

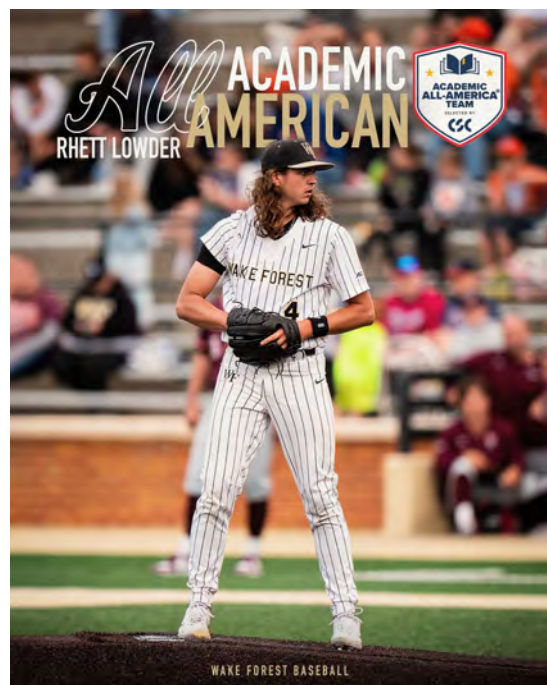
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From the Wake Forest University Department of Economics

10th Edition, Fall 2023



**A Year to Remember!**  
**It's been a great year and we can't wait to share it all with you!**



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***Welcome from the Department Chair***



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## ***We are reluctantly saying so long....***



Professor Jac C. Heckelman retired this past academic year after 26 years at Wake Forest! We wish Jac all the best on his future adventures!

**GOOD  
LUCK!**

After 34 years we are wishing Professor Allin Cottrell farewell. We hope that Allin enjoys his new journey in retirement!



After over 10 years with Economics, Academic Coordinator, Jo Hamilton has moved to the Department of the Environment and Sustainability Studies! Jo will be working part-time and is looking forward to some more time at home doing many projects!



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## Jac Heckelman Retirement

Jac Heckelman: Mr. Reliability



Jac Heckelman was been a very productive scholar and well-beloved teacher during his career at Wake Forest. He published almost one hundred articles in fifty-six different journals (as well as a dozen book chapters, and several edited books). He built a network of collaborators -- working with twenty-two different co-authors. Many of his co-authors will tell you that it was hard to keep up with him. He got to work immediately, collected data, analyzed it, and sent you a draft before you had done your share of the work. He sent back comments on your work so quickly that the ball was almost always in your court, not his.

Some economists wrestle with ideas. Others are econometric wizards. Others are model builders. Jac did all of these things, but at heart he was a “data man.” I have not met very many scholars who knew their data sets so well. Many just grab a data set from another source and don't bother to examine it closely. Not Jac Heckelman. He treated each observation, every data point with care.

His steady, relentless work ethic produced important scholarship on topics including the United States Constitutional Convention, secret ballot elections, voting by lottery, political business cycles, economic freedom indicators, and institutional sclerosis. And he shared his research with students in his rigorous courses, especially Public Choice and Theory of Social Choice, for which he created and published a classroom text “*Readings in Public Choice Economics*” -- the first classroom book in the field designed for undergraduates.

In addition, he was selfless in his service to the department and the economics profession as a whole. He refereed for over forty different journals and organized thirty conference panels during his career. Jac turned down a job offer from West Virginia University and in negotiating to stay at Wake Forest, he bargained for funds for the department to bring in seminar speakers – money which could have gone to his own salary now that he is retired, Mr. Reliability will be missed by colleagues and students alike.

Tribute by Robert Whaples





## **Allin Cottrell Retirement**

an excerpt from Teacher-Scholar Legacies

written by Dr. Robert Whaples

A farewell reception for an immensely productive scholar, Allin Cottrell, was held on April 14th, 2023 at Wiseman Brewery. Allin was the sole recipient of the university's Award for Excellence in Research in 1994. Are there any other scholars who have made important contributions to both the history of economics and econometrics? His early scholarship brought together a deep understanding of the roots of economic thinking and scholars like Marx, Marshall, Keynes, David Ricardo, Thomas Malthus, and Friedrich Hayek with an attempt to model and explain unemployment, wage rates, investment, macroeconomic fluctuations, the nature of money, and other economic forces – increasingly with an eye toward implementing central planning in a socialist economy. His 1993 book, *Toward a New Socialism* (co-authored with fellow Scotsman Paul Cockshott), offered a systemic theoretical defense of economic planning using non-circulating labor money to replace circulating currency and an Athenian-style participatory democracy. Allin has also built a treasured reputation as a fine teacher, colleague, and administrator here at Wake Forest. In the classroom, Cottrell has gained distinction as a soft-spoken model of clarity, erudition, and sheer brilliance. A student remarked to one of his colleagues: “That man can bend spoons with his mind.” He served ably as chair of the Department of Economics for six years and was pivotal in helping to guide the College's adoption of laptop computers for students, faculty, and staff. Allin was also a main developer of the software Gretl. Gretl is an open-source cross-platform software package for econometric analysis, written in the C programming language.

