Faculty Comings and Goings

The Department has appointed four new faculty. They are:

Donald Cox, Ph.D., Brown University, 1980. Don has research interests in the economics of intergenerational transfers and in labor economics. His papers have appeared in the *Journal of Political Economy*, the *Review of Economics and Statistics*, and in *Economic Inquiry*. Don is coming to the Department from Washington University, where he has been an Assistant Professor.

Peter Gottschalk, Ph.D., U. of Pennsylvania, 1973. Peter’s fields are labor economics and human resource economics. In addition to having published in numerous top journals, Peter is co-editor of the *Journal of Human Resources*. He is coming to the Department from Bowdoin College.


The Gottschalk appointment was made following the resignation of Barry Bluestone, who has taken an endowed-chair position at the University of Massachusetts-Boston. Barbara Spencer has also resigned, deciding to remain at the University of British Columbia. Barbara and Barry will certainly be missed.
Department to Sponsor Conference

The Society for Economic Dynamics and Control will be holding its 1987 annual meetings on the Boston College campus, under the sponsorship of the Department of Economics, on June 24-26. SEDC is an international society of economists and engineers with interests in economic dynamics, control theory, economic policy design, and econometric techniques. The Society sponsors the Journal of Economic Dynamics and Control, which will publish selected papers from the conference in a special proceedings issue.

Graduate Student Fellowships and Awards

Gary Fissel has been awarded a Boston College University Fellowship to support his dissertation research over the summer of 1987. Three of the Department's Teaching Fellows, John Griffin, Bob Hoffman and Janet Thomas, have been recognized by Boston College as winners of Teaching Excellence Awards.
1. FACULTY RESEARCH AND ACTIVITY

James E. Anderson

Publications


Book review of Sources of International Comparative Advantage by E.E. Leamer, forthcoming in Journal of Economic Literature.

Research

A volume entitled The Relative Inefficiency of Quotas is under contract with the MIT Press. This is a collection of some of Jim's essays, together with some new material. It should be completed this summer.

Conferences and Presentations


Christopher F. Baum

Publications


Conferences and Presentations:


David A. Belsley

Publications

"Ill-Conditioned Collinearity Indices?" Statistical Science, forthcoming.

Conferences and Presentations

"Modelling and Forecasting Reliability" to be presented at the conference of the International Society of Forecasters, Boston, May 1987.

Appointment

Member of the editorial board, Computer Science in Economics and Management.
Scott Freeman

Publications


Conferences and Presentations:


Marvin Kraus

Publications


Robert G. Murphy

Publications


Conferences and Presentations


Publications


Conferences and Presentations:


"Monetary Policy Regimes and the Reduced Form for Interest Rates," presented at Notre Dame University, November 1986, and Oklahoma State University, December 1986.

11. GRADUATE STUDENT AND ALUMNI ACTIVITY

Ana Aizcorbe (Ph.D. 1986)


Alan Clayton-Matthews (Ph.D. 1987)

Alan defended his thesis "Cyclical Intersectoral Mobility and Wage Behavior in a Two-Tier Model of the Labor Market." Alan is an economist at Data Resources, Inc.

Gary Fissel and Tullio Jappelli

Gary and Tullio, both of whom are Ph.D. candidates, presented a paper "Trends and Cycles of Liquidity Constrained Consumers: An Empirical Investigation" at the 1987 meeting of the Eastern Economics Association.

Michael French (Ph.D. 1986)


John O'Keefe (Ph.D. 1986)

John presented a paper "Firm Size, Transactions Costs, and Returns on Common Equity" at the 1987 Eastern Economic Association meetings. He has recently accepted a position with the U.S. General Accounting Office in Washington.
Patrick O'Neill

Pat has accepted a teaching position at the University of North Dakota. Pat's thesis is entitled "Firm Behavior: A Look at Alternatives to Profit Maximization with the U.S. Sweetener Industry."

Ted Shepard (Ph.D. 1986)


Stephanie Stringos

Stephanie has accepted a teaching position at St. Cloud State University. Stephanie's thesis is "Essays on the Term Structure of Interest Rates: the Role of International Portfolio Diversification.

Clifford F. Thies (Ph.D. 1982)


Janet Thomas

Janet has taken a teaching position at Bentley College. Janet's thesis is "Interfirm Rivalry - Price versus Quality."