Women in Economics club approved

Women in Economics (WE) aims to empower women by hosting events that foster connections within and beyond CWRU, as well as assist women in professional development to increase their representation in the economics community. Students from any major or gender may join and/or attend events.

Their first event will be March 24, 4:00 p.m. in PBL 203: a general introduction and social event for anyone interested in participating in the club. On the afternoon of April 24 they will host a panel and networking event of women working in data/business analytics.

President: Beth Canel (‘23); Vice President: Claire Jeffress (‘22); Treasurer: Kasey Vanglov (‘21), Secretary: Becky Schneirov (‘23), Marketing: Nikki Zimmer (‘23), Public Relations: Annika Lacroze (‘23), Senior Rep: Shivalika Keni (‘20), Community Reps: Gabi Blatnik (‘22), Sara Young (‘20).

Join on Campus Groups, email: WE.cwru@gmail.com. Instagram: @cwru_we, Website: https://wecwru.wixsite.com/homepage.

TEDx

Professor Roman Sheremeta gave two TED talks in 2019: one in Ukraine at TEDxIvano-Frankivsk over the summer, and one on campus at TEDxCWRU in November. His TEDxCWRU talk, “The Pursuit of Happiness: Advice from a Behavioral Economist,” is now available on the TEDx Talks YouTube channel.
Fall 2019 Happenings...

Economics Students Inducted into Wolstein Society

October 2019: Six economics majors and two economics minors were among 23 students inducted into the fourteenth class of the Weatherhead School’s Wolstein Society. The induction ceremony recognized outstanding senior undergraduate students who represent the society’s main pillars of scholarship, leadership, community service, and professional will. Economics majors of the Wolstein Society class of 2020: Florence Bian (’20), Ethan Glickstein (’20), Lee Radics (’20), Alexandra Stevens (’20), Kai Zheng (’20), Adam Zybko (’20). Economics minors of the Wolstein Society class of 2020: Aleksandra Lach (’20), Brian Woo (’20).

Weatherhead Economics Society’s “Newly-Ed Game”

November 6, 2019: The Weatherhead Economics Society hosted the “Newly-Ed Game” – a take on the Newlywed Game – at the Jolly Scholar. Students and faculty took the stage in pairs to guess their partner’s economic opinion of a current economic issue; after revealing answers, partners discussed their views with each other and the audience. Pictured are Lance Zhong, Aarshia Jain, Claire Jeffress, and Nathan Lesch.

Economics Students perform at CIM Orchestra Concert

November 22, 2019: Professor Jenny Hawkins caught Cleveland Institute of Music students and economics majors Miranda Deppisch (’21) (horn, left), Lauren Jensen (’22) (horn, middle), Alexandra McGuire (’22) (flute) (not pictured), and economics minor Noah Stein (’22) (trombone) at the Cleveland Institute of Music Orchestra concert of Sibelius’ fifth symphony.

Presentation and Student Sessions with Ellen Zentner

December 5, 2019: Ellen Zentner, Chief U.S. Economist and Managing Director at Morgan Stanley, visited campus before giving the Bower’s Economics Forecast to discuss her journey in economics and offer advice about economics careers. Pictured are economics majors Alex McGuire (’22), Katie Liebler (’22), Shivalika Keni (’20), Marisa Katz (’21), Claire Jeffress (’22), Ellen Zentner, Alexandra Stevens (’20), Olivia Samson (’21), Anna Ashley (’20), and Miranda Deppisch (’21) at the talk.

Fireside Chat with SEC Commissioner Hester Peirce (’93)

December 9, 2019: CWRU hosted a fireside chat with SEC Commissioner Hester Peirce (’93, economics) and Professor Scott Shane as part of the Edmonds E-Talk Series. Peirce discussed startup capital formation, entrepreneurship in the Midwest, and the role of the SEC. Several economics majors and professors attended the talk and subsequent networking reception.

Economics Majors Abroad

Winter Break 2019: Economics majors Kasey Pukys (’22), Jason Guo (’21), Andoni Barrica (’20), and Ingrid Gillies (’23) are pictured on the Fact Finders trip to Israel and Palestine organized through Cleveland Hillel.
Students work to improve clean water and electricity in India

Through a grant from the Great Lakes Energy Institute Fellows, two Economics majors, Kareem Agag ('20) and Aayush Parikh ('20), traveled to Jawhar, a group of villages located a few hours outside of Mumbai to promote and implement solar power as means to maintain electric infrastructure. With a team of students from other universities, Kareem and Ayush installed solar panels and water filters and spoke with students in the villages about clean water and electricity.

