

## ECONOMICS

*Understanding topics related to production, distribution and consumption of goods and services – topics which often lie at the core of political debate in today's world*

### CAREER PATHS

Bucknell's economics majors often enter management and sales or become financial and economic analysts. Graduates also have become teachers, accountants, stockbrokers, lawyers, currency traders and social workers. Others are chosen for formal management training programs at large corporations. Recent alumni have secured the following positions:

- Analyst, Morgan Stanley
- Consulting/Analyst, Accenture
- Financial Analyst, Lending Tree, Inc.
- Financial Analyst, Campbell Soup Company
- Development and Communications Coordinator, Hispanics in Philanthropy
- Management Services Analyst, J.P. Morgan Chase & Company
- Researcher, National Public Radio
- Teacher, Teach for America
- Economist, U.S. Government

### PROGRAM DETAILS

- Bucknell offers a Bachelor of Arts degree and a minor in economics.
- Economics students may focus their studies on one of several areas (though none is required): macroeconomics, microeconomics, political economics, international economics, mathematical economics, economic development and area studies, economic history and history of economic thought and policy studies.
- Bucknell encourages students to develop imaginative approaches to find solutions to economic problems such as economic growth, unemployment, inflation, poverty and discrimination.
- Bucknell offers extensive study of economic theory and how theory relates to the world.
- The economics program is flexible: More than half of our majors combine economics with another major and students have many opportunities for interdisciplinary studies.
- The economics department offers a number of courses focusing on the global economy, including specialized courses on Africa, Canada, the Caribbean, Pacific Rim, Latin America and Western Europe.
- Students learn about the economy from a “political economy” point of view; many courses are critical assessments of modern capitalism taught with a broader methodology than is typical for courses in most economics programs.

### FACULTY

#### Erdogan Bakir

*B.S., M.S. Middle East Technical University, Ankara; Ph.D. University of Utah*

Scholarly interests: political economy, macroeconomics, structure of the U.S. economy since 1945, political economy of financialization, heterodox growth theories

#### Nina Banks

*B.A. Hood College; Ph.D. University of Massachusetts at Amherst*

Scholarly interests: political economy, gender and race, women in the world economy, labor economics, poverty, welfare, African American women's economic history, households and economic transformation, Mexican self-employment

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## **FACULTY DISTINCTIONS**

- Nancy White – president of the Southern Regional Science Association
- Jean Shackelford – founder, past president and current executive secretary of the International Association for Feminist Economics
- Geoffrey Schneider – founding member, Bucknell Caucus for Economic Justice
- Wei Ge – consultant to the United Nations
- Winston Griffith – consultant to the World Bank

## **SELECTED FACULTY PUBLICATIONS**

Bucknell's economics faculty members' scholarship has recently appeared in the following journals:

*Berkeley Electronic Press*  
*Contemporary Economic Policy*  
*International Journal of Community Currency Research*  
*Journal of Economic Issues*  
*Rethinking Marxism*  
*Review of Regional Studies*  
*The Journal of Economic Education*

## **FACULTY** *continued*

### **Wei Ge**

*B.S. Chinese Electronic Science and Technology; M.A., Ph.D. Pennsylvania*

Scholarly interests: economics of the Pacific Rim, international trade and finance, the process of transition toward a market economy, economic transition, trade and financial liberalization, economic development

### **Winston Griffith**

*B.S. West Indies; M.A., Ph.D. Howard*

Scholarly interests: economic development, international economics, development issues in the Caribbean, political economy of the Caribbean

### **Paula Kazi**

*B.S., M.S. University of Dhaka, Bangladesh; Ph.D. Michigan State University*

Scholarly interests: retirement decisions and family obligations, human capital investment in AIDS-affected Ghanaian households

### **Thomas Kinnaman**

*B.A. George Mason; M.A., Ph.D. Virginia*

Scholarly interests: mathematical economics, environmental economics, law and economics, the use of economic incentives in environmental policies, the study of household recycling incentives and policy

### **Janet Knoedler**

*B.A., M.A. Illinois-Springfield; Ph.D. Tennessee*

Scholarly interests: industrial organization, economic history, economics and technology, economics of technological change, institutional economics

### **David Kristjanson-Gural**

*B.A., M.A. Manitoba; Ph.D. Massachusetts-Amherst*

Scholarly interests: principles of economics, political economy, Marxian economics, political economy of media and advertising, class analysis, theories of demand

### **Gregory Krohn**

*B.A. California at San Diego; M.S., Ph.D. Wisconsin at Madison*

Scholarly interests: macroeconomics, finance, forecasting, religion and economics, optimal taxation and economic growth, economics education, economics of religious organizations

### **Christopher Magee**

*B.A. Swarthmore College; Ph.D. Wisconsin at Madison*

Scholarly interests: economic principles, econometrics, macroeconomics, economics of politics and lobbying, campaign contributions and legislative behavior, industry lobby formation, U.S. trade policy

