

2025 Economics Honors Recipients

Honors High Honors* Highest Honors**

Grace Augspurger*

Improving Consumer Decisions in the ACA Marketplace: A Lab-Based Experiment on the Effect of Risk-Tailored Cost Estimates

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

Pierce Knox Bigelow*

Monetary Policy Shocks and Home Values in the United States: Evidence using Zillow Data from 2000-2019

Thesis Advisor: David Munro

Onat Birsan**

Unequal Burden: The Impact of the Man in the House Rule on Black Welfare Recipients

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Ian Samuel Bolton**

The Effects of Red Flag Laws on Suicides Across US Counties

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

Theodore Ward Chambers**

Infrastructure Change and Public Health Outcomes: Vision Zero and Pedestrian Fatalities

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

Tianyu Chen**

Returning the Favor: The Effect of Campaign Contributions on Federal Assistance

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Margaret Coughlin*

Push Factors of Migration in Honduras: Analyzing the Role of Violence and Economic Conditions

Thesis Advisor: John Maluccio

Kelcey Aline Dion**

Evaluating the Learning Effects of Conditional Cash Transfers: An Experimental Analysis of Primary School Student Test Scores

Thesis Advisor: John Maluccio

Maximilion T Doherty-Konczal ('24.5)**

The Cost of Declaration: Corporate Bankruptcy and Unemployment

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Nathan Harrison Feinstein

The Effects of Overconfidence on Investment Decisions

Thesis Advisor: David Munro

Emily Gwinn Fox

Examining The Scope of Damage: How Do School Shootings Harm Mental Health Outcomes Beyond Those Directly Involved?

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

Tobin W Graf ('24.5)

Do Technology Shocks Increase Income Inequality? Mixed Evidence from Developed Economies

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Danqing (Helena) Gu**

Zoning Reforms and Housing Affordability: Evidence from the Minneapolis 2040 Plan

Thesis Advisor: David Munro

Breanna Lisa Guo (24.5)**

Fired Up or Burnt Out: The Impact of Wildfires on Voter Preferences and Participation in the US

Thesis Advisor: Caitlin Myers

Andrew Herbert Haas

The Cost of Sentiment Swings: How Election Expectations Impact US Stock Market Volatility

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Yiran (Taylor) Han**

The invisible toxins in water: assessing the impact of reduced community water fluoridation on children's cognitive development

Thesis Advisor: David Munro

Caroline Winter Harding* (24.5)

Behind Closed Doors: Investigating the Link Between Weather Disasters and Intimate Partner Violence in the United States

Thesis Advisor: Caitlin Myers

Thomas Jacob Haugen *

Demographic Transitions: Can High Levels of Economic Development Cause an Increase in Fertility Rates?

Thesis Advisor: John Maluccio

Matthew Theodore Hiller**

The Differential Impact of Corruption on Firm-Level Outcomes Based on Varying Firm-level Characteristics

Thesis Advisor: John Maluccio

Evan Iskenderian

Carbon Leakage in the EU Emissions Trading Scheme and Its Impact on Lower Developed Economies

Thesis Advisor: John Maluccio

Chloe Tapper Katz*

Second Generation Effects of AGI-K: A Conditional Cash Transfer Program in Kenya

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Will Jed Lichstein*

Political-Economic Uncertainty and U.S. Equity Markets: How Presidential Elections Impact Market Returns and Volatility

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Huthefa Maalim ('24.5)**

Legal Origins and Deforestation

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

John Francis McGuire**

Who'll Stop the Rain: The Effect of Natural Disasters on Local Elections

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

Alexander Milley*

The Role of the Ethiopian Commodity Exchange and Trade Liberalization on Human Livelihood Outcomes

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

Marco Alberto Motroni*

Studying Believability Differences in Magic and Mentalism

Thesis Advisor: David Munro

Andrew Robert Neumann*

The Role of Independent Energy in Building Resilient Economies

Thesis Advisor: David Munro

Maeve Kathryn Nolan**

Pursuing Policy for the Preservation of Place: An Analysis of Act 250, Vermont's Pivotal Land Use Regulation, and its Implications for Housing and Economic Wellbeing

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

James Thomas Oblak**

Minor Leagues, Major Aspirations: The Impact of Minor League Sports Stadiums on County-Level Labor Markets

Thesis Advisor: John Maluccio

Patrick Doyle O'Neill* (24.5)

Monopolizing Skiing: Snowfall Variance and the Emergence of Conglomerates in the United States Ski Industry

Thesis Advisor: Caitlin Myers

Kylie A Quinlan*

A Neglected Nation Within Our Nation: Re-Aligning Policy Preferences for the Navajo Economic Condition

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Lujing Rui**

Is the Impact of Foreign Official Purchases on Treasury Yields Different at the Zero Lower Bound?

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Hannah Zoe Sayre ('24.5)**

Making Room for Vacationers: The Effect of Airbnb on Eviction in the United States

Thesis Advisor: Caitlin Myers

Claire Sophia Huddleston Shapiro* ('24.5)

Contemporary Cobalt Mining and Development in The DR Congo

Thesis Advisor: Erick Gong

Cole Bailey Siefer**

More Guns, More Crime? Examining New York's Concealed Carry Improvement Act

Thesis Advisor: David Munro

Noé Vyizigiro ('24.5)

The Power of Currency Regime: How Does Exchange Rate Volatility Drive Investment in Sub-Saharan Africa?

Thesis Advisor: Erin Wolcott

Katharine A Wohl*

The Effect of a Childhood Nutrition Intervention on Economic and Labor Market Outcomes in Guatemala

Thesis Advisor: John Maluccio