



BOSTON COLLEGE

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GRADUATE PROGRAM

Economics

WELCOME TO GRADUATE ECONOMICS

The Department of Economics at Boston College is an exciting community of scholars from many countries who pursue applied and theoretical research on the pressing economic and social issues that face the world in the 21st century. The doctoral program is designed to train economists for careers in teaching and research by providing strong backgrounds in economic theory, quantitative research methods, and applied fields.

Boston College provides considerable intellectual leadership to the economics profession. The economics faculty includes 40 full-time positions and continues to grow. Faculty allocate their time between research and teaching in undergraduate and doctoral programs as well as participating in the wider intellectual life of the University, the Boston area, and the world.

The Boston College Department of Economics is ranked between 24th and 26th among U.S. economics departments according to the Combes-Linnemer worldwide rankings, and our Ph.D. program is ranked 27th in the *U.S. News & World Report* 2022 peer assessment survey, while the department is ranked 18th in macroeconomics.

The Boston College economics program is STEM-qualified in the field of Quantitative Economics and Econometrics. With University approval and support, we are on a growth path aimed at achieving a top 25 ranking among U.S. economics departments. Recent hires include distinguished econometricians, macroeconomists, economic theorists, and applied economists, adding to the established strength of the department in these fields.

The graduate program in economics is dedicated to training full-time Ph.D. students for careers in teaching and research. The program provides students with strong backgrounds in economic theory, quantitative research methods, and applied fields. Requirements include course work, comprehensive examinations, a doctoral dissertation, and a one-year residence.

The program admits about 12 to 15 new students per year. The size of the program permits the department to offer a broad range of courses while at the same time enabling students to receive significant individual attention. In addition to core courses in economic theory and quantitative methods, the program offers courses in advanced micro and macro theory, econometric theory, applied econometrics, international trade, empirical international finance, topics in international macroeconomics, topics in international economic policy, monetary economics, labor economics, industrial organization, and finance.

Boston College's proximity to Cambridge and Boston make it part of the area's lively intellectual community. The Ph.D. program draws upon the rich academic resources of the area in addition to those available within the Department of Economics and other departments and schools at Boston College.

We invite you to find out more at bc.edu/economics.

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PROGRAM OF STUDY

Ph.D. Program

The requirements for the Ph.D. fall into four basic categories: course work, comprehensive examinations, the dissertation, and a one-year residence.

COURSE WORK

The course requirements consist of a seven-course core curriculum and eight electives. The standard program for meeting these requirements is:

Year 1

Fall	Spring
Microeconomic Theory I	Microeconomic Theory II
Macroeconomic Theory I	Macroeconomic Theory II
Math for Economists	Econometric Methods
Statistics	

Year 2

Fall	Spring
4 Electives	4 Electives

COMPREHENSIVE EXAMS

All students are required to pass written comprehensive examinations in microeconomic theory, macroeconomic theory, and two of the following fields:

- ❖ Advanced Macro and Monetary Economics
- ❖ Advanced Micro Theory
- ❖ Econometrics
- ❖ Finance
- ❖ Industrial Organization
- ❖ International Finance and Macroeconomics
- ❖ International Trade and Political Economy
- ❖ Labor Economics

DISSERTATION

The third year of study is devoted to the formulation and development of a thesis topic. All students in the third through fifth years are required to regularly attend and actively participate in the department's Thesis Workshop, which meets weekly during the academic year. Students are required to make one presentation each semester of their third, fourth, and fifth years. Each Ph.D. student must have a dissertation abstract and a dissertation proposal on file with the department. Both the abstract and the proposal must be signed by two faculty members. The approved abstract must be on file no later than April 1 of the third year. The approved proposal must be on file no later than October 1 of the fourth year.

The thesis is written under the supervision of a committee comprising at least three faculty (a chairperson and two members). The thesis is approved when it is successfully defended before the committee in an oral examination. As with any Ph.D. program, the ultimate time to completion varies considerably. The department expects every student to be well prepared to enter the job market in January of the fifth year of full-time study.

Although there are exceptions, students should anticipate spending a minimum of four years of full-time study to complete the degree.

RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT

Each Ph.D. student must spend at least one academic year as a full-time student at Boston College.

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JAMES ANDERSON

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International Economics
- Economic History

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Short Run Gravity” (with Y.V. Yotov). *Journal of International Economics* 126 (2020): 32-50.
- ❖ “Transitional Growth and Trade with Frictions: A Structural Estimation Framework” (with M. Larch and Y.V. Yotov). *The Economic Journal* 130(630) (2020): 1583-1607.
- ❖ “Latent Exports: Almost Ideal Gravity with Scale Economies” (with M. Vesselovsky and Y.V. Yotov). *Journal of International Economics* 100 (2016): 174-93.
- ❖ Terms of Trade and Global Efficiency Effects of Free Trade Agreements, 1990-2002” (with Y.V. Yotov). *Journal of International Economics* 99 (2016): 279-98.

SUSANTO BASU

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Macroeconomics
- Monetary Economics
- Productivity

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Productivity and the Welfare of Nations” (with L. Pascali, F. Schiantarelli and L. Serven). *Journal of the European Economic Association* 20(4) (2022): 1647-82.
- ❖ “Are Price-Cost Markups Rising in the United States? A Discussion of the Evidence.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 33 (2019): 3-22.
- ❖ “Uncertainty Shocks in a Model of Effective Demand” (with B. Bundick). *Econometrica* 85(3) (2017): 937-58.
- ❖ “Allocative and Remitted Wages: New Facts and Challenges for Keynesian Models” (with C. House). In *Handbook of Macroeconomics*, Volume 2A, eds. J.B. Taylor and H. Uhlig. North Holland, 2016.

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- Applied Econometrics
- Public Health
- Financial Economics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Associations Between State-level Changes in Reproductive Health Services and Indicators of Severe Maternal Morbidity” (with S. Sherburne Hawkins, S. Harper, and J.S. Kaufman). *JAMA Pediatrics* 177(1) (2023): 93-95.
- ❖ “Associations Between Proximity to Gas Production Activity in Counties and Birth Outcomes Across the US” (with H. Schuele, P.J. Landrigan, and S. Sherburne Hawkins). *Preventive Medicine Reports* 30 (2022): 102007.
- ❖ *Environmental Econometrics Using Stata* (with S. Hurn). Stata Press, 2021.
- ❖ “Innovation By Start-up Firms: The Role of the Board of Directors for Knowledge Spillovers” (with H.Löf, A. Stephan, and I. Viklund-Ros). *Research Policy* 51 (2022): 104375.
- ❖ “Unit Root Tests for Explosive Behavior” (with J. Otero). *Stata Journal* 21 (2021): 999-1020.

