

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2016

OMICRON DELTA EPSILON

On April 14, 2016, we will induct the new members of the economics honor society ODE. The keynote speaker at the banquet is Arman Oganisian, Senior Analyst at Analysis Group. He holds a bachelor's degree in quantitative economics from

Providence College.

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):

Robert Bialock
Nicholas Calabraro

Kevin Donnelly
Lauren Ficurilli
Lauren Griffin
Christian Guerrero

Midori Kihara
Robert Loomis
Matthew Simoneau

New Inductees

Seniors:

George Copley
Daniel Greene
Craig Hilliard
Austin King
Muhammad Malik
Michael Nowosadko
Nicole Testa

Thu Tran

Juniors

Nicholas Arnold
Brian Bendernagel
Robert Blakeslee
Maguire Bowie*
James Campbell
Harrison Clarke
Megan Davidson

Samuel Hardwick
John Hindley*
Minh Anh Hoang*
Andrew Kerrigan
Kalan Lewis
Gregory Sikorsky
Daniel Tracy*
Erin Wallace

Ruane Chair in Economics

A gift from Michael and Elizabeth Ruane in December 2015 will create the Michael A. Ruane Distinguished Chair in economics. The first five-

year appointment to the Ruane Distinguished Chair is **Professor Leo H. Kahane**. The endowment supports this position in perpetuity.

HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT OR IDEA FOR THE NEWSLETTER?

E-mail Dr. Dills at adills@providence.edu

Dr. Kessler to Retire

By: Michael Matassa '16

Dr. Alan Kessler has been a member of the Economics Department since January 1985. He has seen many changes on campus over his 31 years and believes that PC is moving in a positive direction. Dr. Kessler has been the department Chairman for the last 6 years. He is sad to be leaving all this big PC family he has made, but will enjoy retirement drinking Mimosas on his deck eating bagels with cream cheese and lox. He is looking forward to traveling through Europe, exploring the frigid lands of Alaska, and enjoying a cruise while basking in the sun.

With all of this time on his hands, Dr. Kessler plans to relax and reflect

on his most treasured memories here at PC. He will miss helping the students, interacting with the faculty, and his amazing talks with Maureen. Don't worry I am sure there will be phone call or two. This way we can keep up with all of Dr. Kessler's adventures and keep him close to the Friar family.

Dr. Kessler wants to wish everyone in the department the best. He says he will be thinking about everyone here, as well as the departments reputation and growth. That is something that is truly heartening to him. Dr. Kessler says, "I believe the future of the department will be secure. I am leaving it in good hands".



The Economics department wants to thank you Dr. Kessler for all your years here, the time and hard work are truly unforgettable. Please enjoy yourself and experience life to the fullest every-day. You will always be part of the Friar family.

Career Workshops for Economics Majors and Minors

The Economics Department has partnered with Career Services in a new program to help our majors and minors prepare for entry into the job market. Dr. MaryJane Lenon and Eileen Wisnewski of Career Services held the first of a series of workshops in October targeting senior economics major and minors. The well-attended workshop focused on resume writing and job market search techniques. Dr. Lenon has worked with individual economics students in the past by providing interview prepara-

tion as they approach an important interview but this program formalizes the linkage between job market search and interview preparation with the assistance of Career Services. A second workshop on career preparation was offered just before spring break. Approximately 25 majors and minors from the sophomore and junior classes participated in a resume writing session that focused on the type of resume and kind of information economics majors should include in their resume. Various career and intern-

ship options for economics majors were discussed along with some caveats for students with regard to the use of social media. A third workshop for sophomores and juniors is planned for later in the semester. Topics will include networking and interviewing. The Economics Department's goal is to get majors and minors engaged in the career preparation process early in their academic program to enhance their performance in the job market.

Faculty Achievements

Professor Angela Dills published her paper with Rey Hernandez and Kurt Rotthoff entitled "Knowledge Decay Between Semesters" in the February 2016 issue of *Economics of Education Review*. She presented her paper "Critical Mass in the Classroom" at the Eastern Economic Association meetings in DC in February 2016.

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

On January 12, 2016, **Prof. O'Brien** was appointed by the Director of Administration of the State of Rhode Island to serve on a Technical Review Committee to determine if the \$130 million Engineering

Complex at the University of Rhode Island should be constructed under a Project Labor Agreement. On April 9 & 10, 2015, Professor O'Brien, together with Commissioners Martin Callaghan and Paul Chabot of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service conducted a collective bargaining training program for the supervisory staff of the Providence Community Library. On January 15 and January 21, 2016, Prof. O'Brien and Commissioners Callaghan and Chabot conducted a collective bargaining training program for the business agents of Teamsters Local 251. On April 28, 2015, Prof. O'Brien and Commissioner Chabot conducted an advance steward training program for stewards from several RI unions.

