

Economics Department Newsletter

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Events

1. Center for Development Economics (CDE) Intercultural Night

CDE Intercultural Night will take place starting 7:00PM on Saturday, February 16th at the CDE. This is an informal open house in which the CDE fellows display pictures and artifacts from their countries, dress in their national attire, and answer any questions you may have about their cultures. It’s a wonderful opportunity to get to know this year’s

CDE class and learn about the 23 different countries they come from. Intercultural night is open to all members of the Williams and Williamstown community. Children are especially welcome to attend. For more information, see:

https://calendar.williams.edu/event/intercultural_night?utm_campaign=widget&utm_medium=widget&utm_source=Williams+College#.UR60RGfJJQI

2. Whitney Tilson, co-founder of *Teach for America*, discusses “How Reformers are Turning Around Public Education,”

At 6:00PM on Monday February 18th in Griffin 3, [Whitney Tilson](#), hedge fund manager and education reformer (founder of TEACH FOR AMERICA with Wendy Kopp), will be giving a presentation on “How Reformers are Turning Around Public Education.” For more information, see:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_02/Whitney-Tilson-Education-Reform.pdf

Summer opportunities for undergraduates

3. Kershaw Summer Internships in Public Policy for Economics majors: applications due March 4

The Economics Department is pleased to remind you of an endowment that has been created to fund Kershaw Summer Internships in Public Policy for Economics majors. The fund was established in memory of Joe Kershaw, a prominent economist and much-loved professor at Williams, and David Kershaw, Williams '64, his son, also a well-known economist. The fund provides a stipend of \$3,600 for students pursuing summer internships with significant economics and public policy components. Only economics majors or undeclared sophomores who have taken both Econ 251 and 252 may apply. Please see this link for more detail:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_02/Kershaw-Internship-Memo.pdf

4. Volunteer Research Assistant positions available at Daniel Gilbert’s lab at Harvard

[Daniel Gilbert's](#) Lab at Harvard University is accepting applications for volunteer research assistants for the summer. The ideal candidate is a motivated undergraduate or recent graduate with a keen interest in social psychology. Research experience is an asset but not a necessity. For more information, go to the following URL:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_02/GilbertLab.pdf

5. Summer jobs with Fund for the Public Interest

The Fund for the Public Interest is a “national non-profit organization that works to build support for progressive organizations across the country.” They seek to hire college students during the summer to “fundraise, build membership for our partner groups, and educate and activate citizens on pressing issues.” They will be holding information sessions and interviews at Williams on February 19th and 20th at 10am, 2pm, 4pm and 6pm each day. All sessions will be held in the Paresky Student Center. You can call their office at 1-800-75-EARTH for specific room locations. For more information, go to the following URL:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_02/FundForThePublicInterest.pdf

6. Summer Internships with the World Wildlife Fund

The World Wildlife Fund offers several summer internship opportunities. For more information, see:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_02/WWF-Science-Intern-Descriptions.pdf

Post-graduation job opportunities

7. Princeton University Industrial Relations Section seeks Research Assistant

The Princeton University Industrial Relations Section, which includes some of the leading labor economists in the nation, is looking to hire a research assistant. For more information, see:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_02/Princeton-Industrial-Relations-Section-RA.pdf

Opportunities for undergraduates to publish their research

8. Wahington Undergraduate Law Review

The Washington Undergraduate Law Review is an academic legal journal at the University of Washington that publishes law-related essays, research papers, and other written work by undergraduates. The law review is entirely run by undergraduates at the University of Washington. They seek submissions for their spring edition. For more information, see:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_02/Washington-Undergraduate-Law-Review.pdf

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Please contact [Jon Bakija](#) with any news, events, or other information that you would like to send around to Economics and Political Economy faculty and majors, as well as anyone who has manifested an interest in the field by taking an economics class. If you would prefer not to receive the newsletter, please contact [Helen McShane](#) to unsubscribe.