



# NEWSLETTER

**Wellesley College Department of Economics**

**June 2020**

Dear Alumnae, Graduating Seniors, Former Faculty, and Friends of Economics at Wellesley:

In her final newsletter as Chair, Kristin Butcher wished me well as I began the first year of my term. I remember wondering, at the time, if I would have enough material to fill my inaugural “Letter from the Chair.” It turned out to be an unusually eventful year!

March 13 was the final day of instruction on the Wellesley campus. Somehow, the red class of 2020—including 85 majors and 38 minors—still managed to decorate the hallways and doors of Pendleton East. Some students faced struggles to return home, and some remained on a socially-distanced campus. After a two-week “break,” remote instruction started on March 30, with great help from technology staff at Wellesley. I am proud to say that Economics students and faculty responded with professionalism and good humor as they completed the Spring semester (even though many faced heavy responsibilities to their own families). I would particularly highlight the work of our five thesis students, who managed to polish and submit their work under extraordinary circumstances.

It was a busy year of scholarly talks. The annual Goldman lecture was delivered by Karen Dynan in October on a topic of great interest to students: “What’s Wrong with

Student Loans (and How to Fix It).” Professor Dynan is currently at Harvard University and previously served as the Assistant Secretary for Economic Policy and Chief Economist at the U.S. Department of the Treasury. In the annual Calderwood lecture in early March, Melissa Kearney offered “A Policy Perspective on U.S. Income Inequality.” Professor Kearney is the Neil Moskowitz Professor of Economics at the University of Maryland and current Director of the Aspen Economic Strategy group. Her name will be familiar to many alumnae, because she started her career at Wellesley in 2002! Lastly, we are grateful to Profs. Butcher, Joyce, McKnight, and Sichel, who discussed the pandemic’s impact and policy responses in a [Zoom webinar](#) on April 16. We encourage you to take a look.

Our faculty continue to be highly productive teachers and researchers, and provide valuable service to Wellesley and the Economics profession. Please check out their individual entries to appreciate the breadth and importance of their work. In recognition of their achievements in these domains, Pinar Keskin was granted tenure by the College, and Casey Rothschild was promoted to the rank of full professor.

After this unusual semester, we are all looking forward to summer, whether for a well-deserved break or the chance to dust

off a neglected research project. We will continue to offer (remote) summer research opportunities to students through the Case Summer Fellows program, the Social Science Summer Research Program, and the faculty's own research grants.

As always, please email us with your news and updates for next year's newsletter!

*Sincerely,  
Patrick McEwan, Chair and Professor of Economics*

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### 2019 – 2020 HIGHLIGHTS

Prominent economists came to campus for our fall and spring lectures!



The 2019 Goldman Lecture in Economics, Professor Karen Dynan, Harvard University.

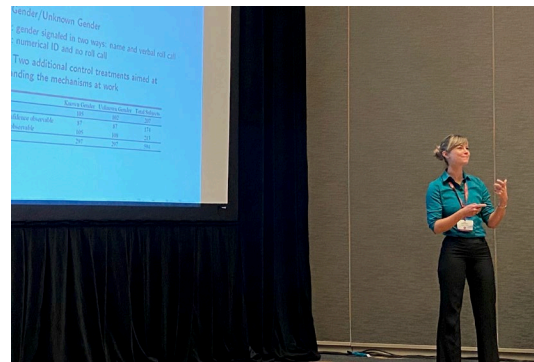


The 2020 Calderwood Lecture in Economics, Melissa Kearney, Neil

Moskowitz Professor of Economics at the University of Maryland.

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The American Economics Association (AEA) meetings in San Diego, CA, January 3-5, 2020, featured presentations by Economics Department faculty members, Olga Shurchkov and Kartini Shastry, and Wellesley College alumnae, Lotus Xia '18.



Olga Shurchkov '01, Associate Professor of Economics and Director, Knapp Social Science Center, on "Gender Stereotypes in Deliberation and Team Decisions."



Kartini Shastry, Associate Professor of Economics, on "Luck or Skill: How Women and Men React to Noisy Feedback."