Welcome to our newest faculty members

By: Michael Matassa '16

Dr. Michael Mathes attended Bucknell University as an undergrad, where he completed his degrees in Economics and Spanish. After completing college, he



began a career as an international HR business consultant. After two years, Dr. Mathes enrolled in a Master's degree at the University of Cincinnati. While pursuing his degree, he realized his love for teaching and researching in economics and

matriculated at Vanderbilt University in the hopes of one day becoming a full time professor. Dr. Mathes specifies his area of research as Health Economics and looks forward to continuing his research agenda at PC.

Currently, Dr. Mathes is the Faculty Representative for the Economics Club. He teaches Principles of Microeconomics and will soon be teaching Health Economics. Dr. Mathes is looking forward to becoming the best economics teacher he can be. He is happy that the department is growing and enjoys working closely with his peers. He is excited to be part of the big changes happening here at PC!



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Dr. Mathes is a proud husband and father of a one-year old boy. In his off time he enjoys running, cooking, bike riding, and restoring his motorcycle. He has hiked to the top of Huayna Picchu and has visited 49/50 states. This adventurous and well-rounded guy is super friendly and always smiling. His spirit animal is the Quokka. This makes him very approachable for students to ask questions. So come on in and if you don't know him it is well worth paying a visit!

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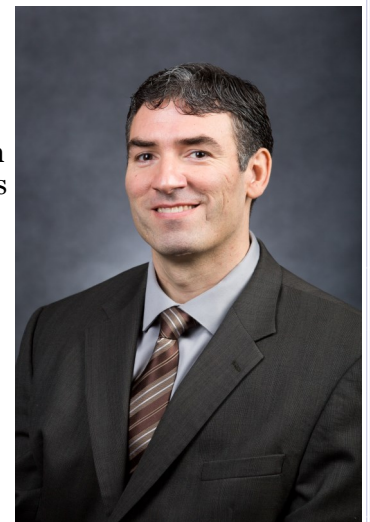
Dr. A. Chris Limnios was born in San Leandro, California. He obtained his undergrad degree in geology at California State University. Then he pursued an Economics degree at UC Santa Cruz. He specializes in Monetary Policy and Housing. Dr. Limnios is currently teaching macroeconomics here at PC and is looking forward to teaching Money and Banking soon. He is excited to be working for such a young department with high growth opportunity and knows he will have a direct hand in the shaping of the department.

Dr. Limnios is proudest of playing piano at a UN conference while still a high school student, then graduating at the top of his class in the School of Infantry (SOI) in the United States Marine Corps (USMC), and of course graduating with a PhD in Economics. He is the first in his family to graduate college and the first obtain a PhD. His biggest inspiration in his life has been his mother. She came from Greece knowing no English to give her children a better life. Dr. Limnios took full advantage of the opportunities here and has been living life to the fullest.

Some of the exciting things Limnios has done in his life are being an amateur boxer and the sparring part-

ner for the current number two heavyweight fighter in the world (Andre Ward). Being a U.S. Marine also has its exciting times. However, now as a professor he says it is exciting to teach students because he loves the idea that he gets to be a part of their success. He says, "I think teaching people about the economy is an important thing. Regardless of major or work you're participating in the economy."

As a new member of the Economics department we would love to welcome you to the warm Providence College Family. We know you will find a great life here and be able to have new adventures. We are as excited as you are that your passions of helping students learn about the economy will come to fruition.





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ELECTIVES 2016-2017

The Department always offers the six core courses of ECN 101: Principles of Economics: Micro; ECN 102: Principles of Economics: Macro; ECN 201: Microeconomic Analysis; ECN 202: Macroeconomic Analysis; ECN 214: Introductory Econometrics with Lab; ECN 488 Senior Capstone

In addition, in Fall 2016, we offer:

- ECN 321: Labor-Management Relations
- ECN 335: Economics Developing Nations
- ECN 425: Public Finance
- ECN 485: China and Emerging Markets
- ECN 485: Financial Crisis and its Aftermath

In Spring 2016, the current plan includes:

- ECN 322: Collective Bargaining
- ECN 343: Health Economics
- ECN 320: Labor Economics
- ECN 409: Forecasting
- ECN 412: Managerial Economics
- ECN 460: Money & Banking