As a colleague, he is known for his vast knowledge and wide reading, his levelheadedness and calm demeanor, his unfailing kindness and whimsical smile. And faculty who are old enough to remember, will recall him as a member of the bluegrass band that entertained their families at the annual Labor Day picnic in the field near the Scales Fine Arts Center.



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*Welcome* to the department!



Welcome to Erik Nesson, Associate Professor! Dr. Nesson comes to us from Ball State University where he served as Department Chair. His research focus is on Health Economics, Law and Economics, and Sports Economics



Welcome to Brian Marein, Assistant Professor! Dr. Marien earned his Ph.D. from the University of Colorado Boulder. His research interests include Economic History and Development with a focus on Latin America, the Caribbean, and the US in the 20th Century

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## *Welcome* to the Department!



Welcome to Estonia Black, Visiting Assistant Professor! Dr. Black earned her Ph.D. from University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill! Estonia's research focuses on: information theory, search and matching, and school choice/admissions decisions.



Lesley Whitener, Academic Coordinator, started in Economics in April, 2023. Lesley came to us from the Department of Computer Science and has worked at Wake Forest for almost 8 years. She is a proud WFU mom as three of her four kids have attended and graduated from here. Lesley is looking forward to learning all the Economics ways!



## ***Congratulations to Our Faculty***



Dr. Amanda Griffith was promoted to Professor this past year. As well as maintaining her role as Department Chair she also accepted the position of Associate Dean of Academic Planning!



Dr. Mark Curtis received the 2023 Wake Forest Award for Excellence in Research! This award is given to outstanding faculty who complete significant research, creative activity, or scholarly activity substantially completed at WFU. Dr. Curtis received the award for his timely and insightful work on green jobs and the economy.

## ***Congratulations to Our Faculty***

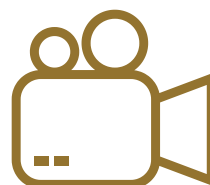
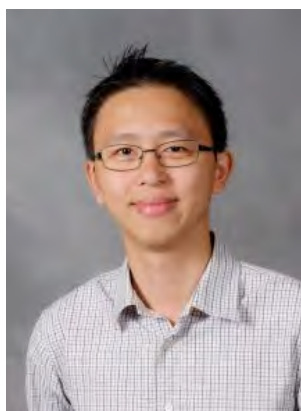


Congratulations to Assistant Professor Alex Yu who welcomed baby Evan this past May! Mom and baby are doing wonderfully! Dr. Yu will be on leave this academic year.



Congratulations to Drs. Leah Lakdawala and John MacDonald for being awarded Wake Forest College Faculty Fellowships in May 2023. These fellowships are awarded to honor outstanding tenure-track, tenured faculty, and full-time teaching professionals across the College. Dr. Leah Lakdawala was awarded the Clark Family Fellowship until June of 2026 and Dr. John MacDonald was awarded the Bryant/Groves Faculty Fellowship through June 2026.

## Faculty in the Media



Dr. Tommy Leung's article on Globalization and the rise of action movies in Hollywood was published in The Digest. In this article Dr. Leung shows that Globalization contributes significantly to the rise of Action movies. This paper develops a structural model to allow movie-quality production heterogeneity across genres and countries. [Link](#)

Dr. Lueng's paper "*Quantifying Test-Based Discrimination with Transaction-Level Housing Data*" was mentioned in a NYT op-ed [here](#).



Dr. Leung and Dr. Strumpf were invited to share their thoughts on this [blog post](#) about the growing concerns about increased polarization of the U.S. voters. This blog article is derived from the authors' research paper titled "*All the Headlines that Are Fit to Change*", a project of the Economics of Digital Services initiative led by Penn's Center for Technology, Innovation & Competition (CTIC) and The Warren Center for Network & Data Services. CTIC and the Warren Center are grateful to the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation for its generous support of the EODS initiative.



## Faculty in the Media

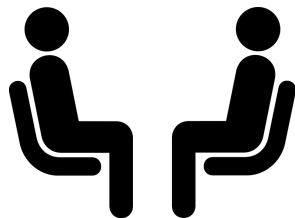


It was big news this past year with the PGA vs LIV divisions among PGA players. Dr. Todd McFall sat down with Kim McGrath to discuss the changing landscapes in the professional golf world. [WFU News](#)



As the resident sport economics expert, Todd also spent time with National Sports Media to discuss the future of college sports. See the full interview [here](#)

Not only discussing sports, Dr. Mcfall talked with [WFDD Radio](#) about home sales dipping just under 30% in Greensboro from this time last year.