Next year's AEA meetings will be held in Chicago, IL, January 3-5, 2021. Please follow this link to learn more about the annual meeting: [aeaweb.org/conference/](http://aeaweb.org/conference/)

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In response to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Economics Department presented a webinar panel discussion, "[The Impact of the Global Pandemic and the Policy Responses.](#)" Kristin Butcher moderated as Robin McKnight, Dan Sichel, and Joe Joyce discussed the pandemic and the economic policy responses. Over 60 students attended this live Zoom event!



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Professor Eric Hilt lead a Zoom mini "Ruhlman" for students to present their thesis work. Also pictured below, Kyra Frye '20, Yining Li '20, and Donna Gan '20.



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**2020 Economics Department  
Award Winners**

**The Peggy Howard Fellowship:**  
Emma Rackstraw '14, Liang Zhang, '16  
Karen Ni '18

**The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in  
Economics (Best 200-level Paper):**  
Cindy Tu '19, Yuhan Wu '19,  
Coco Xiao '19

**The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in  
Econometrics:**  
Sarah Chang '21, Qihan Deng '21, Haiyi  
Zhang '21

**The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in  
Economics (Best 300-level Papers):**  
Allie Collins-Anderson '20

**The Natalie Bolton Thesis Prize for  
Theoretical Economics:** Yining Li '20

**The Natalie Bolton Thesis Prize for  
Macroeconomics:** Donna Gan '20

**The Natalie Bolton Thesis Prize for  
Experimental Economics:** Lien Dao '20

**The Natalie Bolton Student Prize:**  
Kyra Frye '20

**The Wall Street Journal Award:**  
Lillian Armstrong '20 and Nancy Li '20

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**2019 - 2020  
ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT FACULTY**

**Ama Baafra Abeberese '04** returned to teaching after a year on sabbatical. After a calm (in hindsight) fall semester teaching development economics and trade (where students worked on some interesting projects on trade disputes related to the recent trade war), she spent the spring

semester fielding cameos from her kids during her online classes while discussing government policy responses to the current crisis with her principles of macroeconomics students. On the research front, she was excited to have her co-authored work on productivity losses from electricity shortages published in the *World Bank Economic Review*. This summer, she looks forward to continuing work on two research projects on trade and on migration with two recent Wellesley graduates, Mary Chen '18 and Radhika Menon '19. She sends everyone her best wishes for the summer and beyond.

**Kristin Butcher '86** spent 2019-2020 on sabbatical working on various projects. These include her NIH funded research on the effect of immigration on the living arrangements of the elderly (with alum Kelsey Moran, now in grad school at MIT, and Tara Watson, Professor of Economics, Williams College), and her NSF and Russell Sage funded research on the impact of paid parental leave on workers and firms (with Sari Kerr and Deniz Civril of the Wellesley Centers for Women). She has also been investigating the effect of various Wellesley initiatives on student outcomes with Patrick McEwan and Akila Weerapana. Kristin continued to help staff the WISE program (now a regular feature of the Wellesley Economics curriculum), along with Casey Rothschild and Akila Weerapana. She feels richly endowed with talented collaborators! As of March, she has also been overseeing the online schooling of a high school senior, a high school sophomore, and an 8<sup>th</sup> grader. Although she feels qualified to oversee the subject matter at this level, the “classroom management” portion of teaching these particular students is challenging. Finally, although Kristin is proud of all of her Wellesley students, Marissa Caldwell gets a special shout out: not only was her honors thesis in Economics, [The Heuristics of Obesity: Influences on Physician Decision-Making](#), published in the *Columbia Economic Review*. Marissa will be starting medical school at Columbia in the fall. The COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the

importance of economic policies and health care, and it is good to know that Columbia will be training a physician who understands both.

**Courtney Coile** has been on sabbatical this year. Before COVID-19, she was lucky to have a lot of great travel – her favorite was a trip to Paris to give a keynote address at an international pension conference and several lectures at the Sorbonne (one in French!). She has been working on several research projects, including the NBER’s International Social Security (ISS) project, which she co-directs. She congratulates her students on winning the department prizes for 200-level and econometrics papers and former students Lisa Abraham '10 and Min Young '10 on completing their PhDs! She salutes her colleagues for their dedication to our students during the unprecedented challenge of COVID-19. She sends everyone her best wishes for their health and well-being and looks forward to returning to teaching this fall and to being with you all in person again soon!