Mark your calendars!

Professor Raj Chetty of Harvard University will deliver the 2020 Howard T. McMyler Memorial Lecture on Thursday, September 17, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. in the Tinkham Veale University Center. Registration details will be announced at a later date.

Students learn about the Economics major at annual Choices Fair

We are excited to now have 180 total economics majors! The annual Choices Fair gives us an opportunity to speak to first year students about the economics major. In October, Professors Ernest, Hawkins, and Sheremeta joined economics majors Jason Guo ('21), Alec Hoover ('20), Shivalika Keni ('20), Joey Shulik ('21), Tim Sprunt ('21), and Steven Nyeo ('21) at the Choices Fair to answer questions about the economics major. The nine of them were so flooded with student interest in economics, we didn’t even have time to get a photo! We are extremely grateful to our majors who shared experiences and advice.

Reminder to students: the Economics Dept Canvas site has many great resources for economics majors and minors!

NEW Economics courses for the 2020-2021 school year!

ECON 216: Data Visualization in R
Professor David Clingingsmith will teach students how to use visualization to learn about and communicate patterns in data. The class will introduce students to the programming language R and does not require any prior experience with data or statistics.

ECON 380: Computational Economics
Professor Sining Wang’s course is targeted towards students who want to learn more about computer implementations for conducting quantitative research in economics and social sciences. Students will learn basic Python to apply quantitative solution methods to a wide range of issues such as auctions, the stock market, elections, pandemics, and more.

Watch Professor Sue Helper on The Weekly!

Check out Professor Helper’s appearance on The New York Times documentary series The Weekly on FX. She appears on Episode 6 to discuss changes in the automotive manufacturing industry as a result of electric vehicle production.
**Students—Plan ahead for SAGES Capstone ECON 395**

If you plan to complete your SAGES Capstone in economics by taking ECON 395, note that ECON 326: Econometrics is a pre-requisite course, so you’ll want to plan ahead to ensure you meet the requirements. Currently both ECON 395 (SAGES Capstone) and ECON 391 (SAGES Departmental Seminar) are only offered in the spring semester each year.

**Congratulations Students!**

Our majors were busy in 2019 showcasing their economics research and data analytics skills:

**CWRU DataFest**

The third annual CWRU DataFest drew in six economics majors. The topic, held in secret until the start of DataFest weekend, was Canadian women’s rugby, which included five datasets ranging from GPS data of movement during games, to health and wellness data. Computer science, math, statistics, economics, and business students competed in nine teams, working over the course of 48 hours. Two economics majors were on award winning teams: Kareem Agag ('20) on the team Big Data Energy won Best Visualization and Anthony Brennan ('19) on team The Den by Denny’s won Honorable Mention for Best Use of External Data.

Pictured hard at work is team Shoaginators, composed of economics majors Victor Xie ('21), Kieran Gallagher ('21), and Roman Kouznetsov ('19), to whom we award best team name for their homage to Professor Daniel Shoag.

**Research Showcase**

Thirty-two students from ECON 395 presented posters of their semester capstone research at CWRU Intersections in Spring 2019, and three groups won cash awards in the Social Sciences division! Rasheed Ajala ('19) and Priyal Chadha ('19) tied for 1st place, "Does overspending on health care benefit patients with acute conditions?" Jacob Frisch ('20) and Luke DiMuzio ('19) tied for 1st place, "Efficiency in Major League Baseball Player Contracts Market." Philip Adikes ('19) and Shrey Agarwal ('19) tied for 2nd place, "The Role of Credit-Market Sentiment in the Economy."

Pictured clockwise top left with their research posters are ECON 395 students Rasheed Ajala ('19) and Priyal Chadha ('19), Jacob Frisch ('20) and Luke DiMuzio ('19), Emma Toth ('20) and Shelby Shvorob ('20), and Economics Honors student Alec Hoover ('20).

**ACG Cup Case Study Competition**

Congratulations to majors Ethan Glickstein ('20, economics and finance) and Shrey Agarwal ('19, economics and finance) for their 1st Prize win at the annual Association for Corporate Growth M&A/Private Equity competition in Spring 2019. Despite facing mostly teams of MBA students, the CWRU team swept the competition (a "real world" investment banking pitch to a panel of industry experts) for the first time in the competition’s history. Pictured: Ethan Glickstein, Shrey Agarwal, Ashley Carnes, and Jake Mecham.

ALUMNI! If you are interested in speaking to our students about your career (any field) or have internship/job postings, please contact Professor Jenny Hawkins (jenny.hawkins@case.edu).