

Economics Department Newsletter

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Seminars and events

1. Economics Department Seminar: Tanseli Savaser on “Managerial Stock Options and Firm Risk: The Impact of Regulatory Changes.”

On **Wednesday, December 5**, at 4:00PM, in Griffin 6, Prof. [Tanseli Savaser](#) of Williams College will present her paper on “[Managerial Stock Options and Firm Risk: The Impact of Regulatory Changes.](#)” The paper presents evidence on how executive compensation practices have changed in recent years, in the wake of important regulatory changes such as 2002’s Sarbanes-Oxley Act. It uncovers some apparently puzzling new patterns in the

data regarding the degree to which different types of firms were incentivizing their executives to take risk, and the degree to which those executives were responding to those incentives.

Post-graduation job opportunities

2. Financial Analyst Position with the Aga Khan Foundation for Economic Development

The Aga Khan Foundation for Economic Development seeks applicants for a financial analyst opening with the organization. For further information, see:

http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/JobAds/December2012/ADFED_FinancialAnalyst.pdf

For senior economics majors interested in a writing a spring semester thesis

3. Reminder: deadline to apply for spring-semester thesis is Friday, December 7th

The deadline for senior economics majors to apply to write a winter-study and spring-semester honors thesis is Friday December 7th. For further information, see:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/Honors/FallThesisMemoSeniors.pdf>

Opportunity for students interested in entrepreneurship and revitalizing Spring Street

4. Williams Innovates: Spring Street

Students and faculty interested in entrepreneurship, community development, and quality of life in Williamstown are invited to participate in the “Williams Innovates: Spring Street” project, which will take place on January 12 and 13th, 2013. The goal of this project is to “re-cast Spring Street as a true destination, an exciting business district, and a cool place to hang out.” The time commitment will be about 33 hours, and in exchange you’ll get “a fantastic experience, a ton of fun, great food, the opportunity to work with amazing mentors, and the chance to help shape the future of Billsville.” For more information, see:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/StudentOpportunities/WilliamsInnovates.pdf>

Or contact one of the organizers: [Imran Khoja '12](#), [Howie Xu '13](#), [Brent Heeringa](#), [Laurie Thomsen '79](#), or [Jeffrey Thomas](#).

You can register for Williams Innovates at <http://goo.gl/pgcYp>

Opportunities for undergraduates to publish economic research

5. The Columbia University Journal of Politics and Society

The Columbia University Journal of Politics and Society seeks to publish “outstanding student research papers from seminars, upper-level electives, independent study and thesis programs.” For more information, see:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/StudentJournals/ColumbiaUniversityJournalOfPoliticsAndSociety.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 a class in either department this semester. If you would prefer not to receive the newsletter, please contact [Helen McShane](#) to unsubscribe.