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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Greetings from the UNT Economics Department! We continue to grow and thrive – this academic year we will teach about 6,000 students. This sort of growth creates both challenges and opportunities for our department. This newsletter will update you on the exciting ways we are moving forward, and give you a sense of the continuing successes of our alumni.

Departmental faculty continue to excel in research, routinely publishing in esteemed academic journals and books. We are particularly excited about an upcoming book comprising the work of the late Kendall Cochran. Ken, a faculty member from 1957 until 1989, was well known for his work on incorporating ethics and values into economic analysis. The book is entitled *Economics: From the Dismal Science to the Moral Science, The Moral Economics of Kendall P. Cochran*, and is due out this spring. Eminent economists, including 1987 Nobel laureate Robert Solow, have praised the book. Details about how to contribute to the student scholarship that honors Professor Cochran follow later in this newsletter.

In addition to the ongoing scholarship, we continue to honor our historical commitment to our students by providing stellar instruction. UNT faculty members have

won or have been nominated for numerous teaching awards, both within UNT and at the state and national levels.

The Department recently lost a beloved friend. Dr. William Wallace, an esteemed economist, passed away suddenly in August of 2013. Bill's distinguished career included serving as a Vice President in the Federal Reserve System and as Dean of Old Dominion University's College of Business. Bill served as a mentor to UNT students and faculty for 10 years until his retirement in 2012. In his typically thoughtful and generous way, upon his retirement Bill worked with the Department to establish the William H. and Virginia W. Wallace Scholarship in Economics. If you would like to honor Bill's great legacy and help further his commitment to our students, I encourage you to consider donating to this scholarship fund.

Finally, I would like to invite you to our annual Economics Department Banquet on April 25 (see page 12 of this newsletter for details). Please RSVP by April 11. It would be great to see you again!

Cordially,  
David Molina, Associate Professor and Chair



## Faculty News



Seated (from left): Michael McPherson, David Molina, Michael Nieswiadomy, and José Martinez. Standing (from left): Guohua Feng, Harry Ellis, Janice Hauge, Angela Cook, Jiyoung Kwon, Kari Battaglia, Jeff Rous, Susan Dadres, Margie Tieslau, Katie Raynor, and Myungsup Kim. Missing: Terry Clower, Steve Cobb, and Todd Jewell.

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 won 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.

*Violence and Aggression in Sporting Contests: Economics, History, and Policy*, a book edited by Todd Jewell, was published by Springer in 2011.

“Ivan and Arnold: Day Laborers from Both Sides of the Border,” a film co-produced by Melinda Levin, Todd Jewell, José Martinez, Michael McPherson, and David Molina, was awarded the Golden Wing Award for best documentary short film at the 2013 Phoenix Film Festival and honorable mention at in that category at 2013’s International Film Festival for Peace, Inspiration and Equality in Indonesia.

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. Urquidí Economics Award contest, in recognition of its contribution to scientific knowledge in the area of Mexican development.

Michael McPherson is UNT’s nominee for the Minnie Stevens Piper teaching award. This prestigious statewide award honors superior teaching at the college level.

David Molina is President of the American Society of Hispanic Economists.

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

Michael Nieswiadomy has served as the Associate Editor of the *Journal of Legal Economics* since 2011, and was the Editor from 2008 to 2011.

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

Margie Tieslau is Assistant Editor of the *Journal of Economics*.



## Recent Faculty Publications

Susan McHargue Dadres, Mona Hersh-Cochran, and David Molina (editors), *Economics: From the Dismal Science to the Moral Science, The Moral Economics of Kendall P. Cochran*, University of North Texas Scholarly Press (forthcoming).

Guohua Feng and A. Serletis, "Imposing Theoretical Regularity on Flexible Functional Forms," *Econometric Reviews* (forthcoming).

Guohua Feng and X. Zhang, "Returns to Scale at Large Banks in the U.S.: A Random Coefficient Stochastic Frontier Approach," *Journal of Banking and Finance* (2014).

Guohua Feng and A. Serletis, "Public Infrastructure and Externalities in U.S. Manufacturing: Evidence from the Price Augmenting AIM Cost Function," *Macroeconomic Dynamics* (2013).

