

# Economics Department Newsletter

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## Editor's note

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Welcome to the first edition of the Economics Department Newsletter for the 2013-14 academic year. The newsletter, which will be sent around (more or less) weekly during the regular academic year, is our way to alert you to goings-on in the economics department. It goes out to all 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 have any news, events, or other information that you would like to send around to this group, or if you would prefer not to receive the newsletter, please email Jon Bakija at [jbakija@williams.edu](mailto:jbakija@williams.edu).

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### On-campus employment opportunities, fall semester

#### 1. Professor Lucie Schmidt seeks a part-time research assistant

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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](mailto:lschmidt@williams.edu)) with your qualifications.

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## **2. Prof. Jessica Leight seeks a part-time research assistant**

Professor Leight is interested in a research assistant to work on projects in development/political economy. Some Stata experience is strongly preferred, though not strictly required, and hours can be flexible. Please contact her at [Jessica.Leight@williams.edu](mailto:Jessica.Leight@williams.edu) if you are interested.

## **Summer or post-graduation employment**

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### **3. 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.

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### **4. Aon Hewitt seeks actuarial analysts and interns**

Aon Hewitt, a human resources consulting firm, seeks to hire college students for summer internships, or recent college graduates for full-time positions, involving retirement-related actuarial analysis. For further information please see:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/Aon-Hewitt-Actuarial-Intern.pdf>  
and

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/Aon-Hewitt-Full-Time-Actuarial-Analyst.pdf>

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### **5. Babson College investment banking conference**

Babson College is hosting a conference for students interested in careers in investment banking. For further information, please see:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/Babson-Investment-Banking-Conference.pdf>

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### **6. Carnegie-Mellon behavioral economists seek research assistant**

Professors Karim Kassam and Carey Morewedge of Carnegie Mellon University seek to hire a research assistant to work on laboratory experiments relating to behavioral economics. For more information, please see:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/Carnegie-Mellon-RA.pdf>

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### **7. MIT health economist Amy Finkelstein seeks research assistants**

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MIT professor Amy Finkelstein seeks to hire a research assistant to work on health economics related issues. For more information, please see:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/Finkelstein-RA.pdf>

### **8. Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City seeks research associates**

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The Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City is seeking to hire recent college graduates for research associate positions starting fall 2013. If you know of recent graduates who are still looking for a job and have the requisite qualifications, please consider sharing this information with them. For more information, please see:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/KC-Fed.pdf>

and

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/KC-Fed-Research-Associate-Job-Description.pdf>

and

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/KC-Fed-OKC-Research-Associate.pdf>

### **9. Antitrust Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office seeks Economic Analyst**

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The Antitrust Division of the Massachusetts Attorney General's office is seeking to hire a college graduate for an Economic Analyst position, to start immediately. The current occupant of that position, Williams alum Helen Hood, is leaving, and they are especially eager to hire another Williams grad to fill the position. Again, if you know of any recent graduates with the requisite qualifications who are still looking for a job, please consider sharing this information with them. For further information, please see:

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/Mass-Attorney-General-Economic-Analyst.pdf>

### **Opportunities for undergraduates to publish economic research**

#### **10. *The Visible Hand*. "Cornell's premier, student-run undergraduate economics journal."**

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

<http://web.williams.edu/williams-only/Economics/NewsletterAnnouncements/2013091/Cornell-Visible-Hand.pdf>

### **Interesting reading**

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Prof. Jerry Caprio suggests the following exchange might be interesting reading for students:

<http://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2013/08/24/what-is-economics-good-for/>

and

<http://noahpinionblog.blogspot.com/2013/09/no-economics-is-good-for-lots-of-things.html>