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1. Introduction

Economics was a founding discipline of the University and has seen a large number of changes in School and Faculty structures. It is an indication of the resilience of the discipline and its strong intellectual and policy core that Economics has thrived for over 100 hundred years and remains a leading department in Australia with a great international reputation.

In 2016 Economics faced another challenge, as one of the 4 Discipline of the Business School, with the amalgamation of university Faculties. Next year Economics will be part of a large faculty of Arts Business, Law and Education and I am sure as it has in the past the Economics scholarly research and dedicated teaching will shine through as a centre of academic rigor and excellence in the University, but also grounded in policy and real-world issues that contribute to improving the welfare of societies.

As always the seminar programme has been the key focal point for academic life and 2016 was no exception in offering a very strong line up of national and international visitors. I am constantly told by visiting speakers how much they enjoyed the experience of presenting to Economics at UWA and the high quality of feedback they received as well as great hospitality.

As has been the case in recent years, the seminar programme was also supported by the BHP Visiting Professor Programme which supported a number of outstanding international scholars to spend some time at UWA and engage in research and

mentoring. With a number of new staff on board and strong participation the seminar programme has continued to thrive. As usual there was also a strong line up of PhD, Masters and Honours presentations, as well as staff internal seminars.

The Shann lecture for 2016 was given by Professor Mary Morgan from London School of Economics and attracted a large audience and gave an extremely engaging presentation on how we use ideas and models in economics. 2016 was also UWA's turn to host the PhD Conference in Economics and Business and Ken Clements and Izan, who have been drivers of this annual event since its inception delivered another example of why this is Australia's premier event for PhD training. It's great to see the level of commitment from all the experienced discussants and the real time learning of PhD students.

Another great outcome was the appointment of three outstanding academics as Adjunct Professors: Prof Rachel Murphey, Oxford, Professor Billy Jack, Georgetown and Professor Xiabo Zhang. They have all visited in the past and we look forward to hosting them in the future and possible research collaboration.

There were many other exiting developments in Economics, such as the development of a new Master of Public Policy, teaching into China and welcoming articulation students. As always there was an enormous amount of research generated in publications and a large pipeline of working papers.

It was a challenging year in many ways and running a department through change relies on a supportive team. Staff have engaged in an enormous amount of external service to the profession and attended and presented at international conferences. Thanks are also due to the Admin Team for their friendly and supportive environment.

Thanks to everyone for all the efforts and extra hours that go into making a thriving academic environment.

Peter Robertson

Head of Department

2. Staff Members

ACADEMIC STAFF

Staff member	Primary research fields
Dr Elisa Birch	Labour economics, education economics
Dr Simon Chang	Labour economics, health economics, demographic economics
Dr Ishita Chatterjee	Applied microeconomics, game theory, industrial organisation, institutions
Dr Shawn Chen	Development economics, economic growth, public finance, Chinese economy
Prof Ken Clements	International finance, monetary economics, applied macroeconomics
Dr Paul Crompton	Energy and resource economics
Dr Luciana Fiorini	Microeconomics
Prof Nicolaas Groenewold	Macroeconomics, regional economics, Chinese economy, financial economics
Prof Peter Hartley	Energy and resource economics, macroeconomics
Dr Michael Jetter	Political economy, public economics, behavioural economics, media economics
Dr James Key	International trade, education economics
Dr Ingebjorg Kristoffersen	The economics of happiness and satisfaction, Health economics
Dr Bei Li	Macroeconomics, public finance, economic growth
Dr Leandro Magnusson	Econometric theory, applied econometrics
Prof Michael McLure	History of economic thought
Dr Chris Parsons	Development economics, migration, applied microeconomics
Prof Anu Rammohan	Health economics, development economics, Asian economies
Prof Peter Robertson	International trade, economic growth, development economics, Asian economies
Assoc/Prof Abu Siddique	Trade, Migration & Economic development
Dr Sam Tang	Macroeconomics, Asian economies, development economics
Prof Rod Tyers	International trade, applied macroeconomics, international finance, Asian economies
Dr Andrew Williams	Education economics, development economics
Prof Yanrui Wu	Chinese economy, development economics, energy economics, economic growth

ADJUNCT PROFESSORS

Professor Billy Jack	Georgetown University
Professor Rachel Murphy	University of Oxford
Professor Xiaobo Zhang	Peking University

OTHER ACADEMIC STAFF

The Economics Discipline has also benefited from the teaching assistance of the following:

Jordan Armstrong	Karen Knight	Nathan Pitts
Raul Bajo	Brooke Loneragan	Anis Rezae
Troy Barry	James Ma	Daniel Seymour
Corey Davies	David Marshall	Manal Shehabi
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Aiden Depiazzi	Amanda Meloni	Jessica Smith
Alex Dixon	Jordan Mittasch	Dasmesh Sron
Aunchisa Foo	Scott Montarello	Grace Taylor
Andrew Gann	Kelly Neill	Kazuki Tomioka
Michael Hey	Son Nguyen	Jill Trinh
Jenny Hughes	Brodie Olma	Emily Twigger
Vanessa Juliana	Ben Ong	Long Vo
Vivek Karia	Susan Pen	
Fiona Kim	Sigit Perdana	

In addition, the following individuals acted as Research and/or Administration Assistants to members of staff:

Akbar, Riznaldi	Simpson, Tom	Si, Jiawei
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Juliana, Vanessa	Neill, Kelly	Tomioka, Kazuki
Ma, James (Ning)	Nguyen, Son	Trinh, Jill (Thao)
Marshall, David	Shi, Xing	Twigger, Emily

PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Economics Discipline has also benefited from the assistance of a small, highly professional administrative group:

Team Manager:	Maryann Evetts
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Administrative Assistants:	Aya Kelly Ha Le Anna Wiechecki
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ACADEMIC STAFF PROFILES

E.R.Birch

Joined: 2007

Honours Coordinator, Economics
BCom-Hons Curtin, PhD W. Aust.



Senior Lecturer Birch first joined the Economics Discipline under an ARC grant in 2004. Her research has been published in journals including *Economic Record*, *Australian Economic Papers*, *Journal of Higher Education Policy and Management*, *Australian Journal of Labour Economics* and *Journal of Economic Studies*. Elisa has also co-authored a book published by Palgrave MacMillan. Her main research interests are labour economics and the economics of education. In 2011 Dr Birch was awarded an Australian Research Council's Discovery Early Career Researcher Award. This fellowship is to study the determinants of earnings and labour supply of Indigenous Australians.

S. Chang

Joined: 2015

BA MA NCCU Taiwan, PhD MSU



Prior to joining UWA, Dr Chang was Associate Professor at the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing. He is also a Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) in Germany. His research areas broadly include health economics, labour economics and demographic economics. His recent publications have appeared in the *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Health Economics*, *Economic Development and Cultural Change*, *China Economic Review*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, and others. He is a recipient of Fulbright-Hays Doctorial Study Grant, Chiang Ching-kuo Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, and BHP Billiton Distinguished Research Award.

I. Chatterjee

Joined: 2010

BSc Calc., MA JNU, MPhil IGDR, PhD Monash



Ishita Chatterjee is an applied microeconomist working in the areas of industrial organisation, game theory, development and institutions. Her research has been published in journals such as *Journal of Development Studies*, *Economic Modelling*, *Economics Letters*, and *Applied Economics*. At UWA she teaches the second year undergraduate Microeconomics unit (ECON2233) and the postgraduate unit Economics for Business, Applications and Policy (ECON5541).

S. X. G. Chen

Joined: 2015

BS MS UESTC, MRes LSE, PhD PKU/LSE



Dr Chen specialises in the interplay between taxation, development, and state building. His current research investigates how tax enforcement in China is affected by the fiscal regime and political institutions; and how discretionary tax enforcement leads to enormous aggregate production efficiency loss in the Chinese manufacturing sector. He has published in *Journal of Public Economics*, *Economic Letters*, and five papers in top Chinese journals. He was the recipient of the Gregory Chow Best Paper Award of the Chinese Economics Society in 2005, and the Best Paper Award of the Annual Conference of Public Finance in China in 2015.

K.W. Clements

Joined: 1981

BEC-Hons MEd Monash, PhD Chic., FASSA



Ken Clements (Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia since 1998) has consistently published research in A* journals, most recently in the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics* and *Health Economics*. His research has been supported by a series of ARC grants and BHP (as BHP Research Fellow). Clements has supervised 18 PhD students to completion and is currently supervising another 3. He founded the annual PhD Conference in Economics and Business (now in its 30th year), a joint venture between ANU, Monash, Melbourne, UQ and UWA, that has involved more than 750 students from universities in Australia, the US, the UK and elsewhere. Clements teaches international finance to more than 40 honours and master students.

