

Economics Department Newsletter

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Seminars and events

1. Economics Department Seminar: Lucie Schmidt, Lara Shore-Sheppard, and Tara Watson on “The Effects of Safety Net Programs on Food Insecurity”

On **Wednesday, October 24**, at 4:00PM in Griffin 7, [Lucie Schmidt](#), [Lara Shore-Sheppard](#), and [Tara Watson](#) of the Williams College Economics Department will discuss their new research paper, [*The Effect of Safety Net Programs on Food Insecurity*](#). They assemble data on the design and generosity of several federal and state safety net programs (including TANF, SSI, EITC, SNAP, and Medicaid) from 2001 through 2010, and combine it with U.S. Census Current Population Survey data, in order to investigate whether safety net programs successfully reduce the degree of food insecurity.

Information on Economics Winter Study Courses

2. New Winter Study for January 2013 - Social Entrepreneurship: Innovation in the Social Sector (ECON17)

The economics department is offering a new winter study course January 2013 in social entrepreneurship. Students will serve as consultants to leading social ventures in Northern Berkshire County and in New York City. For more information, go to:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/WinterStudy/SocialEntrepreneurshipCourseInfo.pdf>

Post-graduation job opportunities

3. UC San Diego Behavioral Lab Coordinator

The UC San Diego Behavioral Economics Lab seeks applicants for its lab coordinator position. This position is involved with the day-to-day operations of the UCSD Rady School's behavioral lab. This position schedules and oversees data collection activities, trains and supervises research assistants, seeks out and locates participants for experiments, and manages the logistical details of the lab. For more information, go to:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/JobAds/October2012/UCSD_BehavioralLabCoordinator.pdf

Summer Internship Opportunities

4. Koch Summer Fellows Program

The Charles Koch Summer Fellows Program offers paid summer internships to students interested in promoting libertarian or conservative public policies. For more information, go to:

http://www.theihs.org/koch-summer-fellow-program?utm_source=Univ%20Depts%20General&utm_medium=Email&utm_content=KSFP%20-%20Univ%20Depts%20General%20-%20App%20Online%20-%202010-15-12%20Version%20A&utm_campaign=KSFP%2013

Student Competitions

5. The Columbia Economic Review “Competitive Climate” Student Competition

The Columbia Economics Review invites groups of 2-5 undergraduates to participate in a symposium competition on the economics of US climate change legislation by submitting a policy recommendation and analysis via a 10-15 minute video presentation and a corresponding slide show or other visual aid. The team's recommendation should analyze and discuss the economics of climate change solutions and legislation in the United States. Should the government act? How should it act? The winning team will be awarded a \$500 monetary prize and will be recognized in Columbia Economics Review and by The Earth Institute. For more information, go to:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/StudentJournals/ColumbiaEconomicReviewCompetitiveClimate.pdf>

Graduate Programs

6. The Wharton Doctoral Program in Applied Economics

The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania seeks applicants for its Doctoral Program in Applied economics. For more information on the program, go to:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/GraduatePrograms/WhartonAppliedEconomicsPhD.pdf>

For information on research interests of faculty in the program, go to:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/GraduatePrograms/WhartonAppliedEconomicsFacultyResearch.pdf>

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