Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the UNT Economics Department! For those of you who haven’t heard, things have been very interesting on the Denton campus recently. UNT has entered a growth phase, with more than 36,000 students this year and a target of over 40,000 in the next five years. When I arrived on campus in the early 1990s, the student population was less than 20,000. The dynamic growth is both exhilarating and challenging! The Department of Economics also is growing. This academic year, the department enrolled more than 5,900 students, the most we have ever had.

The Department has experienced a few other recent changes. In Fall 2010, the UNT Center for Economic Development and Research, and center director Dr. Terry Clower, moved to the Department. We are excited by Dr. Clower’s research, especially that funded by several grants from TxDOT. The Department also saw two long-term members move on in the last year. Jan Wood, administrative assistant, and Dr. William Wallace, adjunct professor, both retired in December 2012 after serving the department for over a decade. Good luck in retirement Jan and Bill! To honor Bill’s service to students,

the Department has established the William H. and Virginia W. Wallace Scholarship in Economics. If you had Dr. Wallace as a teacher, we encourage you to consider donating to this scholarship fund.

I hope you enjoy the material in this newsletter. One of the best things about being a college professor is hearing from ex-students. I encourage you to send us an email with an update on your life and career (Economics-Alumni@unt.edu). We would love to hear from you.

Finally, please consider joining us for our annual Economics Department Spring Awards Reception on May 3. Details about this event can be found on page 8 of this newsletter. It would be great to see you again.

Cordially,

Todd Jewell, Professor and Chair

An article published in 2005 by Terry Clower (“Neoliberalism and the Institutions for Regional Development in Australia”) in Geographical Research: Journal of the Institute of Australian Geographers 2005 was recognized by the Regional Australia Institute as one of the 50 most influential publications on the subject of Australian regional development.

Terry Clower is a member of the Transportation Research Board Committee on Transportation and Economic Development.

Terry Clower and Janice Hauge received a $138,745 grant from the Texas Department of Transportation for the study: “Impacts of the Panama Canal Widening on Freight Traffic in Texas”.

Steve Cobb is a member of the American Economic Association Committee on Economic Education.

Guohua Feng was awarded a $200,000 grant from the Australian Research Council Discovery Project for the study: “Carbon Pricing and its Impacts on the Productivity Growth of Australian Industries.”

In 2013, Janice Hauge was nominated for UNT’s President’s Council Award for Teaching. In 2011, she was selected as UNT’s nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper teaching award. This prestigious statewide award honors superior teaching at the college level.


“Ivan and Arnold: Day Laborers from Both Sides of the Border,” a documentary film co-produced by Todd Jewell, José Martinez, Michael McPherson, and David Molina, will be shown in April 2013 at the Phoenix Film Festival and in May 2013 at the Workers Unite! Film Festival in New York City. This film focuses on two day-laborers in the U.S. Their stories highlight the struggles and internal racial tensions in this workforce disengaged from formal labor structures.

Myungsup Kim was awarded tenured and promoted to Associate Professor in 2011.

A paper by José Martinez (“Migrant’s Selectivity-Corrected Health Outcomes and the Mexican-American Health Paradox”) was awarded Honorable Mention (3rd place) in the 2012 Víctor L. Urquidi Economics Award contest, given in recognition of original work that contributes to the advancement of scientific knowledge in the area of Mexican development.

David Molina is President of the American Society of Hispanic Economists. He is also a member of the American Economic Association Summer Program National Advisory Board.

Michael Nieswiadomy is Vice President of the National Association of Forensic Economics.

Jeffrey Rous has been invited to present his paper, “Neighborhood Dynamics Under Urban Growth (or Lack Thereof)” at the Spaces and Flows conference in Amsterdam in November 2013.

Margie Tieslau has served as Assistant Editor for the Journal of Economics since 2000.
Recent Faculty Publications


Todd Jewell and Michael McPherson, “Instructor-Specific Grade Inflation: Incentives, Gender, and Ethnicity” *Social Science Quarterly* (2012)


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Alumni News

**2012**

Ralph Checri (BA ECON) is a financial advisor for Modern Woodmen of America.