P. Crompton

Joined: 1996

BBus-Hons Curtin, PhD W. Aust.

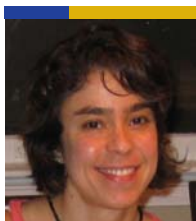


Associate Professor Crompton has published in *Energy Economics*, *Journal of Environmental Economics and Management*, *Agricultural and Resources Quarterly*, *Resources Policy*, *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Statistics*, and *Applied Economics Letters*. Dr Crompton has edited a book on the Shann Memorial Lectures; *Australian Macroeconomic Policy Debates: Contributions from the Shann Memorial Lectures 1991-2000* (UWA Press).

.C. Fiorini

Joined: 2011

BA Minas Gerais, MA Sao Paulo, MA PhD Brown



Lecturer Fiorini's research in economic theory includes modelling market imperfections and asymmetry of information using a general equilibrium approach. She is also interested in applications of Game Theory. Fiorini's main publications are in *Journal of Mathematical Economics*, *International Economic Review* and *Mathematical Social Sciences*.

N. Groenewold

Joined: 1997

BEC MEd Tas., MA PhD W. Ont.



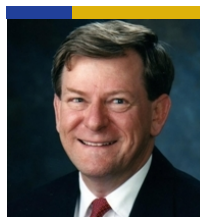
Professor Groenewold teaches in international finance. He has published in a number of journals including *Journal of Banking and Finance*, *Journal of Macroeconomics*, *China Economic Review*, *Pacific Economic Review*, *Journal of Empirical Finance*, *Economics Letters*, *Economic Inquiry*, *Regional Studies*, and *Australian Journal of Agricultural and Resource Economics*. He is currently working on applications of regional models to issues in China with a long-time collaborator at Jinan University in China, on the relationship between industrial policy and growth in China with collaborators at Zhejiang University, as well as on the likely effects on the Australian growth rate of the Chinese growth slowdown since the Global Financial Crisis.

P. R. Hartley

Joined: 2013

BA-Hons MEc ANU, PhD Chic.

BHP Billiton Chair in the Business of Resources



Winthrop Professor Hartley is an applied economist currently working in the area of energy economics, although he has also published research in a number of fields. His research has appeared in journals such as *The Energy Journal*, *Energy Economics*, *Empirical Economics*, *Journal of Political Economy*, *International Economic Review*, *The Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking* and *Economica*. He obtained his PhD in economics from the University of Chicago in 1980 and has also taught at Princeton, Rice, Monash, Melbourne universities and the ANU.

M. Jetter

Joined: 2015

BA PhD Memphis



Originally from Germany, Michael received both his BA (2007) and PhD (2011) in economics from the University of Memphis, Tennessee. From 2011 to 2015, he worked at the Universidad EAFIT in Medellin, Colombia, before joining UWA in 2015. Michael primarily works in topics related to political economy, public economics, behaviour economics and media economics. His current research focuses on terrorism, conflicts, and gender differences in behaviour. In particular, Michael is interested in the drivers of terrorism and civil conflict, in addition to the intimate relationship between the media and terrorism.

J. Key

Joined: 2013

BSc BCA-Hons VUW, PhD Penn. State



Assistant Professor James Key works in the areas of international, development and education economics. He joined UWA in July 2013, and teaches second year undergraduate econometrics and third year international trade.

I. Kristoffersen

Joined: 2005

BBus-Hons MBus E. Cowan



Dr Kristoffersen teaches first-year mathematics and microeconomics. She recently completed her PhD, with a thesis on the microeconomic analysis of happiness and satisfaction. Her papers have been published in *International Journal of Business Studies*; *Australian Accounting Review*; *Accounting, Accountability and Performance*; the *Economic Record*; and *Social Indicators Research*.

B. Li

Joined: 2011

BA Nankai, PhD NU Singapore



Assistant Professor Li joined the Economics Discipline in September 2011 after graduating from the PhD program in Economics at the National University of Singapore. Her research interests include public policy analysis in endogenous growth model and in deterministic endogenous cycle models. One of her working papers explores the optimal size of government debt in a tractable intergenerational model with endogenous fertility, leisure and human capital externalities. She is currently working on the application of taxes, subsidies and other public finance instruments to the deterministic endogenous cycle model and examining the subsequent welfare implications.

L.M. Magnusson

Joined: 2011

BA MA Sao Paulo, PhD Brown



Senior Lecturer Magnusson's research interests are econometrics and applied econometrics. His current research is focused on hypothesis testing for models with instabilities. His research has been published in the *Econometrics Journal*, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*, and *Econometrica*. Senior Lecturer Magnusson teaches third year undergraduate econometrics, and honours-level advanced applied econometrics.

M.T. McLure

Joined: 2002

BA Murd., Grad DipEd WAIT, MEc W. Aust., PhD Curtin



Professor McLure is a historian of economic thought. His research has been published in journals such as the *Cambridge Journal of Economics*, the *Economic Record*, *History of Political Economy*, and the *European Journal of the History of Economic Thought*. He was co-editor of *History of Economics Review* between 2007 and 2011. Michael is also the author of *Pareto, Economics and Society* (2001, Routledge) and *The Paretian School and Italian Fiscal Sociology* (2007, Palgrave MacMillan); and co-editor of the 'critical and variorum' edition of Vilfredo Pareto's *Manual of Political Economy* (2014, Oxford University Press).

C. Parsons

Joined: 2015

BSc Econ Cardiff, MSc PhD Nottingham



Dr Parsons is a development economist specialising in the links between migration and development. His current research interests include the determinants and consequences of international (refugee and high-skilled) migration. Prior to joining UWA, Chris worked as a Research Officer at the International Migration Institute at the University of Oxford, where he also held a William Golding Fellowship at Brasenose College. Chris holds a PhD in Economics from the University of Nottingham, during which time he held a Royal Economic Society Junior Fellowship, before which he worked at the World Bank having previously held an ODI Fellowship in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Dr Parsons is also a Research Fellow at IZA, a Research Fellow at the GLO and a member of the senior common room at Brasenose College, Oxford.

A. Rammohan

Joined: 2009

BA B'lore, MA S. Fraser, PhD La Trobe



Professor Rammohan's research focuses on development issues in India and China. This research has been funded by competitive grants from the Australian Research Council and AusAID. She also has collaborative research links with international organisations such as IFPRI (USA), ICASEPS (Indonesia), Indian Statistical Institute and TISS (India). Her research on Australian policy issues, child care and female employment choices, has been cited in the media and in the Commonwealth Treasury and OECD report on childcare. Papers from her research have been published both in Australian policy journals such as *Australian Economic Papers* and *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*, as well as in international journals such as *Health Economics*, *Education Economics*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, *Research in Labour Economics* and *Oxford Development Studies*.

M.A.B. Siddique

Joined: 1987

BA-Hons MA MPhil Rajsh., DipResMeth Dhaka, DipResRurDev Hawaii, PhD W. Aust. Postgraduate Coordinator, Economics



Abu Siddique's research activities centre around some of the critical areas in contemporary development economics such as trade, migration, sustainable development, corruption, and good governance with special focus on the Asia-Pacific region. He has published in international journals such as *Journal of Policy Modeling*; *Applied Economics*; *Journal of Development Studies*; *Environment International*; *International Journal of Social Economics*, *South Asia*; and *Empirical Economics Letters*. He has also authored, edited and co-edited numerous books including *Handbook of Sustainable Development Planning: Studies in Modelling and Decision Support* (2nd edition, Edward Elgar); *Globalisation, Agriculture and Development: Perspectives from the Asia-Pacific* (Edward Elgar); and *Regionalism, Trade and Economic Development in the Asia-Pacific Region* (Edward Elgar).

P.E. Robertson

Joined: 2009

BA-Hons Otago, MEd UNE, PhD S. raser Head of Discipline, Economics



Professor Robertson was educated at the University of Otago, the University of New England and Simon Fraser University. He was formerly at the University of New South Wales and the Productivity Commission. Professor Robertson assumed the role of Head of the Economics Discipline in January 2014 and is a member of the Australian Research Council, College of Experts.

S.H.K. Tang

Joined: 2005

BA Leth., MA S. Fraser, PhD Tas.