Entrée Réservee à M<sup>ts</sup> les Professeurs – not with Professor Coile in the house!

**Eric Hilt** spent much of the spring semester at home juggling parental responsibilities and trying to teach his courses online. He read Harry Potter books to his daughter in her couch fort in the mornings, and did his best to teach on Zoom in the afternoons. In

the end it worked out OK, and he was impressed by his students' resilience in such difficult circumstances. He is especially proud of the Class of 2020, and very much looks forward to celebrating their achievements with them in person at some point in the future. Next year Eric will be teaching again in the fall, and then in the spring he looks forward to beginning a year of Sabbatical leave.

**Joe Joyce** survived the transition to virtual teaching this spring. The students in his courses on macro principles and the economics of globalization were very patient as he learned how to use Zoom. In his research he deals with the causes and effects of financial globalization, and before the pandemic gave a presentation at the annual conference of the Eastern Economics Association. He also writes about these issues in his blog, [Capital Ebbs and Flows](#), which has been named one of the top 100 economics blogs for 2020. His article on whether economists are responsible for the growth in income inequality appeared in May in [Society](#).

**Pinar Keskin** feels incredibly fortunate for finally getting tenure at Wellesley—the most significant event in her academic career! This year, she taught two sections of an Introductory Microeconomics course, a 200-level seminar on Environmental Economics, as well as her signature 300-level elective on environmental issues in developing countries. Teaching her amazing students online and seeing how focused they were every single day is what kept Pinar sane and gave her some sense of normalcy during the craziness of the last few months. Outside her zoom meetings with her students, Pinar continues to research the causes and consequences of domestic violence in a variety of geographical and historical settings ranging from twentieth century Cambodia to the contemporary United States. On the home front, Pinar and her husband are trying to keep up with their two daughters: seven-year old Maya and four-year old Arya. If she continues

homeschooling her daughters a little longer, Pinar will soon be proficient in Spanish, piano, and cartwheels!"

**Sari Pekkala Kerr** taught her “Women in the Economy” class in the Fall of 2019, and had a wonderful semester connecting with Wellesley students both in and out of class. She especially enjoyed engaging two new student research assistants on her projects that look at entrepreneurship as a career option for women. Sari continued to work in the Federal Research Data Center (housed at the National Bureau of Economic Research in Cambridge) with her collaborators from Harvard, Dartmouth, and the U.S. Census Bureau. Several new research projects are now up and running, with a focus around gender career dynamics and family events. With all travel plans and conference trips disappearing from the Calendar, much of the spring semester was spent at home, with Sari being the educator for Saku (9) and Sara (7), who have enjoyed their time at home school and the new opportunities it has provided for connecting with family. As with everyone else, the plans for the coming summer are “in flux”. The Kerr family is hoping to complete some little trips in July and August, but is also prepared to enjoy the long summer at home. Maybe it’s time to figure out some kind of swimming arrangement in the backyard...?

**Phil Levine** As with everyone else, Phil Levine reports that Coronavirus colored the whole year. He taught two sections of Econ 101 (Intro Micro) in the fall, but that feels like ancient history. In the spring, he taught Econ 318 (Social Policy) and Econ 103 (intro stats), both switching online with everyone else in the middle of the semester. Online teaching was a challenge, but Phil was able to incorporate several Coronavirus examples to motivate the intro stats class discussion (it turns out the evidence showed Hydroxychloroquine really wasn’t a miracle cure). Along with Phil’s regular research, he also occupied much of his time this spring writing opinion pieces on the economic implications of Coronavirus,

including four published in [Econofact](#) (one with Wellesley colleague, Robin McKnight and one with Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach, '95). MyinTuition is still going strong, with 68 participating institutions now. Phil is grateful that everyone in his family is safe and healthy.

