Dear Alums,

First, I’d like to thank Anne Winkler and Michael Allison for their six years as co-Chairs of the Department. They steered us through many important events, including COVID and the pivot to online teaching, as well as the hiring of our first Assistant Professor in over fifteen years (Eiji Goto)!

Building on their success, a few new initiatives were developed this year. Due to the generous donations of alums such as yours, we were able to initiate a monthly Brunch in the ERC program, that we hope will drive enrollment and new majors, not to mention good will among our current students. On the first Wednesday of every month during the regular academic year we now host bagels and cream cheese and/or donuts and drinks in the Sharon G. Levin Economics Resource Center. The brunches are always advertised widely and all students were encouraged to attend (both majors and nonmajors alike) so that everyone can interact with faculty and each other and see first-hand how welcoming the ERC is. Feedback from this initial year has been quite positive, and we plan to continue the program in the years ahead.

We also initiated an Adjunct Appreciation Program that included new teaching initiatives. In addition, while raises for adjuncts are wholly outside of the department’s control, we were able to get approval for small monetary-based appreciation gifts at the end of the academic year for all five of our valued adjuncts: Ian Aebel, Robert Coulter, Tracie Edwards, Joseph Hough, and Stephen Scheid. In September of this year Tracie received the 2021 NTT Faculty of the Year Award in person from the Chancellor!

A few other things of note: the Department crafted and finalized a set of by-laws this year, and also went through a comprehensive five-year review process. The final external report from the 5-year review was very positive, including such comments as, “The department is very entrepreneurial and interdisciplinary…” and “The department’s focus is in keeping with, and in some instances ahead, of national trends…” and perhaps best of all, “Their students identify strongly as members of the department, as evidence by their alumni giving, participation in alumni events, and their engagement with the department which continues long after they graduate.” This was particularly true this year, with record numbers of attendees at our Alumni Party in April, after a two year COVID-induced hiatus.

Finally, a couple of shout outs: to Marcela Manjarrez as the 2021 A&S Commencement Speaker, and to Majana Reis for receiving the 2021 Department Alumni Award. Majana was one of my very first students, from when I was first hired way back in 2004 (!), and it has been an enormous pleasure watching her career advance over the years, and seeing the amazing person (and alum!) she has become. Congratulations again Majana, and thank you for all that you do for the Department.

I want to close by urging everyone to stay in touch, and never hesitate to reach out to myself, or anyone else in the Department. I think I speak for all my colleagues when I say that we truly enjoy hearing from each and every one of you!

Sincerely,
Lea–Rachel Kosnik,
Interim Chair, Department of Economics

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Mark your calendars: The FALL 2022 PICNIC is scheduled for Sunday, September 18th, noon—3 p.m.

NEW LOCATION: Shaw Park - Picnic Area #1 (South parking lot).
See map on the back of the last page.

The annual Fall Picnic, sponsored by NABE, was back in 2021! Thank you to NABE faculty adviser Brian Speicher, NABE members, and grillmaster, Don Kridel!
A&S Commencement Speaker for December 2021, Marcela Manjarrez

Marcela Manjarrez, BS 1998, provided the Commencement Address for the College of Arts & Sciences ceremony at the December 2022 graduation! For seven years, Marcela worked at Centene, rising to the position of executive vice president and chief communications office at Centene Corporation. Marcela also served as a mentor to BS econ graduate Natalie Orf, who graduated at the same commencement exercise. Natalie is the first recipient of the Manjarrez Hawn and Centene Charitable Foundation scholarship! Natalie juggled econ classes and raising a two- (now five) year old!

Natalie Orf is a true UMSL Econ success story: She is now employed full-time as a Finance Analyst at Centene. Read more about Natalie’s journey in UMSL Daily.

Tracie Edwards — Honored at the 2021 State of The University Address

Tracie Edwards is pictured, 4th from left. Click here: Read more in UMSL Daily.
Congratulations to Majana Reis!