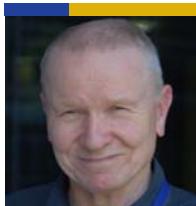


Sam's recent research has been focusing on: 1) the long-lasting effects of historical variables on countries' current economic outcomes, and 2) the effects of unskilled migration on education and development of both the source and destination countries. He is keen to answer questions such as: "Which aspect of history is most important for a country's current economic outcomes and why?" or "Do migrant domestic workers affect educational achievement and language ability of children under their care?" or "Does unskilled migration lower the incentive for human capital accumulation for source countries?"

R. Tyers

Joined: 2009

BEng MEngSci Melb., MS PhD Harv.



Winthrop Professor Tyers specialises in applied international economics and has contributed in areas of commodity trade policy, the labour market effects of trade reform, the economic effects of global demographic change, open economy macroeconomics as applied to Chinese economic policy and its international implications, and the effects of automation on inequality in OECD countries. He has published four books, 88 refereed journal articles and 56 chapters in edited books, including articles in the *European Economic Review*, the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Oxford Economic Papers*, the *Oxford Review of Economic Policy*, the *World Economy*, *Economic Modelling*, the *Economic Record* and the *Chinese Economic Review*. His research grants have been from the Australian Research Council, the Australia-Japan Foundation, the Rural Industries Research and Development Corporation, the Australian Council for International Agricultural Research, the World Bank and the USDA Economic Research Service.

Y. Wu

Joined: 1996

BS Anhui, MA Nankai, MA ANU, PhD Adel.



Professor Wu is an economist specializing in development economics, international trade and applied econometrics. His research interests include the Asian economies (particularly, China India and Indonesia), productivity analysis, economic growth, resource and environmental economics. He has published extensively in these fields including six authored books. Professor Wu is a member of the editorial board of *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies* (Routledge, UK), *China Agricultural Economic Review* (Emerald, UK) and *East Asian Policy* (National University of Singapore). His teaching interests include international economics, business econometrics and development economics.

A. Williams

Joined: 2000

BEC-Hons PhD W. Aust.



Dr Williams' teaching is focused in the core first-year microeconomic theory course. In 2007 he completed his PhD thesis on the links of the long-run relationship between governance and economic growth, and has had papers published in *World Development*, the *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Economics of Governance*, and *Journal of Development Economics*. He was a visiting scholar at the Oxford Centre for the Analysis of Resource-Rich Economies (OXCARRE) in 2014, and is currently Deputy Head of Economics.

HONORARY RESEARCH FELLOWS

M.J. Davies

Joined: 1976

*Honorary Research Fellow
BA Kent, MA Adel., OAM*



Mel Davies has been the Secretary of the Australasian Mining History Association since 1994 and also serves as Secretary of the International Mining History Congress. He has published widely on mining in a number of journals, including *the Australian Economic History Review*, *Australian Historical Studies*, and in 2014, in the South American journal, *REVISTA*. He has chapters in a number of books and has compiled a bibliography of the Mining History of Australia, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea. For the past 14 years he has been editor of the *Journal of Australasian Mining History*.

R.N. Ghosh

Joined: 1968

*MA Delhi, PhD Birmingham
Senior Honorary Research Fellow*



Dr Ghosh retired from the Economics Discipline in 1994 and was appointed as a Senior Honorary Research Fellow. In recent years he has published on topics relating to a wide range of development issues, such as good governance, corruption, gender issues, the environment, and the role of tourism in initiating development in LDCs. Dr Ghosh is the current chairman of the International Institute of Development Studies Australia. He has recently published with Atlantic Publishers and Distributors, a South Asian edition of Adam Smith's *The Wealth of Nations*.

R. Gabbay

Joined: 1968

*BSc MA Tel Aviv, DrPolSc Geneva
Senior Honorary Research Fellow*

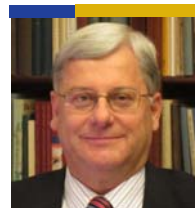


Dr Gabbay specialises in contemporary Middle Eastern issues, energy and oil, development economics, and the role of culture in international marketing. He has published 19 books and 78 articles and monographs. Dr Gabbay is now working on condensing his six volumes on *Australia and the Middle East 1945-2100: A socio-economic and political study*. Volume 3 is being revised and updated following referees' recommendations (pending publication). Dr Gabbay was awarded the Business School Excellence in Teaching Award in 2009.

E.J. Weber

Joined: 1989

*Lic oec publ Zurich, MA PhD Roch.
Senior Honorary Research Fellow*



Dr Weber has published articles on monetary policy, central banking, monetary standards, and economic growth, and his research on insurance deals with multi-peril crop insurance in drought-affected areas. Since his retirement as Associate Professor in 2015. Dr Weber has been associated with the Business School as Senior Honorary Research Fellow and he has continued to teach courses in financial economics and mathematical economics. He also gives a course in insurance economics at the African Institute for Mathematical Sciences in Cape Town, South Africa. Before joining UWA and during sabbaticals, Dr Weber taught economics at the University of Zurich; University of Rochester, NY; California State University, Northridge; and Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. Dr Weber is a team member at the Centre of Integrative Bee Research, Plant Energy Biology, UWA; and has served as Honorary Consul for Switzerland in Western Australia.

3. Seminar Series

There are two seminar series that are presented throughout the teaching year. The first series features visitors from other universities and UWA staff with presentations delivered on papers and their research. The second series involves UWA PhD students and staff presenting their current research. Both series provide constructive ways of communicating research results and for speakers to obtain valuable criticism and comments on their work.

Research Seminar Series

Date	Speaker (institution)	Title
4 th March	Assoc Prof Antoinette Baujard (Universite Jean Monnet)	Sen is not a Capability Theorist
9 th March	Dr Kerry Papps (University of Bath)	Spillovers and Team Incentives
11 th March	Dr Harry Wu (Hitotsubashi University)	China's Institutional Impediments to Sustainable Growth – A Productivity Approach
18 th March	Assist Prof Isaac Mbiti (University of Virginia)	Inputs, Incentives, and Complementarities in Primary Education: Experimental Evidence from Tanzania
1 st April	Prof Markus Brueckner (ANU)	Rent Extraction by Capitalists
8 th April	Prof Rachel Murphy (Oxford)	Children Living in Multi-Local Families in Rural China: Preliminary Reflections on Gender Differences
15 th April	HONOURS PRESENTATIONS	
6 th May	Dr Kenan Kalayci (University of Queensland)	Chasing Market Share in Platform Markets
13 th May	Prof Jeff Bennett (ANU)	Protecting the Environment: Privately
13 th May	Dr Taya Dumrongrattikul (University of Queensland)	The Effects of Productivity Gains in Asian Emerging Economies: A Global Perspective
20 th May	Prof Wayne Grove (LeMoyne College)	The Economics of Winner-Take-All Markets: Evidence from Youth and Professional Tennis
27 th May	Dr Yuji Tamura (La Trobe)	Game-theoretic Analysis of Asylum Provision
3 rd June	Assoc Prof Paul Raschky (Monash)	The Role of Media in Asymmetric Warfare
29 th July	Prof Hanming Fang (University of	Mothers' Employment, Parental Absence and

	Pennsylvania visiting UNSW, Shawn)	Children's Educational Gender Gap
12th August	Prof Garry Barrett (U Sydney, Anu dinner)	Pension Incentives and the Retirement Decisions of Couples
19th August	Prof Deborah Cobb-Clark (Uni Sydney)	Parenting Style as an Investment in Human Development
26th August	Edward G. Keating (friend Phil Dolan) (senior economist at the RAND)	Air attack against wildfires: Understanding the U.S. forest service requirements for large aircraft
9th September	Prof David Stern (ANU, joint with Curtin, talk there on Sep 8)	From Wood to Coal: Directed Technical Change and the British Industrial Revolution
16th September	HONOURS PRESENTATIONS	
23rd September	Prof David Stadelmann (Bayreuth)	How do Interest Group Affiliations Affect the Behavior of Politicians? The effect of smileys as motivational incentives on children's food choice: A field experiment among European primary schools.
7th October	Wencke Gwozdz (Denmark)	Aid on Demand: African Leaders and the Geography of China's Foreign Assistance
14th October	Prof Axel Dreher (Heidelberg)	Behavioral reactions to pricing: Experimental evidence on price discrimination and customer antagonism.
21th October	Assoc/Prof Andreas Leibbrandt (Monash)	
28th October	Prof Richard Holden (UNSW, Anu dinner)	Network Capital