**David Lindauer** continues to oversee the Calderwood Seminars in Public Writing program. The program is based on the pedagogy David developed in his Economic Journalism course. This student-centric style of teaching, where students engage in public rather than academic writing, peer editing and in-class workshopping of student writing, has proven adaptable and portable across disciplines on Wellesley's campus. In the past two years it has been embraced by other institutions and since March demonstrated its adaptability and portability across platforms; faculty found the pedagogy compatible with online teaching. Since the program's beginning, 125 seminars have been offered involving 11 colleges and universities, 75 faculty and almost 1200 students. David is active as a teaching coach to faculty launching their seminars and enjoys sharing the lessons he learned from teaching Wellesley econ students. While no longer teaching current Wellesley students, David is delighted to remain engaged with alumnae. He met with members of *seven* reunion classes at the department's Open House last June and enjoyed seeing many former students at an October luncheon in Seattle hosted by the Wellesley Club of Washington State. His talk, "The Impact of Immigrants on the U.S. Economy: What Do Economists Know?" was well-received

**Patrick McEwan** actually enjoyed his first year as Chair of the Economics Department (while continuing to serve as director of Latin American Studies) As part of his duties, he heavily invested in firm-specific human capital; despite a few missteps, he will never again forget the cover sheets on his TPS reports! He taught a course in Latin American development in the fall, while in

the spring he taught Principles of Microeconomics and Advanced Economics of Education. He enjoyed both immensely (both before and after the move to remote instruction!). He wrapped up a multi-year project on Honduran social policy (co-authored with Nandita Krishnaswamy '12), culminating with a publication in the *American Economic Journal: Economic Policy*. He also continued his research agenda, with Kristin Butcher and Akila Weerapana, on the causes and consequences of choosing mathematically-intensive majors (like Economics) at Wellesley College. He spent the latter part of the spring in Virginia with his family and in-laws, honing his skills as a part-time--and under-qualified!--kindergarten teacher.

**Robin McKnight** taught Statistics and Introductory Microeconomics this year. She was on research sabbatical during the spring semester, focusing on some work with Phil Levine about the long-term impacts of school shootings. While on sabbatical, she has continued to participate in the Board of Trustees' E2040 working group, which has been tasked with devising a plan for reducing the College's carbon footprint over the next two decades. Outside of Wellesley, Robin was elected to a four-year term as Secretary of the American Society of Health Economists and she continues to serve as an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Health Economics*. During the pandemic lockdown, Robin has been staying at home with her family, of course. In a scene that undoubtedly echoes many others around the world, she has been working from a small office in the attic, while one daughter attends middle school from the dining room table, another daughter attends high school from a beanbag in her bedroom, and her husband works from the living room couch. Events that would previously have been considered pedestrian, such as a trip to the grocery store or an upcoming orthodontist appointment, generate a surprising degree of anticipation and excitement in the household. Robin misses seeing all of her colleagues

and students on campus, and sends her best wishes for a healthy and safe summer to all of the alumnae!

**Seth Neumuller** had a very busy year! He gave invited talks at Lafayette College and at the Annual Conference of Macroeconomists from Liberal Arts Colleges held at Macalester College. He also co-organized the Workshop on Economic Dynamics that was held at Colby College in early January. In the fall, Seth taught finance theory and advanced macroeconomics. In the spring, he taught two sections of intermediate macroeconomics. This year, Seth also advised two successful senior theses (Donna Gan and Yashna Shivdasani) and had his paper entitled “Can Income Differences Explain the Racial Wealth Gap: A Quantitative Analysis” (co-authored by Hero Ashman '16) published in the *Review of Economic Dynamics*. Next year, Seth looks forward to continuing his ongoing research projects, teaching more fantastic Wellesley undergrads, and the return to some semblance of normalcy which (hopefully) will involve less Zoom meetings and more face-to-face interactions, even if they must occur while wearing a face mask and at a 6 foot distance.

**Kyung Park** enjoyed his return to teaching after a year on sabbatical. He taught two sections of Econ 201 in the fall, and Econometrics and the Economics of Law, Policy, and Inequality in the spring. On the research side, he is happy to report that a paper with Nayoung Rim ('05) on the disparate impact of up-or-out promotion policy has been accepted by the *American Law and Economics Review*. He has also been able to advance a few other projects along and is looking forward to next fall.