Is Social Justice Just? A question that the Independent Institute posed to 21 scholars. One of whom was our very own Dr. Robert Whaples. " We all hunger to live in a just world. This can happen when everyone rejects the idea of that one group or one individual is superior to another." [link](#)



## Faculty in the Media



New research by Wake Forest Associate Professor of Economics Mark Curtis looks at the implications for U.S. workers in the transition to a low-carbon economy. The paper, “*Workers and the Green-Energy Transition*,” looks at carbon-intensive industry workers and the transition to green jobs. Curtis and co-authors R. Jisung Park, an assistant economics professor at the University of Pennsylvania, and Layla O’Kane a senior economist with the data analytics group Lightcast, analyzed data on 130 million U.S. workers and their 300 million unique job transitions. [Full article](#)



While Dr. Strumpf was on leave this past academic year he was sure busy! He was actively involved in a public discussion regarding political prediction markets. This involved the Commodity Futures Trade Commission’s actions related to renewing the markets at PredictIt and whether to approve markets for Kalshi. He wrote two op-ed’s:

- “*Political prediction markets are an antidote to degraded public discourse.*” *Chicago Tribune* (6 September 2022). With Harry Crane. Reprinted in *The Star Tribune* (11 September 2022)
- “*The Cloudy Future of Political Futures*”. *National Review* (22 August 2022). With Harry Crane

He also did an extended radio segment on NPR:

- Melissa Harris-Perry’s NPR show *The TakeAway*: NPR (19 September 2022)

## Faculty Travels

Earlier this summer Dr. Megan Regan travelled across the country to Portland, Oregon. She attended the Conference on Teaching and Research in Economic Education (CTREE). The conference was small and diverse internationally, and she had a few great talks over meals with economics professors from Taiwan, sharing ideas about teaching introductory econ. Jason Shogren from U Wyoming delivered an inspiring and witty keynote address on teaching market failure day 1. Dr. Regan decided she will teach market failure sooner in her intro classes as markets are just like humans, usually imperfect! On an aside, the food offered at the conference was very "Portlandia" - fabulous earthy vegan options at all meals!

Dr. Regan also received an ACE Fellowship for 2023/24. The Academic Community Engagement (ACE) Fellows program promotes and sustains community-engaged teaching, research, and scholarship through a cohort-based program. This fellowship will offer support both funding and collegial support in developing a new FYS 100 course she will teach for spring 2024 titled Poverty and Prosperity in Winston Salem: A tale of two cities. This course offers an introduction to basic theories and contemporary debates about communities experiencing economic inequality. Specific topics include intergenerational and concentrated poverty, historical impacts of segregation and city planning on economic inequality and a deep look at our local community of Winston-Salem as a living case study for these topics.



The Midwest Macroeconomics Conference at Clemson University called for a road trip for three of our professors! Drs. Aeimit Lakdawala, Andreea Rotarescu, and Andre Mouton drove from Winston Salem to Clemson, South Carolina to attend and present their works. Dr. Rotarescu presented "Productivity slowdown and firm exit" which is about measuring the real effects of banking crises in a way that accounts for excessive firm exit. She found that the negative effect on aggregate output is sizable and persists even ten years after the crisis onset.

Dr. Mouton presented on a paper called "Partial Job Automation", which looks at the macroeconomic effects of small "a" automation where only parts of a job are eliminated, and contrasts this with the apocryphal case in which the entire job is automated. I show that when automation is partial, it can actually result in greater employment among affected occupation.



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## Welcome back home...

Fall 2022 Homecoming took place on Saturday, September 17th during the Festival on the Quad. Matt James ECN '14, of The Bachelor fame, stopped by for a visit! Fall 2023 Homecoming will prove to be something different and special with a Economic Alumni Panel and Reception.





## **Homecoming Fall 2023!**

For Homecoming Fall 2023 we will host an Economics Alumni Panel and Reception!

Mark your calendars for **Friday, October 20th 2023.**

Our new alumni led group, Friends of Economics, has arranged an alumni panel for our students!

@ 3 pm Alumni join us to discuss their pathways to what they've done and continue to do in the Economics field.

@ 4 pm we'll host a reception for students and alumni in the Thomas Taylor Kirby Atrium.

We hope you'll join us!



## **Empirical Macroeconomics Workshop!**

On March 31st 2022, Dr. Aeimit Lakdawala and the Economics Department hosted the 2023 Empirical Macroeconomics Workshop in Wake Forest University's Benson Center! It was a great success and we are very grateful for all the support we received from the WFU's Provost Office!



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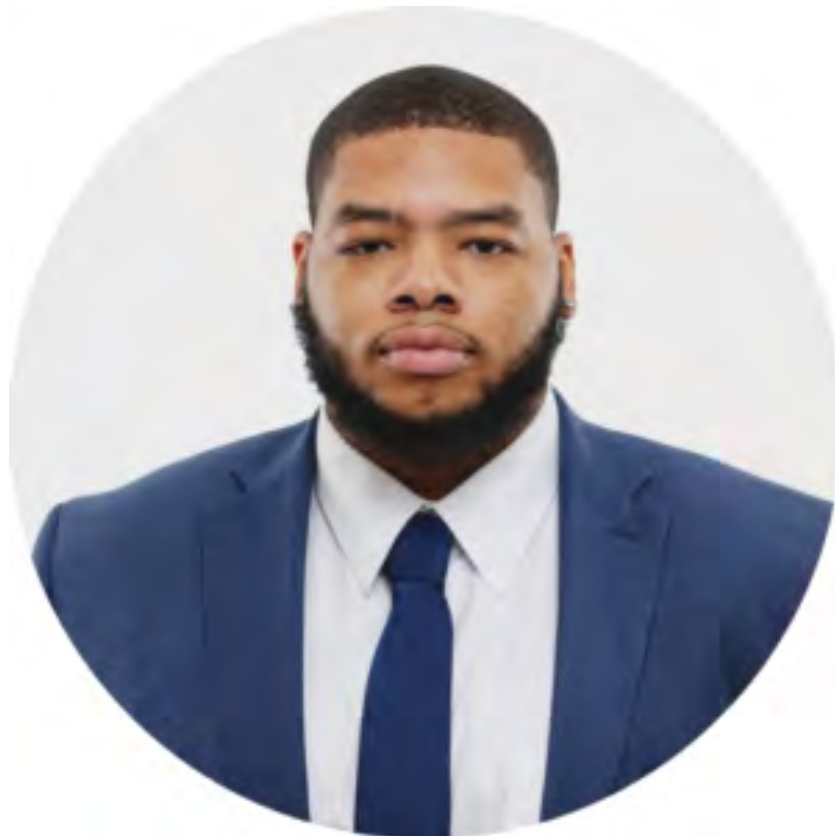
## **Empirical Macroeconomics Workshop!**