Work-in-Progress Seminars

Date	Speaker / Institution	Topic Title
2 nd March	Mark Agerton <i>Rice University</i>	The Market for Privately Owned Mineral Rights in US Shale: A Dynamic Approach
9 th March	Dr Kerry Papps <i>University of Bath</i>	Spillovers and Team Incentives
16 th March	Prof Kenneth Clements	Engel's Law, Diet Diversity and the Quality of Food Consumption
23 rd March	Longfeng Ye	Migration, Capital Accumulation and Growth in China
30 th March	Raul Bajo Buenestado <i>Rice University</i>	Welfare Implications of Capacity Payments in a Price-Capped Electricity Sector: A Case Study of the Texas Market (ERCOT)
6 th Apr	Xing Shi (UWA)	Does University-Industry Collaboration Improve Chinese Firms' Innovation Efficiency?
13 th Apr	Assoc Prof Rachel Murphy (Oxford)	Labour Migration & Urbanisation, Education, Culture, Gender Imbalances
27 th Apr	Dr Michael Jetter (UWA)	The Gender Gap in Competitive Performance and Risk-Taking: The Importance of Competing Against Males
4 th May	Prof Rod Tyers (UWA)	Japan's Oligopolies: Potential Gains from Third Arrow Reforms
11 th May	Son Nguyen (UWA) / James Ma (UWA)	Production Network and Its Impact on International Trade: A Comparison between East Asia and European Union / Environmental Efficiency and Its Distribution Dynamics in Chinese Cities
18 th May	Prof Peter Robertson (UWA)	Was there Really a Malthusian Era? Growth and Convergence before 1800
3 th August	Simon Chang (UWA)	The Invisible Wall: Sex Ratio and Decriminalization of Homosexuality

10 th August	Sam Tang (UWA)	Medium-Term Macroeconomic Volatility and Economic Development: A New Technique
17 th August	Graham Brown (UWA)	State-Sponsored Migration and Inequality: Evidence from New Order Indonesia
24 th August	Troy Barry (UWA) / Tom Simpson (UWA)	Australian Broadband: Two Decades of Competition and Regulation/ Art Auctions & the Price of Failure
31 th August	Jill Thao Trinh (UWA PhD) / Qing Li (UWA PhD)	A Critical Assessment of Post-Keynesian to Thomas Piketty's Approach to Distribution and Growth/ Intangible Capital Measurement in Chinese Regions
7 th September	Bettina Klaus <i>University of Lausanne</i>	Object Allocation via Immediate-Acceptance: Characterizations and an Affirmative Action Application
14 th September	Elisa Birch (UWA)	Do Indigenous University Graduates Actually Fare Better in the Labour Market? Evidence from the 2011-2014 Australian Graduate Destination Survey
21 th September	M.Ec dissertation presentations	
5 th October	Xiaobo Zhang <i>Peking University</i>	E-Commerce Expands the Bandwidth of Entrepreneurship
12 th October	Wilfredo Maldonado (University of Brasilia)	Cointegrated Periodically Collapsing Bubbles in the Exchange Rate of 'BRICS
19 th October	Kazuki Tomioka (UWA) / Ishita Chatterjee (UWA)	The Time-Varying Risk Perception: Analyzing the Behavioral Link to Investment / Do Spouses Influence Each Other's Stated Son Preference?
26 th October	Luciana Fiorini (UWA)	Expectational Stability in Aggregative Games
2 nd November	Inga Kristoffersen (UWA)	Great Expectations: Education and Subjective Wellbeing

4. The Shann Memorial Lecture

The annual Shann Memorial Lecture is held in memory of the Foundation Professor of Economics at the University of Western Australia, Edward Owen Giblin Shann. Edward Shann has been regarded as the pioneer of the academic development of economics and traditional Australian economic history and he was a strong advocate of individual intellectual freedom and developing a sense of social responsibilities. He penned several books and essays on the economic history of Australia and was a major influence in formulating financial and fiscal policies in Australia. Edward Shann was born in 1884 and graduated with first-class honours in history and political economics from Queens' College, University of Melbourne. He won several scholarships and went on for higher studies at the London School of Economics. He returned to Australia from England in 1910 and was lecturer-in-charge of history and economics at the University of Queensland from June 1911 to December 1912. He joined the University of Western Australia in its inaugural year of 1913 as the Foundation Professor of history and economics. He then went on to work at the University for a total of 22 years and was Vice-Chancellor from 1921 to 1923. Edward Shann's life was cut tragically short when he died at the age of 51, in 1935.

The Shann Memorial Lecture is organised jointly by the UWA Business School and the West Australian Branch of the

Economic Society of Australia and is widely regarded as a premier public economics lecture in Australia.

It has earned an enviable reputation for a high standard of scholarship and it has made a substantial contribution to economic debate in Australia.

The 55th Shann Memorial Lecture was delivered at the UWA Business School on 27th April 2016 by Professor Mary S. Morgan. Mary S. Morgan is Professor of History and Philosophy of Economics at the London School of Economics and Vice President (Publications) at the British Academy. She also holds a professorial appointment at the University of Amsterdam and is a visiting fellow at the University of Pennsylvania. Mary's major area of scholarship is the history of economic and econometric ideas. Her recent award winning book, *The World in the Model* (Cambridge University Press, 2012), considers modelling as a method of enquiry, the imagining and imaging of economic ideas (to consider the way that images emerge and are developed over time to give form, and greater clarity, to economic thinking), model experiments, the uses of simulations and a range of other issues.

This Shann Memorial Lecture is presented as part of the Economic Society of Australia's 2016 Eminent Speaker Series.

5. PhD Conference in Economics and Business

The PhD Conference in Economics and Business is an annual event that brings together students and academics from most Australian universities, as well as some overseas institutions. It was first initiated in 1987 by the Business School of the University of Western Australia. The conference is currently co-organised by the Australian National University, Monash University, University of Queensland and University of Western Australia. The location of the conference has alternated between these four universities.

The basic objective of the conference is to help with the training of promising doctoral students by giving them the opportunity to gain feedback on and exposure for their research. It also enables PhD students to meet with their peers and to make contact with senior academics and researchers with similar interests, as well as acting as an informal job market whereby students can demonstrate their abilities and attract attention to their prospects.

The format of the conference has remained true to the original concept whereby each student is assigned a discussant to comment on their research paper. The discussants, who are specially chosen to match the subject matter of the papers, include an impressive list of senior researchers with extensive experience in supervision. This highlights an important feature of the conference which is the outstanding quality of the feedback given to the students by the discussants and other participants. Additionally, the conference is a productive combination of research in both economics and finance, something that is rare in Australia.

The 29th PhD Conference was held at the UWA Business School in November 2016 (http://www.business.uwa.edu.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0010/2938177/UWA-phd-conf-program-171016.pdf) and involved 32 students from a number of Australian and NZ universities and 32 discussants. The conference was opened by Robyn Owens, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) at UWA. A number of extremely interesting papers were presented, and it was clear from the quality of the students and discussants that the future of research in economics and finance is indeed exciting.

Four prizes were determined by a secret ballot of all participants and the winners were:

- Best Presenters - David Delacrétaz, University of Melbourne (Economics) and Emma Zhang, University of New South Wales (Finance)
- Best Discussants, - Paul Frijters, University of Queensland (Economics) and Terry Walter, University of Sydney, and Mardi Dungey, University of Tasmania (Finance)

Two special prizes were awarded to the student with the most potential, chosen by Martin Richardson (ANU) and Izan (University of Western Australia). The winners were:

- Student with Most Potential, Economics -- David Delacrétaz, University of Melbourne
- Student with Most Potential, Finance -- Jianlei Han, University of Queensland

The 30th Conference will be held at the University of Melbourne in 2017.

6. Visitors

The Economics Discipline was pleased to welcome several official visitors during 2016. During their visits, they presented seminars and collaborated with members of the Discipline on research. Guests included:

Professor Axel Dreher visited UWA for 2 weeks in early October, both to work on a research project with Michael Jetter, and to give a seminar presentation about Chinese foreign aid in Africa. A number of colleagues exchanged quite a few research ideas with Axel and his only complaint was the disappointing weather performance (rightfully so). We are hoping he'll give the Perth climate another chance at some point in the future.

Professor Xiuyan Liu is Associate Professor and Head of Economics in the School of Economics and Management, Southeast University in China. His research areas include Economic Geography, Urban Economics and the Chinese Economy. His work appeared in major economics journals in China. Dr Liu visited UWA Economics during August-October and conducted collaborative research with Professor Yanrui Wu. He also held informal meetings with several economics PhD candidates who are writing their theses on Chinese economic development.

Professor Bettina Klaus is a Full Professor at the Department of Economics of the University of Lausanne, in Switzerland. She is a renowned economist with valuable contributions to the advancements of Market Design and Game Theory. Her list of publications is extensive and impressive, with a vast number of co-authors from

different fields. Her work has greatly contributed to advances in matching theory, which is applied to a diverse range of problems like house allocation, students' placement and roommates matching. During her visit to UWA from October 2nd to October 17th 2017 Professor Klaus offered a mini course on Market Design and gave a talk at the Economics Research seminar.

