

Fall Newsletter 2014

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Hello Everyone!

We hope you are enjoying the fall quarter! We've prepared this newsletter to keep you informed on what's going on in the Economics department. There are new faculty members, awards given, upcoming events, and even an update to the CPA requirements! For all the Slug accountants, make sure you know the criteria for the 2017 CPA exams! And don't forget, if you ever have any questions regarding courses, forms, internships, or anything else, feel free to come visit us in the Engineering 2 building.

Sincerely,

Your Peer Advisors

Save the Date!

Undergraduate/ Faculty Events

Winter: 02/27/15
Spring: 05/27/15

These events, set in the Engineering 2 Building, Room 499, are always a great way to mingle with your professors and get to know them outside of the classroom!

Alumni Weekend:

Spring: 04/25/15

Our department will be presenting at the Alumni Weekend at 10 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th. Come hear what former UCSC students have to say about their paths after college!

Graduation Ceremonies & Receptions

Spring: 06/12/15

Come reminisce and celebrate with your fellow graduates! The BA/MS combined graduation reception will be held 1:30-3:30 in the Stevenson Event Center. The Graduate Division's graduation ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. on the East Field. The department will host a brunch for graduating Ph.D. students at 11 a.m.



New Hires

Please join us in welcoming new staff this year
here at the Economics Department!

Kate Erin (kerin@ucsc.edu)



Kate received her B.A. from UC San Diego and then earned her masters of business administration in accounting from San Jose State University before becoming a CPA. She brings expertise in both financial and managerial accounting and has a strong interest in accounting for sustainability. Kate accumulated extensive accounting experience working in accounting firms and as a small business owner, owning a small CPA practice. In addition, she has a wealth of experience teaching accounting from California to Montana to the country of Qatar, and has lent her accounting expertise to serve local communities.

“I am excited to be a member of the team exposing our economics students to the wonderful world of business.” ~Kate Erin

Ajay Shenoy (azshenoy@ucsc.edu)

Ajay received his B.A. with honors in mathematics and political science from University of Connecticut. From there he studied at University of Michigan and received his M.A. and Ph.D. in economics. Ajay’s interests are in development, economic growth, macroeconomics, and political economy.

Ajay has a published job market paper, and he and his colleague created the Income Dynamics Lab in 2012 to study household income and other outcomes over the long run. With the help of many hardworking research assistants, they aimed to fill the gap between the condition of the household and the theory of economic growth.

“Goal for Econ 2: Be able to decipher newspaper articles utilizing economics principles.” ~Ajay S.



Awards and Scholarships

Sam & Helen Szteinbaum Award in Business Management Economics

This award is exclusively for declared BME majors who have a financial need, a job, and a 3.0 GPA or higher. This year's recipients are:

Tanya Flores



"I feel really proud to have my accomplishments recognized out of the thousands of students here at UCSC. I also don't have to feel the pressure of getting a loan to pay for CPA books and rent."

~Tanya Flores

Joseph Rozo

"Getting the Szteinbaum Award meant the world to me. It showed me that there is help and support for those in need who try their best."

~Joseph Rozo



Awards and Scholarships

Awards in Business Management Economics

This award is for two BME students whose coursework is impressive in both breadth and quality. Students are each awarded \$1,500, which will help reimburse their tuition and fees for the 2014-2015 school year. This year's recipients are:

Emily Binder



“I always hoped that my passion for business and education would pay off in the long run.

To be awarded with a scholarship feels as though I'm beginning to see the results of my hard work and it's very rewarding.”

~Emily Binder

Kilani Gaines

“Being one of the many thousand scholars on campus, it's an honor to be recognized for my hard work. Receiving the award has inspired me to continue striving for academic excellence but more importantly that there are people who really do believe in my potential to become successful.”

~Kilani Gaines



Awards and Scholarships

Milam McGinty Award

This award, established and funded by David Kaun in 2000, recognizes outstanding teaching by graduate students. The award is named for its first recipients, Garrett Milam and Matt McGinty, who inspired Kaun to endow the award when they were students in UCSC's doctoral program in international economics. Two students are selected in the Social Sciences Division to receive \$1,000. This year's awardee from

Economics is:

Arsenios Skaperdas



“I have always tried my best at teaching with no expectation of acknowledgement, so I was very happy to win this award. I am thankful to David Kaun, who has provided this positive encouragement for all TA's to aspire to.” ~Arsenios Skaperdas

Past Events

Third Annual International Finance Workshop

The West Coast International Finance Workshop alternates between UCSC and Santa Clara University and is organized by UCSC Professor Michael Hutchison and SCU Professor Helen Popper. It was held on October 17th at Santa Clara University this year. The workshop setting allows the opportunity for participants to present new in-progress research in an informal setting. Participants and presenters included UCSC faculty and graduate students as well as faculty from Santa Clara and other universities throughout the west coast. A diverse set of papers is presented at the workshop each year, but all relate to the topic of international finance and/or open economy macroeconomics. Formal discussants critiqued each paper, followed by floor discussion.