### **Michael Moohr**

*B.S. Illinois; Ph.D. Cambridge*

Scholarly interests: European and American economic history, micro-economic theory, macroeconomic theory, economics of higher education, economics of art and architecture

## **FACULTY** *continued*

### **Berhanu Nega**

*B.A. State University of New York, New Paltz; Ph.D. New School for Social Research*

Scholarly interests: African democracy and economic development, agriculture and land policy in Africa and Ethiopia, African international competitiveness

### **Geoffrey Schneider**

*B.A. Northwestern; Ph.D. North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

Scholarly interests: economic principles, African economic development, political economy, economic development, the history of economic thought, economic history, pedagogy

### **Jean Shackelford**

*B.A. Kansas State; M.A., Ph.D. Kentucky*

Scholarly interests: history of economic thought, economic principles, epistemology, macroeconomics

## **UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

Bucknell offers many opportunities for students to conduct research projects alongside professors who serve as mentors. Recent project titles include:

- Pennsylvania: In Flux
- The Relative Impacts of Demographic and Environmental Features on Socioeconomic and Geographic Differences in Childhood Overweight
- The Effects of the Use of New Drugs on Medical Expenditures (honors thesis)
- The Effect of Off-campus Student Rentals on the Local Housing Market

### **Nancy White**

*B.S., B.A. Minnesota State at Moorhead; M.A., Ph.D. Colorado*

Scholarly interests: public finance, urban and regional economics, economic principles, microeconomic theory, fiscal policy, U.S. household migration

### **Amy Wolaver**

*B.A. James Madison College, Michigan State; M.S., Ph.D. Wisconsin*

Scholarly interests: economic principles, microeconomics, health economics, employer-provided health insurance markets, the effects of heavy drinking in college on academics

## **INTERNSHIPS**

Internships provide career experience and networking opportunities to economics majors, help them to clarify their goals and enhance their classroom education. Recently, students have interned at:

- PPL
- Dion Money Management, LLC
- Goldman Sachs

## **STUDY ABROAD**

Economics students can benefit tremendously from spending a summer, semester or year abroad. Recently, students have studied in London, Spain and Denmark, but opportunities are available all over the world.

Additionally, the economics department offers a course on the Caribbean in Barbados every summer.

Off-campus study options exist in the U.S. as well, including the Washington Economic Policy Semester at American University.

## **RELATED STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

Bucknell Business Leaders  
Bucknell Caucus for Economic Justice  
Microfinance Initiative at Bucknell  
Omicron Delta Epsilon  
Phi Beta Lambda  
(business/career group)  
Student Managed Investment Fund  
Students for Fair Trade

## GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL

Many economics majors attend graduate school, either immediately after graduating from Bucknell or in the years beyond. Our economics students also go on to law school or earn MBAs. After earning advanced degrees, Bucknell economics alumni teach at universities, work for consulting firms, forecast economic conditions for a variety of businesses or perform policy analyses for government agencies. Recently, alumni have gone on to:

- College of William & Mary
- Columbia University
- George Washington University
- Harvard Law School
- Penn State University
- Rutgers University
- New School University

## QUICK FACTS

Number of full-time faculty: 16

Average number of majors per class year: 100

## COURSES OFFERED

African Economic Development  
American Economic History  
Approaches to Labor Economics  
Asian Economic Development  
The British Economy: Structures and Policies  
Canadian-American Economic Relations  
China and the World Economy  
Comparative Economic Systems  
Comparative Pacific Basin Economies  
Econometrics  
Economic Development  
Economic History of Women in the United States  
Economic Integration in Western Europe  
Economic Principles and Problems  
Economic Topics  
Economics and Technology  
Economics Capstone  
Economics of Transition  
European Economic History  
The French Economy: Structures and Policies  
The Greater Chinese Economy  
Health Economics  
Health Politics and Health Policy  
History of Economic Thought  
Honors Thesis in Economics  
The Idea of Capitalism in Economic Thought  
Independent Study  
Industrial Organization Economics  
Intermediate Macroeconomics  
Intermediate Microeconomics  
Intermediate Political Economy  
International Economic Theory  
International Economics  
International Monetary and Financial Economics  
Labor Economics  
Latin American Economic Development  
Law and Economics  
Macroeconomic Policy  
Marxian Economics  
Mathematical Economics  
Money and Banking  
Money and Financial Institutions  
Political Economy of Global Resources  
Political Economy of Media and Advertising  
Political Economy of the Caribbean  
Public Finance  
Resources and the Environment  
Seminar in Economic Topics  
Seminar in International Economics  
Teaching Assistant in Economic Principles and Problems  
Theory of Environmental Policy  
Topics in Economics  
Unemployment and Poverty  
Urban Economics

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