Dr Siew Ling Yew is a senior lecturer of the department of Economics at Monash University. Her research areas include Macroeconomics, Public Finance, Economic Growth and Development, and Population Economics. She has published articles in international journals, including Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, Canadian Journal of Economics, Economic Record, Economic Modelling and Empirical Economics. During his visit to UWA from November 14th to November 20th 2016, Dr Yew collaborated with Dr Bei Li on a joint project to investigate the welfare effect of the social security policy reform in developing countries.

Professor David Stadelmann is the Chair of Development Economics at the University of Bayreuth (Germany). He visited UWA for 2 weeks in September. During his stay, David gave a presentation about how interest groups affect politicians' behaviour and he very much enjoyed his time here. His stay at UWA was productive, as he finished 2 joint papers with Michael Jetter, in addition to getting new research projects on the way.

7. Faculty Prizes

The following is information on Faculty prizes won by staff in Economics.

Recipient	Name of Awards	Total Grant Value
S. Chang	BHP Billiton Grants for Visiting Professors	\$7,997
<i>Shawn Chen</i>	Business School Research Development Awards	\$9,860
<i>P.R. Hartley</i>	The Campbell Watkins Award for the Best Paper published in <i>The Energy Journal</i> in 2015	\$US1,000
<i>P.R. Hartley</i>	IAEE Award in Recognition of Leadership and Service as President in 2015	
<i>M. Jetter</i>	Ahern Family Early Career Researcher Portfolio Prize	\$2,500
<i>M. Jetter</i>	BHP Billiton Distinguished Researcher Award	\$25,000
<i>L.M. Magnusson</i>	Dean's Best Paper Prize	\$ 2,500
<i>C. Parsons</i>	Ahern Family Early Career Researcher Portfolio Prize	\$2,500
<i>C. Parsons</i>	BHP Billiton Grants for Visiting Professors	\$6,460
<i>C. Parsons</i>	BHP Billiton Grants for Visiting Professors	\$7,265
<i>C. Parsons</i>	Visiting Early Career Researcher award	\$,7,727

8. Research Grants

The following is information on research grants won by staff in Economics.

Recipient	Project Title	Total Grant Value
Woodside Petroleum		
<i>R. Tyers, P. Hartley & K. Neill</i>	The economic implications of Australia's natural gas reservation policies	\$130,000
Miscellaneous (Emerald Publishing and Perth Convention Bureau)		
Y. Wu	China's New Normal Growth	\$5,300
G Milne-Research Launch		
<i>L. C. Fiorini</i>	Expectational Stability in Aggregative Games, Wilfredo L. Maldonado	
BHP Distinguished Research Award		
<i>C. Parsons</i>	The labour Market Impact of Immigrants: Redux	\$16,000
Other Grants		
<i>R. Tyers</i>	Coordinating CI on an establishment grant from the US-Asia Centre	\$10,000

9. Teaching

A list of units offered by the Discipline in 2016, together with course coordinators and enrolments follows.

Unit Code	Unit Name	Semester	Coordinator(s)	Enrolments
ECON1101	Microeconomics: Prices and Markets	1, 2	A. Williams I. Kristoffersen	1384
ECON1102	Macroeconomics: Money and Finance	1, 2	E. Birch B. Li	623
ECON1111	Quantitative Methods for Business and Economics	1, 2	L. Fiorini I. Kristoffersen	98
ECON2105	Rise of the Global Economy	1	P. Crompton	183
ECON2016	Asia in the World Economy	2	S. Tang	66
ECON2233	Microeconomics: Policy and Applications	1,2	I. Chatterjee B. Li	414
ECON2234	Macroeconomics: Policy and Applications	2	S. Tang	300
ECON2245	Business Economics	2	E. Birch	129
ECON2271	Business Econometrics	1, 2	J. Key	126
ECON3205	Health Economics	1	S. Chang	55
ECON3210	Monetary Economics	1	M. McLure	100
ECON3220	Development Economics	2	C. Parsons	56
ECON3235	International Trade	2	J. Key	144
ECON3236	International Finance	1	N. Groenewold	340
ECON3272	Intermediate Mathematics for Economists	2	S. Chen	43
ECON3301	Game Theory and Strategic Thinking	1	L. Fiorini	80
ECON3302	Applied Microeconomics	1	C. Parsons	99
ECON3303	Applied Macroeconomics	2	S. Chen	56
ECON3310	History of Economic Ideas	1	M. McLure	33
ECON3350	Money, Banking and Financial Markets	2	E. J. Weber	62
ECON3371	Econometrics	2	L. Magnusson	20
ECON3395	Economic Policy	2	M. Jetter	105
ECON4401	Applied Econometrics and Research Methods	1	Y. Wu	19
ECON4402	Microeconomic Theory	1	L. Fiorini	14
ECON4405	Public Economics	2	M. Jetter	23
ECON4408	Advanced Development Economics	1	A. Rammohan	25
ECON4413	Applied Advanced Econometrics	1	L. Magnusson	8

ECON4418	Macroeconomic Theory	2	R. Tyers	7
ECON4450	Advanced International Trade	2	P. Robertson	19
ECON4503	Advanced Economic Analysis	2	S. Chang	29
ECON4507	History of Economic Thought	1	M. McLure	17
ECON5506	The Economics of Financial Markets	1	R. Tyers	39
ECON5508	Advanced Macroeconomic Theory	2	R. Tyers	12
ECON5509	Advanced Microeconomic Theory	1	L. Fiorini	7
ECON5513	Applied Advanced Econometrics	1	L. Magnusson	6
ECON5541	Economics for Business: Applications and Policy	1,2	I. Chatterjee S. Tang	159

10. PhD Student Topics

During 2016, the Economics Discipline had 23 students enrolled in the PhD program. Details on the students, their topics and arrangements for supervision are as follows.

Student	Supervisor(s)	Thesis title
Akbar, Riznaldi	Y. Wu B. Li	Early Warning Systems for Debt Crises: A Case Study of Indonesia
Azwar, Prayudhi	R. Tyers P.E. Robertson	External Shocks and Indonesian Macroeconomic Policy
Cao, Junran	A. Rammohan L.M. Magnusson	Essays in Health and Labour Economics
Chandra, Atul*	P.R. Hartley G. Nair P. Guj	Real Options Approach to Evaluate Business Investment Decisions in Practice
Collins, Jason*	B. Baer E.J. Weber	The Evolution of Time Preference and its Impact on Economic Growth
Donovan, Jaimie*	P.R. Hartley P. Lilly	The Effectiveness of Early Stage Mining Project Evaluations in Guiding Investment Decisions
Jefferys, Philip	R. Tyers P.E. Robertson	Relative Prices of the Metal Ores in the Long Run and the Implications for Australian Economic Policy
Knight, Karen	M.T. McLure R.N. Ghosh	A. C. Pigou and the Marshallian Thought Style
Kristoffersen, Ingebjorg*	D. Butler P. Gerrans P.E. Robertson	Happiness and Economics
Li, Qing	Y. Wu R. Tyers	China's Intangible Capital and Productivity Growth by Region and Sector
Liu, Hai Yan*	K.W. Clements Y. Lan	Understanding World Food Consumption Patterns
Ma, Ning	Y. Wu A. Rammohan	Understanding Productivity Growth in the Chinese Industrial Sector
Manihuruk, Juidiana	M.A.B. Siddique A. Williams	Taxation Determinants of Corruption: A Cross Country Analysis with Special Reference to Indonesia
Nguyen, Thanh	Y. Wu A. Rammohan	Production Network in East Asia and Opportunities for Vietnam
Okatch, Zelda	M.A.B. Siddique A. Rammohan	The Impact of Taxes and Social Safety Nets on Poverty and Inequality in Botswana

Student	Supervisor(s)	Thesis title
Paranavithana, Harsha	R. Tyers L. Magnusson	Monetary policy in small open economies: the transition to inflation targeting
Perdana, Sigit	R. Tyers P.E. Robertson	Modelling Indonesian Carbon Taxation: Effects on Long Term Economic Growth
Priyati, Rini	P.E. Robertson R. Tyers	Demand for Palm Oil and Indonesian Forestry and Poverty
Rumayya, Rumayya	A. Rammohan S.H.K. Tang	Decentralisation and Quality of Governance in Indonesia
Shehabi, Manal	R. Tyers R. Gabbay P.R. Hartley	Out of the Black Hole: Petrostate Economic Policy in Kuwait after the Gulf War
Shi, Xing	Y. Wu R. Tyers	Indigenous Innovation, Foreign Technology Spillover and Productivity Growth in China
Syaifudin, Noor	Y. Wu M.A.B. Siddique	The Economics of Sustainable Development: An Indonesian Perspective
Trinh, Jill*	M.T. McLure Paul Plummer	The Relationship between Three Diverse Approaches to Distribution and Growth: Piketty, Kaldor and Pareto

*Joint supervision between the Economics Discipline and another UWA discipline and/or external institution.