Kevin Hill (MSER) is a risk manager at Cottonwood Financial.

Zachary Koerner (MSER) is a research analyst for the Buxton Corporation.

Saba Pourreza (MSER) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Logistics at UNT.

Lacy Reasons (BBA ECON) is a foreclosure specialist at Nationstar Mortgage.

Lauren Rhodes (BS ECON) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at Texas A&M University.

Jessica (Heaston) Shumate (BBA ECON) is office manager at UNT’s Office of Space Management and Planning.

Anny Truong (MSER) is a forecasting analyst at Hilton Worldwide.

**2011**

Chad Boger (MSER) is a credit risk analyst at MetLife.

Mike Boswell (AECO) is a project manager for Scarborough Lane Development.

Megan Dorman (MSER) starts the Ph.D. program in Economics at Notre Dame in 2013.

Alisa Cameron (MSER) is continuing her studies at UNT.

Eddie Hockenberger (MSER) is a risk analyst at Citi.

Yi-Lin Huang (MSER) is a sales anchor at Citi Taiwan.

Ibrahim Kekec (MS ECON) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at Michigan State University.

Afsheen Moti (MSER) is senior analyst at Enterprise Spectrum.

Gabriel Salinas (BS ECON) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Texas.

Daniel Salisbury (MSER) is an analyst at Javelin Marketing Group.

Daisy Solis (MSER) is an information analyst at Fiserve.

Amy Treanor (MSER) is a business analyst at Javelin Marketing Group.

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Our Newest Faculty Member
Professor Guohua (Joshua) Feng joined our faculty in 2012 as an Associate Professor. Guohua comes to us from Monash University in Australia, where he spent four years as a faculty member. Professor Feng, who earned his Ph.D. in 2008 from the University of Calgary, is a widely respected scholar, with recent publications in the *Journal of Econometrics*, *Econometrics Reviews*, *Macroeconomic Dynamics*, the *Journal of Banking and Finance*, and others. A warm welcome to Professor Feng and his family!

Master’s Degree Recipients
Congratulations to our 2011 and 2012 Master’s degree recipients!

Class of 2011:
Miriam Birdwell, Mike Boswell, Chad Boger, Alisa Cameron, Eddie Hockenberger, Yi-Lin Huang Sarah Miller, Afsheen Moti, Daisy Solis, Katie Dessi, Megan Dormian, Amy Treanor, Ibrahim Kekec, Steven Matthis, and Daniel Salisbury.

Class of 2012:
Caroline Gosch, Zachary Koerner, Reuben Mwangeka, Saba Pourreza, Kevin Hill, Aaron Clewis, and Anny Truong.

Support UNT Economics
The generosity of our alumni and friends makes it possible for the Economics Department to support many outstanding students each year. All gifts are tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law, and can be designated to any of several scholarship funds:

The Lewis Abernathy Scholarship is in memory of a beloved teacher and scholar who joined the faculty in 1962, serving until his retirement in 1995. Professor Abernathy also served as department chair from 1985-1995.

The Melton-Cochnan Scholarship is in memory of Rosser B. “Abe” Melton (a faculty member from 1946-1975) and Kendall P. Cochran (on the faculty from 1957-1989, and department chair from 1969-1977). Both were noted scholars and were inspirations to generations of students.

The Wallace Scholarship honors former faculty member William H. Wallace and his late wife Virginia W. Wallace and their service and dedication to education.

The Aaron Wuensch Scholarship celebrates the life of graduate student Aaron Wuensch (1983-2009), whose generous spirit and love of life touched the lives of his fellow students and all who knew him.

The Economic Development Scholars Scholarship supports students with a demonstrated interest in regional economic development.

The Friends of the Economics Department Scholarship is our general-purpose scholarship fund.

