Welcome back to Gettysburg! Our first year in the new home of the Economics Department, 339 Carlisle Street, was a huge success. You all really made this your academic home, and that was terrific.

This year, we welcome two new faculty members. The first is Jamie O’Brien, a new tenure track assistant professor with a freshly minted PhD in Economics from Georgetown University. Prof. O’Brien will be teaching a variety of courses for us, but his first year will be filled with Statistics and Methods. Please welcome Prof. O’Brien to the department when you see him. The second new faculty member is Maria Ivanova Reyes who joins us in a one-year visiting instructor position. Prof. Reyes will be teaching a number of introductory courses and development courses. Make sure we welcome Prof. Reyes, too.

My turn in the chair’s office is not over yet, so my plan is to continue having regular office hours (for my students and for my advisees) on particular days that meet their needs, and I hope to address most chair questions on a separate day. Look for my office hours postings. I will be on campus all day most days, so that if you have an ‘emergency’ administrative problem that requires the chair’s signature on a day other than the prescribed one, I can still take care of those. However, your first point of contact for all of these things is going to be Sue.

We have a full slate of events in the department again this year, so keep your eyes and ears open for the announcements of Fiscal New Year, the Gondwe lecture, the finance symposium, and the rest. Be sure to make 339 Carlisle Street your academic home away from home.

I hope you had a productive and restful summer, now let’s get back to doing great work!

- Professor Cushing-Daniels, Chair
Check out the Economics blog, “Creative Destruction,” which you can link to from the department webpage. Find out what your professors think about the issues of the day and give us a piece of your mind!

New Faculty

Jamie O’Brien - Received a Bachelor’s degree from Pomona College and a Ph.D. in economics from Georgetown University. Jamie has also worked in the private sector at NERA Economic Consulting and in the public sector as a Staff Economist for the White House Council of Economic Advisers. His research and teaching interests are in applied micro-economics, including environmental and development economics. Jamie is currently working on projects measuring the value of a statistical life for environmental policy analysis and estimating the relationship between household income and the pollution intensity of consumption.

Ivanova Reyes - PhD candidate in Economics at American University. She holds a BA in Economics from the Instituto Tecnologico de Santo Domingo, a MA in Applied Macroeconomics from Pontificia Universidad Catolica de Chile and a MA in Economics from Georgetown University. She has worked for the Ministries of Pensions & Economics of the Dominican Republic, the Inter-American Development Bank and the World Bank. She is currently working on her dissertation studying the impact of China in Latin America. In her research, she analyzes how the fast growth pace of China has affected business cycles in the Latin America region and the productivity of the Chilean manufacturing sector. Her research interests are focused on macroeconomics and international trade.

Sue Holz received the 2014 Pillars Award at the All Employee Picnic in June. During the last year, Sue received 10 pillars. The pillars appreciation program was created to honor staff, administrators and faculty for their great service to Gettysburg College each and every day. You can recognize a special employee for one great act of kindness or for going “above-and-beyond the call of duty.” Just visit the link below…

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Faculty-Student Research

If you are interested in working with faculty on their research, please contact the professor directly or stop by the department office and speak with Sue about possible opportunities.

Upcoming Events:

Fiscal New Year Celebration:
Sept. 26th, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
339 Carlisle Street

Gondwe Lecture:
October 3, 2014

“Marx in Soho” Performance:
October 7, 2014
7:00 p.m. in The Junction

Film Series:
Find details on Facebook

Finance Symposium:
Spring 2015

Gettysburg Economic Review:
Submit your paper to dept. for consideration in the 2015 issue...
Vishal Bajpai '16
Vishal, working as a Research Assistant for Professor Baltaduonis, is helping to design experimental software to be used for research of retail energy markets.

Shannon Brobst '15
Shannon was awarded the Railing Fellowship. She is working with Professor Baltaduonis to develop an experiment for answering the question: "How has Citizens United changed the campaign finance market?"

Daniel Oliver '16
Mellon Grant recipient working with Professor Lin. Research focuses on trying to estimate economic uncertainty in regards to the last recession through three different metrics: the percentage of bonuses as part of wages, historical stock option pricing, and gold pricing.

Victoria Perez-Zetune '16
Mellon Grant recipient working with Professor Fletcher doing a case study in Adams County by conducting surveys to explore how immigration impacts household dynamics and decision making.

Peter Standbridge '15
Mellon Grant recipient working with Professor Najwul. Over the past couple of decades, the number of eco-labels has grown exponentially across all sectors. Our project employs quantitative techniques to explore commonly presented reasons for this rapid growth.

Professor Baltaduonis and his research assistant Vishal Bajpai '16 took new GLEE mobile lab to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C., where they showcased an economics experiment designed to study wholesale electricity markets.

Vishal Bajpai '16 and Professor Baltaduonis demonstrated economics experiments on electric power markets to state regulators at the Institute of Regulatory Law and Economics (IRLE) in Aspen, CO.
When Sarah Ligon enrolled in Prof. Fletcher’s senior seminar, she had no idea she would end up finding her father’s painting that had been lost for over 35 years. While hanging artwork in the new Econ building, Professor Fletcher noticed the name signed on the back of one of the paintings was Ligon. She mentioned this to Sarah, who then called her Dad. This was his reaction: “Sarah, when you called me to say you were looking at my painting on the Economics’ building wall, I had tears well up. Wow, how do I describe a long lost passion returning.

My memories of leaving the Art building after hours in the art room painting various still life settings where time elapse unnoticed are such joyful memories of Gettysburg. The Art Dept. fostered my desire to create and lose myself in my passion which continues to give me pleasure today, whether writing a letter, reading a book, sharing an interest with a friend, planting a garden, fishing, mountain biking, paddling and painting. I was ready to graduate from Gettysburg in ’78, but my four years continue to foster wonderful memories, the finest of which is your mother, Anita, class of ’79.”

OPPORTUNITY FOR ECONOMICS MAJORS

Gettysburg Economic Review
We encourage you to submit a research paper to the Gettysburg Economic Review, our journal for undergraduate economic research sponsored by Omicron Delta Epsilon and edited by students and faculty. The journal will be soliciting submission in the fall for this year’s edition. We will consider all types of high quality papers, from short essay-style papers to long theoretical or econometrics papers, in all areas of economics. If you have written an excellent paper for a class (at any level) or independently, please consider submitting it to the GER.

2014-2015 Faculty:
Rim Baltaduonis
John Cadigan
Brendan Cushing-Daniels
Ryan Dodd
Jean Fletcher
Zhining Hu
Tim Lin
Drew Murphy
Linus Njiwul
Jamie O’Brien
Ivanova Reyes
Eileen Stillwaggon
Char Weise