



CLASS OF 2021

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY

MONDAY, JUNE 14 AT 2:00 PM CT

Northwestern | Department of
Economics

SENIOR AWARDS CEREMONY PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

Joseph Ferrie, Professor; Department Chair

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Mark Witte, Professor of Instruction;
Director of Undergraduate Studies

Jeffrey Lewis, 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

Hannah Emmons
Max Flinchum
Jacob Mandel
Varun Sehgal
Viktor Tchaouchev

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

Desmond O'Shaughnessy

ROBERT M. COEN AWARD FOR DISTINGUISHED HONORS THESIS

The Robert M. Coen Award for Distinguished Honors Thesis is awarded to graduating seniors who have written exemplary senior 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

Eliana Buckner
Abigail Furdak
Hei Tung (Ginny) Ip
Justin Karlin
Lexie Modeas
Enzo Bastos Profili



ECON LAB PARTICIPANTS

Katherine Daehler
Rui Du
Yixin Zhou

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Nicholas Abushacra

Determinants of Employment Rates by Sex and Education Across U.S. States, 1992-2019

Eliana Buckner

Medical Mergers: Exploring Impact on Concentration and Quality in Medicaid Managed Care Markets

Andrew Clark

Equal in the Eyes of the Law? Factors Beyond Pollution in the EPA's Enforcement of the Clean Air Act

Abigail Furdak

The Impact of Framing on Decision-Making in the Context of COVID-19

Max Hyman

The Value of the Middle Seat

Hei Tung (Ginny) Ip

The Impact of Climate Change on Energy Poverty: Evidence from the European Union, 2004-2019

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Samyak Jain

Determinants of Motor Vehicle Crash Fatality Rates Across U.S. States, 1990-2018

Justin Karlin

Subjectivity in ADHD Diagnosis Based on a Child's Relative Age

Tommy McGing

Public Health: The Impact of Economic Conditions and the Presence of Superfund Sites on Cancer Rates in Pennsylvania, 1990-2019

Lexie Modeas

Mother Knows Best: Determinants of Vaccination Decisions by Parents and the Case for Liability in Infectious Disease Spread

Desmond O'Shaughnessy

Efficacy of Rainfall Index Insurance as an Agricultural Risk Mitigation Tool: Evidence from Northern Ghana

DEPARTMENT HONORS

Hannah Paridis

America's Pollution Divide: A Study of Racial Disparity in the Impact of Air Quality on Health

Enzo Bastos Profili

Progressive Policies in Latin America and Indebtedness: A Theoretical Approach

Kaloyan Valchev

Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Economic Outcomes

Victor Wang

Stock Price Reactions Associated with Steel and Aluminum Tariff Exclusions and Firm Partisanship

Michael Zhou

Settling the Debate: The Impact of High School Spending on Extracurricular Activities and Debate on Future Academic Success

INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS IN ECON & MMSS

Aaron Coates

*The Concept of Genre: An Analysis of
Contemporary Popular Music*

Tianzhuo Deng

*Determinants of Accidental Poisoning Fatality
Rates Across U.S. States, 1999-2019*

Jack Ferry

*The Impact of Unemployment, Income, and
Cash Transfer Payments on Suicide: Evidence
from the U.S. and Alaska, 1976-2019*

Satvic Garg

*Valuing Football (Soccer) Players: An
Econometric Analysis of Player Transfer Fees*

Saksham Goel

*The Effects of Patent Expiration on
Prescription Rates of Different Branded and
Generic Drugs*

INTERDISCIPLINARY HONORS IN ECON & MMSS

Joshua Gruen

*Twister: Untangling the Effects of the
CDBG-DR grant on Joplin, MO*

Hongrui He

*An Organizational Study on How to Solicit
Truthful Reporting of Evidence from an
Investigator*

Blake Krantz

*Outfoxed by Foxconn? The Fiscal Impact of
Large Corporate Subsidies on State Public
Education Funding.*

Viktor Tchaouchev

*The Impact of Social Gathering on the Spread
of Covid-19*

Yintian Zhan

*The Efficiency of Chinese College Admission
Mechanisms: a Perspective from Matching
Theory and Online Learning Algorithms*