

# UMSL

## UMSL Department of Economics Newsletter Summer 2018

Anne E. Winkler,  
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Dear Alums,

It is again that time of year for another newsletter! Mike and I are now finishing our third year as the chair "team."

Most of you have now heard the sad news that Emerita Professor **Sharon Levin** passed away in 2017. Her accomplishments were many and her legacy is long. On January 31, the Department held an event to recognize her contributions. In addition, the ERC has been renamed the **Sharon G. Levin Economics Resource Center**. We have also created a new Sharon G. Levin ERC Support Fund. Your gift, large or small, is a way to "pay it forward" and keep the ERC in top form for future UMSL

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Econ students (see p. 03).

I am also very sorry to report the passing of former UMSL Econ faculty member, **Emilio Pagoulatos**, on June 9, 2018. It was a privilege to get to know Emilio and his wife Jan since they returned to St. Louis (see p. 04).

In other news, **Susan Feigenbaum** has officially retired from UMSL (good news for Susan, bad news for the Department) and now holds the title Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor Emerita. As a fitting tribute, she was Commencement Speaker at the May 2018 graduation (see p. 10). We will feature Susan in our 2019 newsletter so please share anecdotes and fun memories!

Also, in the good news/bad news department, **Judy Cates**, our Business Support Specialist, has retired. It is thanks to Judy that we have a clear, up-to-date website, outstanding newsletter, and have remained on top of recruitment and retention. We are pleased to welcome **Erika Cotton**, who previously worked in UMSL HR.

Exciting news — hot off the press! **Mary Suiter**, Asst. VP and Econ Ed Officer at the St. Louis Fed, will receive UMSL's Distinguished Alum Award in October! Congrats Mary!

Regretfully, the University budget crisis continues. In light of this and our forward-looking nature, we have sought new opportunities. **Sel Dibooglu** spearheaded a new 2-2 program with Jiangxi University of Finance and Economics (JUFE). In addition, **Mike Allison** and I helped initiate a new BS Actuarial Science degree. We have not, however, come out of the financial difficulties unscathed. The Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Education (CEEE) — *which would have celebrated its 40th year* — is a victim of financial cutbacks. We are indebted to CEEE Director **Grant Black** for his outstanding stewardship of the Center over the last 8 years (see p. 15)

Many thanks to our alums who have reached out with job opportunities and internships and offered their time to meet up with students. Student success is at the forefront of all we do. Please share ideas about how we might improve our program. While we may not necessarily be able to offer a specific course (we face a constrained optimization problem), we can work on creative solutions.

Our alums from all decades are greatly valued. Please share your news, and I hope you will attend our events!

Regards,

Anne

Anne E. Winkler



WIE gathering in April 2018: **Lea Kosnik** (Adviser), **Susan Feigenbaum**, and (some of) Susan's former students: **Naomi Russell**, **Meagan Burwell**, **Jamie Vergano**, and **Paige Steimel**.

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

#### **2018 Fall Picnic**

**Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018**

from 12-3 pm at the Irv Zeid Citizen's Park Pavilion, 9100 Old Bonhomme Rd in Olivette.

#### **2019 Alumni Party**

**Friday, April 26, 2019**

from 5:30 to 7:30 pm at Fallon's Bar & Grill at 9200 Olive Blvd, just west of I-170 in Olivette.

# Remembering Sharon G. Levin



Emerita Professor **Sharon Levin** passed away on August 21, 2017 (during the evening of the day that the total eclipse crossed the United States) after a long and hard-fought fight against breast cancer.

The Department held an event at Gallery 210 on campus on Jan 31, 2018 to celebrate Sharon's accomplishments. At this event, we also officially renamed the ERC: it is now the **Sharon G. Levin Economics Resource Center**.

Here we remember Sharon through photos from "back in the day," a bio of Sharon (same wording as what is on the plaque in the ERC), photos of the new signage from the ERC, and photos of those attending the event. We also point you to a remembrance of Sharon Levin that appeared in [CSWEP News](#), a publication of the American Economic Association's Committee on the Status

of Women in the Economics Profession, and an [UMSL Daily article](#) that was published following the January 31<sup>st</sup> event.

So many alums wrote memories of and tributes to Sharon. **Kate Krause** (MA 1991), now Professor of Economics and Dean, University College, at University of New Mexico-Albuquerque, succinctly summarized the sentiments of so many. Her words are included on the plaque: "Sharon was the one who brought me into the fold at UMSL and, as I often say, that is what changed my life." **Rick Schmidt** (BS 1990), now an Emergency Physician with TeamHealth, sent a particularly entertaining memory that will ring a bell with many: "I will always remember her intermediate micro class - specifically how in her discussion of utility she revealed her preference for fast cars over jewelry! (She referenced her Mazda RX-7)."