The conference on monetary policy, successfully achieved its objective of promoting collaboration and discussion between empirical macroeconomists from Wake Forest and scholars representing various institutions. Notably, participants from neighboring institutions such as NC State, UNC Greensboro, and the Charlotte branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond were present. Moreover, scholars from esteemed institutions across the United States and Canada, including NYU, University of British Columbia, Federal Reserve Banks of DC, Atlanta, and Dallas, as well as the Bank of Canada, actively contributed to the conference. This diverse representation facilitated meaningful exchanges and fostered valuable connections between our faculty and these esteemed researchers.



## **Alumni Deacon Spotlight!**

Elontae Batemen '19 BA ECN was featured in the Alumni Spotlight series this year. Currently a management consultant for North Highland, and working on a change management project with one of the largest IT service management companies in the world. His role on the project is to implement the change for the middle office new software systems and organizational structure.



**All about our students... Let's take a look at what our students have accomplished this year!**



Wake Forest senior Tal Feldman has been named to the 2023-24 class of Schwarzman Scholars. Scholars selected from around the world will complete a one-year, fully-funded Master's degree program in Global Affairs at Schwarzman College on the campus of Tsinghua University in Beijing, China. The program aspires to build a global network of young leaders that are prepared to confront the pressing challenges facing the world.



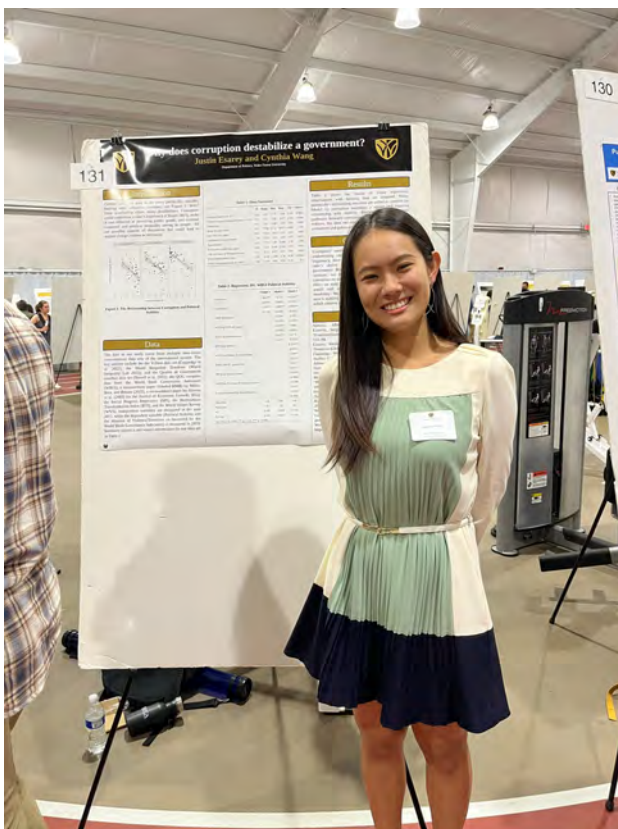
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The Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Center (URECA) is about “promoting and celebrating” mentored scholarship. Undergraduate research has been a longtime cornerstone of the College’s commitment to academic excellence. Economics students were funded by URECA and the department to work on mentored research with our faculty over the summer. They were able to display their work on the Undergraduate Research Day which was held in October to show faculty, students, visitors, and staff all that they had done during the summer.

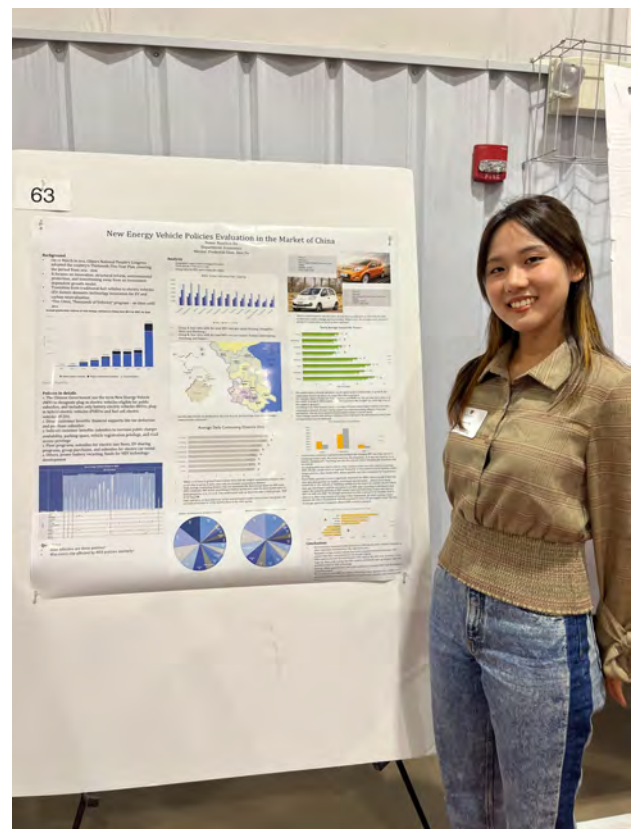
Let's take a look...