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- Applied Microeconomics
- Behavioral Economics
- Development Economics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Pathways of Persuasion” (with P. Niehaus). *Games and Economic Behavior* 124 (2020): 239-53.
- ❖ “Liquidity Affects Job Choice: Evidence from Teach For America” (with J. Conlon, C. Featherstone, and J. Kessler). *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 134 (2019): 2203-36.
- ❖ “Moral Perceptions of Advised Actions” (with A. Gotthard-Real and P.U. Javierana). *Management Science* 65 (2019): 3469-70.
- ❖ “The Size of the LGBT Population and the Magnitude of Anti-Gay Sentiment are Substantially Underestimated” (with K. Coffman and K. Marzilli-Ericson). *Management Science* 63 (2017): 3168-86.
- ❖ “Can Social Information Affect What Job You Choose and Keep?” (with C. Featherstone and J. Kessler). *American Economic Journal: Applied Economics* 9 (2017): 96-117.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Economics of Intergenerational Transfers
- Labor Economics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Paternal Provisioning Results from Ecological Change” (with I. Alger, P. Hooper, J. Stieglitz, and H. Kaplan). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 117 (2020): 10746-54.
- ❖ “The Evolution of Altruistic Preferences: Mothers Versus Fathers” (with I. Alger). *Review of Economics of the Household* 11 (2013): 421-46.
- ❖ “Intergenerational Transfers.” In *Encyclopedia of Life Course and Human Development*, eds. M.E. Hughes, A. Pienta, and R. Crosnoe. Macmillan Reference USA, 2009.
- ❖ “Extended Family and Kinship Networks: Economic Insights and Evolutionary Directions” (with M. Fafchamps). In *Handbook of Development Economics*, Vol. 4, eds. T.P. Schultz and J. Strauss. North Holland, 2008.
- ❖ “Biological Basics and the Economics of the Family.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 21 (2007): 91-108.

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- Game Theory
- Mechanism Design

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Manipulated Electorates and Information Aggregation” (with S. Laueremann). *The Review of Economic Studies* 87 (2020): 997-1033.
- ❖ “Reputation in the Long-Run with Imperfect Monitoring” (with A. Atakan). *Journal of Economic Theory* 157 (2015): 553-605.
- ❖ “Auctions, Actions and the Failure of Information Aggregation” (with A. Atakan). *The American Economic Review* 104 (2014): 104-07.
- ❖ “Bargaining and Reputation in Search Markets” (with A. Atakan). *The Review of Economic Studies* 81 (2014): 1-29.
- ❖ “Reputation in Long-Run Relationships” (with A. Atakan). *The Review of Economic Studies* 79 (2012): 751-80.

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- Environmental Economics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Trade, Technology Adoption, and Inequality in Distorted Economics” (with A. Lashkaripour and H. Pellegrina). *Journal of International Economics* (forthcoming).
- ❖ “Skill, Agglomeration, and Inequality in the Spatial Economy.” *International Economic Review* 62(2) (2021): 671-721.

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- Applied Microeconometrics

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- ❖ “A Structural Analysis of Vacancy Referrals with Imperfect Monitoring and Sickness” (with G. Van Den Berg and A. Uhlenhorff). *CRC TR 224 Discussion Paper Series* (2019).
- ❖ “The Impact of Post-Marital Maintenance on Dynamic Decisions and Welfare of Couples.” *CRC TR 224 Discussion Paper Series* (2019).

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- Applied Microeconomic Theory

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Peaches, Lemons, and Cookies: Designing Auction Markets with Dispersed Information” (with A. Ittai, S. Athey, and M. Babaioff). *Games and Economic Behavior* 124 (2020): 454-77.
- ❖ “Overconfident Consumers in the Marketplace.” *Journal of Economic Perspectives* 29 (2015): 9-36.
- ❖ “Consumer Inattention and Bill-Shock Regulation.” *The Review of Economic Studies* 82 (2015): 219-57.
- ❖ “Cellular Service Demand: Biased Beliefs, Learning, and Bill Shock” (with M. Osborne). *The American Economic Review* 105 (2015): 234-71.
- ❖ “Selling to Overconfident Consumers.” *American Economic Review* 99 (2009): 1770-1807.

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- Macroeconomics
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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Migration and Sovereign Default Risk: A Comment.” *Journal of Monetary Economics* 113 (2020): 23-27.
- ❖ “Uncertainty Shocks and Business Cycle Research” (with J. Fernandez-Villaverde). *Review of Economic Dynamics* 37 (2020): 118-66.
- ❖ “Financial Frictions, Trends, and the Great Recession” (with R. Jinnai). *Quantitative Economics* 10 (2019): 735-73.
- ❖ “Impulse Response Matching Estimators for DSGE Models” (with A. Inoue and L. Kilian). *Journal of Econometrics* 196 (2017): 144-55.
- ❖ “Fiscal Volatility and Economics Activity” (with J. Fernandez-Villaverde, K. Kuester, and J. Rubio-Ramirez). *American Economic Review* 105 (2015): 3352-84.

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Balbach and Brunner: A Missing Stop on the Road from Warburton to Friedman-Meiselman and St. Louis.” *History of Political Economy* 55 (2023): 279-316.
- ❖ “The Recent Surge in Money Growth: What Would Milton Friedman Say?” *Journal of Applied Corporate Finance* 34 (2022): 65-81.
- ❖ “A Classical View of the Business Cycle.” *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking* 53 (2021): 333-36.
- ❖ “Targeting Constant Money Growth at the Zero Lower Bound.” *International Journal of Central Banking* 14 (2018): 159-204.
- ❖ “Money and Output: Friedman and Schwartz Revisited.” *Journal of Money, Credit, and Banking* 48 (2016): 1223-66.

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- Applied Econometrics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Inference in Semiparametric Multinomial Response Models” (with F. Ouyang and E. Tamer). *Quantitative Economics* 12 (2021): 743-77.
- ❖ “Exclusion Restrictions in Dynamic Binary Choice Panel Data Models: Comment on Semiparametric Binary Choice Panel Data Models Without Strictly Exogenous Regressors” (with S. Chen and X. Tang). *Econometrica* 87 (2019): 1781-85.