Majana Reis (BS/MA 2005) received the Alumni Award for Outstanding Support of the Department. Majana is an enthusiastic supporter. She attends the picnics and the alumni parties, met with the WIE group and shared insights and participated in two Alumni Panel panels over the years. In addition, she has supported our students through her generous giving to the UMSL Econ Alumni Scholarship. Majana — UMSL Econ is so grateful for all of your efforts!

UML Econ Happenings

In 2021-22, In-person events returned: The pizza open house to recruit new students plus WIE and NABE activities. New!!! A monthly brunch at the ERC for recruiting, retention (and to enhance productivity!). Thank you to our generous alumni donors!

Brunch in the ERC is Back!

Please join the Economics Department — and invite your friends! — for another brunch in the ERC (452 SSB), courtesy of generous economics alumni donors.

Free brunch in the ERC!

You’re invited to a free brunch in the ERC, courtesy of generous alumni donors. Yummy bagels, donuts, and muffins will be available for all majors, non-majors, and those simply hungry.

End of Term Holiday Party!

Where: ERC, 452 SSB Bldg.
When: Wed, Mar 2, 12-1pm
What: Drinks, snacks, and treats to help you close out the fall 2022 term
Who: All Economics majors and minors, and anyone considering an Economics major or minor!
Women in Economics

WIE had a busy year. In fall, **Bayley Quain** (BS 2018), Supply Chain Developer at Royal Canin, discussed her position and challenges for women in economics. WIE also organized a brunch at Half & Half in Clayton. In Feb. WIE (virtually) attended the Women in Economics Symposium sponsored by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. In May, the group held an outdoor lunch in **Anne Winkler**’s backyard, which included some WIE alums! Fall president was **Natalie Orf**. Spring president was **Ashlee Sprock**. Other Board Members: **Imogen Bennett**, **Senita Chambly**, and **Rachel Wilbanks**.

Thank you to our alum speaker **Bayley Quain**!

WIE lunch attendees included **Natalie Orf** (BS 2021), **Senita Chambly**, faculty adviser **Anne Winkler**, Chair **Lea Kosnik**, **Ashlee Sprock**, **Rachel Wilbanks**, **Paige Steimel** (BS 2019), **Rob Hall**, **Garret Macko**, **Joel Fecke**, **Geraldine Germain** and baby Sadie!

Alumni Panel 2022!

30+ current students attended. Thank you to **Don Kridel**, **Brian Speicher**, and **Mike Allison** for making it possible for students to attend the noon event when they had overlapping class times!

**Kennadi Haythorne**, BS 2020, Investment Advisor Service Associate, Correct Capital Wealth Management

**David Becker**, BS 2012, Lead Product Owner at World Wide Technology

**Brandon, Giesegh**, BS/MA 2015, Manager, Supply Chain Analytics at SCM Connections

A tremendously informative panel!
Alumni Success 2022

Alumni — Join UMSL Economics Alumni LinkedIn!

Benjamin Blackwell (MA 2016) is now Lead Project Manager at Mastercard.

Dawn Berry is (BS 2007) is Storefront Branch Sales Manager at American Family Insurance.

Ken Brockland (BS/MA 2005) is Senior Director, Supply Chain at Walmart in Bentonville, AR.

Stephanie Buckley (MA 2015) is now Principal Pricing Solutions Senior Manager at Express Scripts.

Meagan Burwell (BS/MA 2019) is Risk & Underwriting Manager at Express Scripts.

Erisa Bushati Bala (BS 2017) was promoted to Financial Operations Senior Manager at Express Scripts.

Antonio Clair (BS 2014) is in a new role as BI Analyst-Data Modeler with Bankers Healthcare Group. It is a financial firm who specializes in lending to healthcare professionals. The position is fully remote!

Christopher Cunningham (BS/MA 2017) is now Associate Consultant at Daugherty Business Solutions.

Tyler Czarnecki (BS 2014) is Vice President at AURORA CARES, LLC TARA CARES.

Kristen Dixon (BS 2009) is now Demand Planning Analyst at Hager Companies.

Eugene Edmiston (BS 1991, MA 1993) is now Principal Pricing Strategy Manager at Solera, Inc.

