St. Olaf Students Present Papers at Eastern Economics Assoc. Conference

Does Medical Specialization Jeopardize Human Health?

Alex Everhart, Lacey Etzkorn and Nick Nooney presented their paper “Does Medical Specialization Jeopardize Human Health? Measuring the Risk of Medical Mistakes for Patients Requiring Hospital Care from Multiple Specialists” at the Eastern Economics Association (EEA) Conference in New York City. Their statistical analysis shows that a higher number of specialist doctors involved in a patient’s care is associated with an increase in the probability that the patient will fall victim to a medical mistake. The finding suggests that better coordination may improve patient outcomes, particularly for patients requiring high levels of medical specialty care. This was the only team of undergraduate students presenting in New York in a session with economics faculty.

Surprise! You’re an Econ Major?

Charlie Li, along with fellow CIR students Elaine Rood and Eric Varley, and professors Anthony Becker and Rebecca Judge presented a paper at the Eastern Economics Association meetings in New York on February 28. The paper, “Surprise! You’re An Econ Major!, or The Effect of Unanticipated Grade Outcomes in the Principles Class on the Decision to Major in Economics,” used prospect theory to explain observed differences in female and male recruitment into the economics major from the cohort of students taking principles of economics.

Hedrick Smith

Pulitzer Prize Winning Author, Producer and NY Times Correspondent

Wednesday, April 29th at 3:30pm in Tomson Hall 280

Who Stole the American Dream?

Hedrick Smith, Pulitzer Prize-winning former New York Times reporter and editor and Emmy award-winning producer/correspondent, has established himself over the past 50 years of his career as one of America’s most distinguished journalists.

His newest book, Who Stole the American Dream? published by Random House in September 2012, has been hailed by critics for its brilliant analysis of political and economic trends and changes in the U.S. over the past 30-40 years. It steps back from the partisan fever of politics in Washington to explain how we became Two Americas – how America moved from an era of middle class prosperity and power, effective bipartisanship and grass roots activism to today’s polarized gridlock, unequal democracy and an even more unequal economy that has unraveled the American Dream for millions of middle class families.
MINNESOTA ECONOMIC ASSOCIATION

Minnesota Economic Association (MEA) Announces the Annual UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER CONTEST

Two Categories:
• Term or Class
• Senior Thesis

A prize of $300 is awarded for the first-place paper, $200 for the second-place paper, and $100 for the third-place paper in each category.

All entrants will receive free registration for the 2015 MEA Annual Conference which will be held in October at Hamline University.

Entry Deadline: Friday, June 26, 2015

CONTEST REQUIREMENTS

1. The cover page should include the student’s name, school and the title of the paper. Avoid the use of identifying information on any page other than the title page.

2. The faculty sponsor should prepare a cover email including his or her name, telephone number and mailing address.

3. Competition is open to students who have written a paper while an undergraduate enrolled in a Minnesota college or university.

4. Entries should be sent by email to mea@mpls.frb.org. Adobe Acrobat (.pdf format) is preferred.

For more information on the Minnesota Economic Association and copies of last year’s Student Paper Contest winners, please visit the web site www.minneapolisfed.org/MEA/.

Questions? E-mail mea@mpls.frb.org or call 612-204-5168.
What are your plans after graduation?

We posed this question to our graduating seniors and here’s what they had to say.

- After considering my options for the longest time I have enrolled at the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. There I will pursue an MBA as well as an MS degree in Sports Management. Specifically, the program I have enrolled in is a 2-year dual degree MBA/MS Sports Management program. In addition, while at UMass I will assist the Center for Sports Research and Education in their research efforts, develop case studies for top-business schools across the nation (i.e. Harvard Business School), and conduct my own research, amongst other things. – David Skandera

- I’m going to be working at Optum (part of United Health Group) in their Technology Development Program, hopefully going into the Business Analyst track. – Julia Hubmann

- I do not know my plans yet. However I am hoping to find employment in China. – Kael Price

- After graduation I will be starting work at Thrivent Financial, where I will be a Business Intelligence Analyst. – Corinne Idzorek

- I will be working in the Transfer Pricing group at Ernst & Young in downtown Minneapolis. – Sara M. Anderson

- I will be working for Epic Systems in Verona, Wisconsin as a Project Manager. – Mark Smith

- I will be a Project Manager working for Epic Systems in Verona, WI. – Mason Schweyen

- Working as an analyst in the Investment Banking Division at Goldman Sachs. – Nayar Valente

- I will be joining Deloitte’s Risk Analytics practice after graduation. – Daniel Zihao Pan

- I will be taking a gap year to teach English in China before pursuing graduate studies in health policy. – Alex Everhart

- Sarah, as of yet, does not have a job lined up for after graduation. However, she is interested in pursuing a career in arts management, an area that combines her love of managing and organizing with her passion for music, strengthened by her time in the St. Olaf Choir over the past three years. Amidst her classes this semester, she is also currently interning in the operations department at the Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra (SPCO) and would love to end up at SPCO or a similar organization in an operations position, planning and coordinating for a performing arts group. – Sarah Stevens

- I’ll be an Elementary Educator with Teach for America in the Twin Cities, with plans to attend graduate school in Water Science after my two years of service. – Will Lutterman

- Post-graduation, I’m working for OptumInsight as a Senior Business Analyst in their Leadership Acceleration Program. – Lauren McDevitt

- Next fall I will be moving to Chicago, IL and working for BMO Harris bank as a financial analyst. – Brian Hickey

- I’ll be working in healthcare consulting at OptumInsight (a part of UHG) in the Leadership Acceleration Program as a Senior Business Analyst. – Erik Springer
Economics Department Activities

Bowling at Jesse James Lanes
Wednesday, March 25 at 5:30pm
Transportation, 2 Games, Shoe Rental, and Pizza & Pop
provided courtesy of the Economics Dept.
Sign up for bowling at freking@stolaf.edu
or at Holland Hall 414D

Campus Golf

Begins in late April. If you haven’t played campus golf, this is your chance!
Played with tennis balls and golf clubs, teams of 4, including
one faculty member, follow our own course of nine holes.
Lots of fun and laughs.
Watch for more details in April.

Cocoa and Cookie Mondays
Join us in the Economics Dept. Office, Holland Hall 414,
for cocoa and cookies.
Monday mornings 8:00 a.m. to noon.

*Attention Juniors→Pre-Register for Fall!*

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Economics pre-registration is now transmitted by online form. A link to the form will be sent to all students, who are rising seniors and are declared Economics majors, the day before pre-registration begins. Once pre-registration begins, those students will be allowed to pre-register for up to two Economics classes.

IT IS SPRING ODE JOURNAL TIME!

Do you have a paper that you wrote for an economics class or research? If so, you should submit it to the Omicron Delta Epsilon Spring Journal! Submissions can be from any class or research, we welcome all submissions. Submitted papers will be reviewed by the members of ODE, and 3-5 papers will be selected for the spring journal. This is a great opportunity to get your work published! Submissions can be sent to lutterma@stolaf.edu.

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