**REMEMBERING SHARON G. LEVIN: A CELEBRATION**

**PROGRAM**

**Welcome** Anne Winkler, Chair and Professor of Economics, UMSL

**Welcome and Early Collaborations with Sharon Levin** Stanford Levin, Professor Emeritus, Economics, SIUE

**Sharon Levin, Expert on the Rewards to Science and the Scientific Workforce, and Creative Innovator in the Application of Research Methods** Paula Stephan, Professor of Economics, Georgia State University

**Sharon Levin: Teacher, Mentor, Chair Extraordinaire & Academic Entrepreneur** Susan Feigenbaum, Curators' Distinguished Teaching Professor of Economics, UMSL

**Sharon Levin's Final NIH Project on the Biomedical Workforce** Anne Winkler

**Sharon Levin: Mother—Collaborator—Ultimate Sports Fan** Allison Levin

**Official Renaming of the ERC— Sharon G. Levin Economics Resource Center** Anne Winkler and Michael Allison, Assistant Chair and Academic Director of ERC, UMSL

**Reception**



Susan Feigenbaum and Sharon in Antarctica, standing in front of a "pod" of walruses!



Sharon, Sarapage McCorkle, and Liz Clayton



With Anne Winkler, from 2011 *UMSL Daily* article on IT & Publishing Productivity



Herb Werner, Don Phares, Susan Feigenbaum and Sharon at the 2014 Picnic

# CHECK OUT OUR NEW ERC SIGNAGE!

(special thanks to MA student Flannery Allison for technical assistance)



## BELOW IS THE PLAQUE AND TEXT

### Sharon G. Levin June 10, 1947 – August 21, 2017 Professor, Extraordinary Researcher, Teacher, Tireless Mentor, and Champion of Colleagues and Students



Sharon Levin graduated from the Bronx High School of Science and continued her education at City College of New York (Phi Beta Kappa) and the University of Michigan. She earned both her M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Michigan. Sharon joined the UMSL Economics faculty in 1974 rising to the rank of full professor in 1987. She built a reputation as a "triple hitter," excelling in teaching, research and service. For 15 years, she served as Chair and Director of Graduate Studies and quickly became a mentor to her colleagues and an advisor to countless students. During her tenure as Chair, Sharon was instrumental in creating the Department's student-centered culture that persists today. An alumna succinctly explained Sharon's impact: "[she] was the one who brought me into the fold at UMSL and, as I often say, that is what changed my life." Sharon also sowed the seeds for the extensive quantitative and data-oriented curriculum offered by the Department. Although she officially retired in 2003, she remained research active and was working on an NIH grant on the biomedical workforce up until her death.

Sharon's seminal research focused on the quality and composition of the scientific workforce. Sharon was a creative innovator and leader in the application of research methods related to science and immigration and painstakingly collected data to address questions of policy concern. She co-authored *Striking the Mother Lode in Science* (Oxford University Press, 1992) and published more than 40 journal articles, including publications in the *AER*, *RESTAT*, and *Science*. She secured grants from the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, NSF, and NIH.

Sharon was honored by UMSL in 1993 with the Chancellor's Award for Outstanding Research and Creativity; she was the first female faculty member to receive this award. In recognition of her impact on the University, including her long tenure as department chair, she was honored with the UMSL Women's Trailblazer Award. No matter how busy Sharon was with her teaching, service, and research, she was always generous with her time and expertise. The success of those around her was just as important as her own personal success.

The ERC exemplifies the student-centered culture that Sharon created. The Sharon G. Levin Economics Resource Center will live on as a permanent way to honor Sharon's extraordinary research accomplishments and her legacy as a tireless mentor and champion of colleagues and students alike.

### Not on the plaque, but more about Sharon!



Sharon was a passionate Yankees (Mickey Mantle) fan who eventually transferred her loyalty to the Cardinals. She loved everything about sports, whether it was baseball, tennis or football, and shared many sporting occasions - whether as a competitor herself or spectator - with her UMSL colleagues.

Please consider a donation to the brand new Sharon G. Levin ERC Support Fund. For online giving: <http://giving.umsl.edu/Levingifts> or by mail: Dept of Economics, 408 SSB, UMSL, One University Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63121.  
*Support future students!*

Sharon and daughter Allison at one of many, many Cardinals' games

## RECEPTION PHOTOS FROM SHARON LEVIN EVENT



Anne Winkler & Marcela Manjarrez Hawn (BS 1998)



Stuart Warren, Kate Krause (MA 1991), Bob Sorensen, Dave Rose, Bruce Welz (MA 1980)



Don Kridel, Tim McBride, Mike Allison



Dave Tucek (MA 1976) and Dave Rose



Marisa Klein (BS 2012, MA 2016) and Chancellor Tom George

Yvetta Fortova (BS 2009), Don Kridel, Neil Wiggins (BS 2003, MA 2004), and Ade Fanegan (BS 2005)



Paula Stephan, Allison Levin, Sandy Levin



Bill Nieman (BS 1991, MA 1994) & Mike Allison



Tom & Kathy Ireland, Kate Krause, and Stuart Warren



Mary Suiter, Sharon Laux, and Sarapage McCorkle

Charles Biddy (BS 2011) and Mitch Downey (BS/MA 2009)



## In Memoriam: Emilio Pagoulatos

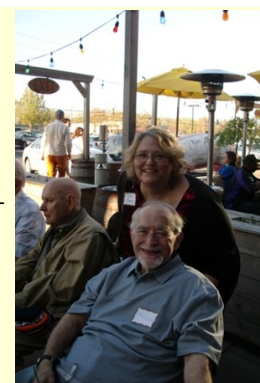
**Emilio Pagoulatos** passed away on June 9, 2018. Emilio was not just any professor in the department from 1971 to 1979, but one who was extremely well liked and respected by colleagues, staff, and students.