11. Master of Economics Program

The Economics Discipline had 21 students enrolled in the Master of Economics (MEc) program in 2016:

Byrnes, Thomas John	Douval , Douval
Cai,,Bingjie	Ho, Si Chek
Fan, Jiaxin	Chaney, Jonathon
Havovita Pathiranaage, Amali	Wise, Joseph
Priyashanthi	Ranpati Dewage, Thilini
Kannangara Koralalage, Chathuri	O'Donnell, Simon George
Sineth Kannangara	Adhiaksono Putri, Ines
Konara Mudiyanseleage, Harsha	Loreck, Michael
Kaushalya Dasanayake	Jenkins, Jamie Donald
Perera Ekanayake, Pannilage	Lapworth, Stuart Douglas
Niluka Suranji	Mai, Lien Thi
Prasanna, Withanage Sudath	McMurray, Clinton Wade
Trevenen, Luke William	

Of these, the following six students completed their MEc dissertation in 2016. Details on the students, their topics and arrangements for supervision are as follows.

Student	Supervisor(s)	Thesis title
Thomas Byrnes	Sam Tang	Influence of foreign Bank Presence on Macroeconomic Fluctuations
Rebecca White	Andrew Williams, Abu Siddique	Education and Human Capital in Vietnam: A Policy Analysis
Sean Jelinek	Andrew Williams, Elisa Birch	The effect of class size and school size on students' mean NAPLAN scale scores and achievement gain in Western Australian schools
Casey Lickfold	Paul Crompton	'Evidence and Solutions for Underinvestment in the Global Space Sector'
Natasha Ninkov	Michael McLure	The Current Relevance of Keynesian Economics with respect to Economic Crises
Kway Tan	Yanrui Wu	Trends and Linkages in Energy Consumption and Economic Activity

12. Honours Program

The Economics Discipline had 29 students enrolled in the Honours program in 2016. Details on the students, their dissertation titles and arrangements for supervision are below.

Jordan Armstrong – supervised by Elisa Birch

“The Male Marriage-Wage Premium: Revisiting the Specialisation Hypothesis”

Michael Arthur – supervised by Anu Rammohan

“Food Security in Tanzania”

Jessica Bilson – supervised by Michael Jetter and Inga Kristoffersen

“Gender Differences in the Effect of Income on Trust”

Miles Blair – supervised by James Key

“The Market for Rare Earth Elements: An Equilibrium Analysis”

Delaney Bruce – supervised by Yanrui Wu

“Regional Growth and Convergence: A Comparison between the United States and China”

Alexandra Colalillo – supervised by Shawn Chen and Peter Hartley

“What Causes Fluctuations in the Price of Crude Oil? An Investigation of the Sources of Variation in Demand and Supply Influencing the Oil Market in the 2014-2016 Oil Price Decline”

Tomas Cokis – supervised by Leandro Magnusson

“The Effect of Macroeconomic Announcements on the Australian Dollar”

Corey Davies – supervised by Elisa Birch and Andrew Williams

“The Labour Market Outcomes of Recent University Graduates: The Employment and Earnings Premium of an Honours Degree”

Alex Dixon – supervised by Rod Tyers

“Examining the Distributional Implications of Automation and Robotics in a Closed Economy Model”

Jonathan Fiore – supervised by Simon Chang

“The Natural Resources Boom and the Returns of Education Within Australia”

Andrew Gann – supervised by Paul Crompton

“Western Australia’s Renewable Energy Future: A Cost Assessment of Solar Photovoltaics and Onshore Wind”

Vivek Karia – supervised by Elisa Birch

“How Has Strong Wage Growth from the Mining Boom Contributed to the Gender Wage Gap in Western Australia?”

Fiona Kim – supervised by Peter Robertson

“The Necessity of Defence: An Examination of the Determinants of Military Expenditure Over Time”

Brooke Loneragan – supervised by Chris Parsons

“The Determinants of Migration Surges”

Dianne McWilliam – supervised by Michael Jetter

“Explaining Inequality Between Countries: The Declining Power of Political Institutions”

Jason Menteleone – supervised by Anu Rammohan

“Inefficiency in Public Hospital Operating Theatres: An Economic Analysis of Western Australian Theatres and the Impact of Pre-Operative Briefings”

Michael Nelmes – supervised by Ishita Chatterjee

“Analysis of the Determinants of Sport Participation and Frequency in Australia”

James Panarettos – supervised by Anu Rammohan and Simon Chang

“The Effect of the Hukou System on Children’s Height in China”

Teleah Parker – supervised by Leandro Magnusson

“The Dynamic Relationship Between Monetary Policy, Business Confidence and Business Investment”

Stefan Raovic – supervised by Leandro Magnusson

“What Happens When Instruments are Invalid?”

Anis Rezae – supervised by Sam Tang

“Identifying and Analysing Trend-Growth Reversals: A Structural Break Approach”

Jessica Smith – supervised by Ken Clements

“Are Currency and Commodity Markets Linked? International Evidence”

Dasmesh Sron – supervised by Andrew Williams

“An Investigation into the Effects of Economic Transparency on the Bilateral Levels of Trade in Services between Countries”

Thomas Stanway – supervised by Andrew Williams

“Transparency and Growth”

Grace Taylor – supervised by Ken Clements and Shawn Chen

“The Theory and Measurement of Potential Output”

Duc Tran – supervised by Ken Clements

“Economic Forecasts: Why, How and When”

Mollie Urquhart – supervised by Nic Groenewold

“An Empirical Assessment of the Role of the Australian Housing Market in the Transmission of Monetary Policy”

Jordan Valentine – supervised by Peter Hartley and Leandro Magnusson

“Macroeconomic Significance of Temporary and Permanent Oil Price Shocks”

13. Prizes and Scholarships

There are a number of prizes awarded to students in Economics and the Discipline is very grateful to the donors. The following is a list of prizes awarded in 2016.

Prize	Awarded to
Chamber of Commerce and Industry Western Australia Prize Student who achieves highest mark in ECON2233 Microeconomics: Policy and Applications	Katerina Yunli Chua
Dr Andrew M Houston Memorial Prize Student who achieves highest average mark in ECON1101 and ECON1102 in the same year	Adam Hanting Zhao
Mitsubishi Development Prize Student who achieves highest mark in ECON5503 Economic Management and Strategy	Jonathan Louis Serfaty
Productivity Commission Prize Student who achieves highest mark in ECON3302 Applied Microeconomics	Shannon Truong
Professor Edward Shann Memorial Prize Student who achieves highest mark in ECON1102 Macroeconomics: Money and Finance	Adam Hanting Zhao
Ron and Jenny Manners Prize Student who achieves highest mark in ECON2105 Rise of the Global Economy	Ana Filipa Mateus Calado
W.E.G. Salter Memorial Prize in Economics Student who achieves highest average mark in their final year of BCom (Economics)	Thomas Joseph Hunt
Western Australian Treasury Corporation Prize Student who achieves highest mark ECON3210 Monetary Economics	Thomas Joseph Hunt

Vargovic Memorial Fund

Mr Christopher A. Vargovic left a generous bequest to the University to support research students in economics when he died in 1987. The interest earnings from the estate have been used over much of the past decade to financially assist honours, masters and PhD students to complete their research by providing them with bursaries ranging from \$2,000 to \$8,000. The Economics Discipline, as well as the students involved, greatly values the generosity and foresight shown by Mr Vargovic in establishing this fund, which has had the effect of substantially boosting the Discipline's ability to attract and nurture promising young researchers in economics.

The Vargovic Fund financed bursaries to the following students from 2014 to 2016:

2016	2015	2014
Cokis Tomas	Matthew Bunny	David Ho
Loneragan Brooke	Nikola Risteski	Simon Lang
Jessica Bilson	Benjamin Mifflin	Jiamin Lim
Smith Jessica		Kenny Ng
McWilliam Dianne		

14. Publications

During 2016 the staff of the Economics Discipline published work in a substantial number of books, journals, and other media. A list of these publications is presented below.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

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15. Discussion Papers

The Economics Discipline has published working papers in its Discussion Paper Series since 1980. These papers are authored by staff members and visitors, and are an ideal platform for research, collaboration and discussion. The editor of the Series is Sam Tang.