Janice Hauge and M. Jamison, "Do Common Carriage, Special Infrastructure, and General Purpose Technology Rationales Justify Regulating Communications Networks?" *Journal of Competition Policy* (2014).

Janice Hauge and E. Chiang, "The Impact of Non-Neutral Federal Regulatory Policy on Competition," *Telecommunications Policy* (2013).

Janice Hauge, M. Jamison, and J. Prieger, "Oust the Louse: Does Political Pressure Discipline Regulators?" *The Journal of Industrial Economics* (2012).

Janice Hauge, F. Kang, and T. Lu, "Competition and mobile network investment in China's telecommunications industry," *Telecommunications Policy* (2012).

R. Todd Jewell, José Martinez, and P. Triunfo, "Infant Mortality in Uruguay: The Effect of Socioeconomic Status on Survival," *Journal of Developing Areas* (forthcoming).

R. Todd Jewell, "The Competitive and Commercial Structure of Professional Football in the United States," in J. Goddard and P. Sloane (eds.) *Handbook on the Economics of Professional Football* (forthcoming).

R. Todd Jewell, Michael McPherson, and Margie Tieslau, "Whose Fault is It? Assigning Blame for Grade Inflation in Higher Education," *Applied Economics* (2013).

R. Todd Jewell and R. Brown, "Revenues and Subsidies in Collegiate Sports: An Analysis of Division I NCAA Women's Basketball," in EM Leeds and MA Leeds (eds.) *Handbook on the Economics of Women's Sports* (2013).

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

Myungsup Kim and Michael McPherson (with Master's alumnae M. Dorman and N. Perera), "Research Output at U.S. Economics Departments," *Applied Economics Letters* (2013).

José Martinez, "Internal and International Migration in Mexico 1995-2999," *Applied Economics* (2013).

José Martinez, "Mexican Migrants to the US: An Alternative Methodology," *Ensayos Revista de Economía* (2013).

José Martinez, Michael McPherson, David Molina, and Jeffrey Rous, "The Economic Geography of Microenterprises: Clustering, Networking, and Knowledge Spillovers," *Enterprise Development and Microfinance* (2013).

José Martinez, "Social Capital, Trust, and the Use of Financial Institutions in Mexico," *Canadian Journal of Development Studies* (2012).

Michael McPherson and Michael Nieswiadomy, "The Tradable Pollution Permit Exercise: Three Additional Tools," *International Review of Economics Education* (forthcoming).

Michael Nieswiadomy, with M. Strazicich and S. Clayton, "Was There a Structural Break in Barry Bonds' Bat?" *Journal of Quantitative Analysis in Sports* (2012).

Michael Nieswiadomy, "The Risk and Reward of Investing a Lost Earnings Award: A Comparison of Stocks, Bonds, and Bills," *Journal of Forensic Economics* (2012).

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## In Memorium

Professor William H. Wallace passed away at the age of 80 on August 22, 2013, at his home in Dallas. Bill taught macroeconomics and monetary policy at UNT for about 10 years, following a brilliant career that included stints as a Vice President of Research at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Staff Director at the Fed's Board of Governors, First Vice President and COO of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, and Dean of the College of Business and Public Administration at Old Dominion University. Shortly before his death, Bill completed his final book, *The American Monetary System: Financial Institutions, Markets and Monetary Policy from an Insider's Perspective*. Bill was a good friend and exceptional mentor to UNT students and faculty alike. If you would like to honor Bill's contributions, his family asks you to consider contributing to the William H. and Virginia W. Wallace Scholarship in Economics at UNT (see p. 6 for details).