**Casey Rothschild** missed in-person teaching this spring. (Teaching his three daughters, Adele, 10, Mabel, 7, and Lottie, “4 and five-sixths,” is no substitute!) Otherwise, he had another enjoyable year teaching and providing service at Wellesley and working on a number of research

projects on insurance and taxation. Notable events: A paper of his on optimal taxation—which grew out of Sooky Jeong '14s senior thesis project—appeared in the *Journal of Public Economics*. In January, he took over as editor of the *Geneva Risk and Insurance Review* and is currently working to pull together a special issue on Covid-related insurance matters. And he was active in working with students and faculty to try and convince Wellesley to divest its endowment from fossil fuels.

**Kartini Shastry** marked her eleventh year at Wellesley College. Due to the leave patterns of other faculty in the department, Kartini taught four sections of Econometrics this year! Teaching Econometrics while going online during the COVID-19 epidemic brought some challenges (redesigning the group project to accommodate students in different time zones, for example) but also led to some new material that might benefit future Econometrics students (videos of all my lectures, for example, and Google form practice quizzes). On the research front, Kartini published two papers, one in the *Economics of Education Review* and the other in the *Journal of Development Economics*. In addition to her existing research projects on gender differences in how people attribute negative feedback to luck and ability and the long-run impact of the Green Revolution in India on adult health, Kartini began a new project looking at the impact of international funding for vaccine coverage in development countries. These past two months, Kartini has also enjoyed exercising creative muscles long dormant trying to homeschool her two little boys, Jai (7) and Samir (5): magnetile geometry, marble run physics, card tricks for math, scrabble for spelling...

**Olga Shurchkov '01** started the 2019-2020 academic year with a fantastic fall semester of teaching Behavioral Economics and continuing in her role as the Director of the Knapp Social Science Center. In December 2019, the KSSC held its first

faculty-student research symposium where students had a chance to share their experiences working with faculty as part of programs like the Knapp Fellows Program, featuring many of our Economics Department students and faculty as presenters. In January, Olga was the organizer of a session on gender gaps at the 2020 American Economic Association meeting, joined also by Kartini Shastry and Lotus Xia '18 to present their joint work. Olga's spring semester was supposed to be spent on research leave, working on her ongoing projects. But COVID-19 had different plans for everyone. Even though Olga did not have to adjust to remote teaching mid-semester, many of her research and travel plans were derailed. Still, new opportunities presented themselves, including a new study that estimates the differential impact of lockdowns on the productivity of male and female researchers, and the preliminary findings have already been featured in *Bloomberg News*, the *Economist*, and *Nature*. She was also proud to continue supervising her thesis student Lien Dao '20, who successfully completed her honors senior thesis on the gender gap in competitiveness. On the family front, Olga is juggling full-time working and providing some semblance of normalcy to her 6-year-old son Evan, who is about to virtually graduate from virtual kindergarten.

**Dan Sichel** Dan's year started off great and, along with everyone else's, ended in Zoomlandia. Despite the challenges, online courses went better than expected. In the fall, Dan taught Econ 202 and his Macro Policy Seminar. In the spring, a repeat of Econ 202 and Economic Journalism, a Calderwood public writing seminar. Each class had a great group of students, and those in the spring rose to the challenge of online classes. On the research front, Dan published a paper on Household Innovation in the *Review of Income and Wealth* and a paper about measuring prices of smartphones in a way that accounts for rapid quality improvements. He also co-organized a session at the big annual Economics

conference in January on how best to take economic measures beyond GDP to better capture well-being. Dan continued writing for the blog EconoFact this past year, including a piece on what ingredients need to be in place to end the economic crisis associated with the COVID pandemic and a piece on why inflation has been so low in recent years. Dan also has been engaging more with the Washington, D.C., policy community. He was just named Chair of a National Academy of Sciences panel on modernizing the Consumer Price Index, and he also was just named Chair of the Bureau of Economic Analysis' Advisory Committee of outside experts. (The Bureau is the agency in the Department of Commerce that GDP statistics for the United States.) Outside of Wellesley, Dan and his husband are looking forward to some kayaking and other outdoor fun (though socially distanced) as well as time with their black and chocolate labs.