- ❖ “Information Structure and Statistical Information in Discrete Response Models” (with D. Nekipelov). *Quantitative Economics* 9 (2018): 995-1017.
- ❖ “Discussion of Simple Estimators for Invertible Index Models” (with E. Tamer). *Journal of Business Economics and Statistics* 36 (2018): 11-15.
- ❖ “Identification of Panel Data Models with Endogenous Censoring” (with M. Ponomareva and E. Tamer). *Journal of Econometrics* 194 (2016): 57-75.

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Stability in Matching with Externalities: Pairs Competition and Oligopolistic Joint Ventures” (with K. Imamura and C.-Y. Pan). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 205 (2023): 270-86.
- ❖ “Assortative Matching with Externalities and Farsighted Players” (with K. Imamura). *Dynamic Games and Applications* (special issue on Group Formation and Farsightedness) 2 (2022).
- ❖ “Equilibrium Player Choices in Team Contests with Multiple Pairwise Battles” (with C. Pan and D. Simeonov). *Games and Economic Behavior* 132 (2022): 274-87.
- ❖ “Endogenous Alliances in Survival Contests” (with C. Pan). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 189 (2021): 337-58.
- ❖ “Sharing Rules in Group Contests in the Presence of Effort Complementarity” (with K. Kobayashi). *Social Choice and Welfare* 56 (2021): 205-21.

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- Economics of Education
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- Econometrics
- Consumer Demand
- Household Economics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “The Identification Zoo—Meanings of Identification in Econometrics.” *Journal of Economic Literature* 57 (2019): 835-903.
- ❖ “Unobserved Preference Heterogeneity in Demand Using Generalized Random Coefficients” (with K. Pendakur). *Journal of Political Economy* 125 (2017): 1100-48.
- ❖ “Sharing Rule Identification for General Collective Consumption Models” (with L. Cherchye, B. De Rock, and F. Vermeulen). *Econometrica* 83 (2015): 2001-41.
- ❖ “Estimating Consumption Economies of Scale, Adult Equivalence Scales, and Household Bargaining Power” (with M. Browning and P.A. Chiappori). *Review of Economic Studies* 80 (2013): 1267-1303.
- ❖ “Children’s Resources in Collective Households: Identification, Estimation and an Application to Child Poverty in Malawi” (with G. Dunbar and K. Pendakur). *American Economic Review* 103 (2013): 438-71.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Macroeconomics
- International Economics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Can the Phillips Curve Explain Inflation Over the Past Half Century?” *International Advances in Economic Research* 25 (2019): 137-49.
- ❖ *Instructor’s Resources for Macroeconomics* (10th edition) by N.G. Mankiw. Worth (2019).
- ❖ “Rational Bias in Inflation Expectations” (with A. Rohde). *Eastern Economic Journal* 44 (2018): 153-71.
- ❖ “Explaining Inflation in the Aftermath of the Great Recession.” *Journal of Macroeconomics* 40 (2014): 228-44.
- ❖ *Instructor’s Resources for Macroeconomics and the Financial System* by N.G. Mankiw and L. Ball. Worth, 2011.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- International Macroeconomics
- Macroeconomics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Credit Growth and the Financial Crisis” (with S. Albanesi and G. de Giorgi). *Journal of Monetary Economics* (2022).
- ❖ “Stability in Matching with Externalities: Pairs Competition and Oligopolistic Joint Ventures” (with K. Imamura and C.-Y. Pan). *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization* 205 (2023): 270-86.
- ❖ “The Trade-Comovement Puzzle” (with L. Drozd and S. Kolbin). *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 13 (2021): 78-120.
- ❖ “Investor Sophistication and Capital Income Inequality” (with M. Kacperczyk and L. Stevens). *Journal of Monetary Economics* 107 (2019): 18-31.
- ❖ “Uncertainty as Commitment” (with G. Ordoñez). *Journal of Monetary Economics* 80 (2016): 124-40.
- ❖ “Understanding International Prices: Customers as Capital” (with L.A. Drozd). *American Economic Review* 102 (2012): 364-95.

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- Labor Economics
- Macroeconomics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Search Frictions and Efficiency in Decentralized Transport Markets” (with G. Brancaccio, M. Kalouptsi, and N. Rosaia). *Quarterly Journal of Economics* (2023): qjado23.
- ❖ “Occupational Matching and Cities.” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 14(3) (2022): 82-132.
- ❖ “Geography, Transportation, and Endogenous Trade Costs” (with G. Brancaccio and M. Kalouptsi). *Econometrica* 88 (2020): 657-91.
- ❖ “Large Firms and Within Firm Occupational Reallocation.” *Journal of Economic Theory* 174 (2018): 184-223.
- ❖ “Firm Learning and Growth” (with C. Arkolakis and O. Timoshenko). *Review of Economic Dynamics* 27 (2018): 146-68.
- ❖ “Learning Your Comparative Advantages.” *Review of Economic Studies* 81 (2014): 1263-95.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Economics of Aging
- Public Policy
- Microeconomics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Does Bridge Employment Mitigate or Exacerbate Inequalities Later in Life?” (with K. Cahill, M. Giandrea, L. Sacco, and L. Platts). *Work, Aging and Retirement* (2022).
- ❖ “The Importance of Gradual Retirement in America Today” (with K. Cahill). *Public Policy & Aging Report* 30 (2020): 107-112.
- ❖ “The Retirement Income Security Outlook for Older Workers: Causes for Concern and Reasons for Optimism” (with K. Cahill). In *Current and Emerging Trends in Aging and Work*, eds. S. Czaja, J. Sharit and J. James. Springer, 2019.
- ❖ “Transitions From Career Employment Among Public- and Private-Sector Workers” (with K. Cahill and M. Giandrea). *Journal of Pension Economics & Finance* 18 (2019): 529-48.
- ❖ “The Relative Effectiveness of the Minimum Wage and the Earned Income Tax Credit as Anti-Poverty Tools” (with K. Cahill). In *Growing Apart: Religious Reflections on the Rise of Economic Inequality*, eds. K. Ward and K. Himes. MDPI Books, 2019.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Applied Econometrics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Political Risk, Populism, and the Economy” (with P. Balduzzi, E. Brancati, and M. Brianti). *Economic Journal* 133(653) (2023): 1677-1704.
- ❖ “Productivity and the Welfare of Nations” (with S. Basu, L. Serven, and L. Pascali). *Journal of the European Economic Association* 20(4) (2022): 1647-82.

