

## PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

# ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2015

## OMICRON DELTA EPSILON

On April 9, 2015, we will induct the new members of the economics honor society ODE. The keynote speaker at the banquet is Delia Furtado, associate professor at the University of Connecticut. She completed her Ph.D. in Economics at Brown University in 2005 and BA at Providence College in 1999. Her research interests are in immigration, family economics, and peer and network effects.

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!

### Current Members (seniors):

Nicholas Ackerman  
Iryna Bocharova  
Robert Caffrey  
John Calcaterra  
Patrick Johnson  
Jacob O'Neill  
Sara Ratto

### New Inductees

#### Seniors

Robert Arruda  
Haley Bryan  
Matthew Considine  
Sarah Davis  
Benjamin Donarum  
Michael Dwyer  
Tori Gilliland  
William Hass  
Daniel Kelly

Thomas Keras  
Andrew Lemoine  
Alexander Matuschak  
Elizabeth O'Connell  
Alyssa Olsen  
Matthew Pavia  
Timothy Reynolds  
Craig Rogan  
Vincent Whalen  
Daniel Zalewski

#### Juniors

Robert Bialock  
Nicholas Calabraro  
Kevin Donnelly  
Lauren Ficurilli  
Lauren Griffin  
Christian Guerrero  
Midori Kihara  
Robert Loomis  
Matthew Simoneau

## ECONOMICS CLUB HAPPENINGS

The Economics Club has organized a number of excellent events. On March 4, the Economics Club was hosted by our own Dr. Rahul Sirohi. Dr. Sirohi led a discussion on the economics of famines where they discussed a paper by Amartya Sen on his theories of food security. Dr. Sirohi will be speaking about his research on Brazil and India towards the end of March. The students hope to get other faculty members to provide small lectures along the way. Officers include President Jacob O'Neil, Vice President Benjamin Donarum, Treasury John Calcaterra, Secretary Robert Loomis, Public Relations Officer Tom Keras, and Events Coordinator Patrick O'Donnell. If you are interested in joining, please email Robert Loomis ([rloomis@friars.providence.edu](mailto:rloomis@friars.providence.edu)).

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR IDEA FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

E-mail Dr. Dills at [adills@providence.edu](mailto:adills@providence.edu)

## FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

**Professor Angela Dills** presented her paper “Price Increasing Competition: Evidence from Higher Education” (coauthored with Kurt Rotthoff) at the Southern Economic Association meetings in Atlanta, GA. She also attended an Economics of Education conference hosted at the University of Connecticut in October 2014. In January 2015, she discussed two papers and chaired a session at the ASSA’s conference in Boston.

**Professor Leo Kahane** gave two live interviews on the radio with WPRO and another with the Providence Business Journal on the topic of the economic impact of the proposed move of the Pawtucket Red Sox from Pawtucket to Providence.

**Professor William Marquis, O.P.** continues in his role as the Provincial Economic Administrator for the Province of St. Joseph.

On Sep. 3, 2014, **Professor Frank O’Brien** and Commissioner Paul Chabot of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service presented a skills enhancement program for Stewards of the Brotherhood of Correctional Officers. A second program was offered on September 16, 2014 for Stewards of various unions. A third program was offered on December 2, 2014 for Stewards of the Transport Workers Union and the Longshoremens Union. These programs are advanced training programs and are designed to promote the betterment of industrial peace.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to extend a warm congratulation to our faculty Dr. Angela Dills and her family. Dr. Dills and her husband welcomed their new addition baby Kathryn Milo Mulholland on February 5, 2015.

**TELL US YOUR PLANS AFTER GRADUATION!**  
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## DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Department of Economics is excited to announce that two new faculty members will be joining our department in the Fall. A. Christopher Limnios, a PhD candidate at the University of California, Santa Cruz is a macroeconomist who specializes in monetary theory and policy as well as aspects of housing markets. Michael T. Mathes will be receiving his PhD from Vanderbilt University. He specializes in health economics, applied microeconomics and labor economics. Both are outstanding teachers and active researchers and we look forward to their arrival at PC this summer.

## IN MEMORY OF DR. NAZMA LATIF-ZAMAN

On November 19, 2014, the Economics Department held the dedication of Nazma's plaque in the conference room. Nazma’s family, friends, and colleagues from various departments and offices at Providence College attended the dedication and shared our loving thoughts on Dr. Nazma Latif-Zaman. The plaque engraved, “In Memory of Nazma Latif-Zaman who, in 24 years of service to the Economics Department, proved to be an exemplary teacher, distinguished researcher, admired colleague and loving friend”.

# Life Begins at the End of Your Comfort Zone

By: Matthew Pavia '15

“Virgin Airlines flight 009, you are clear for take off”. As my plane raced down the tarmac, my mind and heart were mixed with a million emotions. What awaited me across the pond was my year abroad at the London School of Economics (LSE), which would become one of the most challenging, academically stimulating and rewarding years of my life. Continuously ranked as one of the top social science universities, the LSE draws students, faculty and speakers from around the world who are all on a search to “know the causes of things”.

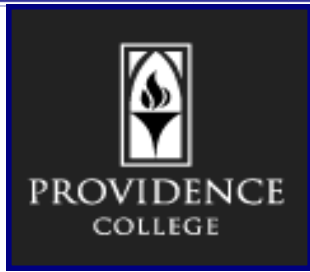
The first few days of my adventure involved me aimlessly wandering around the great city of London with no phone service and minimal wifi; all of which was exactly what my mom feared! Quickly transitioning into my new home for the next year, the seminars, lectures and countless hours of reading economic journals began to shape my weekly experiences at the LSE. After my first seminar, I remember thinking to myself, “these people are brilliant, what

am I doing here!”

Over the next consecutive eight months, I found a balance between the academic rigor and my own desire to travel throughout Europe. On weekends when I was not studying, I was able to travel to nine other countries and 21 cities getting as far east as Istanbul, Turkey.

LSE is an institution in a class of its own and London is one of the greatest cities in the world. What I appreciated the most during my time at the LSE was the discussions and debates of economic events that occurred everyday with students from around the world. Whether it was in a class or at the local pub, LSE has taught me to challenge the theories and understand the facts. Over the past year I have not only learned about global markets and economic events, but I have learned about people and cultures. I have learned about myself and that life begins at the end of your comfort zone, have no regrets.





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§ On Leave Spring 2015

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## ELECTIVES 2015-2016

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 Fall 2015, we offer:

- ECN 314: Econometric Models
- ECN 315: Math for Economists I
- ECN 320: Labor Economics
- ECN 322: Collective Bargaining
- ECN 335: Economics of Developing Nations
- ECN 351: Industrial Organization
- ECN 365: International Trade and Policy
- ECN 424: Economics of Education
- ECN 485: China and Emerging Markets

In Spring 2016, the tentative plan includes:

- ECN 309: History of Economic Thought
- ECN 312: Managerial Economics
- ECN 335: Economics of Developing Nations
- ECN 345: Economics of Sports
- ECN 352: Business, Government and Society
- ECN 409: Economic Forecasting
- ECN 415: Mathematics for Economists II
- ECN 488: Economics Senior Capstone