UMSL was Emilio's first stop out of Iowa State University, where he earned his PhD. While at UMSL, he established a strong research record and earned tenure. A fun fact: Emilio met his wife Jan in Tower/SSB! Emilio subsequently moved on to academic positions at the University of Florida and University of Nebraska. He left Nebraska in 1987 to become Professor and Head of the Agricultural Economics Department at University of Connecticut. After his retirement from that position in 2007, he and Jan moved back to St. Louis.

Over the course of his career, Emilio amassed an amazing quantity and breadth of scholarly research in areas including international trade and development, international agricultural trade, economic growth and development, and the intersection of international trade and domestic market power. He was one of first economists to study both the influence of international trade on mitigating domestic market power as well as the role of domestic market power in influencing international trade flows. As a testament to his career impact, his University of CT colleagues put together a 2018 Special Issue of *Journal of Agricultural & Food Industrial Organization* in his honor.

Emilio worked hard and may have been one of the best-read economists in the profession. At the same time, he was fun loving and had a great personality. **Bob Sorensen** remembers a department function where some people asked Emilio to show them how to do the Zorba the Greek dance. Emilio answered in the affirmative with his trademark phrase of "But of course." He then proceeded to show some steps. On the way out after the party Bob said to Emilio "I didn't know you knew how to do Greek dancing". Emilio replied "I have no idea how to Greek dance, I just made it up. But wasn't it fun?"

When Emilio and his wife Jan returned to St. Louis, they reconnected with UMSL Econ. It was a privilege for current faculty, staff, and students to get to know him. Emilio will long be remembered as an incredibly warm individual who had a sincere appreciation for our Department.



Emilio Pagoulatos and Judy Cates, Alumni Party 2016

# A Brief History of the ERC

With thanks to Emeritus Professor **Bob Sorensen** & former CEE Director **Sarapage McCorkle** (MA 1971) for recollections.

**THEN**



## Timeline of the ERC

**1970s**

Started by **Liz Clayton** (then Chair) and **Sarapage McCorkle** (then grad student). Liz got a grant for using "technology", such as the instamatic camera and tape recorder, to help students in the principles courses. Hence the name: *Economics Resource Center*.

**1980s**

Peer tutors added. **Kathy Phares** takes over ERC operations. In response to a request from Dean Terry Jones, **Kathy Phares and Bob Sorensen** conducted a couple of studies to determine its effectiveness. Positive findings!

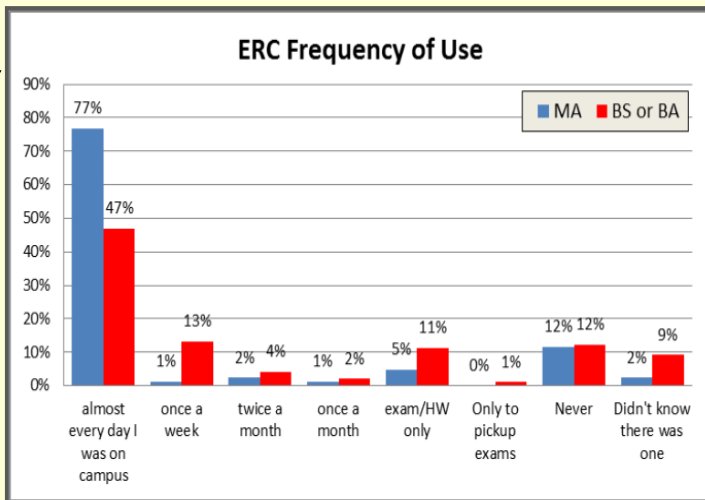
**1990s & 2000s**

**Mike Allison** takes over as ERC Manager. **Sharon Levin** worked tirelessly to secure funds to support peer tutoring. **Susan Feigenbaum** and former faculty member **Ed Gamber** applied for and received a 1993 NSF ILI Grant, "Computer Laboratory for Quantitative Economic Analysis" to fund computers.

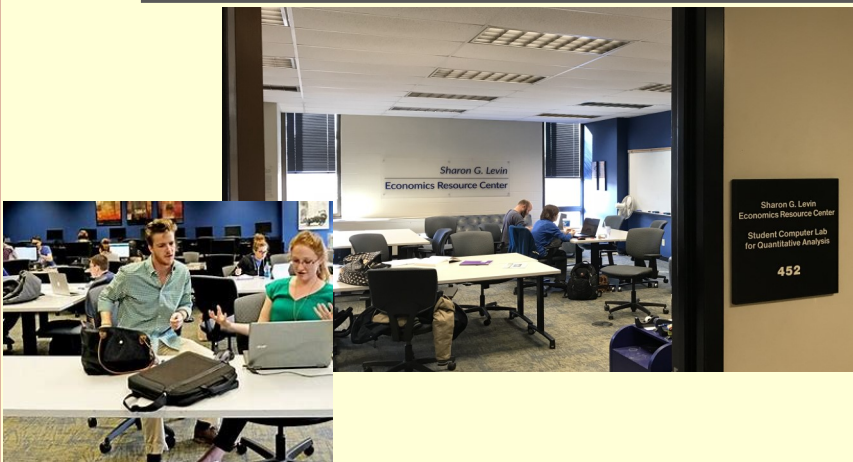
**2010s**

ERC becomes shared space with Campus Computing Lab. ERC expanded and redecorated.