Cynthia Wang ECN Major'24

"Why Does Corruption Disablize a Government?"

Politics Advisor: Justin Esarey



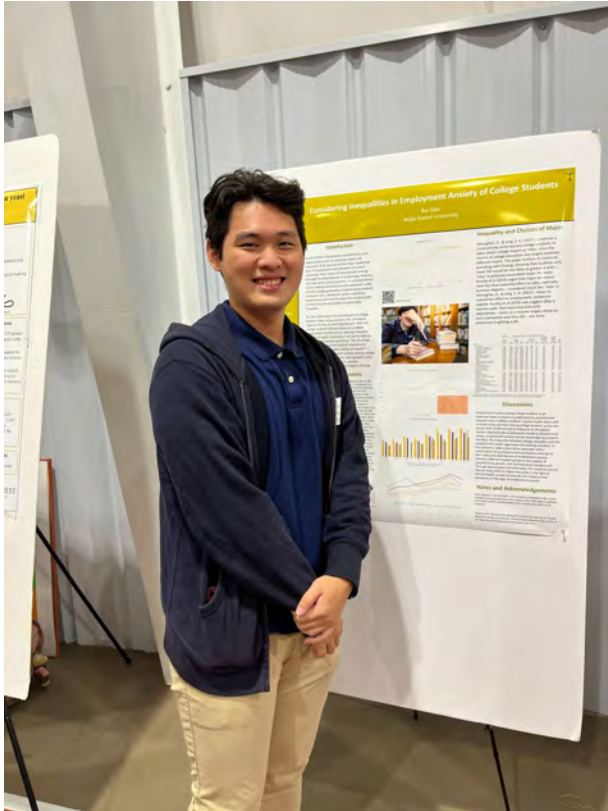
Ruochen Hu ECN BA'23

"New Energy Vehicle Policies Evaluation in the Market of China" ECN Advisors:

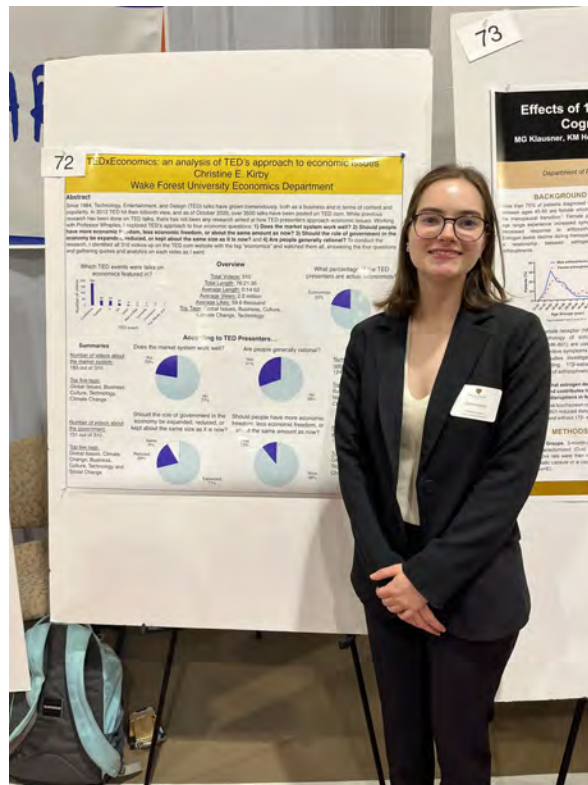
Fred Chen & Alex Yu

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Rui Gao ECN BA'23  
"Considering Inequalities in Employment Anxiety of College Students"  
Sociology Advisor: Joseph Soares



Christine Kirby ECN Major '24  
"TedX Economics: An Analysis of TED's Approach to Economic Issues"  
ECN Advisor: Robert Whaples

## Summer Research Experience with Christine Kirby



This summer I worked with Professor Mark Curtis on cleaning data and running regression models for a paper he is coauthoring, “Unintended Environmental Consequences of Investment Stimulus Policy.” The paper itself is about the unintended environmental consequences of “bonus depreciation,” one of the largest investment tax incentives in US history. The policy heavily subsidized capital and machinery investment by allowing them to more quickly write off these expenses from their taxable income. I looked specifically at whether the policy led firms to make investments in clean capital and participate in other energy-saving activities. I worked with multiple datasets from the Manufacturing Energy Consumption Survey (MECS). The first part of my work involved cleaning the data: collapsing all the data sets at unique NAICS codes listed in the MECS and converting the old manufacturing SIC codes in the 1994 data sets to the modern 4 digit NAICS codes using code in R. The next part of my research involved running difference in difference regression models to estimate the effect of the tax policy on the number and percentage of manufacturing establishments participating in certain general energy management activities. I then put those tables into Overleaf to produce clean results that could be used in the paper. I learned a lot this summer working with Professor Curtis, and I will continue to work with him on other research projects going into the Fall 2023 semester.