The objective of this workshop is to foster and encourage research in international finance, provide an opportunity for UCSC graduate students to be exposed to the most recent research and interact with faculty from other universities, and keep UCSC as a leader in the field of international finance.



2017 CPA Requirements + A Brand New Test!

New Ethics Requirements!

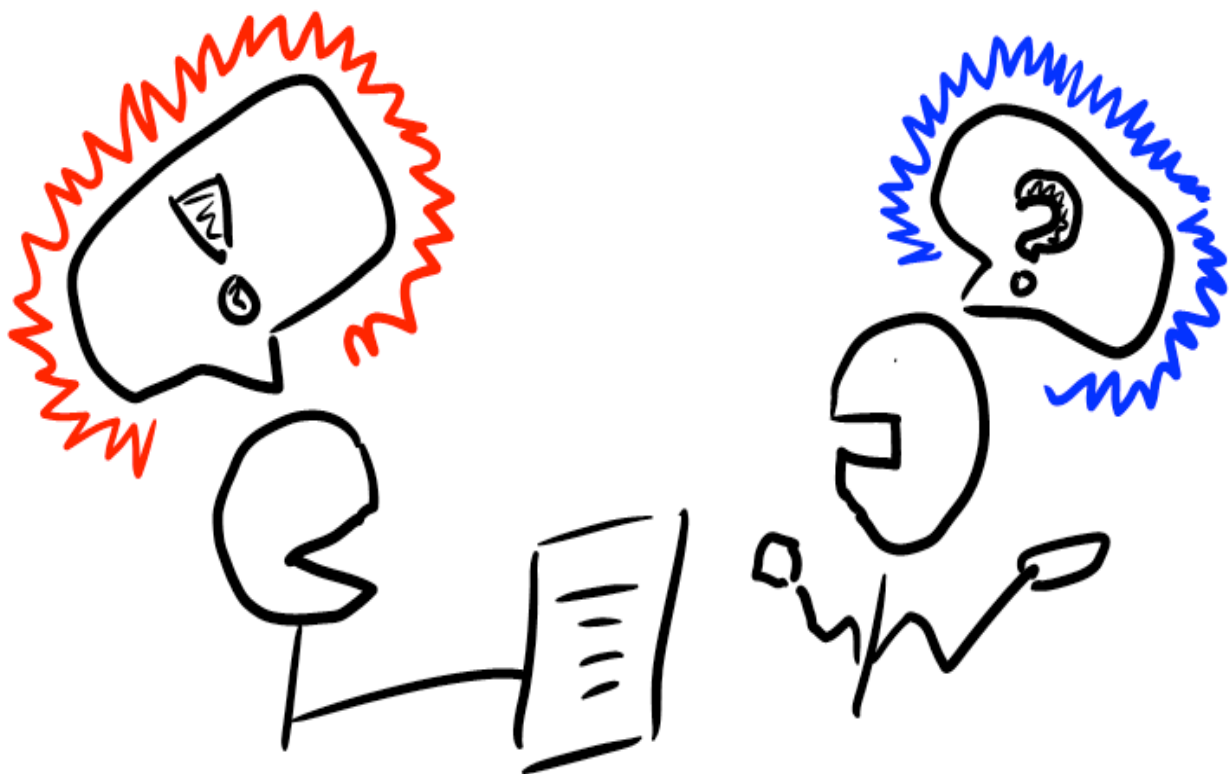
If you are graduating in the 2015-2016 school year or later, there is a new ethics portion for the CPA exam!

Requirement: 15-quarter units of ethics

NEW: Minimum 4-quarter units in accounting ethics or accountants' professional responsibilities. The course must be completed at an upper division level or higher, unless it was completed at a community college.

Not sure if you have everything you need for the 2017 CPA exam? Click the link!

http://www.dca.ca.gov/cba/applicants/tip_sheet2017.pdf



Thank you for reading!

We hope you enjoyed our Fall Newsletter! If you ever have any unanswered questions (regarding the newsletter or otherwise) swing by the Economics Department and ask the peer advisors. We are available Monday – Friday from 9:00-12:00 and again from 1:00-4:00.

Have a beautiful day!

Economics Peer Advisors

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Thank you, and look out for our Spring Newsletter!