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If you would like to contribute by mail, or if you have any questions, please contact us at (940) 565-2573 or at Economics-Alumni@unt.edu.
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2010
Melva (Guillory) Barresi (MSER) teaches Spanish at a middle school in Ft. Worth. Britanny Causey (MSER) is a senior analyst at Enterprise Spectrum. Levi Dartt (BA ECON) is a management accountant at Texas Instruments. Joseph Kamt (MSER) is sub-manager for commercial intelligence at Grupo El Comercio. Dorothy Nandinghi (MSER) is employed by Aegis Communications Group. Collin Pace (MS LIRE) is a senior data engineer at TargetSmart Communications. Nishelli Perera (MSER) is an assistant professor at the American National College in Sri Lanka. Todd Reveley (AECO) is an economist for the Montana Dept. of Revenue. Ahmed Siddiqi (BS ECON) is continuing his studies at the University of Texas. Marcy Sutherland (BS ECON) is a senior systems administrator at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas. Ryan Tharp (AECO) is director of business information & research for the Dallas Regional Chamber. Thomas Wheat (BA ECON) is a business sales consultant at Wells Fargo in South Carolina.

2009
Jared Colleps (BA ECON) is a technical support analyst at TRC Consultants. Ashley Hanisko (MSER) is employed by Bank of America and enjoys spending time with her three-year old son Ezra. Trevor Hussey (BBA ECON) is a system sales representative for Ultra Electronics. Jessica Kelton (MSER) is a senior program analyst at the Michigan Economic Development Corp. Andrea Maloy (MSER) is employed by Javelin Marketing Group. Hunter Nelson (BS ECON) works for an environmental consulting firm in Austin, TX, and was recently elected precinct chair for the Democratic Party in his county.

Girish Oli (AECO) is a decision support analyst at Central West Community Care Access Centre in Ontario, Canada. Rafael Raygada (AECO) is a 4th-grade bilingual teacher in the Denton ISD. Anna Ruth (BS ECON) is a dispute resolution specialist for the Better Business Bureau.

2008
Preston Cecil (MSER) is a senior financial analyst at Rushmore Investment Advisors. Charles Dart (AECO) is employed by the city of Ferris, TX. Jennifer (Mann) Garza (AECO) is an associate director for Standard & Poors. Adrienne Gilligan (BS ECON) expects a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Economics from the Univ. of Arizona in 2013. Drake Kyalimpa (MSER) received his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Dundee in Scotland. Ashok Oli, (MSER) is a data and research analyst at the Washington, DC Public Charter School Board. Erin Winkler (BS ECON) is a research consultant at the Morgan Samuels Company.

2007
Jimmy Schlaffer (MSER) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Oklahoma. Justin Tischler (MSER) is manager of solutions engineering at Intalytics. Matt Tischler (BS ECON) is a senior financial analyst at Yum! Restaurants International.

2006
Sara Balderas (MSER) works for Exeter Finance Corp. Chandra Ganesan (MSER) is assistant manager of risk consulting at KPMG Services (Singapore). Bonnie Harllee (MSER) is senior business analyst at Real Estate Disposition LLC (REDC). Paul Hendershot (AECO) is manager of business development for DFW International Airport. Elizabeth Kasekende (MS ECON) started the Ph.D. program in Economics at the University of Capetown in 2012. Heather Klinger (MSER) teaches high school in Oak Cliff and recently announced her engagement. Heather plans to return to UNT this fall for a Master’s in Library Science.

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Matt McLelland (MSER) is team lead at Alteryx.
Brian McNeal (MSER) is a senior business analyst at Fannie Mae.
Courtney Molchan (AECO) is the director of research development for UNT’s College of Public Affairs and Community Service.
Karen Mulligan (MSER) completed her Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Texas in 2012 and is an assistant professor of Economics at Middle Tennessee State University.
Lesley Remington (AECO) is a project manager at USAA.

2005
Derrick Bertrand (MSER) is a senior modeling analyst at USAA.
Joanna Palin (MSER) is a statistician at GM Financial.
Bianca Porneala (MSER) is a senior programmer analyst at Massachusetts General Hospital.

