

**DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS  
DEPARTMENT SPECIFICS AND INFORMATION**

**2009-2010**

The Department of Economics is pleased to welcome new and continuing students to a new academic year. The purpose of the annual "Department Specifics" is to acquaint (or re-acquaint) students with the faculty, academic requirements and upcoming events in the department. For new information check the Economics Department web page at: <http://www.whitman.edu/economics> (especially for a [list of "old vs new" Department requirements](#)). New Department information will also be tweeted on twitter – <http://twitter.com/econdept>

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Be sure to check the Economics Department web page for a list of “**old vs new**” **Department requirements**

Information (and a timetable) on **graduating with Honors** is also listed on the Economics Department website

**Comprehensive Exams for Economics and Economics-Combined Senior Majors**

The standard written exam for Economics and Economics-Combined majors is the Major Field Test (MFT) in Economics. (In addition, Economics-Combined majors may have other components for the written exam.) The test is scheduled to be administered on the afternoon of Saturday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at a location to be announced (tentatively Olin 130). Students should arrive at 2pm, bringing a photo ID. The exam will run from 2:30 - 4:30pm. No calculators are allowed. Anyone who needs special accommodation should contact [Margo Scribner](#) now. Students taking the MFT should register with Kathleen Hutchison in the main office of Maxey and pay the registration fee of **\$35.00. The deadline for registering is December 11, 2009.**

Oral exams are tentatively scheduled to be administered starting Sunday January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Economics majors are to sign up for one-hour time slots for the oral exams by noon on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. The sign-up sheet will be available on the office door of Professor Hazlett (Olin 308) on Tuesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Economics-Combined majors should contact the Econ Dept Chair (Parcells – Fall 2009, Hazlett – Spring 2010) by noon on Wednesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010 to arrange the separate scheduling of their oral exams with the relevant Economics professor and the professor of the other major or program.

**Information Meeting for Economics and Economics-Combined Majors**

**All Economics majors** are required to attend a meeting at noon on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009 in the Maxey Auditorium. Lunch and beverages will be provided for all attendees. Please notify the Department Chair (Parcells – email [parcells@whitman.edu](mailto:parcells@whitman.edu)) – if you cannot attend this mandatory meeting. Items of business include: important information and timetables for **all econ majors**, the upcoming **comprehensive major exams for seniors**, preparation for graduate study in Economics, Law, Business, Public Policy; and other areas, the election of the Economics student representative(s); information on graduating with honors, and other matters that may arise.

**Special Lectureships and Programs in Economics**

1) [The Genevieve Patterson Perry Endowment for the Study of Economics](#)

The Perry Endowment was established in 1999 by former President Louis B. Perry to honor his wife, Genevieve Patterson Perry. Genevieve Perry was educated as an economist at UCLA and served Whitman in a leadership role during her husband's presidency from 1959 to 1967. The endowment enriches the study of economics by bringing distinguished economists to Whitman College to present a public lecture in the general areas of economic policy and business ethics and to visit classes. Whitman's Perry Lecturers have been Paul Romer, Douglass North, Hal Varian, Daniel McFadden, Orley Ashenfelter, and Robert Stavins, Todd Sandler,

Andrew Schotter. This year's Perry Lecturer is still being determined.

2) [The William Allen-Boeing Lectureship and Student Investment Endowment](#)

The William M. Allen-Boeing Endowment, established by Grant and Nancy Allen Silvernale, and Nat and Dorothy Allen Penrose, provides funds for distinguished individuals in industry, finance, technology, and manufacturing to visit campus. The goal of the lectureship is to provide Whitman students the opportunity to meet and listen to individuals with expertise and knowledge of business. The Allen-Boeing Lecturers have been John Warner (Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of The Boeing Company), Peter van Oppen (Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Advanced Digital Information Corporation), John Valaas (President and Chief Executive Officer of First Mutual Bank of Bellevue), J. Michael Rona (President of the Virginia Mason Medical Center of Seattle), and Gordon Reiss (currently, President of Intercontinental Enterprises Limited), Sandy McDade (Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the Weyerhaeuser Company and a 1974 graduate of Whitman), and John Medica (former Senior Vice President of Dell Inc.). This year's Allen-Boeing speaker is still being determined.

The Endowment also made possible the formation of the **Whitman Investment Company (WIC)** (see <http://www.whitman.edu/wic>), a student-run group charged with the responsibility of managing the William Allen -Boeing Endowment. Students gain practical experience in finance enhancing their classroom learning in Economics and other courses.

3) [The Whitman College Working Paper Series](#)

The Whitman College Economics Department Working Paper Series was launched in the 2006-2007 academic year under the leadership of its student editorial board and its advisor, Karl Storchmann. The Series features papers by Whitman students and faculty and Whitman symposium contributors. See the links to the [Working Papers](#) on the Economics Department webpage.

### **Graduate Programs, Grants and Other Career Opportunities**

The Economics Department posts news of internship, job and graduate study opportunities on the department webpage and generally places fliers received from employers and graduate schools on the bulletin board by the second floor Economics offices. This location will be changed due to the new construction taking place in Maxey Hall. In the meantime, information will be distributed via twitter (<http://twitter.com/econdept>), email (the economic majors listserve), and on the [department webpage](#). (The Career Center offers a range of services for students seeking internships and jobs). Students interested in graduate study in Economics, should contact any of the Department faculty, those interested in Business should contact Pete Parcels, and those interested in law should see Patrick Frierson (Philosophy).

### **Job Opportunities in the Department of Economics**

The Economics Department hires a few students each year as office assistants. Duties may include photocopying, library errands, filing, book ordering, updating of bibliographic files, and data entry and analysis. Familiarity with MSWord, Excel and/or Economics and Statistical software is a requirement for some of these positions, and there may be a preference for economics and economics-combined majors for some positions. Wage rates depend on worker experience and duties involved. The typical period of employment is from late August to late May. If you are interested in these positions, please speak to individual faculty members. Be aware that if they've not already done so, student workers will need to fill out I9 and W4 forms and present two original pieces of identification.

The Economics Department also seeks qualified students to hold positions as Economics computer and GIS laboratory assistants. Successful completion of Economics 227 (Statistics for Economists), Economics 327 (Econometrics), Economics 388 (Labor Economics), and Econ 479 (Economic Geography), as well as training provided by the WCTS may be required for these positions. Please see Professors Belay and Parcels.