- ❖ “Does it Matter Where You Came From? Ancestry Composition and Economic Performance of US Countries, 1850-2010” (with S. Fulford and I. Petkov). *Journal of Economic Growth* 25 (2020): 341-80.
- ❖ “Bank Quality, Judicial Efficiency and Borrower Runs: Loan Repayment Delays in Italy” (with P. Strahan and M. Stacchini). *The Journal of Finance* 75 (2020): 2139-78.
- ❖ “Internal Capital Markets in Times of Crisis: The Benefit of Group Affiliation in Italy” (with R. Santioni and P.E. Strahan). *Review of Finance* 24 (2020): 773-811.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Decision Theory
- Distributive Justice

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “For All or Exists?” *Theoretical Economics* 18 (2023): 1-13.
- ❖ “All Probabilities are Equal, But Some Probabilities are More Equal Than Others” (with C. Letsou and S. Naeh). *Economic Theory* 74 (2022): 423-45.
- ❖ “A Lot of Ambiguity (with Z. Safra). *Journal of Economic Theory* 200 (2022): 105393.
- ❖ “Allocation Mechanisms Without Reduction” (with D. Dillenberger). *American Economic Review: Insights* 3 (2021) 455-69.
- ❖ “Preferences and Social Influence” (with C. Fershtman). *American Economic Journal: Microeconomics* 10 (2018): 124-42.
- ❖ “Skewed Noise” (with D. Dillenberger). *Journal of Economic Theory* 169 (2017): 344-64.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Microeconomic Theory
- Theory and Practice of Matching
- Market Design

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Affirmative Action in India via Vertical, Horizontal, and Overlapping Reservations” (with M.B.Yenmez). *Econometrica* 90(3) (2022): 1143-76.
- ❖ “Incentivized Kidney Exchange” (with U. Ünver and M. Yenmez). *American Economic Review* 110 (2020): 2198-224.

- ❖ “Efficient and Incentive-Compatible Liver Exchange” (with H. Ergin and U. Ünver). *Econometrica* 88 (2020): 965-1005.
- ❖ “Reserve Design: Unintended Consequences and the Demise of Boston’s Walk Zones” (with U. Dur, S.D. Kominers, and P.A. Pathak). *Journal of Political Economy* 126 (2018): 2457-79.
- ❖ “Dual-Donor Organ Exchange” (with H. Ergin and U. Ünver). *Econometrica* 85 (2017): 1645-71.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Environmental Economics
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- Industrial Organization
- Applied Microeconomics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Relinquishing Riches: Auction vs Informal Negotiations in Texas Oil and Gas Leasing” (with T. Covert). *American Economic Review* 113(3) (2023): 628-63.
- ❖ “Investment Versus Output Subsidies: Implications for Alternative Incentives for Wind Energy” (with J. Aldy and T. Gerarden). *Journal of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economics* 10(4) (2023).
- ❖ “Pass-Through of Own and Rival Cost Shocks: Evidence from the U.S. Fracking Boom” (with H. Alcott and E. Muehlegger). *The Review of Economics and Statistics* 104(6) (2022): 1361-69.
- ❖ “The Role of Sales Agents in Information Disclosure: Evidence from a Field Experiment” (with H. Alcott). *Management Science* 63 (2017): 1-278.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Mismatch Cycles” (with A. Figueiredo and I. Baley). *Journal of Political Economy* 130(11) (2022): 2943-84.
- ❖ “Robust Predictions for DSGE Models with Incomplete Information” (with R. Chahrour). *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 15(1) (2023): 173-208.
- ❖ “A Quantitative Theory of Political Transitions” (with L. Buchheim). *Review of Economic Studies* 87 (2020): 1726-56.
- ❖ “Endogenous Second Moments: A Unified Approach to Fluctuations in Risk, Dispersion, and Uncertainty” (with L. Straub). *Journal of Economic Theory* 183 (2019): 625-60.

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- Market Design and Mechanism Design

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- ❖ “Incentivized Kidney Exchange” (with T. Sönmez and M. Yenmez). *American Economic Review* 110 (2020): 2198-224.
- ❖ “Efficient and Incentive-Compatible Liver Exchange” (with H. Ergin and T. Sönmez). *Econometrica* 88 (2020): 965-1005.
- ❖ “Two-Sided Matching via Balanced Exchange” (with U. Mert Dur). *Journal of Political Economy* 127 (2019): 1156-77.
- ❖ “Dual-Donor Organ Exchange” (with H. Ergin and T. Sönmez). *Econometrica* 85 (2017): 1645-71.
- ❖ “Incentive Compatible Allocation and Exchange of Discrete Resources” (with M. Pycia). *Theoretical Economics* 12 (2017): 287-329.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Macroeconomics
- International Finance and Economics
- Financial Economics
- Open Economy Macroeconomics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “Economic Agents as Imperfect Problem Solvers” (with C. Ilut). *The Quarterly Journal of Economics* 138(1) (2023): 313-62.
- ❖ “Trade Finance and the Durability of the Dollar” (with R. Chahrour). *Review of Economic Studies* 89(4) (2022): 1873-1910.
- ❖ “Beyond Home Bias: Information and Portfolio Holdings Heterogeneity” (with F. De Marco and M. Macchiavelli). *The Review of Financial Studies* 35(9) (2022): 4387-422.
- ❖ “Paralyzed by Fear: Rigid and Discrete Pricing Under Demand Uncertainty.” *Econometrica* 88 (2020): 1899-938.
- ❖ “Bond Convenience Yields and Exchange Rate Dynamics.” *American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics* 12 (2020): 124-66.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Labor Economics
- Economics of the Family
- Public Economics

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “The Role of Heterogeneous Risk Preferences, Discount Rates, and Earnings Expectations in College Major Choice” (with A. Patnaik, M. Wiswall, and B. Zafar). *Journal of Econometrics* 231(1) (2022): 98-122.
- ❖ “Undue Burden Beyond Texas: An Analysis of Abortion Clinic Closures, Births, and Abortions in Wisconsin” (with J. Fletcher). *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 40 (2021): 774-813
- ❖ “The Effects of Local Industrial Pollution on Students and Schools” (with C. Persico). *Journal of Human Resources* 56 (2021): 406-45.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Econometrics
- Empirical Finance

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ “A New Test for Testing and Differentiating Explosive Bubble Processes” (with L. Yanglin, S. Wang, and S. Jin). *Econometrics Journal* 27(2) (2024): 258-77.
- ❖ “Copula-Based Time Series With Filtered Nonstationarity, (with X. Chen and B. Wang). *Journal of Econometrics* 228(1) (2022): 127-55.
- ❖ “Estimation and Inference about Tail Features with Tail Censored Data (with Y. Wang). *Journal of Econometrics* 230(2) (2022): 363-87.
- ❖ “On Smooth Tests For The Equality Of Distributions” (with X. Song). *Econometric Theory* 38(1) (2022): 194-208.
- ❖ “Testing for Trend Specifications in Panel Data Models” (with J. Wu and X. Song). *Journal of Business & Economic Statistics* (2022): 1-14.