**Susan Skeath (van Mulbregt)** taught two sections of Econ 201 and one section of her introductory game theory course (Econ 222) this year, two of them half in-person and half remote, thanks to the "great disruption." She found her students quite resilient in the face of the challenges wrought by the pandemic and, although teaching took much longer than usual, survived the Zoom semester intact. Sue continues to serve as Director of the QR Program at Wellesley and as the Wellesley Director of the Wellesley-Brandeis BA/MA five-year degree program. She and her co-authors put the finishing touches on the fifth edition of the *Games of Strategy* text this year, and she is working on completing the ancillary materials right now (including several nice new examples based on the pandemic's toilet-paper runs and stay-at-home orders). On the family front, Emily landed her first full-time keeper job as a Primate Keeper (and therefore "essential worker") at Naples Zoo and Caribbean Gardens in Naples, FL (shout-out to Jamie Bernthal Andersen '05 for helping her find a realtor); she moved to Florida in October after a 6-month stint as a



Seasonal Keeper at Columbus Zoo. Pierce has been taking the year off, applying to graduate school, and working part-time in Chris A's Wellesley College chemistry lab (until the lab shut down); he's excited to be heading to the chemistry PhD program at the University of Maryland in fall, in whatever way that can happen.

**Corri Taylor** retires from the College this June. She continues to manage well, living with Metastatic Breast Cancer, and despite not teaching any longer, Corri continues to be an active member of the college community. Last spring she was honored for her many years of leadership in Wellesley's Phi Beta Kappa chapter with a named prize for the PBK initiate who best displays the qualities of "curiosity, generosity, and joy." Corri continues to create mixed media paintings and will show her works, along with those of her best friend from college, in an exhibit at the Wellesley Free Library. "Squares of Love: 20x20 in 2020" is scheduled for this August and September in the library's Wakelin Room. Daughter Rebecca Taylor, '17, is currently working for Partners in Health as a Massachusetts COVID19 contact tracer. Her independent major in public health combined with her minor in economics is serving Rebecca well. Corri and Rebecca wish everyone well during these challenging times.



Professor Taylor's "Dandelion Roars" from her "Squares of Love" collection.

**Ann Velenchik** is preparing to step down from her position as dean and return to teaching after a long-postponed fall semester sabbatical. She will be returning to a 50/50 appointment in the department and the Writing Program, and expects to be offering Econ 214 and some assortment of Econ 101 and 201 going forward. She is looking forward to some rest after a very hectic spring for administrators across higher ed, and eager to rejoin her colleagues in PNE. Daughter Becca (19) came home from Pomona in March and has been housebound with her parents, much to her chagrin, ever since. Son Nate (23) works for Analysis Group, alongside many former economics majors, to whom he may or may not admit his connection to his mother.

**Akila Weerapana** I was on sabbatical this year, and missed most of the upheaval on campus this Spring. Still unsure whether being on a research leave during a pandemic is a good thing or a bad thing, but have come to the conclusion that is probably second-best or at least a constrained optimum. I am sorry that we won't be able to see many of you at reunion this year but hope that you and your families stay safe and healthy until we can all see each other again...

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## FACULTY EMERITI

**Ann Dryden Witte** What a year this has been! The Year began quietly. Made a reservation to visit my son, Jeffrey, & family in [Aix](#) on February 21. Little worried about the epidemic in China so I bought travel insurance. And then, .... [along came the pandemic](#) with no John in sight. Trip cancelled--- [lock down](#) and I can use both Zoom & Google Meet. Still...it's not the same. Lots of time to read, listen to music and [watch the grass grow](#). A book highlight was [You Think it, I'll Say It](#). Went through

some of my old music. Think you will like the [Vegetable song](#). One highlight is that the Wellesley Palm Beach Bookclub is now available on Zoom. As Edie Wolf says: “this book club is as good as a bookclub gets”. Hope you all are [well and safe!](#)

**Julie Matthaei** retired from teaching on June 31, 2019, after 41 years. Earlier that month, she organized, moderated, and introduced a session at the Left Forum, “Growing the Solidarity Economy: Theory and Practice.” In October, she presented a paper on the Black Lives Matter movement at the East Coast Feminist Scholars Conference (also known as Marxist-Feminist I). Julie wrote a paper, “Thinking Beyond Capitalism: Social Movements, R/evolution, and the Solidarity Economy,” for the forthcoming book, *A Research Agenda for Critical Political Economy*. She continues to serve on the board of the U.S. Solidarity Economy Network, and is working on a radical analysis of COVID. Julie loves to hear from alums – former students or not – so do not hesitate to write her at [jmatthaei@wellesley.edu](mailto:jmatthaei@wellesley.edu).