## Alumni Focus



Ambassador and Mrs. Richard Barnebey

**June Mandeville Barnebey** (BA 1948, MA 1952) has always been a pioneer. As an undergraduate she was part of a group that agitated for a student government at UNT. She served as a senator in the first Student Senate, and her future husband Dick Barnebey served as the first student body president. June recalls one of the Student Senate's first successes was negotiating for fewer demerits to be given when a student missed class. June became one of the first women to earn a Master's degree in Economics at UNT. While a student, June also managed to be a faculty member at UNT, teaching Economics and coaching the debate team. After graduation, June and Dick embarked on a 35-year global adventure. Dick joined the U.S. State Department as a Foreign Service officer, with tours of duty in Austria, Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru, and Belize. In 1980 Dick went to Belize as U.S. Consul General and was appointed by President Reagan as the U.S. ambassador to Belize when that country became independent. June reports that in that era a diplomatic career really was a two-person job. A diplomat's annual performance review included an assessment of his wife and her effectiveness as an unofficial diplomat, hostess, and jack-of-all-trades. Over the years, June organized and hosted countless diplomatic receptions, dinner and cocktail parties, and other events. In fact, June estimates that she hosted many thousands of people. What could make this juggling act even more challenging? Raising three sons! Despite never being a professional economist, in many ways June exemplifies the value of an education in Economics. She elected to study Economics at UNT as a way to make herself a more effective debater, but it turned out that the knowledge and skills she developed were much more broadly useful. As a diplomat's wife it was important



to be knowledgeable about and conversant in a vast array of topics with people from all walks of life. During her time of service, June met Presidents Johnson and Carter, Gov. Nelson Rockefeller, Apollo 13 astronaut Jim Lovell and his wife, Henry Kissinger, and many other notables, including many members of Congress. Her fascinating life was not all cocktail parties and diplomatic niceties, of course. During a coup d'état in Bolivia, June remembers being hastily taught how to make a Molotov cocktail by U.S. Marines guarding her residential compound in case her help was needed. June and Dick now live in Plano, TX, and are active in many community organizations. In September 2013, UNT students in communications and women's studies and members of UNT's current debate team gathered to listen to June recount her remarkable life. The Economics Department is proud to claim June Mandeville Barnebey as one of our best and brightest.

**Dr. Paul Kagundu** (MS 2000) is originally from Uganda, and UNT Economics was his first home in the United States. After graduating Paul pursued a doctorate in Economics from Georgia State University, succeeding in that pursuit in 2006. After a six-month stint working in Tanzania, he joined the Economics Department faculty of Georgia State University. He is currently being considered for a promotion to Clinical Associate Professor. One of Paul's principal responsibilities is teaching, and he credits his training at UNT for much of the success he has enjoyed as an educator. Paul says, "I took a 'College Teaching in Economics, course with Professor Steve Cobb and Ms. Kari Battaglia ... I learnt a lot from the two instructors. With the opportunity to teach undergraduate economics classes at UNT, I left the school confident that teaching economics was a big part of my future." Paul also reports that his training in UNT's Master's program prepared him well for the rigors of a doctoral program. "Dr. Margie Tieslau will always be one of the very best teachers I ever had." Prof. Michael Nieswiadomy,



Paul Kagundu, with daughters Krista and Klara



Sandra Stokes

former UNT faculty member Prof. Michael Redfearn, and Prof. David Molina were also particular favorites. Away from work, Paul keeps feverishly busy with his daughters, Krista and Klara, who are 4 and 2 ½ years old, respectively (see photo). He also likes to travel, read, and watch sports on TV. Recently Paul accepted a new position at Penn State, where he'll start in the Fall of 2014.

**Sandra Stokes** (BA 2001, MS 2003) is a Senior Vice-President at Citi, where she has worked since 2006. Sandra works in risk analytics, which involves using statistical tools to estimate which customers are most likely to default on a loan. She credits the Economics program at UNT as crucial to her success in this field, and says that "10 years later I am still referencing my notes from my Econometrics classes that I used at UNT." Happily, the word has gotten out – Sandra tells us that her "current boss at Citi constantly tries to hire students from the [UNT] Econ program as she knows the program is excellent and teaches the individuals the basic tools to become a successful analyst." Sandra has many fond memories of her time at UNT. "The department is like a little family, [and] for 6 years they were my family," she reports. She credits Professor Michael Nieswiadomy with helping her get her first job. She also recalls the close bond that she and her classmates shared with Professor Margie Tieslau: "Everyone wanted to be like Dr. Tieslau." Her advice to current students interested in a career in analytics is to learn a programming language such as SAS. When she isn't travelling around the world for Citi, Sandra enjoys home renovation projects, gardening, and going to the gym.

