The economics department will be hosting an Institute on Productivity, Accounting and Economic Growth on April 21. Eight sessions will be presented by members of the economics faculty. The speakers will report and discuss recent economic research that relates to the measurement and analysis of productivity.

Our intention is to share our academic perspective with the practitioners in the business world. We purposely have limited attendance to 100 persons so as to maximize the potential for interaction between the faculty and the participants. Our hope is that this Institute will provide a framework that will stimulate recurring and regular interaction between Boston College economists and members of the business and financial community.

The tuition proceeds from the Institute and any unrestricted grants the department might receive will be used to support economic research at Boston College. The Administration has agreed not to "tax away" our earnings. It is envisioned that research stipends would be offered both to graduate students actively working on their dissertations and to the faculty in the form of summer support.
I. FACULTY RESEARCH AND ACTIVITY

James E. Anderson

Publications


Conferences and Presentations

"An Econometric Model of Airline Flight Scheduling Rivalry," with Marvin Kraus was presented to the NBER Conference on Econometric Models of Imperfect Competition, Nov. 1981.

"Identification of Interactive Behavior in Air Service Markets," was presented to the FTC, Oct. 1981.

Christopher F. Baum

Conferences and Presentations


David Belsley

Conferences and Presentations

Early this year, David delivered a seminar along with Roy Welsch to the American Society of Quality Controllers in Newark, New Jersey.

Research

Research continues into "Data Diagnostics for Models
David Belsley (Cont.)

nonlinear in variables and/or parameters," and into "Data Diagnostics for the estimation of simultaneous systems of equations." This latter topic has a separable subtopic dealing with a measure of the "Effective Degree of Identification."

Barry Bluestone

Publications

The Retail Revolution, published by Auburn House has been selected by CHOICE Magazine as one of the outstanding academic books of 1981-82.

The Deindustrialization of America (with Bennett Harrison of M.I.T.) will be published by Basic Books in November of this year.

Conferences and Presentations


Andre Daniere

Conferences and Presentations


Was invited by the National University of La Plata, Economics Faculty, to participate as their guest in an International Symposium on the Economics of Education to be held in La Plata, Argentina, November 24-27, 1982.
Frank Gollop

Publications

Frank had a paper completely unrelated to his main-line research interests, published in the Law & Society Review, "A Microeconomic Model of Household Choice: The Household as a Disputant," with Jeff Marquardt of the FED.

U.S. Economic Growth, 1948-1979, with Dale Jorgenson of Harvard. The book-length manuscript reports the results of an eleven year research project. It models growth, sectoral and aggregate productivity growth, focuses on total factor productivity, addresses measurement issues which have dominated the productivity literature, and uses an econometric model to identify the sources of productivity growth (and decline) in subperiods of the postwar period.

Conferences and Presentations


Western Economic Association: "Growth Accounting in an Open Economy."


Testified on productivity-related matters before a subcommittee of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce and will testify in April before the Senate Subcommittee on Employment and Productivity.

Marvin Kraus

Publications


"Indivisibilities, Economics and Scales and the Subsidy Issue for Freeways," Land Economics, February, 1981 is being translated into Japanese by the Expressway Research Foundation of Japan for publication its journal Kosokudoro to Jidosha (Expressways and Automobiles).

Michael Mann

Conferences and Presentations

Joe Peek

Conferences and Presentations


Publications


Joseph F. Quinn

Conferences and Presentations


Publications


Joseph F. Quinn (Cont.)

Publications


Comments and Reviews


Barbara Spencer

Publications


Conferences and Presentations


Barbara has been invited to give a seminar to the Public Enterprise Workshop, at Boston University, February 25, 1982.
Ahmet Tekiner (Visiting)

Publications


Richard Tresch

Received a Mellon Foundation Grant for the summer of 1982 to begin a study of state government behavior.

II. GRADUATE STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACTIVITY

William Empey (Data Resources of Canada) Ph.D. 1978.

Bill was promoted to Vice-President and Director of Economics for Data Resources of Canada in January 1981.

Publications


Clifford Thies

Will be getting his Ph.D. in May. Cliff's defense was on Thursday, March 18, 1982.