

Economics Department Newsletter

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Editor's note

Welcome to the first edition of the Economics Department Newsletter for the 2012-13 academic year. The newsletter, which will be sent around (more or less) weekly, is our way to alert you to goings-on in the economics department. 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 [Sandy Zepka](#) to unsubscribe.

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Seminars and events

1. Economics department seminar: Ken Kuttner on the Effects of Monetary and Macroprudential Policies on House Prices and Credit

On **Wednesday, September 19th, at 4:00PM in Schapiro Hall 129**, Professor [Ken Kuttner](#) of Williams will present a paper entitled “[Taming the Real Estate Beast: The Effects of Monetary and Macroprudential Policies on House Prices and Credit](#).” Ken and his co-author Ilhyock Shim investigate the extent to which house prices and housing credit are influenced by monetary policy and by macroprudential policy (that is, financial regulation intended to manage the risks that individual borrowers’ and lenders’ actions pose to the financial system as a whole). Their analysis of cross-country data suggests that short-term interest rates and certain specific macroprudential policies do have significant effects on house prices, and that macroprudential policies can be effective tools for stabilizing house price and credit cycles.

Opportunities at Williams

2. Prof. Lucie Schmidt seeks a part-time research assistant

Professor Lucie Schmidt is looking to hire an undergraduate research assistant (for 5-8 hours per week during the semester) to work on a number of research projects on topics including anti-poverty programs and the economics of the family. The ideal candidate will have familiarity with Excel and Stata, strong library research skills, and will have completed (or be currently enrolled in) Economics 255, but I will consider all interested candidates. If interested, please email Prof. Schmidt (lschmidt@williams.edu) with your qualifications.

3. Paid opportunity for Williams students – participate in the economics experiment database

Want to earn money helping conduct economics research? Then SIGN UP to be in the Williams Experimental Economics Laboratory subject pool!

Go to <<http://econ.williams.edu/>>. Click "Experiments" on the left, and then click "Register" to complete your profile. You will then get an email that will let you confirm your registration.

Once you're signed up, you'll receive email invitations to experimental sessions as they occur. If you choose to participate in a session, you'll be paid in cash. How much you can earn will depend on the experiment. Your decisions in the experiment will be data for economic research on conducted by faculty and students.

No special skills are needed! All majors are welcome. (If you are already in the system, you do not need to re-register.)

Post-graduation and summer job opportunities related to economic research or public policy

4. Williams *Econ Research Jobs* web site

If you are interested in finding a job related to economic research or public policy, either after graduation or during the summer, the economics department has assembled a set of online resources to help you do that, including links to many job opportunities, and posted it at our *Econ Research Jobs* web site, which can be found at the following URL:

<http://econ.williams.edu/students/econ-research-jobs>

Click through the links there to find all sorts of useful information on finding such jobs.

Post-graduation job opportunities

5. Economics department web page listing job opportunities for students

All advertisements of job openings received by the economics department are posted on the economics department web site, shortly after we receive them, at the following URL:

<http://econ.williams.edu/students/job-advertisements>

6. Program Associate, Mathematica Policy Research, Princeton, NJ.

Mathematica Policy Research, Inc. (MPR) is a nationally recognized firm that conducts domestic social policy research on health care, welfare, education, labor, and other related topics. They are seeking a Program Associate to work on a combination of project management and research tasks in their Princeton NJ office. For further information go to the following URL:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/JobAds/September2012/MathematicaProgramAssociatePrinceton.pdf>

7. Research Programmer, Mathematica Policy Research, Ann Arbor, MI.

Mathematica also has openings for entry level research programmers in its Ann Arbor, Michigan office. For further information go to the following URL:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/JobAds/September2012/MathematicaResearchProgramersAnnArbor.pdf>

8. Economic Research Analyst, U.S. Department of Justice, Antitrust Division, Washington, DC.

The Economic Analysis Group in the Antitrust Division of the U.S. Department of Justice has openings for full-time economic research analysts in Washington, DC. For further information, see the following URL:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/JobAds/September2012/USDeptOfJusticeResearchAnalyst.pdf>

9. Actuarial Analyst, Aon Hewitt, Waltham MA.

Aon Corporation is “the leading global provider of risk management services, insurance and reinsurance brokerage and human capital and management consulting.” They are seeking entry-level actuarial analysts. For further information, see the following URL:

<http://web.williams.edu/Economics/JobAds/September2012/AonHewittActuarialAnalyst.pdf>

10. Project Analyst, Mintz Levin (law firm), Boston, New York, and DC.

The law firm of Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo is recruiting for project analyst positions in its Boston, New York, and Washington D.C. offices. For further information, see the following URL:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/JobAds/September2012/MintzLevinProjectAnalyst.pdf>

11. Analyst, Cornerstone Research (economic consulting and litigation services), Boston, Los Angeles, New York, Menlo Park, San Francisco, DC.

Cornerstone Research, a leading finance and economics consulting firm seeks to hire entry-level analysts. For further information see the following URL:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/JobAds/September2012/CornerstoneResearch.pdf>

Cornerstone research will have an on-campus information session on **Tuesday, September 18, 2012 at 8:00 p.m.** at **Weston 10**, where you can hear more about the firm

and the analyst position. They will also have a booth at the **Career Fair on Friday, September 28, 2012**. Their resume drop will close on **September 20, 2012** at 11:59 p.m.

Opportunities for undergraduates to publish economic research

12. *The Visible Hand*. “Cornell’s premier, student-run undergraduate economics journal.”

The Visible Hand, “Cornell’s premier, student-run undergraduate economics journal,” seeks submissions. For further information, see the following URL:

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