

# Economics Department Newsletter

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### Events

#### 1. How’d You Get There? From Battling Big Banks to Publishing Big Names”

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On **Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00pm in the Mears Lewis Room, located in Mears House**, William Cohan, a Wall Street veteran turned award-winning investigative journalist and *New York Times* best-selling author, and his wife, Deb Futter, a publishing executive (both Williams parents) are visiting the Williams Career Center to give a presentation entitled “How'd You Get There? From Battling Big Banks to Publishing Big Names.” Students and faculty are both welcome and encouraged to attend. Cohan is author of books such as: *The Last Tycoons: The Secret History of Lazard Frères & Co.*, which won the 2007 Financial Times and Goldman Sachs Business Book of the Year Award; *House of Cards: A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street*; and

*Money and Power: How Goldman Sachs Came to Rule the World.* For more information, go to the following web site:

[http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013\\_03/From-Battling-Big-Banks-to-Publishing-Big-Names.pdf](http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_03/From-Battling-Big-Banks-to-Publishing-Big-Names.pdf)

## **2. Economics Thesis Defense: Marika Aleksieieva, '13, "Impact Assessment of South Africa's Child Support Grant on Employment Outcomes."**

On **Wednesday, February 27th, at 1:00 p.m. in Griffin 6**, Marika Aleksieieva, '13, will present the findings from her economics senior thesis project, entitled "Impact Assessment of South Africa's Child Support Grant on Employment Outcomes." Faculty and students are both welcome and encouraged to attend. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

## **Summer job opportunities**

### **3. Summer research internship at Columbia Business School**

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Columbia Business School seeks to hire undergraduate students to conduct research projects in finance, economics, marketing, management, decision making and data analytics during the summer of 2013. For more information, go to the following web site:

[http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013\\_03/Columbia-Business-School-Summer-Research-Internship.pdf](http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_03/Columbia-Business-School-Summer-Research-Internship.pdf)

## **Post-graduation job opportunities**

### **4. Research assistant position with Harvard development economist Shawn Cole**

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Development economist [Shawn Cole](#), of Harvard Business School and the Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, seeks to hire a research assistant. This would be an ideal job for an excellent student who is interested in development economics and plans to pursue a Ph.D. in economics. For more information, go to the following web site:

[http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013\\_02/Princeton-Industrial-Relations-Section-RA.pdf](http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/February2013_02/Princeton-Industrial-Relations-Section-RA.pdf)

Recent Williams econ alum Wentao Xiong '11 worked at this job before enrolling in the Ph.D. program in economics at Harvard. Wentao says he "is always happy to talk about this job and econ grad school with Ephs." You can reach him at [<wxiong@fas.harvard.edu>](mailto:wxiong@fas.harvard.edu).

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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.