## **Sports Economics Does it Again!**

Our Economics in Sports class took a trip down to see the Charlotte Hornets facilities and operations in November! A hugely popular class at WFU it focuses on three aspects of the sub-discipline—organizing sporting contests, organizing leagues, and in-game strategies—in addition to spending some time at the end of the semester thinking of issues pertinent to the sporting world. They think a lot about RISK in this class.





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Not only does ECN333 Economics in Sports take field trips they have cornhole games regularly. You can often find students outside of Kirby Hall or in the Mag Quad playing. The championship was held in the fall and the winners were Tim Cortese and Lindsay Smith.



## Department Honors Reception and Poster Presentation

This year we held a poster session for our Honors students to display their hard work. On April 17th in the Thomas Taylor Atrium nine students discussed their research with faculty and guests with a small reception afterwards.



L-R back row: Wesley Brace, Braden Strackman, Haoyuan Song.

L-R front row: Mihai Nistor, Camden Walrath, Natalie Cutter, Cynthia Wang, Judy Huang

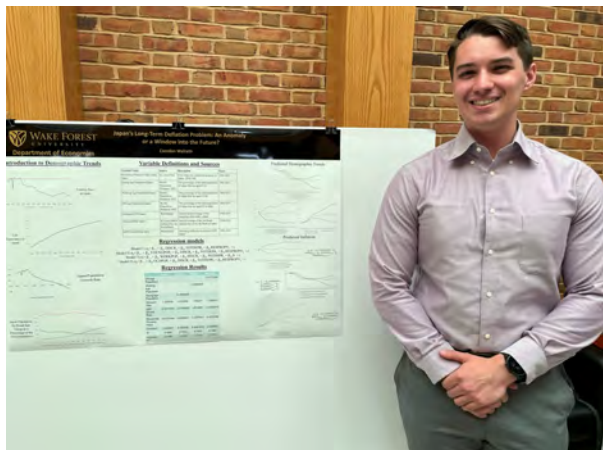
Missing: Yifan Lu



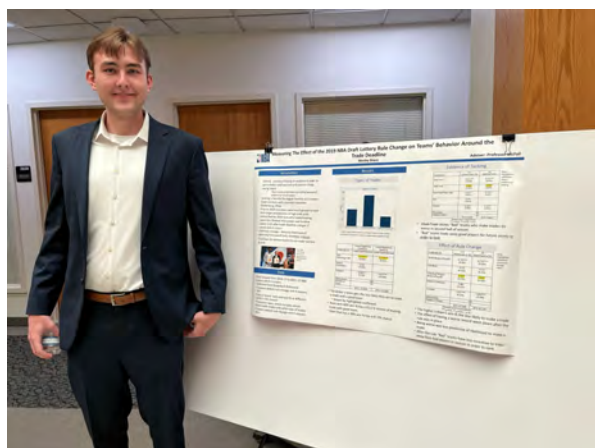
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Camden Walrath graduated with **Honors in Economics** with his research paper called "Japan's Long-Term Deflation Problem: An Anomaly or a Window into the Future?"



Wesley Brace graduated with **Honors in Economics** with his research paper called "Measuring The Effect of the 2019 NBA Draft Lottery Rule Change on Teams' Behavior Around the Trade Deadline"

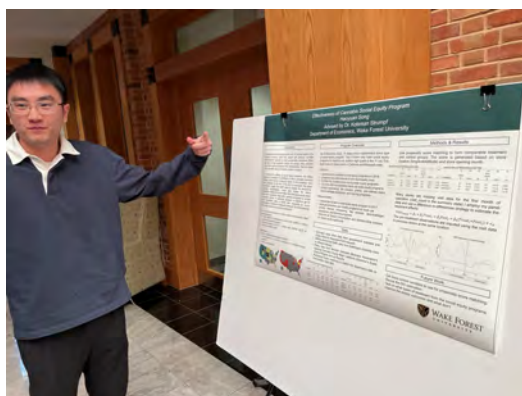


Judy Huang graduated with **Honors in Economics** with her research paper called "Water Consumption, Economic Growth, and El Nino-Southern Oscillation (ENSO): A Cross-Country Analysis"

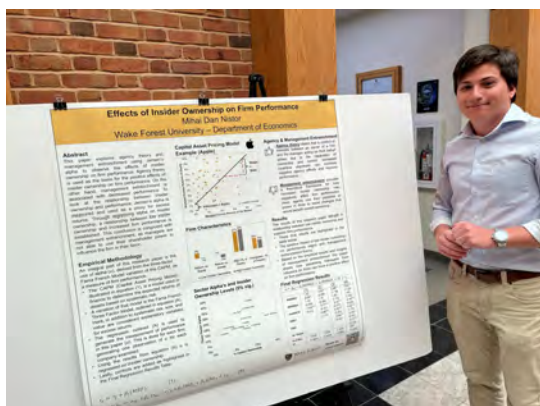
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Haoyuan Song graduated with **Honors in Economics** with his research paper called "Do Cannabis Social Equity Programs Help? Evidence from California and Massachusetts"



Mihai Nistor graduated with **Honors in Economics** with his research paper called "Effects of Insider Ownership on Firm Performance"

Yifan Lu graduated with **Honors in Economics** with his research paper called "What are the Effects of Constructing a New Electric Vehicle Plant to its Surrounding Economy and Labor Market?"