Jordan Franks (BS 2014) and his wife Alex started Jack’s Salsa! Read more here. Their sauce was featured in St. Louis Magazine!

Geetanjali Gamel (BS/MA 2006) was promoted to Head HR Global Commercial Strategy Organization and Janssen Business Development at Johnson & Johnson. She was honored by J&J as a trailblazer and featured as a woman making a difference in the world of work! Congratulations Geetanjali!

Brandon Gray (BS 2016) was named a 2022 Rising Star Real Estate Agent!

Haleigh Holmes (MA 2020) is now Lead Program Schedule Integrator at Boeing.

Elliott Gianaris (BS 2021) is now a Wealth Management Support Associate at Busey Bank.

Santina Grzac (MA 2016) is a Data Analyst at Edge by Ascendital in Seattle.

Rachel Harrington (BS/MA 2019), who will be starting her 3rd year at Michigan Law School, has a summer position with the Metropolitan Public Defender in Portland. As a Michigan, law student Rachel helped to get the convictions of two brothers in suburban Detroit vacated as part of the Michigan Innocence Clinic. Click here to read more.

Stefaniya Ivanova (BS 2019), Business Analyst with Cushman Wakefield, has relocated to New Jersey.

Kevin Heard (1998) was promoted to Solutions Architect (Informatics) at BJC HealthCare.

Colin Kohl (BS 2019) is Trade & Shopper Strategy Manager at Anheuser-Busch.

Jake Krutzsch (BS/MA 2021) is a Data Scientist at Post Holdings.

Vikram Kumar (MA 2008), Principal at Cornerstone Research, was quoted in the Legal Diary following the UK Supreme Court ruled on Lloyd v. Google. Vikram Read more here.

Melissa Kuster (MA 2011) is now Transfer Pricing Director at DLA Piper in London.

Alyssa Leibold (BS/MA 2021) took a position as an Economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Dallas-Fort Worth.

Jeremy Loscheider (MA 2007) is now Director of Data Science at National Medical Billing Services in Chesterfield.

Alex Lovell (BS 2019) is a Data Analyst at Centene.

Trung Ly (MA 2011) is now an Assistant Teaching Professor at the Poole College of Management at NC State.

Terrence Madlinger (BS 2013) started a new position as Senior Managed Insights Architect at World Wide Technology in San Antonio, Texas.

Patrice Mareschall (BA 1987), was promoted to the rank of full Professor in the Department of Public Policy & Administration at Rutgers University Camden. She has a 2021 co-authored publication, “Against All Odds: Achieving Collective Action Among Home Care Workers in Oregon,” in Labor History.

Fred Mwangi (BS 2020) is Corporate Treasury Analyst at Goldman Sachs, Dallas-Ft. Worth.

Quentin McGuffey (BS 2013) is now Business Execution Administrator with Wells Fargo Advisers.

Gregory Nelson (BS/MA 2014) is now Research Manager, Data and Analytics at Cushman & Wakefield.

Hyerin Park (MA 2016) received her PhD from University of Mississippi. She and her family relocated to Seoul, Korea, where she is employed at the Korea Institute of Local Finance.

Phillip Prichard (BS 2010) is now Product Owner at Centene Corporation.

Matt Rose (MA 2012) is Director of S&OP and Demand Planning - Better Choice Company

Adam Richardson (BS/MA 2011) is now Senior Associate Director - Data Science & Advanced Analytics at Boehringer Ingelheim.

Ashley (Boyd) Robinson (BS 2012) is now Senior Supply Chain
Sad news — Alum Steve Most

Steve Most (BS 2012) passed away on February 24th, 2022, survived by his spouse Elaine. Elaine’s brother is Michael Cassidy (BS/MA 2014) and sister-in-law is My Nguyen (BS 2011). The UMSL Department of Economics offers our deepest condolences to Emily, Mike, My, and the rest of the family. So many remember seeing Steve at the ERC and at alumni events. He had a warm personality that put you right at ease.

