



DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

VIRTUAL SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

CLASS OF 2020

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INTRODUCTION

Joseph Ferrie, Professor; Department Chair

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mark Witte, Professor of Instruction;
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Richard Walker, Associate Professor of
Instruction; Director of Senior Theses

Robert Coen, Economics Professor Emeritus

CLOSING REMARKS

Mark Witte, Professor of Instruction;
Director of Undergraduate Studies

FREDERICK S. DEIBLER AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ECONOMICS

The Frederick S. Deibler Award for Excellence in Economics is awarded to graduating seniors who achieve the best performances in economic coursework.

Frederick Deibler was a faculty member of the Economics Department from 1904-1942. A native of Indiana, Professor Deibler received his BA from Harvard in 1904 and his PhD from University of Wisconsin in 1909. His main research interests were labor markets and organizations, and his book “Principles of Economics” was first published in 1929. The Deibler Award was established upon Professor Deibler’s retirement from Northwestern in 1942.

DEIBLER AWARD WINNERS

Ryan Broll
Sherie Cheng
Divy Dangi
Haishan Gao
Benjamin Krieger
Adrian Lafont-Mueller
William Ouyang

ROBERT EISNER AWARD FOR UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

The Robert Eisner Award for Undergraduate Research is awarded to the graduating senior who demonstrates superb talent in conducting Public Policy undergraduate research in economics. Robert Eisner was a member of the Northwestern faculty from 1952-1994. Professor Eisner was recognized throughout the United States for his expertise and knowledge of macroeconomics and the economics of business cycles. He served as President of the American Economic Association in 1988 and was a regular contributor to the Wall Street Journal, The New York Times, Chicago Tribune and The Los Angeles Times, primarily covering national economic policy.

Eisner was an excellent and extremely dedicated teacher who taught Intro, Intermediate, and Graduate Macroeconomics and Money & Banking every year. He also included undergraduates and Ph.D. students in his research work.

EISNER AWARD WINNER

Claire Petersen

ROBERT M. COEN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED HONORS THESIS

We are pleased to announce a new award, the Robert M. Coen Award for Distinguished Honors Thesis, presented to seniors who have written exemplary theses. Bob received his Ph.D. in economics from Northwestern and was a member of the faculty from 1971 until his retirement in 2007. His teaching and research focused on macroeconomics, public finance, and comparative economics. As a dedicated teacher and director of undergraduate studies in economics, he inspired and mentored many generations of students. As chair of the department from 1985-88, he strengthened the department's undergraduate advising and organized the very first gathering like today's to salute our graduating seniors and their families.

During terms as Associate Dean of Weinberg College and Faculty Master of the Public Affairs Residential College, Bob was pivotal in shaping Northwestern's undergraduate experience, establishing, among other things, the Freshman Seminar Program, the college's Writing Program, the Writing Place for peer counseling, and a team of College Advisers to aid students in academic and career planning from the freshman year to graduation.

COEN AWARD WINNERS

Saeed Binmarran Aldhaheri
Mahir Wagh, BA/MA
Yuqi (Ashley) Wei

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Saeed Binmarran Aldhaheeri

*Environmental Regulation and the Bilateral
Movement of Waste*

Ryan Broll

*How Do Teacher Employment Outcomes and
Demographics Vary Over the Business Cycle?*

John Brugger

*Does Money Matter? - Examining
the Relationship Between Finance and Economic
Growth Using A Panel Approach*

Amy Chen

*The Impact of Political Protests on Planned
Consumer Demand for Travel: A Multi-country
Panel Data Regression Analysis Using
Transaction Data from the Expedia Group*

Kenneth Fu

*A Hypothesis Test for Monotonicity Under
Nonparametric Instrumental
Variable Estimation*

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Jason Liu

*A Geospatial Analysis of the Form and Migration
of Crime: Hotspots in Los Angeles*

Tianyu Luo

Effect of Temperature on Industrial Productivity

Claire Petersen

*The Impacts of Renewable Portfolio Standards
on Total and Sectoral Employment: Evidence
from Pennsylvania and West Virginia*

Jessica Serody

*The Impact of State Family Leave Policies
on Fertility Decisions*

Mahir Wagh, BA/MA

*Racial Discrimination in Chicago's
Airbnb Market*

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Amy (Yixian) Wang

Myths of STEM Major Shortage: How Does Secondary Education Impact Students' Choice of Graduating Majors?

Ashley (Yuqi) Wei

How Do Online Reviews Impact Restaurants' Success?: a Regression Discontinuity Design study using Yelp Ratings

Tim (Ziqiao) Zhang

Congressional Representation and Federal Funding- Evidence from Unexpected Departures of U.S. House Members



On behalf of the entire
Economics faculty and staff:
Congratulations and best
wishes to all!