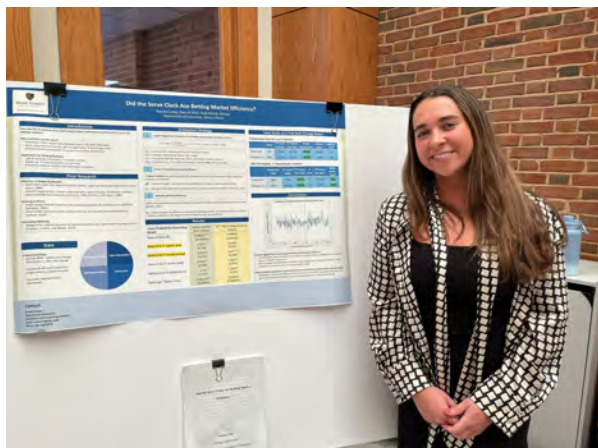




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Natalie Cutter graduated with **High Honors in Economics!** Her research presentation was titled "Did the Serve Clock Ace Betting Market Efficiency?"



Braden Strackman graduated with **High Honors in Economics!** His research paper was titled "Low-Value Health Services: Disparities and the Impact of the ACA Medicaid Expansion"



Cynthia Wang will graduate in May 2024 with **High Honors in Economics!** Her research paper was titled "How Does Corruption Damage Financial Inclusion?"



## Undergraduate Research Assistant Work Experience

My name is Michael Kennedy, and this past spring I had the opportunity to serve as a Research Assistant for Dr. Lakdawala and his team with their research on political biases in macroeconomic forecasting. Their data spanned numerous Presidencies and Congressional sessions and used macroeconomic forecasting data points collected by Wall Street Journal from prominent economists. Dr. Lakdawala's team then determined the political affiliations of these economists through voter registration records and by analyzing political donations in FEC financial reports.



As a double major in Politics & International Affairs and Economics, this research opportunity could not be any better suited for me, as it aligned perfectly with my areas of study. What I found most valuable about the opportunity was the chance to peek behind the curtain of economic research. Many of the Economics courses I have taken, and am currently taking, weave in various academic papers throughout the semester. While it is interesting to see how the results from real-world studies are applicable to the class material, I rarely ever considered the work that goes into writing the papers that I study in class. My time working with Dr. Lakdawala's team provided me with a newfound appreciation for the complexity of economic research and writing, and further, I know it will allow me to better understand the methodologies and general results of future papers I anticipate studying in my Economics courses.

The opportunity to work alongside a professor at Wake, and specifically in Economics, was a great experience and one that is truly unique to being a student. I cannot recommend it enough to anyone that has the time.

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**Congratulations to our 2022/23 Student Award Recipients. This was the first year the John C. Moorhouse Paper Prize was awarded. These students worked hard throughout the year and these awards all well deserved!**





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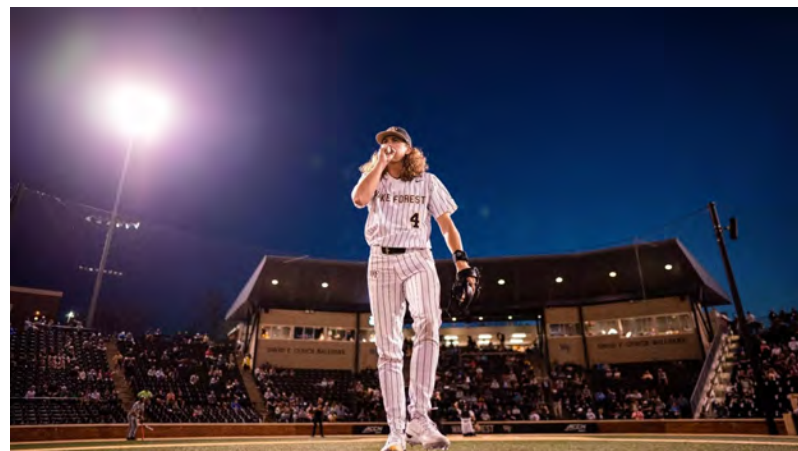
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## What a year for our student athletes..



Economics Major, Michael Brennan '24 had quite the year winning the ACC Championship, qualifying for the US Open and being named to the ACC All-Academic Team to name a few accomplishments!

Economics Major, Rhett Lowder, '24 had an amazing year. Leading the Demon Deacons to the College World Series, being named the ACC Baseball Scholar Athlete of the year, being named the ACC Pitcher of the Year and being drafted by the Cincinnati Reds!



Economics Major, Meike Lanchkor '23, earned NFHCA All Region Honors, named First Team All-ACC and ACC All - Tournament Team!