2004
Cheri Baker (MSER) is a senior fraud analyst at Sabre Holdings.
Svetlana Barnes (AECO) is an associate instructor in UNT’s Department of Library and Information Sciences.
Jennifer Graves (AECO) is an economic development project specialist for the city of Mesa, AZ.
Andrew Ojede (MSER) completed his Ph.D. in Economics at Kansas State University in 2009 and is an assistant professor of Economics at Cal State-Long Beach.
Piyali Pal (MSER) is a business analyst at Xilinx.
Nathan Roseberry (MSER) is a senior associate of market research at TXU Energy.
Norbert Walter (MSER) is a project manager at Citi.

2003
Adam Canton (BS ECON) is a business analyst and project manager at Attensity.
Mindi Galland (BS ECON) is a senior analyst at Sears Holdings.
Kathy (Miner) Nash (MSER) is manager of transportation analytics at Greatwide Logistics Services.
Matthew Pharr (AECO) is a senior analyst at Targetbase Marketing.
Katie Raynor (MSER) completed her Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Texas in 2008 and is a permanent lecturer in UNT’s Economics Department.

2002
Zubaer Mahboob (MSER) is a senior associate at Heitman.
Carter Truly (BBA ECON) is the director of finance and operations at Texas Instruments.

2001
Angela Arredondo (MSER) is a quantitative risk manager at Citigroup.
Michelle Driscoll (AECO) is assistant regional commissioner for prices (Southwest Region) of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2000
Jodie Foster (AECO) is a regional economist at the US Army Corps of Engineers.
Paul Kagundu (MSER) completed his Ph.D. in Economics at Georgia State University and is a clinical assistant professor in the Economics Department there.
Laura (Rattner) Olivencia (AECO) is a sovereign research analyst for Standard New York, a subsidiary of Standard Bank Group.

1999
Gustavo Hernandez (AECO) is assistant human resources director for Denton County.
Michael Jensik (MSER) is manager of risk analytics at General Electric.
Markus Marktanner (AECO) is an associate professor of Economics, Finance, and Quantitative Analysis at Kennesaw State University.
Youqin Pan (MSER) is an assistant professor in the Accounting and Finance Department at Salem State University.

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1998
Ed Bateman (AECO) is a development coordinator for the City of Dallas.
Ali Ritter (BS MATH) graduated from the Seattle University School of Law in 2005 and is a contract attorney for Garden City Group.
Sara Rutledge (AECO) is director of Texas research at CBRE.

1997
Richard Gudmundsen (AECO) is an investment banker in Boston.
Martha Rangel (AECO) is the owner of Spanish Schoolhouse in Keller, TX.
Deborah Watkins (MSER) is senior vice president at Citigroup.
Malungisa Zwane (AECO) is a project analyst for the South Africa Infrastructure Fund.

1996
Kathy Bauer (AECO) is a financial advisor at EdwardJones.
Steve Gray (AECO) is a vice-president in The Weitzman Group.
Paul McDonnold (MSER) is a freelance writer in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area.
Mark Trice (AECO) is the founder of ClearVista Financial in Austin.
Paul Winkelblech (AECO) is director of research for Research and Demographic Solutions in Grapevine, TX.

1995
Ajay Babar (MSER) is an advanced risk management specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.
Hamid El-Tgani Ali (MSER) was a awarded a Ph.D. in Public Policy from the University of Texas in 2004 and is an assistant professor of public policy and administration at the American University in Cairo.

1994
Shad Griffin (MSER) is the director of research and at modeling Enterprise Spectrum.
Kirk Johnson (AECO) is employed by the U.S. Department of State.

1992
Terry Clower (AECO) is a faculty member in UNT’s Economics Department.
Karla Lynch (AECO) is a faculty member in UNT’s Economics Department, as well as a full-time faculty member in the Economics Department at North Central Texas College.
Roger Speas (BS ECON) Aug-92, is a software instructor at SAS Institute and a computer software consultant.
Ed Blackburne (BS ECON) completed his Ph.D. in Economics at Texas A&M in 1998 and is associate professor and chair of Economics at Sam Houston State.