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16.05	Chang, S., Connelly, R. and Ma, P.	What Will You Do If I Say 'I Do'? : The Effect Of The Sex Ratio on Time Use within Taiwanese Married Couples
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16. Seminar and Conference Presentations by Staff

Staff of the Economics Discipline made numerous presentations of their research and participated as discussants during 2016. Below are details of these presentations.

Presenter	Seminar / Conference	Date / Location	Topic
E.R. Birch	Work in Progress Seminar, UWA	Sep / Perth	Do Indigenous University Graduates Actually Fare Better in the Labour Market
	2016 Australian Labour Market Research Workshop, ANU	Dec / Canberra	Do Indigenous University Graduates Actually Fare Better in the Labour Market
S. Chang	Seminar, Curtin	Perth	Decriminalization of Homosexuality and the Invisible Wall of Sex Ratio
	Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society	Kyoto, Japan	The Dark Side of Mating Competition: Gender Differences
	Seminar, University of Melbourne	Melbourne	The Dark Side of Mating Competition: Gender Differences
I. Chatterjee	Work in Progress Seminar, UWA	Nov / Perth	Do Spouses Influence Each Other's Stated Son Preference?
S. Chen	Seminar, School of Economics, CUFE	Jan / Beijing	Cleaner Booker after a Closer Look? – Evidence from Tax Enforcement in China
	Seminars, International School of Business, BUFS; Business School, Curtin U; School of Economics, Monash U; Swinburne U. of	Jan / Beijing; Mar / Perth; May / Melbourne; Jun / Chengdu	Shifts of Distortions over Local Political Cycles in China

Technology.
 Conference, School of Finance, SWUFE
 Conference, School of Economic, Yunnan U; Conference, CASS
 Seminars, School of Finance, SWUFE; School of Economic, Yunnan U; School of Finance, YNUFE; School of Finance, CUFE; School of Finance, Renmin U; CCER, Peking U; School of Finance, ZUFE; School of Economics and Finance, Huaqiao U; School of Economics, South China Normal U; Lingnan College, Sun Yat-sen U.
 Conference, School of Economics, Xiamen U; Conference on China's Growth Transition, Business School, UWA

K.W. Clements	Economics Seminar, UWA; Seminar, School of Agricultural and Resource Economics, UWA; EMG Workshop	Mar / Perth; Sep / Perth; Dec / Sydney	Engel's Law, Diet Diversity and the Quality of Food Consumption
	Economic Society Workshop on Measurement and Policy	Apr / Perth	The Long-Term Value of the Aussie Dollar

L.C. Fiorini	2016 Australasia Meeting of the Econometric	Sydney	The Opportunity Criterion: An Axiomatic Approach
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Society			
N. Groenewold	4 th International Workshop on Regional, Urban, and Spatial Economics in China; European Regional Science Association Meeting	Jun / Beijing; Aug / Lisbon	An Increase in the Retirement Age in China: The Regional Economic Effects
P.R. Hartley	Committee for Economic Development, Australia	Mar / Perth	Predicting Commodity Cycles
	Seminar on Mexican Energy Sector Reforms	Apr / Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE)	The Mexican Electricity Market Reforms: An assessment
	Conference in Honor of Albert S. (Pete) Kyle	Apr / University of Maryland	Comments on: “Ripple Effects of Noise on Corporate Investment” by Dessaint, Foucault, Fresard and Matray
	Presentation, Policy Committee, Liberal Party of Australia (WA Branch)	May / UWA	WA Assets: To Sell or Not to Sell
	Seminar, Japanese Association for Energy Economics; Presentation, Naval Staff War College, visiting class of 2107	May / Japan; Dec / Rice University	Energy markets in transition with a focus on LNG: Growing pains, new technologies and new trading arrangements
	Seminar, Hong Kong Association for Energy Economics	May / Hong Kong	Natural Gas Markets in Asia: Recent History and Potential Developments
	Seminar, Saudi Arabian Association for Energy Economics	May / Saudi Arabia	Energy markets in transition
	Seminar, Saudi Arabian Association for Energy Economics; Presentation, Ministry of Energy and	May / Saudi Arabia; Jul / Indonesia	Privatization with a focus on electricity market reform

	Mineral Resources of the Republic of Indonesia		
	Presentation, Australian Petroleum Production & Exploration Association (APPEA) Annual Conference	Jun / Brisbane	Longer term energy market developments
	Presentation, Queensland Department of Energy and Water Supply	Jun / Brisbane	LNG Markets: Recent History and Potential Developments
	Lectures, Bandung Institute of Technology, Business School Jakarta campus	Jul / Indonesia	Lectures on Energy Economics
	Presentation, Visiting delegation of Future Leaders, Qatar	Sep / Rice University	LNG markets in Asia: Recent History and Potential Developments
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M. Jetter	Seminar California State University; Economic Society Workshop Western Australia	Mar / Los Angeles (USA) Apr / Perth	Terrorism and the media
	Curtin University; University of Freiburg; Monash University	Apr / Perth; Jun / Freiburg (Germany); Oct / Melbourne	Gender differences in competitiveness and risk-taking
	University of Konstanz; CESifo Munich; Australasian Public Choice Conference	Jun / Konstanz (Germany); Jun / Munich (Germany); Dec / Canberra	Peace, terrorism, or insurgency? The decision of an unsatisfied opposition group
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I. Kristoffersen	Happiness Workshop	Dec / Canberra	Great Expectations: Education and subjective wellbeing
	National Longitudinal Data Conference	Oct / Canberra	Income, wealth and subjective wellbeing: Considerations and
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			implications for assumptions about marginal utilities
B. Li	Singapore Economic Review Conference; Seminar at Monash University	Aug / Singapore; Nov / Melbourne	Efficient Education Subsidisation and the Pay-As-You-Go Principle
L.M. Magnusson	Australasian Meeting of the Econometric Society	Jul / Sydney	Does Monetary Policy Affect Aggregate Demand in Australia?
	2nd Conference of the International Association for Applied Econometrics; Summer Forum, Barcelona Graduate School of Economics	Jun / Milan, Italy; Barcelona, Spain	Evidence on the Euler Equation for Consumption and Output in the US
	Seminar, Department of Econometrics, Monash University; Econometrics Seminar Series, University of Melbourne	May / Caulfield, Melbourne	Bootstrap Methods for Inference with Cluster-Sample IV Models
M.T. McLure	HETSA at the Royal Society of Victoria	Jul / Melbourne	Staffa, Myrdal and the 1961 Soderstrom Prize
C. Parsons	Economic Society of Australia Workshop; World Bank Seminar	Apr / Perth Jun / DC	Efficacy of High Skilled Migration Policies
	Australian Development Economics Workshop; International Conference on Migration and Development; Western Economics Association Annual Conference	Jun / Deakin, Florence, & Portland	Dissecting the Mobility Transition Curve

	Monash University Seminar	Sep / Melbourne	Migrant Networks and Trade
R. Tyers	Globalisation and Economic Policy Centre, University of Nottingham, annual Asia Conference	Feb / Kuala Lumpur	Indonesian macroeconomics through two crises
	Reserve Bank of Australia annual conference; 2 nd Annual Workshop on <i>Population Ageing and the Chinese Economy</i>	Mar & Jul / Sydney	Contractions in Chinese fertility and savings: long run domestic and global implications
	UWA Economics Discipline Seminar	May / Perth	Japan's oligopolies: implications for third arrow reforms
	<i>National CGE Workshop</i> , Centre of Policy Studies, Victoria University	Aug / Canberra	China and global macroeconomic interdependence
	International Symposium on <i>China in Australia - Critical Issues and Perspectives in a Globalised World</i> ; Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research	Nov / Perth; Dec / Hong Kong	Fertility and savings contractions in China: long-run global implications
Y. Wu	CESA Annual Conference, James Cook University	Jul / Cairns	Additionality of National S&T Programs: Evidence from Chinese Innovative Firms
	Development, Trade and Investment conference, Stockholm Business School	Aug / Sweden	Interregional Impact of Foreign Direct Investment on Urban-Rural Income Inequality in China's Inland Provinces
	Chinese Economic Association conference (CEA-Europe)	Sep / Duisburg, Germany	University-industry Collaboration and Efficiency in Chinese Innovative Firms

WUN Chinese Economy Workshop, UWA	Oct / Perth	Risk Preference and Efficiency in Chinese Banking
4 th Young Scholars' Conference on China Studies	Nov / Hong Kong	Can China Avoid the Middle-Income Trap?

