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New Economics/Mgmt. Studies Office Rolvaag 260
If you haven’t already visited our new office suite on the second floor of the Rolvaag Memorial Library, be sure to stop by on Monday mornings between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. for free hot cocoa and cookies. We’re easy to find. Just take the stairway beside the library entrance down one flight and follow the hall.

Economics and Management Studies offices are all in one suite. Besides the cocoa and cookies, you can view our gallery of past and recent GIMSE pictures and catch up with friends and faculty in the many seating areas in the suite. Hope to see you soon.

*Rising Seniors and Juniors → Pre-Register

Pre-registration for Fall Semester 2016 will start at 8:00am on Friday, April 15th and end at 3:00pm on Tuesday, April 19th, 2016.

Economics pre-registration is now transmitted by online form. A link to the form will be sent to all students, who are rising Seniors or Juniors and are declared Economics majors, on April 14th. Once pre-registration begins, rising seniors will be allowed to pre-register for up to two Economics classes. Rising juniors will be able to register for up to two core Economics courses: Econ 261, 262, or 263.
Calendar of Events

An Economist Reacts to Paris
Observations from the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference

Robert N. Stavins
• Albert Pratt Professor of Business and Government
• Director of the Harvard Environmental Economics Program
• Director of Graduate Studies for the Doctoral Program in Public Policy and the Doctoral Program in Political Economy
• Director of the Harvard Project on Climate Agreements

Wednesday, March 9th, at 4:00 p.m.
RML 515

“The Paris Agreement, a truly landmark climate accord...provides a broad foundation for meaningful progress on climate change, and represents a dramatic departure from the Kyoto Protocol and the past 20 years of climate negotiations.”

Religion and Climate Policy: Perspectives on the Papal Encyclical

Wednesday, March 9th, at 7:00 pm, -TOH 280

Pope Francis has written a powerful encyclical on climate change. He “called for a radical transformation of politics, economics and individual lifestyles to confront environmental degradation and climate change, blending a biting critique of consumerism and irresponsible development with a plea for swift and unified global action”.

Panelists:
Robert Stavins, Economics, Harvard University,
http://belfercenter.ksg.harvard.edu/experts/166/robert_n_stavins.html
Christiana Peppard, Theology, Fordham University,
http://www.fordham.edu/info/23704/faculty/7049/christiana_peppard
Damon Linker, Political Theorist and columnist for This Week
http://www.damonlinker.com/

In Polite Company: Unpacking the Temporal Dynamics of Religion, Partisanship, and Sexual Morality

Tuesday, March 15th, at 3:30 p.m. – RNS 290

Christopher Chapp, Asst. Professor of Political Science

Academics and pundits alike regularly surmise that religiosity and partisanship are deep-seated and enduring convictions which cause individuals to revise their opinions on a wide range of political issues. This talk will argue that this view is incomplete, and that in fact under the right conditions religion and partisanship are actually quite malleable, bending to match individuals’ preferences on “culture war issues” (i.e. abortion and same-sex marriage). Using data from panel studies, we test models of party-based change, religion-based change, and issues-based change. Contrary to the conventional wisdom, the data suggests that cultural issues have the power to dislodge people from their partisan and religious moorings.
ODE Panel

**BUSINESS LAW PANEL DISCUSSION**

Thursday, April 7th, at 7:00 p.m. – BC 142

A panel discussion connecting St. Olaf students with alumni working in business law.

Sponsored by the St. Olaf Chapter of the International Economics Honors Society Omicron Delta Epsilon.

ODE Journal Entries Welcome

**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 briesme@stolaf.edu.

MEA Student Paper Contest

**Minnesota Economic Association**

Minnesota Economic Association (MEA) Announces the Annual

**UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PAPER CONTEST**

Two Categories: • Term or Class and • 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 2016 MEA Annual Conference which will be held in October.

**ENTRY DEADLINE** is in June.

**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.
New Management Studies Faculty

Mark Skeba ('05) has worked for 11 years in marketing with General Mills across brand management, innovation, international, health, and marketing strategy. Over his time at General Mills he has done work on more than 25 of the company's brands across a variety of marketing channels. He has contributed to successful brand re-launches and interesting advertising. He has also launched new products that failed completely and worked on advertising so bad he is ashamed to show it.

Mark currently is the Sr. Manager in charge of brand creative and social media where he leads a creative advertising team, attempts to understand social media marketing, and works with agency partners. He generally tries to make marketing that doesn't annoy the general public.

Mark has his MBA from Kellogg School of Management. He and his wife live in Minneapolis where they are involved in their church, do CrossFit, drink local beer, and care for their adopted fur-babies. He played hockey and won four annual pie eating competitions during his time at St. Olaf. Mark teaches Marketing on Thursday evenings at St. Olaf.

Teri DeBuse is the Co-owner and Finance Manager for Minnesota Swine Reproduction Center, Northfield. She has over 20 yrs. experience in accounting and financial consulting with SPX Corp., Owatonna, Cargill, Minnetonka, Murphy Farms, LLC, Laveme, OK, among other major corporations.

A graduate of Colorado State University, Teri is a Certified Public Accountant and a member of the professional CPA organizations, AICPA and ISCPA. She taught Personal Finance during Interim and is currently teaching Managerial and Cost Accounting.

Teri has three children, the oldest boy and girl in college and a sixth grade son at home. She likes to garden and coach sports for her kids teams, volleyball, basketball, softball, and soft pitch softball.

Steve Pederson '78 has worked in business as CEO/Chairman for BrightPlanet II Corporation, Sioux Falls, SD and as Co-Founding Managing Partner for Sherpa Partners, LLC in Minneapolis, MN. He also served as Executive Vice President for Sales and Marketing for Skyline Displays, Inc. in Burnsville, MN, and as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Design Stages, Inc. in Roseville, MN.

Steve graduated from St. Olaf in 1978 and earned his Masters degree from the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL. He is teaching Management at St. Olaf.

Steve is also plays the trumpet and volunteers as bugler for military funerals. Other interests include boating, fishing, hunting and alpine skiing.
St. Olaf Finance Club

A new club that seeks to provide information and resources to prospective finance students, connect students with alumni in relevant fields, and provide opportunities for alumni to engage the student body. If you're interested in joining or attending a meeting, please contact Bert Miller (miller8@stolaf.edu).

Econ Bowling

Bowling at Jesse James Lanes
Wednesday, April 6th 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 Rolvaag 260A

Management Studies Concentrators

Seniors: Remember that the deadline for submission of the final e-portfolio is April 1st.

Juniors: Mandatory Management Studies Portfolio session for Juniors.
Learn how to complete the online capstone materials for the Management Studies Concentration.

Tuesday, April 19th, 5:30-6:30pm, Tomson 210.

Contact Sian Muir, muirs@stolaf.edu, for content help with the above requirements.

For more information about the Management Studies Concentration go to:
http://wp.stolaf.edu/management-studies/concentrations/

Campus Golf

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, 5 with one faculty member, and follows our very own course of nine holes. Equipment available from the Econ Department.
Lots of fun and laughs.
Watch for more details in April.

Hot Cocoa and Cookie Mondays

Cocoa and Cookie Mondays
Join us in front of the Economics Dept. Office, Rolvaag 260, for hot cocoa and cookies.
Monday mornings 8:00 a.m. to noon.