

# Economics Department Newsletter

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### Seminars and events

#### **1. Economics Department is featured at the “Dodd-ceum” dinner**

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On Thursday November 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5:30pm to 7:30pm, the Economics Department will be featured at the “Dodd-ceum” dinner. Many economics professors will attend, and all are welcome. There will be a five minute overview of what our department does, as well as an intellectually stimulating and entertaining presentation by Professor Jerry Caprio.

#### **2. The Role of Independent Research Institutes in the Policy Process in Developing Countries**

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On **Friday, November 8**, at noon, the Center for Development Economics will host a “Development Dialogue.” [Mike Samson](#) of Williams College and South Africa’s

[Economic Policy Research Institute](#), will discuss “The Role of Independent Research Institutes in the Policy Process in Developing Countries.” For Development Dialogues, reservations are required due to limited seating and provision of lunch. If you are interested in attending, please email Karima Barrow at [Karima.E.Barrow@williams.edu](mailto:Karima.E.Barrow@williams.edu) and she will let you know if there is room for you.

### **3. Monetary Policy and the Financial Crisis: What Were They Thinking?**

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On Monday, November 11, from 7:30pm – 9:00pm in Griffin 3, [Joe Peek](#), Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, will present a public lecture on “Monetary Policy and the Financial Crisis: What Were They Thinking?” Peek is an internationally recognized expert on monetary and financial policy. He will discuss the Fed’s dual mandate, how conventional monetary policy is conducted, how the Fed reacted to the financial crisis and the Great Recession, and why unconventional monetary policies -- such as quantitative easing -- were necessary. He will then briefly discuss current concerns about both the performance of the real economy and the conduct of monetary policy.

### **Post-graduation jobs**

#### **4. Economists Incorporated consulting firm**

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Economists Incorporated, a consulting firm, seeks applicants for two-year research associate positions starting in the spring or summer of 2014. For more information, see: <http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/JobAds/November2013/EconomistsIncorporated.pdf>

### **Graduate school**

#### **5. Information session on economics grad school, Tuesday, Nov 5, 5pm, Schapiro 241**

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On Tuesday November 5, at 5:00pm in Schapiro 241, Professors LaLumia, Lee, and Leight will host an information session for students who are interested in pursuing graduate school in economics.

#### **6. University of Illinois program in Applied Economics**

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Prof. Amy Ando, a Williams alum, is now the Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Applied Economics at University of Illinois. She has written to encourage Williams students to apply to the U of I master’s and PhD programs in Applied Economics. For information, see: <http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/JobAds/November2013/IllinoisAppliedEconomics.pdf>

## **Student journals**

### **7. Comparative Advantage, Stanford's Undergraduate Economics Journal**

Stanford University's undergraduate economics journal, *Comparative Advantage*, seeks submissions. The deadline is December 1. For information, see:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/JobAds/November2013/StanfordStudentJournal.pdf>

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### **8. How to get items into the newsletter and how to unsubscribe**

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, or if you would prefer not to receive the newsletter and want to unsubscribe.