**NOW**



Source: Alumni Survey, 2017



**January 31, 2018**

Officially renamed the **Sharon G. Levin Economics Resource Center**, following final approval by UM System President Mun Choi.

## 2018 Alumni Board

**Gene Edmiston** - Strategic Pricing Leader at Equifax

**Marisa Klein** - Digital Marketing Analyst at eTrailer.com

**Adam Richardson** - Manager - Data Science & Advanced Analytics at Centene

Thank you to Gene, Marisa, and Adam!

## 2018 UMSL Econ Alumni Award

On April 20<sup>th</sup> at Fallon's, **Josh Ulrich** received the 2018 Alumni Award for his many, many contributions. He established and maintains our UMSL Econ Alumni LinkedIn site, has worked with students on R, mentored students (including recent PhD grad Matt Delventhal), participated in Career Day, served for years on the Alumni Board, and regularly attends our picnic and alum party. In other news about Josh... he has taken a new position as a Quantitative Analyst at Nisa Investments *and* he and his wife Lauren are happy to announce the birth of Eliana. Eliana joins siblings Eva & Nate. Congrats Josh!



## UMSL Econ Alumni Visit UMSL



Students in Lea Kosnik's Econ 4170/Cost-Benefit class had an opportunity hear from alum **Mitch Downey** (BS/MA 2009). In between completing his BS/MA at UMSL and starting his PhD at UC-San Diego, Mitch did applied cost-benefit work at the Urban Institute in Washington, DC. In June, Mitch and his wife Olivia headed to Stockholm University, where he will start his new tenure-track assistant professor job in the Institute for International for Economic Studies (IIES).

For the second year in a row, **Tom Krueckmeyer** (BS 1975, MA 1977), Chief Economist at the Missouri Budget Policy spoke about budget issues in Anne Winkler's PPA 6210 / Public Sector Microeconomics class. Tom fondly recalled he that had learned about public finance from our late colleague, **Don Phares**.



**Tom and his wife Debbie checking out the new SGL ERC after class.**

**Michael Barnes** (BS 1995), Computer Programmer in the Department of Justice, stopped by and met one-on-one with UMSL students in the 408 SSB conference room and then spoke to Professor Mo Dawson's Advanced Cybersecurity class on November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Thank you, Mike!

## UMSL ECON ALUMNI PANEL 2018!

Many thanks to the 2018 alumni panel participants: **Michael Moorhem** (BS 2007), Senior Director — Engineered Solutions at Unyson Logistics; **Alexei Makarkin** (BS 2001, MA 2002), Principal Data Scientist – Enterprise Data Science at Express Scripts; and **Tricia Stout** (BS 2007), Financial Adviser at Edwards Jones. Also participating at the event was **Bayley Quain**, who was an intern at Unyson Logistics.



# Current Student Success

## Economics Department Awards 2017

### Thorstein Veblen Award

Andrew Tipping

### Simon Kuznets Award

Emma Nix  
Andrew Zack

## Recent Graduates

### Summer 2017

#### Undergraduate Degrees

Timothy Patrick Kernell

### Fall 2017

#### Undergraduate Degrees

Erisa Bushati  
Christopher James Cunningham  
Tobi Renee Wilkins

#### Graduate Degrees

Christopher James Cunningham  
Fazli Dullovi

### Certificate in Applied Econometrics and Data Analysis

Christopher James Cunningham

### Spring 2018

#### Undergraduate Degrees

|                              |                                |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| *Stephen Joseph Czaicki (BS) | Nicholas Steven Richards (BS)  |
| Terrence Neil Jackson (BS)   | Naomi Russell (BA)             |
| Kevin Michael Jones (BS)     | Andrew Scherr (BA)             |
| Clinton S. King (BS)         | Jeremy Nicholas Schreiner (BS) |
| Curtis J. Ochsner (BS)       | Eli Cureton Schrum (BS)        |
| Srijesh Prasad Panth (BS)    | Robert Stephan (BA)            |
| Tanner Pray (BS)             | Joseph Terrell Swink (BS)      |
| Bayley Elaine Quain (BS)     |                                |

#### Graduate Degrees

Karl Guenther (MA)  
Aaron Lombard (MA)

\* Received Latin and/or Department Honors

## Scholarships for 2018/19

### Elizabeth M. Clayton Memorial Scholarship

Rachel Harrington

### Sharon G. Levin Economics Scholarship

Jibril Anifowoshe  
John Lovell

### Robert Sorensen Economics Scholarship

Joseph Lux

### Economics Alumni Scholarship

Paige Steimel  
Stefaniya Ivanova

### Robert Loring Allen Memorial Scholarship

Paige Steimel  
Austin Gregg

### Department of Economics Scholarship

Austin Gregg  
John Lovell



# Congratulations!

## Alumni Success 2018

**Greg Aubuchon** (BS 1992, MA 2010) is an Assistant Professor at Lindenwood University and Program Director for undergrad economics, business law, and finance. In addition to regular teaching, he also represents his school on Faculty Council, serves as Chairperson on the School Curriculum Committee, and has created a new business law online course.