17. Other Professional Activities

Staff members of the Economics Discipline have been very active in taking part in various additional professional activities. A selection of these activities follows.

Elisa Birch is the honours coordinator for the Discipline and also maintains the discipline's Facebook page. In 2016 she refereed papers for journals including *The Economic Record*, *Australian Economic Papers*, *Australian Journal of Labour Economics*, and *Studies in Higher Education*. She was also part of the University of Western Australia's Worldwide University Network (WUN) and was an assessor for the Australian Research Council.

Simon Chang has been an external grant reviewer for the Swiss Cancer League and is presently a member of the Program Committee (Health Economics) for the 2016 Asian Meeting of the Econometric Society. He has been a referee for the following journals: *Economic Journal*, *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*, *Journal of Comparative Economics*, *Journal of Population Economics*, *Health Economics*, *China Economic Review*, *Economic Record*, *Pacific Economic Review*, *International Journal of Health Care Finance and Economics*, *BMC Health Service Research*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*.

Ishita Chatterjee is a member of the UWA Business School Research Committee; the Economic Society of Australia (WA); the Econometric Society; the Society for the Advancement of Economic Theory; and the

Economics Design Network (University of Melbourne). She has acted as a referee for several scholarly journals.

Shawn Chen has been a referee for the following journals: *International Tax and Public Finance*, *Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Economic Research Journal* (《经济研究》 in Chinese), *Chinese Social Sciences* (《中国社会科学》 in Chinese).

Ken Clements is a member of the Editorial Boards for *Economic Papers* and the *Australian Journal of Economics Education*. He is a member of the UWA Business School Research Committee. He organised (jointly with Izan) the PhD Conference in Economics and Business at UWA in November 2016, at which 30 PhD students from a number of universities presented papers and senior economists served as discussants.

Paul Crompton is the Associate MBA Director of the Business School.

Mel Davies is responsible for producing a quarterly newsletter and organising Annual Association Conferences for the Australasian Mining History Association (AMHA), and is the editor of the *Journal of Australian Mining History*. In the international sphere, he was a member of both the Program and Organising Committees for the 7th International Mining History Congress at Bhubaneswar, India and is on the organizing committee for the 11th International Mining History Congress being held in Linares, Spain in September 2016. He organised the 21st Annual

Conference of the AMHA held in Darwin in 2015, where he acted as a session chairperson, and presented a paper. He was re-elected as Secretary and Treasurer of that organisation, positions he has held since the formation of the organisation in 1994.

Rony Gabbay delivered public lectures to the Rotary Club of Crawley on “The Ideology of ISIL” and “ Hamas, Israel, and the Gaza War 2014”.

Luciana Fiorini is a member of the American Economic Association, the Econometric Society, Economic Society of Australia and the Royal Economic Society.

Robin Ghosh is on the Editorial Board of two journals, the *International Journal of Development Issues* published from Sydney University, and the *Atlantic Journal of World Affairs* published by Atlantic Publishers & Distributors. Robin Ghosh is also the current chairman of the Institute of Development Studies (Australia). Currently, Ghosh is editing (jointly with Abu Siddique) a volume of papers on “Good Governance, Corruption and Economic Growth” from the proceedings of two international conferences held at UWA Perth in June, 2009 and then followed by another in Kolkata (India) in December, 2009.

Nic Groenewold was a referee for *Urban Studies*, *China Economic Review*, *Regional Studies*, *Annals of Regional Science*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, and *Papers in Regional Science*.

Peter Hartley is a Past President and Member of Council, President and Presidential Advisor for the US Association for Energy Economics (USAEE), and Past

President and Member of Council for the International Association for Energy Economics (IAEE).

Michael Jetter is an IZA Research Fellow at the Institute for the Study of Labor in Bonn, Germany. He has previously convened a student group to conduct academic research, and organised an undergraduate conference on ‘illegality and conflicts’ in October 2014. His work, particularly related to terrorism and coverage of terrorism, has been widely reported in the media, including by the ABC in Australia, The Guardian in the UK, the Huffington Post (USA), the Neue Zuercher Zeitung (Switzerland) and the FAZ (Germany), among others.

Inga Kristoffersen serves on the Ethics Committee for the Business School, as a council member of the Economist Society of Australia (WA branch), and as a member of the Young Economists Network and Australian Centre on Quality of Life (ACQOL). She has acted as a referee for a number of Australian and international journals, including *Economic Record*, *Economics Letters*, *The Manchester School*, *The Australian Journal of Agricultural & Resource Economics*, and the *Journal of Policy and Practice in Intellectual Disabilities*.

Bei Li has acted as a referee for the journal, the *Economic Record*. She is also a member of the Econometric Society.

Leandro Magnusson is a member of the Econometric Society, and a member of the Scientific Committee for the 32nd Latin American Meeting of the Econometric Society in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Michael McLure is President of the WA Branch of the Economic Society of Australia and the Western Australian representative on the Central Council of the Economic Society of Australia. He is also an editorial board member of the *History of Economics Review* and the *History of Economic Thought and Policy*; a member of the advisory council of the History of Economic Thought Society of Australia; and a member of the Board for the Centre for Labour Market Research. This year he served as a referee for the *History of Economic Ideas* and a number of book publishers.

Chris Parsons served as a member of the Academic Board of the business school. Dr Parsons was also an instructor at the IZA/DFID Short Course on Programme Evaluation in Lusaka, Zambia, October where he taught econometrics to PhD students. In service to the profession Dr Parsons has served as an academic referee for over 26 international journals including the *Journal of International Economics* and the *Journal of Development Economics*.

Anu Rammohan is a member of the Institute of Agriculture, UWA. In 2013, she served as the guest editor for the 2013 conference volume of the *Economic Record*. She is an expert referee on several international research funding organisations, including the UK's *NHIR Health Technology Assessment Program* (on-going since 2007), Canada's *Social Science and Humanities Research Council* grants (since 2010), and the *Qatar Research Grant Development Scheme* (on-going since 2010). In addition, she was invited to be an expert referee for the Productivity Commission's

Early Childhood Education Report and the Round Table on enquiry into Child Care; and she was invited panel discussant at the WUN network's Conference on Global Public Health. She is also a member of the DFAT-sponsored Australian Development Economics Secretariat. In 2013, she examined the PhD theses of students from the Australian National University, the University of Sydney, and the University of Canberra. Additionally, she has acted as a referee for a number of journals, including *Health Economics*, *European Journal of Development Economics*, *Food Policy*, *Journal of Development Economics*, *Economic Record*, *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*, *Demographic Research*, and *Journal of Asian Economics*.

Peter Robertson has served as a Consultant for the Department of Innovation, Industry Science and Research and the Productivity Commission. He was a member of the Review Panel, Department of Economics, Otago University, 2012 and an external examiner for the Monash University, ANU and Sydney University. He is a member of the Scientific Committee for the Australian International Trade Workshop, the Executive for the Australian Development Economics Workshop, and is a member of the Colleg of experts for the ARC.

Abu Siddique has been a member of AusAID's Joint Selection Team (JST) for its ADS and APS postgraduate scholarships. He is a member of the Economic Society of Australia, as well as an elected committee member of the Society's WA Branch. He is a member of the UWA Association of the Study of Australasia in Asia (ASAA). He is also serving on the Faculty Board of the UWA Business School as an elected

member. This year he has been elected as a member of UWA's Academic Board. In addition, he is a member of the UWA Historical Society.

Sam Tang has acted as an anonymous referee for several journals; *Journal of Applied Economics*, *English for Specific Purpose*, *Bulletin of Economic Research*.

Rod Tyers is an honorary Research Associate of the Centre for Applied Macroeconomic Analysis (CAMA) at the Australian National University, and is an invited member of the Editorial Board, Springer Series on *Advances in Applied CGE Modelling*.

Juerg Weber is a team member at the Centre for Integrative Bee Research (CIBER), ARC Centre of Excellence in

Plant Energy Biology, University of Western Australia. He is a member of the Economic Society of Australia, the American Economic Association and the Swiss-Australian Academic Network (SAAN).

Yanrui Wu acted as an anonymous referee for several international journals (*China Economic Review*, *China Agricultural Economic Review*, *Asian Development Review*, *Asia and the Pacific Policy Studies*, *Economic Systems Research*, *Empirical Markets Finance and Trade*, *China and the World Economy*, *Journal of Chinese Economic and Business Studies*, *Cities*, and *Review of Income and Wealth*) and a thesis examiner for the University of Tasmania and Nanyang Technological University. He was a reader for the ARC discovery grant applications.