"Full Prosperity or Stagflation" was the topic of this year's Bourneuf lecture, delivered by James Tobin of Yale University on October 10. Prior to the lecture, Professor Tobin joined us for dinner and a tour of the new O'Neill Library. He was also awarded the Shaw Medal, a special medal granted by Boston College this year to distinguished guests for "their contribution to learning, as preserved in libraries."

The new Chairman is Harold Petersen. Harold assumed the chairmanship in the spring, succeeding Dick Tresch, who had been serving as Acting Chairman.

The Department will be in the market this year, looking to make two new faculty appointments. One of the appointments is slotted for industrial organization, while the other is more wide open.
I. FACULTY RESEARCH AND ACTIVITY

James E. Anderson

Conferences and Presentations

"The Relative Inefficiency of Quotas: The Cheese Case" presented to the NBER Summer Institute in International Studies.

Research

"Quotas as Options: Optimality and Quota License Pricing under Uncertainty."

Scott Freeman

Publications


Conferences and Presentations


Robert Murphy

Publications


Conferences and Presentations

In August, Bob attended the National Bureau of Economic Research Summer Institute Workshop on International Monetary Economics in Cambridge. He also attended a World Bank pre-conference meeting on "Structural Adjustment and the Real Exchange Rate."

In September, he presented a paper entitled, "Tariffs, Real Exchange Rates and Fiscal Policy" at Harvard.
Joe Peek

Publications


Conferences and Presentations

"The Reaction of Reduced-form Coefficients to Regime Changes: The Case of Interest Rates," with James A. Wilcox, presented at the First International Meeting in Monetary Economics and Banking, Orleans, France, June 1984, and at the NBER Summer Institute on Financial Markets and Monetary Economics.

Participant in the NBER Summer Institute Economic Fluctuations Group Workshop on Domestic Monetary Channels, July 1984.

Joseph F. Quinn

Publications


Conferences and Presentations


Invited Participant, Conference on "Older Women: Research Issues and Data Sources," Institute of Gerontology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, April 1984.

Barbara Spencer

Publications


Conferences and Presentations


Participant at the N.B.E.R. Summer Institute in International Trade, Cambridge, Massachusetts, August 1984.
II. GRADUATE STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACTIVITY

Emily Blank

Emily defended her thesis "The Effect of Layoffs and Quits on Wage Growth of Male Household Heads" in August.

Donald C. Cox (B.A. 1975)

Don, who is an Assistant Professor at Washington University, is spending the year as a National Fellow at the Hoover Institution. His research topic is "Private Transfers of Income Among Families." Don received his Ph.D. from Brown.

Douglas Holod

Doug, who is completing requirements for an M.A. degree, has taken a position as a research economist for McGraw-Hill's Information Systems Company.

Edward Kienzle (Ph.D. 1976)

Ed, who is an Associate Professor at Stonehill, is back at B.C. this year as an Adjunct Associate Professor. His most recent article, which appeared in the April 1984 issue of Public Finance Quarterly is "Post-Fisc Distributions of Income: Reply."

Bob Koopman


Pat Lasonde

Pat defended her thesis "The Heckscher-Ohlin Theorem and the Factor Content of Trade: Empirical Evidence" in October. Pat is a research economist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
Karen McCormick (Ph.D. 1982)

Karen has moved to DRI, where she is working in the Energy Services Division. She had previously been at the University of Lowell.

Charles Mueller (Ph.D. 1978)

Charlie has moved to the Raytheon Corporation, where he is Manager for Economic Planning. He was previously with the consulting firm Planning Economics Group Boston.

Donald J. Mullineaux (Ph.D. 1971)

On July 1, Don became the William E. DuPont III Professor of Banking and Financial Services at the University of Kentucky. His previous position was Senior Vice President, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Michael Naughton


Clifford Thies (Ph.D. 1982)

Cliff's paper "Interest Rates and Expected Inflation, 1831-1914: A Rational Expectations Approach" has been accepted by the Southern Economic Journal and is scheduled to appear in the April 1985 issue. Cliff is an Assistant Professor at the University of Montana.

Joyce Yanchar

Joyce defended her thesis "The Demand for Energy in the U.S. Residential Sector" in October. Joyce is an economist at DRI.