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## ALUMNAE NEWS

**Andrea Tolchinsky '84** is Senior Director and Head of Campus Recruiting for Walmart.

**Ioana Petrescu '03** is currently a Senior Fellow at the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government and a Visiting Research Fellow at the Ash Center at the Harvard Kennedy School.

**Crystal Leveillee Cornwall '05** lives in Dallas with her husband and two daughters, and works for Cambridge Associates.

**Marisol Trowbridge '05** lives in Seattle and works for Nordstrom's private brands division.

**Elira Kuka '09** started a new job as an assistant professor at George Washington University and had a new baby, Noah, last summer.

**Rakeen Mabud '09** is Director of Research and Strategy at Time's Up.

**Ketty Yakupova '09** works for Puget Sound Energy. She and her husband have two children.

**Lisa Abraham '10** receives her PhD in economics from Harvard University this spring and starts work as an economist at the RAND corporation this summer.

**Leslie Shen '10** received her doctoral degree in economics from UC-Berkeley. She works in the International Finance Division of the Federal Reserve Board.

**Alex Solimano '10** is starting a new job as a senior customer success manager at Notarize, a start-up, and recently ran her 9th marathon.

**Min Yi '10** has received her Ph.D in sociology from Cornell University. Next fall she will be an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology of the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.

**Zoe Kanellias '13** is a Manager for Site Navigation & Information Architecture at Wayfair.

**Lena Cardoso '14** graduated from Duke with a master's degree in public policy, and now works at Deloitte in Washington, DC.

**Alexis Liu '14** and her husband live in NYC, where she is the in-house counsel for Dataiku, a firm in the enterprise DS and machine learning sector.

**Laura Schiemichen '14** lives in Brussels, where she works for Airbnb's Public Policy team.

**Mai Yer Xiong '14** received a master's degree from John Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies, where she completed the program in international development. She was an intern for the U.S. Agency for International Development in the Philippines last summer, and has now joined the foreign service of the USAID.

**Emily Grandjean '15** will start a Master's Program in Comparative Media Studies at MIT this fall, where she plans to do interdisciplinary analysis of disaster relief.

**Becca Kimball '15** is the Director of Patient Financial Navigation for Indiana University Health (a 17 hospital nonprofit system) and also leads their COVID-19 donation efforts statewide.

**Caroline Gallagher Schumacher '15** is a Team Lead at Addgene, a nonprofit that is helping scientists research coronavirus by supplying them with genetic tools like CRISPR.

**Nhung Le '16** works at RubiconMD, a health-tech startup in NYC.

**Taylor Cranor '17** completed her second year at Yale Law School and will divide her summer between internships at the Joint Committee on Taxation in Congress and Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP in Washington, D.C.

**Clio Flikkema '17** is a Data Analyst at Hopjump, a digital marketing company focused on travel.

**Cassandra Allen '18** has started a program of legal studies at Indiana University Maurer School of Law.

**Jackie Ha '18** works for Forbes as a software engineer.

**Ellie Neustein '18** is finishing her two years of service in the Israeli military and then

will enroll in an MA in political science at Hebrew University.

**Karen Ni '18** will be starting the PhD program in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School in September.

**Ziyu Wang '18** started a new job as a Backend Developer at Bloomberg.

**Lotus Xia '18** is finishing up her research assistant position at MIT and will be starting a Master of Science in Data Science program at Harvard University in the fall.

**Amber Chi '19** lives in Boston and works for Charles River Recruiting.

**Vivian Isenberg '19** works for the Boston Consulting Group in San Francisco.

**Yuhan Wu '19** has been accepted to law school at UC-Berkeley. She plans to continue working at Cornerstone Research next year and start law school in fall 2021.

**Coco Xiao '19** works for Citi Hong Kong.

**Ling Zhou '19** works for Accenture in New York.