From the 2015 Alumni Party: L-R Greg Nelson (BS/MA 2014), Steve Most (BS 2012) & his wife Elaine, Maggie Evans (BS/MA 2014), and Marisa Klein (BS 2012, MA 2016)

Sad News — Alum Nora Jijane

We are also sorry to report that Nora Jijane (MA 2015) passed away in August 2021 in Paris. The UMSL economics faculty and alums fondly remember Nora. Our deepest condolences go out to her family and friends.

NABE Happenings

The student group NABE returned to in-person activities in 2021-2022! These included the picnic, a pancake breakfast, trivia night, frisbee and board games, a resume brown bag and more. Special thanks to faculty adviser, Brian Speicher.
Our Graduates

Summer 2021

Undergraduate Degrees

Payton Harris
Michelle Tamara McCarthy
Onaedo Onejeme

Fall 2021

Undergraduate Degrees

Josue Jimenez Stores
Mitchell R. Hernandez
Jacob Althauser Krutzsch*
Natalie E. Orf

Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Data Analysis

Nikolos Harper Culp
Mitchell R. Hernandez

Graduate Degrees

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Spring 2022

Undergraduate Degrees

Juan Ignacio Albin
Garret Richard Macko
Bryan Jeremy Pierce
Dillon J. Pierce
Nicole Jean Thompson

Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Data Analysis

Bryan Jeremy Pierce

Graduate Degrees

Nikolos Harper Culp
Bryan Jeremy Pierce

*Ade Fanegan (BS 2005, MA 2020), Vice President Model Risk Management Analytics at UMB Bank, returned to UMSL in December 2021 to attend in-person commencement. He shared an elbow-bump with Chancellor Sobotlik!

*Received Departmental Honors
Since the financial crisis in 2008–09, inflation rates, Gillman shows, have remained persistently higher than interest rates worldwide, which is the inverse of the basic understanding of how inflation normally affects markets. The result of this inversion has been that the effective real return on investment has become negative, and consequently, the investment rate has dropped across western economies.


Clinton Greene, now retired, is going to spend a year or two in a 160 square foot tiny house outside of Corvallis, OR. Clinton’s great grandfather’s homestead is a couple of hours away. He hopes to do some writing, but will mostly hike, dance, and meet new people. Ten miles of hiking trails right are outside his door.

The Time Series Econometrics torch passed from retired faculty member Clinton Greene to new faculty member Eiji Goto!
Enterprise Education on The New Business Ethics in Las Vegas in April and gave a guest lecture to the school of business at the University of Texas-Austin on the importance of a culture of corporate trust and how to build it, also in April. He has been reappointed to his third term on the US Civil Rights Commission and has been made a Senior Fellow at the Common Sense Society. He has two papers coming out this year and he continues to work on his latest book, POWER: The Making of The Modern World. His current work also includes developing curriculum for the infusion of economics into civic education in all fifty states and in several foreign countries.

Bob Sorensen reports that he still is actively engaged playing tennis and working to improve his guitar skills. He follows economics closely and serves as the chairman of the pension board for the city of Ferguson. He noted that, excepting remote learning, now would be a wonderful, albeit challenging, time to be teaching economics.

Brian Speicher continues enjoy teaching courses - especially Economics of Sports, Gaming and Gambling and Game Theory. His daughter, Anika, has graduated high school and is heading off to the Air Force Academy this summer.

Anne Winkler and co-author Fran Blau published the 9th edition of their Oxford textbook, The Economics of Women, Men, and Work in November 2021. For the first time in nine years, Anne taught Econ 1001 (principles of micro) and she enjoyed it! She participated in a panel at the Women in Economics Symposium at the St. Louis FED on labor force participation during the pandemic and participated in and chaired sessions at a special conference on the Economics of Demography at Wash U. The university service activity closest to her heart and interests was serving on the campus Child Care Task Force. In non-econ news, The University City Summer Band returned in summer 2022! Anne is President of the Board and plays clarinet.