# Support UNT Economics

## Scholarship Giving

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. Click here to contribute, or see below.

The Melton-Cochran 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. Click here to contribute, or see below. For donors of \$250 or more, we are pleased to send a complimentary copy of the forthcoming book, *Economics: From the Dismal Science to the Moral Science, The Moral Economics of Kendall P. Cochran*, University of North Texas Scholarly Press

The Wallace Scholarship honors the late William H. Wallace, former faculty member and friend, as well as his late wife Virginia W. Wallace for their long service and dedication to education. Click here to contribute, or see below.

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. Click here to contribute, or see below.

The Economic Development Scholars Scholarship supports students with a demonstrated interest in regional economic development. Click here to contribute, or see below.

The Friends of the Economics Department Scholarship is our general-purpose scholarship fund. Click here to contribute, or see below.

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.

## Other Ways to Give

Make a lasting impact by joining UNT's 1890 Society with a planned gift to UNT! Naming UNT Economics in your estate plans is a great way for you to make a larger contribution to the future students and faculty of the department. To learn more about making a planned gift, please contact one of our planned giving experts, Rob Buchheit (rob.buchheit@unt.edu) or Roy Grisham (roy.grisham@unt.edu).

## Faculty Publications

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Jeffrey Rous and Y. Kim, "House Price Convergence: Evidence from U.S. State and Metropolitan Area Panels," *Journal of Housing Economics* (2012).

William Wallace, *The American Monetary System: An Insider's View of Financial Institutions, Markets and Monetary Policy From an Insider's Perspective*, Springer Press (2013).

## Master's Degree Recipients

Congratulations to our 2012 and 2013 Master's degree recipients!

### Class of 2012

Caroline Gosch, Zachary Koerner, Reuben Mwangeka, Saba Pourreza, Kevin Hill, Aaron Clewis, and Anny Troung

### Class of 2013

Ligia Barnea, Taylor Bon, Ryan Dansby, Adegboyega During, Blythe Early, Chris Freeman, Barbaros Guneri, Jonathan Jacobs, Ji Woo Kim, Jason Lin, Lynn Morgan, Corey Sadler, Lhamu Tsering, Spencer Vigil, and Christina (Johnson) Wishnew



## Alumni News

### 2013

Taylor Bon (MSER) is a financial analyst for Zale Corporation.

Ryan Dansby (MSER) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Washington.

Blythe Early (MSER) is a business analyst at Javelin Marketing Group.

Chris Freeman (MS ECON) is a data analyst at Brierley & Partners.

Areeba Ghouri (BS ECON) is a fund accounting analyst at Fidelity Investments.

Lhamu Tsering (MSER) is a contract administrator at Alsar Construction.

Spencer Vigil (MSER) is a predictive analyst at Buxton Corporation.

Christina (Johnson) Wishnew (AECO) is a bond account manager at Ward & Moore.

### 2012

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

Aaron Clewis (BA ECON, MS Interdisciplinary Studies) is Statistical Analytics Manager at J.C. Penney.

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

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

Jordan Lill (BA ECON) is the owner of Tailor Made Liquids.

Matthew Moore (BS ECON) is an Asset Preservation Coordinator at Mortgage Contracting Services in Denton.

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 Agricultural Economics at Texas A&M University.

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

Robert Tolstyka (BS ECON) is a financial analyst at a community bank in Dallas.

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) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at Notre Dame.

Alisa Cameron (MSER) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Political Science 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.

Steven Mathis (MSER) is a senior analyst at Enterprise Spectrum.

Sarah Miller (MSER) works for the State of Texas Auditor's Office.

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

Josh Ness (BBA ECON) is the marketing director at Dynamic Events in New York.

André Prats (BA ECON) is a senior project analyst at Qualcomm Inc.

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.

Hallie Scruggs (BS ECON) is a junior project manager at Instep Foodservice.

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

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

### 2010

Melva (Guillory) Barresi (MSER) teaches Spanish at a middle school in Ft. Worth.