The 1980s
Russell Dabbs (MS ECON, 1989) completed his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Tennessee and is professor of Economics at Lubbock Christian University.
Chun-Keung (Stanley) Hoi (MS ECON, 1989) is an associate professor of Finance at Rochester Institute of Technology.
Tania (Albarracin) Jordan (MS ECON, 1989) is an instructor in the Economics Department at SMU.
Billy Ballard (MS ECON, 1988) is an attorney in Lubbock.
Mehron P. Azarmehr (MSER, 1987) is an immigration attorney in Austin.
Kari Battaglia (MA ECON, 1986) is a principal lecturer in the Economics Department at UNT.
Susan (McHargue) Dadres (MS ECON, 1986) earned her Ph.D. in Economics from SMU in 1998 and is a senior lecturer in the Economics Department at UNT.

The 1970s
Mickey L. Burnim (MA ECON, 1972) completed his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Wisconsin in 1977 and is the president of Bowie State University.

Did we get it wrong?

We make every effort to get our alumni news right, and we apologize for any errors. Would you please help us get it right the next time by contacting us (Economics-Alumni@unt.edu at 940-565-2573) with corrections?
We want to hear from you!
Do you have news to share about yourself or other friends of UNT Economics? Please send your comments, suggestions, and news to:

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2013-14 Scholarship Winners

Aaron Wuensch Memorial Graduate Scholarship:
David Dansby

Economics Faculty Graduate Scholarship:
Carmen (Suzanne) Beltran

William H. and Virginia W. Wallace Graduate Scholarship:
Tyler Odegaard

Catherine and Virgil Rogers Scholarship:
Terrence Clark

Graduate Academic Scholarships:
Jacob Casey, Matthew Gray, Ryan Johnston, Justin Martin, and Timothy Minich

Lewis M. Abernathy Scholarship:
Jessica Gore

Melton-Cochran Scholarship:
Westley Hill

Tom Preston Scholarship:
Cassandra Billingsley

Undergraduate Academic Scholarship:
Thomas Rice

Save the date!

The annual Economics Department Spring Awards Reception will be held on Friday May 3 from 5:00 – 7:00 in the University Union's Diamond Eagle suite. Please contact us at Economics-Alumni@unt.edu or (940) 565-2573 if you can make it. We would love to see you there!

Economics Faculty

Kari L. Battaglia, Principal Lecturer
M.A. University of North Texas, 1986

Terry L. Clower, Associate Professor
Ph.D. University of North Texas, 1997

Steven L. Cobb, Associate Professor and Associate Dean for Administrative Affairs
Ph.D. University of North Carolina, 1987

Susan L. Dadres, Senior Lecturer
Ph.D. Southern Methodist University, 1998

Bryan Dickson, Adjunct Lecturer
M.A. Yale University, 1993

Harry Ellis Jr., Principal Lecturer
M.A. Michigan State University, 1986

Guohua Feng, Associate Professor
Ph.D. University of Calgary, 2008

Janice A. Hauge, Associate Professor
Ph.D. University of Florida, 2001

R. Todd Jewell, Professor and Chair
Ph.D. University of California - Santa Barbara, 1992

Myungsup Kim, Associate Professor
Ph.D. Michigan State University, 2005

Jiyoung Kwon, Lecturer
M.A. Michigan State University, 2002

Karla Lynch, Adjunct Lecturer
M.S. University of North Texas 1992

José Martinez, Assistant Professor
Ph.D. University of California – San Diego, 2007

Michael A. McPherson, Associate Professor
Ph.D. Michigan State University, 1992

David J. Molina, Associate Professor
Ph.D. Texas A&M University, 1983

Michael L. Nieswiadomy, Professor
Ph.D. Texas A&M University, 1983

Katie Raynor, Lecturer
Ph.D. University of Texas, 2008

Jeffrey J. Rous, Associate Professor
Ph.D. University of North Carolina, 1996

Margie A. Tieslau, Associate Professor
Ph.D. Michigan State University, 1992

Kaycee Washington, Adjunct Lecturer
M.A. Southern Methodist University, 2006