The combined and varied interests of the faculty, as indicated in the faculty profiles, ensure that the department offers a wide range of graduate course electives. While the number and content of the graduate electives vary from year to year, the following courses are illustrative of the range offered.

FALL 2024

Math for Economists	Ireland
Microeconomic Theory I	Konishi
Macroeconomic Theory I	Schiantarelli
Statistics	Xiao
Time Series Econometrics	Xiao
Industrial Organization I	Mortimer
Monetary Economics I	Ulbricht
Monetary Economics II	Schiantarelli
Labor Economics I	Venator
Theory of International Trade	Lashkari
International Finance I	Valchev
Game Theory and Applications	Ekmekci
Topics in Econometric Theory	Hughes

SPRING 2025

Microeconomic Theory II	Segal, Unver
Macroeconomic Theory II	Basu
Econometric Methods	Lewbel
Mechanism Design	Unver
Applied Econometrics	Baum
Industrial Organization II	Grubb, Murry
Empirical Methods in Macro/Finance	Guerron
International Macroeconomics	Nosal
Labor Economics II	Foerster
Topics in International Economic Policy	Anderson
Experimental Economics	Coffman
Advanced Microeconomic Theory	Sönmez
Cross Section and Panel Econometrics	Kahn
Advanced Macroeconomics	Chahrour
Frontiers of Macroeconomic Research	Ulbricht
Theories of Distributive Justice	Segal
Empirical Applied Microeconomics	Murry, Sweeney

EDITORIAL AND ELECTED POSITIONS

Members of the Department of Economics hold editorial board positions on many of the profession's leading journals and are fellows of the Econometric Society.

James Anderson
Associate Editor, *Review of International Economics*

Christopher F. Baum
Associate Editor, *Computational Economics*
Associate Editor, *International Journal of Computational Economics and Econometrics*
Associate Editor, *Stata Journal*
Editor, *Journal of Statistical Software*

Michael Grubb
Board of Editors, *American Economic Review*
Associate Editor, *RAND Journal of Economics*
Associate Editor, *Journal of Industrial Economics*

Pablo Guerron
Associate Editor, *International Economic Review*
Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*

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Editorial Board, *Economic Inquiry*
Advisory Editor, *Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control*
Editorial Advisory Board, *Journal of Economic Studies*
Associate Editor, *Journal of Money, Credit and Banking*

Hideo Konishi
Associate Editor, *Social Choice and Welfare*
Associate Editor, *Journal of Public Economic Theory*

Arthur Lewbel
Co-Editor, *Econometric Theory*
Fellow, *Econometric Society*

Uzi Segal
Associate Editor, *Journal of Risk and Uncertainty*
Associate Editor, *Theoretical Economics*
Associate Editor, *Economic Letters*
Fellow, *Econometric Society*

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Research Fellow, *IZA*

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Editorial Board, *Economic Theory*

Tayfun Sönmez
Fellow, *Econometric Society*

Utku Ünver
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Associate Editor, *Journal of Economic Theory*
Advisory Editor, *Games and Economic Behavior*
Associate Editor, *Journal of Mechanism and Institution Design*
Associate Editor, *Journal of Dynamics and Games*

Zhijie Xiao
Associate Editor, *Econometric Theory*
Associate Editor, *Economics Letters*
Associate Editor, *Econometrics Review*
Associate Editor, *Journal of Time Series Econometrics*
Associate Editor, *Journal of Risk and Financial Management*

OUTCOMES

Recent Ph.D. Dissertations

2024

Pietro Dall'Arra, "Essays in Microeconomic Theory"

Deyin Jia, "Essays in Economics of Education"

Aastha Malhotra, "Consumer Preferences and Policy Implications for Renewable Energy Adoption"

Alexandra Opanasets, "Essays on Gender Differences in Job Search Beliefs and Behavior"

Arnab Palit, "Essays in Industrial Organization"

Luigi Pollio, "Essays in Macroeconomics"

Christian Velasquez, "Essays in Applied Macroeconomics"

Qingsong Yao, "Essays in Econometrics and Machine Learning"

Linqi Zhang, "Essays in Industrial Organization and Applied Econometrics"

2022

Ratib Ali, "Essays in Competition Economics"

Divya Bhagia, "Essays in Labor Economics"

Andrew Copland, "Essays in Applied Microeconomic Theory"

Federico Favoretto, "Essays in International Macroeconomics"

Valeria Ferraro, "Essays in Labor Economics and Corporate Governance"

Laura Veronika Gati, "Essays on Macroeconomics Expectations"

Jean-François Gauthier, "Essays in Labor and Development Economics"

Luca Gemmi, "Information Frictions in Macro-finance"

Liyang Hong, “Essays in Macroeconomics and Public Finance”

Manshu Khanna, “Essays on Behavioral Matching and Apportionment Methods for Affirmative Action”

Alexey Khazanov, “Non-linear Effects in International Finance and Macroeconomics”

Navin Kumar, “Three Essays in Microeconomics”

Praveen Saini, “Essays in International Economics”

ZhuZhu Zhou, “Essays in Social Choice and Econometrics”

2021

Marco Brianti, “Essays in Macroeconomics”

Bogdan Genchev, “Essays in Industrial Organization and Health Economics”

Kenzo Imamura, “Essays in Market Design”

Alexander Poulsen, “Essays in Development and Labor Economics in Brazil”

Dimitar Simeonov, “Essays in Contest Theory”

Bo Wang, “Three Essays in Time Series Econometrics”

2020

Gian Caspari, “Essays in Market Design”

Joe Coopridge, “Essays in Econometrics”

Vito Cormun, “Essays in Macroeconomics”

Krisztina Horvath, “Essays on Health Insurance Markets”

Wenliang Hou, “How Accurate Are Retirees’ Assessments of their Retirement Risks?”