Brittany Causey (MSER) is a senior analyst at Enterprise Spectrum.

Levi Dartt (BA ECON) is a management accountant at Texas Instruments.

Joseph Kamt (MSER) is the Sub-Manager for Commercial Intelligence at Grupo El Comercio.

Katie McCann (BA ECON) is a technology implementation specialist at BT/NWEA in the DFW area.

Dorothy Nandinghi (MSER) is employed by Aegis Communications Group.

Collin Pace (MS LIRE) is a senior data engineer at TargetSmart Communications.

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Nishelli Perera (MSER) a manager of strategy and analytics at J.L. Morison's in Sri Lanka.

Todd Reveley (AECO) is an economist for the Montana Department 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 the director of business information and research for the Dallas Regional Chamber.

Sarah Tuttle (BS ECON) is an analyst at DNV GL-Energy in the Boston area.

Thomas Wheat (BA ECON) is a business sales consultant at Wells Fargo in South Carolina.

### 2009

Clay Clack (MSER) is a data analyst at Brierley & Partners.

Jared Collees (BA ECON) is a technical support analyst at TRC Consultants.

Roberto Diaz (MSER) is a consultant at Enterprise Spectrum.

Brody Gough (BS ECON) is employed by Macy's.

Ashley Hanisko (MSER) is employed by Bank of America.

Trevor Hussey (BBA ECON) is a system sales representative for Ultra Electronics.

Charlinda (Santifort) Jordan (MSER) received a doctorate in Economics from UT-Arlington in 2012 and is a statistical analyst at Education First in Boston.

Jessica Kelton (MSER) is a senior program analyst at the Michigan Economic Development Corp.

Amanda Malmgren (BA ECON) is a self-employed e-commerce marketing expert in Austin.

Andrea Maloy (MSER) is employed by Javelin Marketing Group.

Hunter Nelson (BS ECON) works for an environmental consulting firm in Austin, TX, and serves as 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

Michael Anderson (BS ECON) is a sales manager for North America at Greenwich Associates in New York.

Preston Cecil (MSER) is head of risk management at Innovate Managed Holdings LLC.

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) earned a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Economics from the Univ. of Arizona in 2013 and is a senior scientist at Smith & Nephew Biotherapeutics in Ft. Worth and an adjunct assistant professor at UNT's College of Pharmacy.

Gokcen (Bagci) Hasgul (MSER) is a statistician at Exeter Finance Corporation.

Kongseo Ki (MSER) is a researcher at Korea Innovation Cluster Foundation.

Drake Kyalimpa (MSER) received his Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Dundee in Scotland in 2012.

Ashok Oli (MSER) is a data and research analyst at the Washington, DC Public Charter School Board.

Marshall Pridgen (BA ECON) is a market research professional in the DFW area.

Erin Winkler (BS ECON) is a research consultant at the Morgan Samuels Company.

### 2007

Diana Palacios (BA ECON) is deputy chief of staff in the office of San Diego Councilman Scott Sherman.

Jimmy Schlaffer (MSER) is pursuing a Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Oklahoma.

Justin Tischler (MSER) is the manager of solutions engineering at Intalytics.

Matt Tischler (BS ECON) is a senior financial analyst at Yum! Restaurants International.

### 2006

Francis Anguyo (MSER) is pursuing a doctorate in Economics at the University of Capetown in 2013.

Sara Balderas (MSER) works for Exeter Finance Corp.

Kacie (Adkins) Czapla (BA ECON) is a tax attorney at PwC in Houston.

Chandra Ganesan (MSER) is an assistant manager of risk consulting at KPMG Services (Singapore).

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Bonnie Harllee (MSER) is a senior business analyst at Real Estate Disposition LLC (REDC).

Paul Hendershot (AECO) is the 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.

Matt McLelland (MSER) is a team leader 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.

Kendra Pearson-Scarberry (MSER) teaches in the Garland ISD.

### 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.

Harold Scull (AECO) is a wealth advisor at USAA.

Nandita Shrestha (MSER) is employed in data management and compliance at Fannie Mae in Washington, DC.