**Mark Amoroso** (BS/MA 2016) is now Data Analyst II at Centene. He and Renee Cisar were recently married!



The Wedding Party included 3 UMSL

Econ Alums:  
Derek Steiner (2<sup>nd</sup> from right),  
Brandon Giesegeh (3<sup>rd</sup> from right), and Steve Wecke (3<sup>rd</sup> from left)!



**Mikhail Averbukh** (MA 1997) is Director of IT at Pinnacle Entertainment.

**Elise Barry** (BS 2012) was promoted to Client Operations Manager at OneSpace.com.

**David Becker** (BS 2012) is now a Consultant at Daugherty Business Solutions.

**Jacob Bellm** (BS 2016) is Project Analyst at Wells Fargo Advisers.

**Rakim Biggers** (BA 2015) is a Financial Analyst with Wells Fargo in Kansas City.

**Laura Beishir** (BS/MA 2008) is now a Business Innovation Consultant at World-wide Technology.

**Jamie Brown** (BS 2007) is Chief Marketing Officer at Hard Rock Casino.

**Erisa Bushati** (BS 2017) is Associate Business Analyst at Express Scripts.

**Matthew Delventhal** (BS 2010) completed his PhD at Autonomous University of Barcelona (UAB) and the Barcelona Graduate School of Economics and is headed to a tenure-track assistant professor position at Claremont-McKenna. Congratulations Matt!

**Matt at the AEA Meetings in Philadelphia, 2018, where he interviewed for jobs.**

tion at Claremont-McKenna. Congratulations Matt!

**Lauren Dickens** (BS/MA 2008) is now officially Dean, Division of Math, Science, Business, Computer Science and Education at St. Charles Community College. Lauren just finished a three year term as a member of the UMSL ECON Alumni Board. Thanks Lauren!

**Christopher Doil** (BS 2011) is Senior Financial Analyst at TreeHouse Foods in Pennsylvania.

**Margaret Evans** (BS/MA 2014) is now a Data Analyst at Centene.

**Yvetta Fortova** (BS/BA 2004) was spotted at the booth for FRED

(Federal Reserve Economic Data website) at the American Economic Association meetings. She is Senior Data Operations Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.



**Brandon Giesegeh** (BS/MA 2015) is now a Senior Supply Chain Analyst at SCM Connection in Chicago. You don't need to live in St. Louis to be helpful; Brandon volunteered

to revamp our recruiting flyer!

**Margaret Goodwin** (BS 1996) is VP of HR, Business Partner, at JP Morgan Chase & Co., in Jacksonville, Florida.

**Nathan Huckaba** (BS 2007) is Claims Specialist with the Social Security Administration.

**Jared Hennings, II** (BS 2006) is now Program Manager at Associated Veterans, LLC in the Washington D.C. area.

**Paul Henreid** (BS 1995) is an Attorney with Paul Henreid LLC and is a judicial candidate for LA Superior Court for 2018.



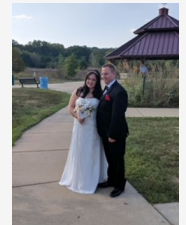
**Mitchell Herbert** (BS/MA 2017) is a Consultant at Aegis Strategies.

**Judy Kamm** (MA 1989) has been teaching economics at Lindenwood

University since 1992. Prior to that she was an adjunct at St. Louis and St. Charles Community colleges and taught at Webster University. She is the author of the economic supplement titled *Economic Supplement-Financial Lessons from an Economist*.

**Emmanuel Kalogerakis** (BS 1998) is Head of Administration, Finance and Controlling at Clean Energy Sourcing in Frankfurt, Germany.

**Marisa Klein** (BS 2012, MA 2015) and Brian Roth were recently married. Congratulations! Marisa just took a new job as PPC Manager / Digital Media Analyst at Digital Strike.



**Yang Liu** (MA 2008) and **Chao Huang** are living in Seattle. Big brother Austyn now has a little sister, Avery. Liu has taken a position as a Software Engineer II at Microsoft.

**Raheel Langrial** (MA 2015) is Senior Consultant at Daugherty Business Solutions.

**Aaron Lombard** (BS 2013, MA 2018) has taken a position as a Business Analyst II at Centene on their Network Insight Team.

**Jeremy Loscheider** (MA 2007) is now a Data Scientist at Panera.

**Trung Ly** (BS 2011, MA 2013) and his wife Ai-Anh welcomed baby Athena in June! Trung is finishing up his PhD in Economics at Notre Dame.



**Melissa Maxwell** (BS 2012, MA 2015), an Economic Analyst,

Development Program (ARC Program) at PJM Interconnection and **Emma Nix** (MA 2017), an Analyst at PJM Interconnection, met up with **Anne Winkler** on, by far, the coldest day of the year in Philadelphia during the AEA Meetings in January, 2018.