Yushan Hu, “Essays in Macroeconomics and Finance”

Christina Letsou, “Preferences for Randomization in Social Choice”

Xirong Lin, “Essays on Household Economics”

Sajala Pandey, “Essays on the Economic Consequences of Conflict”

David Schenck, “Essays in Macroeconomics”

Giridaran Subramaniam, “Essays in Macroeconomics and Development”

2019

Dominique Brabant, “Essays in International Economics”

Michael Connolly, “Essays in Empirical Finance and Macroeconomics”

Pierre De Leo, “Essays in Macroeconomics”

Nicholas Diebel, “Empirical Investigations of Contracting in Intermediate Markets”

Krastina Dzhambova, “Macroeconomic Implications of Fiscal Policy in a Small Open Economy”

Mehmet Ezer, “Essays in Macroeconomic and Macroprudential Policies”

Marco Ghiani, “Essays in Applied Health Economics”

Deeksha Kale, “Essays on the Impact of Credit Policies in Developing Countries”

Zafer Kanik, “Networks in Macroeconomics and Finance”

John Lindner, “Empirical Evidence on the Labor Market Impacts of U.S. Social Insurance Programs”

Tomohide Mineyama, “Essays in Monetary Economics”

2018

Vitor Baisi Hadad, “Essays in Econometrics and Dynamic Kidney Matching”

Jinyong Jeong, “Essays in Matching Theory”

Mashfiqu Khan, “Social Security and Labor Supply of Older Workers and the Disabled”

Hieu Duc Luu, “Essays on the Industrial Organization of Mortgage Markets”

Jacob Penglase, “Essays on Family Economics in Developing Countries”

Lauren Hoehn Velasco, “Essays on the Economic Causes and Consequences of Public Health”

Ekin Watson, “Essays on Fiscal Policy”

Solvejg Andrea Wewel, “Essays in Household Economics and Econometrics”

Penglong Zhang, “Essays in International Trade”

2017

Zulma Barrail, “Expansion of the Middle Class, Consumer Credit Markets, and Volatility in Emerging Countries”

Laura Bonacorsi, “Essays in International Trade”

Alexander Eiermann, “Essays in Macroeconomics and Asset Pricing”

Sylvia Hristakeva, “Essays in Applied Industrial Organization”

Igor Karagodsky, “Essays in Corporate Finance”

Ana Lariou, “Essays in Macro-Labor”

Choon Sung Lim, “Essays in Labor Economics”

Michael Smith, “The Effects of Mandatory Disclosure on Product Quality, Prices, and Competition”

Ethan Struby, “Essays on Information in Macroeconomics and Finance”

Francesca Toscano, “Essays in Empirical Corporate Finance”

OUTCOMES

Scholarly Publications

Our recent graduates have been successful in terms of scholarly output. Their papers have appeared in the following journals:

American Economic Review
American Economic Journal: Economic Policy
American Economic Journal: Macroeconomics
American Economic Journal: Microeconomics
AER: Insights
Antitrust Law Journal
Applied Economics Letters
B.E. Journal of Macroeconomics
Cambridge Journal of Economics
Canadian Journal of Economics
Econometrica
Economic Journal
Economics Letters
Empirical Economics
Energy Economics
European Economic Review
European Journal of Finance
Games and Economic Behavior
International Economic Review
Insights Journal
Journal of Applied Economics
Journal of Applied Econometrics
Journal of Business and Economic Statistics
Journal of Comparative Economics
Journal of Economics and Business
Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control
Journal of Economic Interaction and Coordination
Journal of Financial Economics

Journal of Economic Literature
Journal of Finance
Journal of Banking and Regulation
Journal of Financial Risk Management
Journal of Geographical Systems
Journal of International Economics
Journal of Monetary Economics
Journal of Money, Credit and Banking
Journal of Political Economy
Journal of Social Policy and Aging
Macroeconomic Dynamics
Monthly Labor Relations Review
Monthly Labor Review
Oxford Economic Papers
Quarterly Journal of Economics
Review of Economic Dynamics
Review of Economics and Statistics
Review of International Economics
Review of Quantitative Finance and Accounting
Scottish Journal of Political Economy
Southern Economic Journal
The Manchester School
The Oxford Handbook of Retirement

Recent Placements

ACADEMIC PLACEMENTS

Australian National University
Babson College
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Bilkent University
Bocconi University
Bogazici University
Brandeis University
Bryn Mawr College
California State University, Fullerton
Calvin College
Carleton College
Carleton University
Central University of Finance and Economics, China
Chinese University of Hong Kong
Claremont McKenna College
Clark University
Colgate University
College of William and Mary
Concordia University
Davidson College
Drexel University
Elon University
Florida State University
Florida State University Law School
Fordham University
Gettysburg College
HEC Montreal
HEC Lausanne, France
INSPER, Centro de Pesquisas
Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México (ITAM)

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies
Koc University
Lewis and Clark College
Liaoning University
London School of Economics
Louisiana Tech University
Louisiana State University
Loyola University, Maryland
Mount Holyoke College
Nanyang Technological University, Singapore
National University of Singapore
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Northwestern University
Oregon State University
Paul Smith's College
Pompeu Fabra University
Randolph Macon College
Rice University
Renmin University
Sabancı University
San Diego State University
Santa Clara University
Shandong University
Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
Simmons University
Stanford University (SIEPR Postdoctoral Fellows)
Stonehill College
Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, China
Suffolk University
SUNY Albany
SUNY Plattsburgh
Sun Yat-sen University, China