**Kuznets Awards**
Undergraduate: Alex Pedigo for “Minimum Wage, A Cross-Sectional Analysis”
Graduate: Jacob Krutzsch for “Short-Run Estimates of the Employment Effect of State Minimum Wage Legislation”

**Veblen Awards**
Undergraduate: Sam Stockell for “The Economic Crisis in the Weimar Republic”
Graduate: Abby Froidl for “Corporate Culture on Gender-specific Access to and Effects of Flexible Work-Time Arrangements”

Congratulations to our students on writing excellent papers!
Return of the UMSL Econ Picnic, Sept. 19, 2021!
Irv Zeid Park in Olivette

Max Gillman, Zach Whitford (BS/MA 2021), and Nik Culp, BS (2020)

Natalie Orf (BS 2022) and son Terrance

Ed Herhold (BS 1975) reunites with favorite professor Bob Sorensen. Also pictured, Anne Winkler and Mark Ashley

Brian Speicher, and Rose family graduates: Matt (MA 2012), Laura (BS 2012, MA 2016), and Chris (MA 2018)

Lea Kosnik with Maia Elkana (MA 2020)

Rob Hall, Eddie Abilez, and Garret Macko

Emma Hogrebe (BS 2019 and Abby Froidl (BS 2019).

Alex Lovell (BS 2019), Alyssa Leibold (BS/MA 2021) and Darian Moody (BS/MA 2020).

Don Kridel, Mike Allison with new faculty member Eiji Goto and baby Yumi
Alumni Party (at Fallon’s) Returned in Spring 2022!

Jake Krutzsch (BS/MA 2022), Maia Elkana (MA 2020), Darian Moody (BS/MA 2020).

Nick Vidal (BS 2018), Michael Moorhem (BS 2007), and David Becker (2012).

Don Kridel and Jamie Vergano (BS/MA 2020).

Bob Sorensen, Barb Flowers (BS 1990, MA 1999), Sarapage McCorkle (MA 1971), Lea Kosnik.

Josh Ulrich (BS/MA 2005) & Dave Rose.

Marisa Klein (BS 2012, MA 2016) and Laura Rose (BS 2009, MA 2012).

Steve Czaicki (BS 2018), Jamie Vergano (BS/MA 2019), Paige Steimel (BS 2019), Joel Fecke and Holden Mayberry (BS/MA 2022).

More Photos from the Alumni Party

Jordan Lucas (MA 2017), Chris Rose (MA 2018), Kyle Kerstling (MA 2018), Nick Vidal (BS 2015)

Brandon Gray (BS 2016), Arvan Chan, Mitchell Herbert (BS/MA 2017), Abby Hostler (BS/MA 2016)

Majana Reis (BS/MA 2015), Hannah Drury (BS 2020), Lea Kosnik

Dawn Berry (BS 2007), Joel Fecke, Senita Chambly, Imogen Bennett.

Darian Moody (BS/MA 2020), Jordan Franks (BS 2014), Anne Winkler

Mitchell Hernandez (BS 2021) and Eiji Goto

Joel Fecke, Jake Krutzsh (BS/MA 2021), Garret Macko, Zach Whitford (BS/MA 2021)


Dave Rose, Cathy Majesky, Steve Majesky (BS 1998, MA 2000) and Anne Winkler
Thank you again to our generous donors, especially during the COVID pandemic!

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Or, if you prefer, you can donate by mail. Please make your check payable to the UMSL Department of Economics, 408 SSB, One University Blvd, St Louis, MO 63121.

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For the full set of scholarships offered and details on each, go to our website: [https://www.umsl.edu/~econ/](https://www.umsl.edu/~econ/)

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LOOKING TO HIRE OR LOOKING FOR A JOB?

Contact our 2022-23 Interim Chair, Michael Allison (allison@umsl.edu) or Anne Winkler (awinkler@umsl.edu) and they can try to assist with labor-market matching. We are grateful to the many alums and organizations who have provided internship and job opportunities to students and their fellow alums in the past.

Connect with UMSL Economics!

Want to connect with UMSL Economics alumni on Linkedin? Look for us at UMSL Economics Alumni (https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1874675/) and request to join!

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