**Ryan Metcalf** (BS 2001) is a Data & Analytics Consultant at Daugherty Business Solutions.

**My Nguyen** (BS 2011) is now a Machine Learning Engineer at Quartolio in NYC.

**Curt Ochsner** (BS 2018) is a Demand Planner at Manna Pro.



## MORE ALUMNI SUCCESS!

**Ian O'Donnell** (BA/ MA 2017) is Strategic Insights Analyst at FUSION Marketing.

**Victor Potapov** (BS 1998, MA 1999) is now Director, Software, at Cerebri AI in Toronto.

**Bayley Quain** (BS 2018) is now a supply chain developer at Royal Canin.

**Mat Reidhead** (BS/ MA 2006) is VP of Research & Analytics Hospital Industry Data Institute Missouri Hospital Association.

**Matt Rose** (MA 2012) took a new job at Solid Gold Pet where he is the Demand Planning Manager.

**Ian Schmutte** (MA 2003) is now a tenured professor at University of Georgia. Congratulations Ian!

**Matt Segrist** (BS/ MA 2017) appeared on an UMSL billboard! He recently married Laurel.



**Sharon Van Stratton** (BS 2000) is Senior Web Content Strategist at the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.



**Timothy Side** (BS 2016) is Investment Analyst at Acropolis Investment Management.

**Jackson Suhre** (BS 2013) was recently promoted to Senior Manager at Premium Retail Sales

**Jonathan Young** (BS 2009) is now Senior Manager at Express Scripts.

**Ben Venker** (BS 2011) is VP Products at Juristat in San Francisco.

**Scott Weibert** (BS 2011) is now Senior Underwriter—Associations at Safety National.

## NEW BS in ACTUARIAL SCIENCE!

Starting Fall 2018, UMSL Econ will participate in a brand new interdisciplinary BS in Actuarial Science in collaboration with Math and Finance. Mike Allison is doing the advising for the new program. Special thanks to the UMSL Econ alums who provided insights and assistance in making this possible: **Chris Clark** (MA 2012), **Kirk McLean** (BS 2010), **Philip Prichard** (BS 2010), and **Marcus Deckert** (BS 2008).

## Student Organizations

### UMSL ECON NABE

UMSL Chapter of National Association for Business Economics

In spring 2018, **Steve Scheid** replaced **Brian Speicher** as Faculty Advisor for NABE.

Many thanks to Brian for the picnics plus cook-outs and games at his house. As part of Spring NABE club activities, **Gene Edmiston** (BS 1991, MA 1993). Strategic Pricing Leader at Equifax, met with students at the ERC on Wednesday, May 2. Thank you Gene! And, on May 4<sup>th</sup>,



Steve Scheid

NABE member **Michael Polt** plus Steve Scheid's Econ 1000 (Econ in Everyday Life) students visited the Inside the Economy Museum at the St. Louis Fed and met with UMSL Econ alum **Barb Flowers** (BS 1990, MA 1999). Please contact Steve at [scheid@umsl.edu](mailto:scheid@umsl.edu) if you have any questions or suggestions for future NABE events.

By the way, anyone interested in stopping by and teaching Tableau or other data analysis skills for an hour in the fall?



Gene Edmiston with current BS/MA student, Darian Moody

## WIE- Women in Economics



Lea Kosnik

The **Women in Economics (WIE)** group participated in many exciting events this year, including: volunteering at the Food Roof in downtown St. Louis, hosting a networking brunch at The Scottish Arms, participating in the St. Louis Fed's Women in Economics symposium, and having a "food-centric" bash at Anne Winkler's house. This, in addition to updating the WIE Information Packet, and working earnestly to draw in new economics majors. Huge kudos to WIE President **Meagan Burwell** and board members **Paige Steimel** and **Jamie Vergano**. If anyone has any suggestions for WIE events for next year, please don't be shy in contacting faculty advisor **Lea Kosnik** with any and all ideas!



**WIE get-together (clockwise from left):** Maia Elkana, Flannery Allison, Nicole Smith, Meagan Burwell, Naomi Russell, Susan Feigenbaum, Paige Steimel, Lea Kosnik, Emma Hogrebe, Abby Froidl.

## Faculty & Staff News

**Michael Allison** served as Master of Ceremonies for the College of Arts & Sciences graduation in December 2017. In his spare time, when not busy with teaching classes, department business, or serving as chair of the university's Faculty Senate Curriculum & Instruction Committee, he is a curler, as is his



daughter, current MA student, **Flannery Allison**. During the 2018 Winter Olympics season, they made an appearance on local TV as well as teaching many, many people how to curl. By the way, you, too, can "learn to curl".



Thanks to the tremendous efforts of **Sel Dibooglu**, our Department has a brand new relationship with JUFU. As an international faculty member who is multi-lingual, Sel travels frequently and has invested in international networking. Through

his contacts, he was invited to JUFU in December 2016. He used his contacts initiate a joint 2+2 program with International Trade majors at JUFU (Sel specialized in International



Trade in graduate school). Students will study 2 years in China and 2 years at UMSL and get double Bachelor's degrees by transferring the credits both ways. UMSL international office and our department worked diligently to formalize the agreement. This is a milestone for UMSL because it represents the first joint program with a major Chinese university. Since we already concluded the agree-

ment, it can be used as a blueprint for other joint programs in China or elsewhere.

