

Economics Department Newsletter

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Events

1. Christopher DeSante, “Lazy Laurie the White Welfare Queen”

On **Monday, March 4, at 4:15PM in Griffin 6**, Prof. Chirstopher DeSante of the Oberlin College Political Science Department will present his paper “Lazy Laurie the White Welfare Queen.” From the abstract: “Attitudes toward racialized and re-distributive policies like welfare are often thought of as a function of both principled ideological positions and the underlying racial attitudes a person holds. This research engages this debate through an experimental design which tests whether hard work is rewarded in a color-blind manner.”

2. David Cole, “Korea Transformed: 1952-2012”

On **Friday, March 8, at 4:00PM in the Center for Development Economics classroom**, David Cole, an emeritus professor at Harvard and former economic adviser to

South Korea, will give a talk entitled “Korea Transformed: 1952-2012.” He will tell the fascinating story of how South Korea went from being a “hopeless” developing country to an industrial economy, effectively moving from the 19th to the 21st century in 60 years. His talk will feature a number of photos from Korea over the years and will include a discussion of what worked and what did not for this Asian Miracle Country. For more information, see:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/seminars/ColeKoreaTransformed.pdf>

On-campus job opportunities during spring semester

3. Prof. Lee seeks a part-time research assistant

Professor Yong Lee is looking to hire an undergraduate research assistant that can input US city level historical price data into Excel. The student should have familiarity with Excel. The expected time required for the task is around 30 -35 hours. The ideal candidate would be able to finish the task by the end of spring break. Depending on the student's skill (familiarity with Stata and econometrics), further task involving data merging and analysis could extend until the end of Spring semester. If interested, please email Prof. Lee (<mailto:yong.s.lee@williams.edu>).

Post-graduation job opportunities

4. Blue Engine, a NYC education non-profit, seeks applicants to work as teaching assistants in NYC high schools

Blue Engine, a New York City education non-profit, is offering college graduates the opportunity to combine direct service and professional development for one year in New York City high schools. They encourage those contemplating a career in education, public policy, or the nonprofit sector to apply. For more information, go to:

<http://www.blueengine.org/apply>

Graduate school opportunities

5. University of Texas at Austin offers a new one-year masters program in economics

The University of Texas at Austin is offering a new terminal one-year Master's degree for students seeking rigorous training in economic theory and analytical methods. Their admissions committee focuses upon high scores on the quantitative GRE and high grades in math and economics courses. The program is aimed at students with any of the following goals: (i) Qualifying for jobs in the private or government sector that require greater expertise in economic, analytical, and statistical tools than provided by an undergraduate degree; (ii) Obtaining the background in economics and mathematics required to gain admission to a high-quality economics PhD program; or, (iii) Studying economics as a complementary field to another area of expertise (law, political science, public health, statistics, energy, etc.). For more information, see:

<https://ma.eco.utexas.edu>

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