Temple University	University of York	Chase Manhattan	National Institute of Public
Tilburg University	Washington State	Competition Dynamics	Finance and Policy,
TOBB Economics and	University	Cornerstone Research	New Delhi
Technology University,	Wayne State University	Citizens Bank	NERA Economic
Turkey	Wayne State University,	Congressional Budget	Consulting
Trent University	Mike Ilitch School of	Office	NRG Energy
Tsinghua University	Business	Consortium on Financing	Office of the Comptroller
University of Adelaide	Wellesley College	Higher Education	of the Currency
University of Alicante	Wissenschaftszentrum	Deloitte	Putnam, Hayes, and
University of Bordeaux	Berlin	DIW Berlin	Bartlett
(postdoctoral)	Wuhan University	Energy Institute, University	Reserve Bank of Australia
University of Bristol	ZEW–Leibniz Centre	of Houston	Reserve Bank of New
UCLA Anderson School	for European Economic	ERS Group	Zealand
of Management	Research, University of	European Central Bank	State Street Bank
University College Dublin	Mannheim	European Investment Bank	Student Loan Marketing
University of Delaware		FEEM (Fondazione Eni	Agency
University of Durham	NONACADEMIC	Enrico Mattei) and CMCC	Sveriges Riksbank
University of Frankfurt,	PLACEMENTS	(Euromediterranean Center	United Nations
Germany	Abt Associates	on Climate Change)	U.S. Bureau of Labor
University of Georgia	Acumen, LLC	Federal Reserve Bank,	Statistics
University of Glasgow	Akuna Capital	Atlanta	U.S. Census Bureau
University of International	Analysis Group, Boston	Federal Reserve Bank,	U.S. Department of
Business and Economics,	Analysis Group, Brussels	Boston	Treasury
Beijing	Amazon	Federal Reserve Bank,	U.S. Government
University of Lausanne	American Express	Kansas City	Accountability Office,
University of Leicester	American Medical	Board of Governors	International Affairs
University of Liverpool	Association	Goldman Sachs	and Trade Group
University of Maryland	Bank of Canada	Health Economics	U.S. Government,
University of Massachusetts	Bank of England	ISO New England	Executive Office of the
Boston	Bank of Italy	IPMAQ International	President, Management
University of Naples	Bank of Korea	Ingress Health, Germany	and Budget
University of New South	Bank of Spain	International Monetary	U.S. Social Security
Wales	Bates & White	Fund	Administration
University of Padova	Bates White Counseling	Korean Development	Urban Institute Vietnam
University of Pittsburgh	The Brattle Group	Institute	Program
University of Quebec	British Telecom Pension	KPMG Peat Marwick	Workers Compensation
University of Scranton	Fund, London	Law and Economics	Research Institute
University of Sheffield	Bureau of Economic	Consulting Group	The World Bank
University of Tennessee	Analysis	Liberty Mutual Group	
University of Texas,	Center for Naval Analysis	Massachusetts Attorney	
San Antonio	Center for Retirement	General's Office	
University of Wisconsin-	Research	National Bank of Hungary	
Whitewater	Central Bank of Paraguay		
	Charles River Associates		

MORRISSEY COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

The oldest and largest of the University's eight schools and colleges, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences offers graduate programs in the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, leading to the degrees of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, and Master of Science. In addition, numerous dual-degree options are offered in cooperation with the Carroll School of Management, the Boston College Law School, the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, and the School of Social Work.

With approximately 900 graduate students and more than 500 full-time faculty, the Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences is small enough to know you as a person, but large enough to serve you and prepare you for a rewarding life and satisfying career.

Research Facilities

Graduate students in economics may utilize the department's Apple Macintosh OS X workstations, eight of which are located in departmental facilities dedicated to graduate student use. These Intel-based Unix workstations run Mathematica, MATLAB, Stata, TeXShop, and Microsoft Office applications and provide access to internet resources. The department also participates in the University's High Performance Computing initiative, which provides a powerful multiprocessor facility for computationally demanding faculty and student research.

Online access to many economic and financial databases is provided through WRDS (Wharton Research Data Services). Boston College is a member of the InterUniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), which makes a number of large economic databases available without charge.

Boston College also participates in the JSTOR project, providing online access to the entire run of leading

economics journals.

The department plays a prominent role in the RePEc (Research Papers in Economics) initiative, which provides free access to working papers, journal citations software, and contact information. The Boston College Working Papers in Economics are downloadable and searchable via RePEc's user services at repec.org.

Seminars and Workshops

Department faculty organize an active seminar series in microeconomic theory, macroeconomics and financial economics, econometrics, applied microeconomics and industrial organization, international trade, and international economic policy, with weekly presentations by noted economists. Students also present their work in the department's weekly Dissertation Workshop, as well as lunch seminars and reading groups organized in various fields. The schedule is posted on the department's home page at bc.edu/economics.

BOSTON AREA CONSORTIUM

The Boston Area Consortium allows graduate students to cross-register for courses at Boston University, Brandeis University and Tufts University.

BOSTON COLLEGE LIBRARIES

The University is home to eight libraries, containing nearly 3 million volumes; more than 700 manuscript collections, including music, photos, art, and artifacts; 625,000 e-books; and more than 600 electronic databases. O'Neill Library, Boston College's main library, offers subject-specialist librarians to help with research, to set up alerts to publications in areas of interest and to answer any research- and library-related questions.

THE BOSTON LIBRARY CONSORTIUM

The Boston Library Consortium allows Boston College students access to millions of volumes and other services at 19 area institutions in addition to the world-class resources available through the Boston College Library System.

STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

Boston College is located on the edge of one of the world's most vibrant cities. Just six miles from downtown Boston—an exciting and dynamic place to live and learn—Boston College is an easy car or “T” ride away from a booming center for trade, finance, research, and education.

Home to some of New England's most prestigious cultural landmarks, including the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston Symphony Hall, and the Freedom Trail, Boston provides a rich environment for those passionate about art, music and history. For sports fans, Boston hosts a number of the country's greatest sports teams: the Celtics, Patriots, Bruins, and, of course, Fenway Park's beloved Red Sox. Found within a short drive from Boston are some of New England's best recreational sites, from the excellent skiing in New Hampshire to the pristine beaches of Cape Cod.

Boston also offers a wide range of family friendly attractions, including the Children's Museum, New England Aquarium, Franklin Park Zoo, and the Museum of Science. There are roughly 50 universities located in the Boston area, and the large student population adds to the city's intellectually rich and diverse community. Events, lectures and reading groups hosted by world-renowned scholars abound on area campuses, providing abundant opportunities to meet and network with other graduate students and faculty throughout the Boston area.

The University

Boston College is a Jesuit university with 15,000 students, 880 full-time faculty, and more than 190,000 active alumni. Since its founding in 1863, the University has known extraordinary growth and change. From its beginnings as a small Jesuit college intended to provide higher education for Boston's largely immigrant Catholic population, Boston College has grown into a national institution of higher learning that is consistently ranked among the top universities in the nation. Boston College is ranked 36th among national universities by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Today, Boston College attracts scholars from all 50 states and over 80 countries, and confers more than 4,300 degrees annually in more than 50 fields through its eight schools and colleges. Its faculty members are committed to both teaching and research and have set new marks for research grants in each of the last 10 years. The University is committed to academic excellence. As part of its most recent strategic plan, Boston College is in the process of adding 100 new faculty positions, expanding faculty and graduate research, increasing student financial aid, and widening opportunities in key undergraduate and graduate programs.

