economics major."



Lillian Glueck

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#### **Course Offerings for Fall 2011**

The following economics courses are scheduled for Fall 2011:

- International Trade
- Seminar on Markets and Morality
- Forecasting
- Public Finance
- Math for Economists I
- Econometric Models
- Labor and Management Relations
- Health Economics
- Environmental Economics