**Susan Feigenbaum** was the commencement speaker for the College of Arts & Sciences graduation in May 2018.

Ceremony 3: Saturday May 12, 2018 2 p.m.  
College of Arts & Science (social sciences)



[Listen to Susan Feigenbaum's 2018 Commencement Address!](#)



And recently she was interviewed by Mary Suiter for the St. Louis Fed's Women in Economics series!

**Lea-Rachel Kosnik** finished her term as President of the Transportation and Public Utilities Group (TPUG) this year, and rotated into a 3-year term as Board Member. She also continued her work as Midwest representative of the Association of Environmental and Resource Economists (AERE), growing the presence of AERE to eight full sessions (& 32 papers) at the regional MEA meetings, the single largest contributor to the MEA meetings! Lea also published a well-received article about the economics profession in a top-tier journal. On a personal level, Prof. Kosnik and her husband purchased a new home in Clayton this year that is in need of a little love and care. She will be busy sanding, painting, and tiling for the foreseeable future...

**Donald Kridel** continues to serve as the Department's Director of Graduate Studies. His research focuses on the application of applied econometrics to pricing and target marketing--- especially as it applies to real-time scoring and situations involving "big data". Kridel presented a paper ("An Operational Consumer Profile For Real-time Scoring") at the WDSI conference in Hawaii in April.

**Tom Ireland** continues to be active in forensic economics. See the picture from the annual meetings of the American Academy of Economic Experts (AAEFE) in April (with fellow forensic economists Jim Rodgers and Barry Ben-Zion). The photo was taken at the conclusion of their session titled: "What

Kinds of Cases Each of Us Started With, How Our Practices Have Changed over Time and How We See Our Practices Today." You may find it interesting to [explore the extended website that Tom has developed as a resource for forensic economic experts!](#)



**Bob Sorensen** and his wife Pat took



a trip out to San Francisco early in the year to meet their new grandson (Caine). Parents and baby are doing fine. Bob also said that if "old dogs can learn new tricks" then he can learn the new campus system Canvas. He will

reprise his Bootcamp Economics course for MBA students and Principles of Microeconomics in the Fall.

**Brian Speicher** has developed and will again be teaching the Economics of Sports, Gaming and Gambling. Keeping up with the times, this course includes "e-sports." UMSL is putting forward a new degree in Sports Management and this course will be part of that program, as well as an elective for economics majors.

**Anne Winkler** recently co-authored an Oxford Handbook chapter titled "Gender, Work, and Family," which focuses on the educational divide in labor and family outcomes. She gave the keynote address at the AAEFE meeting (same meeting attended by Tom Ireland) and was invited to write it up for *Journal of Legal Economics*. She and Mike Allison are working on fulfilling Anne's promise to Sharon Levin - completing Sharon's NIH-funded project on the Biomedical Workforce. In her free time, Anne continues to play clarinet with the University City Summer Band... concerts are 6 Tuesday evenings in the summer in Heman Park in U City.

# Fall Picnic 2017!

Join us for the NEXT Annual Fall Picnic on Sunday, Sunday, Sept. 23, 2018 from 12-3 pm at the Irv Zeid Citizen's Park Pavilion, 9100 Old Bonhomme Rd in Olivette.

**Clinton Greene & Brian Speicher**



**Aidan Speicher, Tenny Dibooglu and Paige Steimel (current student)**



**Abby Wood (MA 2016) & guest Justin, Clinton Greene & Steve Scheid**



**Joseph Belsher (BS/MA 2016) and Khurram Naveed (BS/MA 2016)**



**Ehsan Davarzany (current student), Rob Davis (BS 2016), Max Gillman, Ian O'Donnell (BS/MA 2017) & wife Jen, Mitchell Herbert (BS/MA 2017), and Hagen Montano (BS 2016) & wife Jen**



**Jenni House & Rachel Harrington (current students)**



**Olivia & Mitch Downey, Mike Allison, Julie Kreis (BS/MA 2011) & guest**



**Anne Winkler, Mitch Downey (BS/MA 2009), Chris Cunningham (BS/MA 2017, and Trung Ly (BS 2011, MA 2013)**



**Chris Rose (current student), Kristoffer Lindal (current student), and Chris Cunningham**



**Kristoffer Lindal, Rob Davis, and Mitchell Herbert**



**Josh Ulrich (BS/MA 2009) & Anita Gillman**

**Herb Werner & Bob Sorensen**



**Mitchell Herbert, Justin with Abby Wood, Laurel & Matt Segrist, and Khurram Naveed**



**Brian Speicher & Don Kridel**

**Tracie Edwards, Lea Kosnik, Sel Dibooglu, and Judy Cates**



**Tamas Csabafi, Hagen & Jen Montano**



**Justin, Abby Wood, and Tracie Edwards (MA 2001)**

# Alumni Party 2018!

Thanks to all who came out for the 2018 UMSL Economics Alumni Party, held at Fallon's Bar & Grill in Olivette on April 20th! Furthest away award goes to **Michael Thomas** (MA 2005) from Nebraska (Creighton University)! Whether you regularly attend or have never done so, please join us next year on Friday, April 26th! For more photos, go to [UMSL Economics Alumni Events Photo Gallery](#).