### 2004

Cheri Baker (MSER) is a principal in fraud analytics 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) is an assistant professor of Economics at Texas State University.

Piyali Pal (MSER) is a business analyst at Xilinx.

Ashley (Horwitz) Peril (MSER) works in loan servicing at Bank of America.

Nathan Roseberry (MSER) is a senior associate of market research at TXU Energy.

Paulo Shargorodsky (AECO) is a senior director of international financial services at Walmart.

Norbert Walter (MSER) is a project manager at Citi.

### 2003

Adam Canton (BS ECON) is a senior data architect at Health Catalyst in Salt Lake City.

Mindi Galland (BS ECON) is a senior analyst at Sears Holdings.

Amon Mucunguzi (LIRE) is a market consultant in the DFW area.

Kathy (Miner) Nash (MSER) is a market sales analyst at Michaels Stores, Inc.

Matthew Pharr (AECO) is a senior analyst at Targetbase Marketing.

Katie Raynor (MSER) is a permanent lecturer in UNT's Economics Department.

Caesar Righton (MSER) is an associate project manager at Citigroup.

Eva Schaffer (LIRE) is an assistant professor of Accounting and Economics at Tarrant County College.

Sandra Stokes (MSER) is the senior vice-president of risk analytics at Citi (see profile on p. 5).

### 2002

Zubair Mahboob (MSER) is a senior associate at Heitman in London, England.

Carter Truly (BBA ECON) is the director of finance and operations at Texas Instruments.

Francis Wasswa (MS ECON) is an assistant lecturer of Economics at Makerere University in Uganda.

### 2001

Angela Arredondo (MSER) is the model risk manager at Comerica Bank.

Jeremy Bradley (MSER) is a senior vice president at Bank of America in Charlotte, N.C.

Michelle Driscoll (AECO) is the assistant regional commissioner for prices (Southwest Region) of the US Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Phillip Gipson (AECO) is CEO of Southside Economics.

Nicholas Miller (BA ECON) works for Sebesta Blomberg in Dallas performing building commissioning.

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### 2000

Jodie Foster (AECO) is a regional economist at the US Army Corps of Engineers.

Paul Kagundu (MSER) is up for promotion to clinical associate professor in the Economics Department at Georgia State University (see profile on p. 5).

Laura (Rattner) Olivencia (AECO) is a sovereign research analyst for Standard New York, a subsidiary of Standard Bank Group.

Ayako (Oi) Schuster (AECO) is vice-president of economic development at the Garland Chamber of Commerce.

### 1999

Gustavo Hernandez (AECO) is an assistant human resources director for Denton County.

Michael Jensik (MSER) is the 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 of Marketing and Decision Sciences at Salem State University.

Paula Smith (MS ECON) is Senior Statistical Analyst at Humedica in Boston.

Norachai Yaowakarn (MS ECON) is a project engineering manager at Alstom Transport in Singapore.

### 1998

Ed Bateman (AECO) is a development coordinator for the City of Dallas.

Henry Camperlengo (MS ECON) is a database administrator at Southwest Airlines.

Ali Ritter (BS MATH) is a contract attorney for Garden City Group in the Seattle area.

Sara Rutledge (AECO) is Director of Research and Analysis at CBRE.

### 1997

Wan-Chi Chen (MS ECON) is the finance manager at King Real Estate Development in Taiwan.

Richard Gudmundsen (AECO) is an investment banker in Boston.

Martha Rangel (AECO) is the owner of Spanish Schoolhouse in Keller, TX.

Michael Peterson (BA ECON) is the technology director for the Whitesboro ISD.

Deborah Watkins (MSER) is a senior vice president at Citigroup.

Malungisa Zwane (AECO) is a fund manager at the National Empowerment Fund in South Africa.

### 1996

Kathy Bauer (AECO) is a financial advisor at EdwardJones.

Steve Gray (AECO) is a senior 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 and president of ClearVista Financial in Austin.

Paul Winkelblech (AECO) is the director of research for Research and Demographic Solutions in Grapevine, TX.

### 1995

Hamid El-Tgani Ali (MSER) is an associate professor and chair of the Public Policy Department at the American University in Cairo.