## What a year for our student athletes..



Economics Major, Teddy McGraw '24 was drafted by the Seattle Mariners on day 2 of the draft, 92 overall.

## Good luck to all our ECN Majors competing 2023/24!

Lee Anne Gordon '24  
Field Hockey

Pedro Bravo '24  
Track and Field

RJ Kennah '25  
Men's Basketball

Collin Adams '25  
Men's Golf

Leo Guarino '25  
Men's Soccer

Andrew Kivett '25  
Track and Field

Cody Cater '24  
Men's Football

Michael Brennan '24  
Men's Golf

Chase Oliver '24  
Men's Soccer

Rynard Swanepoel '25  
Track and Field

Wyatt Crespi '24  
Men's Football

Scotty Kennon '25  
Men's Golf

Clarkson Graha '24  
Track and Field

Nick Ragano '25  
Men's Football

Ryan Dupont '25  
Men's Football

Marshall Meisel '25  
Men's Golf

Emma Douglas '26  
Track & Field

Erik Russell '25  
Men's Football

Walker Ferguson  
'25  
Men's Football

Clay Stirsman '25  
Men's Golf

Laura Giudice '25  
Track and Field

George Sell '24  
Men's Football

Christian Greene '25  
Men's Football

Troy Hoilman '25  
Men's Football



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## Time to say goodbye to our graduates...



On May 15, 2023 we watched our Economics and Math Economics seniors cross the stage. 106 ECN Majors and 10 MEC Majors have set out on their next journey after undergraduate life. We wish them all the best of luck!





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## Alumni Making a Difference...



The Wake Forest athletics department has a new addition to the team in the form of Economics Alum, Blake Buchanan '21, who will be fulfilling the position of Account Executive on the development team.



Carl Tucker '68 Honored to Receive Pete Moffitt Courage Award As one of the first to graduate from Wake Forest with a bachelor's degree in economics, Carl Tucker's social life largely revolved around his fraternity and Demon Deacons Athletics.

His proud affiliation and relationship with Wake Forest Athletics has continued for more than 50 years as Tucker has maintained a Deacon Club membership, endowed the Carl and Linda Tucker Family Athletics Scholarship, served as President of the Deacon Club Board of Directors and helped fund numerous other facility improvements with his generosity.



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## Alumni Making a Difference...

### Economics Alum, Alice Brown is fighting hunger with flip flops.



Alice Green Brown ('03) took something that most of us probably don't think much about — flip-flops — and turned the humble footwear into a social enterprise to fight hunger. Brown left her job as an attorney with an Atlanta law firm to found GoodSteps in 2016. No matter how many pairs of flip-flops you have, you can always use another pair, she reasons, and you can do something good at the same time: 20% of every purchase is donated at the customer's direction to the Atlanta Community Food Bank or MANA Nutrition, which provides ready-to-use therapeutic food to severely malnourished children around the world.

### Triplette '73 Focused on WFU Pro Humanitate

**Mission** Originally just a convenient way to earn some cash during the school year while also staying involved in sports, officiating became a major part of Jeff Triplette's life, serving 22 years as an NFL referee and leading a company that helps assign officials to events all across the country. A 1973 Wake Forest graduate who majored in economics, Triplette first became acclimated with the campus during a visit in the summer of 1968. "I actually went to Wake Forest for the first time in the summer of 1968 with the American Legion Boys State," he explained. "I just enjoyed it and ended up applying and getting accepted and so ended there in the fall of 1969."



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## Our Alumni



Cameron Young, a former star at Wake Forest, ECN Minor '19, came close to winning in his rookie year on the PGA Tour last season, showing off his consistency. That consistency was rewarded as he was named the PGA Tour's Rookie of the Year, which is called the Arnold Palmer Award.

The Palmer Award has now been won in consecutive years by former Wake Forest players. Will Zalatoris was the winner in 2021.

"It's very special," Young said. "I know the namesake Arnold Palmer obviously was a giant in the game of golf and we have him to thank for a lot of what we do today."



Wake Forest ECN Alumni and Canadian defender Alistair Johnston '19 made his Celtic debut this past January against the Glasgow rival Rangers! Johnston, whose transfer from CF Montreal to Celtic was confirmed in early December, played in all three of Canada's matches in the 2022 World Cup in Qatar. He grew up in Aurora, Ontario. He played on Major League Soccer's CF Montreal team before signing with Scotland's Celtic Football.

## **Professor Emeritus of Economics, Michael Lawlor Passes Away.**



We are sad to announce that Professor Emeritus of Economics Michael Lawlor passed away on Sept. 21 following a long battle with multiple system atrophy (MSA), a rare neurodegenerative disease.

Professor Lawlor and his family moved to North Carolina in 1986. He taught for 29 years at Wake Forest, and was involved in founding both an interdisciplinary Social Science Research Seminar and the Health Policy and Administration Minor. He was passionate about integrating a liberal arts perspective into the study of the economy to facilitate equitable social progress. Professor Lawlor had many friendships and collaborations with colleagues across campus, the country and the world.

The family suggests donations in Professor Lawlor's memory be made to the MSA Coalition or to the Wake Forest University Department of Economics in support of the Michael Lawlor Prize (which supports excellence in macroeconomics through undergraduate research assistants' work with faculty members).

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