Justin, Abby Wood (BS/MA 2016), Brandon Gray (BS 2016), Mitchell Herbert (BS/MA 2017)



Debra Garcia & Judy Cates



Emma Nix (MA 2017) & Flannery Allison (MA student)



Josh Ulrich (BS/MA 2005) receives 2018 Department of Economics Alumni Award



Jordan Franks (BS 2014) & Anne Winkler



Josh Ulrich, Jason Mannello (BS 2002, MA 2004) & Neil Wiggins (BS 2003, MA 2004)



Bill Nieman (BA 1991, MA 1994), Dave Rose & Deb Flores



Bayley Quain (BS 2018) & Marisa Klein (BS 2012, MA 2015)



Max Gillman & Raheel Langrial (MA 2015)



Aaron Lombard (BS 2013, MA 2018), Alex Tuchel-Veyhl (BS/MA 2015) & Ben Blackwell (MA 2016)

Toni Schmidt & Clinton Greene





**Brandon Gray, Flannery Allison & Michael Allison**



**Matt & Laurel Segrist**



**Abby Wood, Emma Nix, Amy Lampe (BS 2007), Maggie Evans (BS/MA 2014), Stephanie Buckley (MA 2015), Santina Grzac (MA 2016)**



**Jacob Bellm (BS 2016), David Becker (BS 2012) & Bayley Quain**



**Elaine Most & Steve Most (BS 2012), Matt Rose (MA 2012) & Laura Rose (BS 2009, MA 2012)**



**Don Kridel & Brian Jenkins (BS 1996)**



**Kathy Ireland, Angie Rose, Tom Ireland & Jill Rogers**



**Neil Wiggins & Jordan Franks**



**Santina Grzac & Ryan Davis**



**Anna Tucek, Bob Sorensen & Dave Tucek**



**William Rogers & Laura Rose**



**WE HOPE YOU JOIN US NEXT YEAR!**

# The End of an Era: **UMSL** Center for Entrepreneurship and Economic Education



Grant Black

CEEE closed in summer 2018 due to the university's budgetary pressures and despite significant efforts by the Center and its advisory board. 2018 marked CEEE's 40th anniversary. CEEE began under the leadership of Department Chair **Elizabeth Clayton** and Prof. **Joseph McKenna** in the mid-1970s. CEEE served as the department's predominant means of ongoing, widespread outreach. Through the years, the Center was successfully led by department alum including **Sarapage McCorkle, Mary Suiter, Barb Flowers, and Grant Black**. Over its storied history, CEEE and its staff received numerous awards for their significant contributions to economic and financial education (see the [Summer 2015 UMSL Econ newsletter](#) for details). Since its inception, CEEE was affiliated with the Missouri Council on Economic Education and the nationwide Council for Economic Education.

Grant Black, who took the helm in 2010, served as CEEE's last director. During his tenure, Grant and the rest of the CEEE staff worked tirelessly to promote economic literacy in K-12 education as well as in the broader community through professional development for educators, curriculum development, student programs and other activities. With at least 30 outreach events annually, the Center directly impacted approximately 3,000 children and adults each year. Under Grant's leadership the Center developed and maintained partnerships with numerous local, regional, and national organizations.

The loss of the Center is substantial in terms of its mission – promoting economic and financial literacy – and in terms of the many bridges formed with community partners. What will not be lost are the benefits received by the tens of thousands of educators, students, and others who interacted with CEEE over its 40-year history. We owe an enormous debt of gratitude to Grant, Karen **Hubbard, Nancy Maxwell**, and all the CEEE staff who came before them.

Grant is taking a position as Assistant Director of the Hammond Institute for Free Enterprise at Lindenwood University. Karen, who was connected in numerous capacities to CEEE since nearly its inception, is retiring, and Nancy, the Center's administrative staff member, will continue to work for UMSL on a temporary basis.



Karen Hubbard

## Department Giving — July 2017-June 2018

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Alumni—especially economics graduates—want to know that their gifts to their alma mater are well spent. The Department of Economics would therefore like you to know that you can give directly to the Department to support its teaching, research, and outreach activities. Among other things, the department uses gifts to fund scholarships, to award prizes for essay competitions, to employ and train students as research assistants, and to support the research of our very own economics faculty.

We'd like to thank those of you who have been giving so generously over the years. For those of you who have never considered making a gift to the Department, we hope you will consider doing so in the future. You can donate an unrestricted gift to the Economics Department, or give to a specific scholarship fund. With your help we can do even more for our students.

## Looking to Hire?

We are grateful to the many alums and organizations who have provided internship and job opportunities to current students.

Let Anne Winkler, Department Chair, ([awinkler@umsl.edu](mailto:awinkler@umsl.edu)) know about internships and job opportunities, and she will work with faculty to identify high-performing students.

## We're Going Green!

The Department of Economics continues its effort to "go green." In the future, we would like to send fewer paper copies of the newsletter. If you are still receiving this through regular mail but have an e-mail address we can use instead, please let us know. Thank you!



**Susan Feigenbaum may have officially retired and changed offices (now located 2 doors away on the 3rd floor of Tower) but SHE KEPT HER DOOR (and its many cartoons) so you can easily find her!**

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