Ajay Babar (MSER) is an advanced risk management specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Jeff Tarrant (MS ECON) is an economics instructor at Paris Junior College.

Miguel Valentin (MS ECON) is a professional tutor in the Orlando, FL area.

### 1994

Shad Griffin (MSER) is a managing consultant at IBM.

Kirk Johnson (AECO) is a senior operations research analyst for the U.S. Army Materiel Command.

### 1992

Ed Blackburne (BS ECON) is an associate professor and chair of Economics at Sam Houston State University.

Terry Clower (AECO) is a faculty member in UNT's Economics Department and the director of the Center for Economic Development and Research at UNT.

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## Alumni News

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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) is a software instructor at SAS Institute and a computer software consultant in Portland, Oregon.

Linda Wilson (AECO) is the director of the career development center at the University of Texas, Arlington.

### 1991

Mehboob Ahmed (MS ECON) is the director of operational risk and reporting analytics at Citigroup.

### The 1980s

Russell Dabbs (MS ECON, 1989) is a professor and department chair 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.

Steven Brink (MS ECON, 1987) is CEO at AirInc Holdings.

Mehron P. Azarmehr (MSER, 1987) is an immigration attorney in Austin.

Kari (Joslyn) Battaglia (MA ECON, 1986) is a principal lecturer in the Economics Department at UNT.

Susan (McHargue) Dadres (MS ECON, 1986) is a senior lecturer in the Economics Department at UNT.

Stephen Huenneke (MS Economic Education, 1986) is an assistant professor at William Woods University.

Ahmed Al Babbain (MA ECON, 1986) is the general manager of A.S. Al Babbain Executive Search in Saudi Arabia.

Harold Adler (MS ECON, 1985) is an author of several spy thrillers, including *Mantle of Spies*.

Jill Trask (MS ECON, 1984) is a professor of Economics at Tarrant County College.

Abdullah Al-Sadik (MS ECON, 1984) is a professor and the head of the Department of Finance at the University of Bahrain.

Richard Beil (MS ECON, 1982) is an associate professor of Economics at Auburn University.

### The 1970s

Stephen Del Regno (BA ECON 1972, MS ECON, 1978) is the managing director (ASIA) for Chevron Gas and Midstream.

Monther Nijim (MS ECON, 1977) is an associate professor of Finance at Birzeit University in Palestine.

Michael West (MS ECON, 1977) is the executive director of the University of Texas Arlington's Ft. Worth campus.

Brenda Floyd (MS ECON, 1976) is the vice-president for finance and administration at Texas Woman's University.

Mechel Paggi (MS ECON, 1975) is the director of the Center for Agricultural Business at California State University, Fresno.

Joseph Gentile (MS ECON, 1975) is the head of the middle school at the Selwyn School.

Jozell Brister (MS ECON, 1973) is an associate professor of Economics at Abilene Christian University.

Randall Russell (MA ECON, 1973) is a professor of Economics at Yavapai College.

Mickey L. Burnim (MA ECON, 1972) is the president of Bowie State University in Maryland.

### The 1960s

Carson Bays (MA ECON, 1968) is Professor Emeritus of Economics at East Carolina University.

William Perry (MA ECON, 1964) is Professor of Economics at Tennessee State University.

### The 1950s

June (Mandeville) Barnebey (BA ECON, 1948; MA ECON, 1952) is retired and living in Plano (see profile on p. 4).

## 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 with corrections either by email at [Economics-Alumni@unt.edu](mailto:Economics-Alumni@unt.edu) or by phone at 940-565-2573?

## 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

## 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

Scholarship winners for the 2014-2015 academic year will be presented at the Economics Department Spring Banquet on April 25.

## Please Join Us!

The annual Economics Department Spring Banquet will be held on Friday April 25 from 5:30 – 7:30 in Exhibit Hall 160 in UNT's Environmental Education, Science, and Technology Building. Please RSVP to [Economics-Alumni@unt.edu](mailto:Economics-Alumni@unt.edu) or (940) 565-2573 by April 11. We would love to see you there!

## 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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