The University is comprised of the following colleges and schools: Morrissey College of Arts and Sciences, Carroll School of Management, Connell School of Nursing, Lynch School of Education and Human Development, Woods College of Advancing Studies, Boston College Law School, School of Social Work, and Clough School of Theology and Ministry.

General Resources

HOUSING

While on-campus housing is not available for graduate students, most choose to live in nearby apartments. The Office of Residential Life maintains an extensive database with available rental listings, roommates, and helpful local real estate agents. The best time to look for fall semester housing is June through the end of August. For spring semester housing, the best time to look is late November through the beginning of the second semester. Additionally, some graduate students may live on campus as resident assistants. Interested students should contact the Office of Residential Life.

STUDENT LIFE AND CAMPUS RESOURCES

JOHN COURTNEY MURRAY, S.J., GRADUATE STUDENT CENTER

One of only a handful of graduate student centers around the country, the Murray Graduate Student Center is dedicated to the support and enrichment of graduate student life at Boston College. Its primary purpose is to build a sense of community among the entire graduate student population and cultivate a sense of belonging to the University as a whole. Its amenities include study rooms, a computer lab, two smart televisions, kitchen, deck and patio space, complimentary coffee and tea, and more. Throughout the year, the center hosts programs organized by the Office of Graduate Student Life and graduate student groups. The Murray Graduate Student Center also maintains an active job board (available electronically), listing academic and non-academic opportunities for employment both on and off campus.

MCMULLEN MUSEUM OF ART

Serving as a dynamic educational resource for the national and international community, the McMullen Museum of Art showcases interdisciplinary exhibitions that ask innovative questions and break new ground in the display and scholarship of the works on view. The McMullen regularly offers exhibition-related programs, including musical and theatrical performances, films, gallery talks, symposia, lectures, readings, and receptions that draw students, faculty, alumni, and friends together for stimulating dialogue. Located on the Brighton campus, the McMullen Museum is free to all visitors.

CONNORS FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

Working closely with the Graduate School, the Connors Family Learning Center sponsors seminars, workshops, and discussions for graduate teaching assistants and teaching fellows on strategies for improving teaching effectiveness and student learning. Each fall, the Learning Center and the Graduate School hold a “Fall Teaching Orientation” workshop designed to help students prepare for teaching. The center also hosts ongoing seminars on college teaching, higher

learning and academic life; assists graduate students in developing teaching portfolios; and provides class visits and teaching consultations, upon request. Through these and other activities, the Connors Family Learning Center plays an important role in enhancing the quality of academic life at Boston College.

MARGOT CONNELL RECREATION CENTER

The Margot Connell Recreation Center redefines the future of fitness and recreation at Boston College. The 244,000-square-foot, four-story structure offers our community an inspired space to play, pursue sports, gather with friends, and work out. This facility includes a fitness center, rock climbing wall, jogging track, aquatics center, wood-floor basketball courts, tennis courts, multi-activity courts, multi-purpose rooms for spin, yoga, and fitness classes, and so much more.

BOSTON COLLEGE CAREER CENTER

The Boston College Career Center works with graduate students at each step of their career development. Services include self-assessment, career counseling, various career development workshops, resume and cover letter critiques, and practice interviews. In addition to extensive workshop offerings, Career Center staff members are available throughout the year for one-on-one advising about any aspect of the career path. The Career Resource Library offers a wealth of resources, including books, periodicals, and online databases.

ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Admission Requirements

The application deadline for fall admission is January 2. Please visit bc.edu/gsas for detailed information on how to apply.

Application requirements include:

❖ Application Form:	Submitted online, via the GSAS website.
❖ Application Fee:	\$75, non-refundable.
❖ Abstract of Courses Form:	A concise overview of background and related courses completed in an intended field or proposed area of study.
❖ Official Transcripts:	Demonstrating coursework completed/degree conferral from all post-secondary institutions attended.
❖ GRE General Test:	Official score report required for all applicants.
❖ Three Letters of Recommendation:	From professors or supervisors. It is highly advisable that at least one letter be from an academic source.
❖ Statement of Purpose:	A brief (1-2 page) discussion of an applicant's preparation, motivation, and goals for his/her proposed course of study.
❖ Proof of English Proficiency (international only)	Official TOEFL/IELTS score reports accepted.

Financial Assistance

DEPARTMENT FUNDING

The Department of Economics annually awards approximately 25 graduate assistantships to first- and second-year Ph.D. students, and 40 teaching positions to third-, fourth-, and fifth-year students. For the first five years in the program, all graduate students receive an annual stipend, which is currently \$31,200, and a full-tuition scholarship to cover the cost of all approved coursework. Graduate assistants are responsible for up to 10 hours per week of research assistance or grading for individual faculty members, while carrying full

academic loads. Teaching assistants supervise discussion sessions in introductory undergraduate courses, undergraduate statistics and econometrics, and some Ph.D. courses as well. Teaching fellows teach their own sections of undergraduate courses.

An appointment as a teaching assistant or teaching fellow requires fluency in English. Students who enter the program with a financial award can expect continued assistance through five years of study, provided their work in the program is satisfactory. Satisfactory performance is generally defined as a B+ average in course work and appropriate progress toward the degree.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID

Graduate students can apply for federal financial aid using the FAFSA. The loans that may be available to graduate students are the Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan and Perkins Loan, based on eligibility. If additional funds are needed, student may apply for a Grad Plus Loan. For more information, see the Graduate Financial Aid website at bc.edu/gradaid or contact the Graduate Financial Aid Office at 617-552-3300 or 800-294-0294.

OFFICE FOR SPONSORED PROGRAMS

The Office for Sponsored Programs (OSP) assists both faculty and graduate students in finding sources of external funding for their projects and provides advice in the development of proposals. OSP maintains a reference library of publications from both public and private sectors listing funding sources for sponsored projects. In the recent past, graduate students have received research support from prominent agencies, corporations and organizations such as the Fulbright Commission, the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Science Foundation, the American Political Science Association, the American Chemical Society, and the American Association of University Women.

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