



NEWSLETTER

Wellesley College Department of Economics

June 2017

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

The academic year 2016-2017 saw robust activity in the Economics Department. We have over 100 Economics (and IR-Econ) majors graduating this year, as well as about 30 minors. The green class of 2017 had plenty of people to help decorate the department in their “Bank Heist” theme on the last day of classes. Each faculty member’s door was decorated with a “wanted” poster for a different “crime”: from stealing data on health statistics to smuggling goods to avoid tariffs; the students linked our research and teaching interests with our (potential) bad behavior.

We had excellent speakers in our two named lecture series. The 24th annual Goldman Lecture was given by Betsey Stevenson (W’93), who is a faculty member at the Ford School of Public Policy, and who served as a member of President Obama’s Council of Economic Advisors and as the Chief Economist at the U.S. Department of Labor. She gave a riveting talk entitled “Our Changing Lives: Work, Family, and Policy in a time of Gender Equality.” The lecture was in October and focused on the issues driving gender differences in labor market outcomes, and the upsides and downsides of policies to address these differences. In April, Bridget Terry Long, who is the Saris Professor of Education and Economics, and also Academic Dean, at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, gave the Calderwood Lecture. Her talk was entitled “The Economics of Higher Education

Access and Success,” and focused on critically important issues – like affordability - in higher education policy. Both talks were well attended by our students, who always amaze our speakers with their insightful questions.

We also welcomed back former Economics majors to present in our department seminar series. Elira Kuka (W’09), now a faculty member at SMU, presented her interesting research on the policy effects of women’s suffrage. NaYoung Rim (W’05) presented her work (joint with faculty member Kyung Park) on “The Gendered Effects of Career Concerns on Fertility: Evidence from Lawyers.” NaYoung is finishing her PhD at the Harris School at the University of Chicago and will be joining the economics faculty at the Naval Academy in the fall.

Our students continue to do great work in Economics. Eleven students wrote honors theses in Economics this year. Two of these, Rose Burnam and Kelsey Moran, won the College’s competitive Schiff fellowships to support their research. In addition, Wellesley continues to do our part to address the “pipeline” issues of not enough women with PhD’s in Economics. Ljubica Ristovska (W’13) and Michelle Lam (W’14) are beginning PhD programs in Economics at Harvard University and the University of Michigan, respectively, in the fall.

Our faculty continue to be productive scholars, teachers, and servants of the College. Please be sure to see the individual faculty entries to see the remarkable range

of scholarship of our faculty members.¹ Faculty continue to grow as teachers through participation in Akila Weerapana's series of workshops on evidence-based teaching methods at the PLTC, and the Maurer public speaking program. We serve the College on high-level committees and programs, like the Budget Advisory Committee (Rothschild), the Committee on Faculty Appointments (Coile), the Latin American Studies Program (McEwan), and the Agenda Committee (Shastry).

There were many changes in the Economics Department as well this year. I'm delighted to report that Kartini Shastry was granted tenure by the College, and Seth Neumuller and Kyung Park were both reappointed for a second three-year term as assistant professors! The Economics Department changed its classification to be a STEM major.² We have expanded the Case Summer Fellows program to involve more students in our summer research and curricular development activities, as well as continuing robust participation in the Summer Social Science Research Program. Erin Johnson, joined the Wellesley Centers for Women from the Sloan School at MIT, and we tapped her to teach Industrial Organization (as well as an intro micro course). Karen Cronin joined as a new administrative assistant, and Sheila Datz became the head administrative assistant, after Pat Sjostedt's retirement last year. Alex Poterack, after teaching five courses at Wellesley this year, will be teaching at Brown University next year and we wish him well.

Although mostly the year was one of strength and growth for the Economics

¹ It is noteworthy that, in terms of publication records, Wellesley's Economics Department is [rated](#) second only to Williams' among US liberal arts colleges (and we're working on it!).

² This is a change in how we report our major classification to the US government, and reflects the rigorous requirements that have been in place for many years.

Department, we also mourned the passing of Karl (Chip) Case. A memorial service in the fall saw the Fieldhouse jammed with things he would have appreciated: good friends, good Economists, good stories, and good music.

We hope to see many of you at reunion – our reception will be from 3:00 – 4:00 pm on Saturday, June 3rd on the 4th floor of Pendleton East. Best wishes to all for a relaxing and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,
Kristin F. Butcher, Chair and Marshall I. Goldman Professor of Economics

The joint Williams/Amherst/Wellesley/Wellesley College cocktail reception at the American Economics Association meetings in Chicago, January 6-8, 2017 was well attended, bringing together alumnae, former faculty, and current faculty. Next year's meetings will be held in Philadelphia on January 5-7, 2018. Please follow this link to learn more about the annual meeting: <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/>

This year, the Economics Department Annual Senior Dinner was held on Monday, May 1, 2017 in the Alumnae Hall ballroom with 101 of our 138 majors and minors in attendance. Award winners for 2017 were announced at the dinner.

**2017 Economics Department
Award Winners**

The Wall Street Journal Award:
Clio Flikkema

The Peggy Howard Fellowship:

Ljubica Ristovska '13, Michelle Lam '14

The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Economics (Best 200-level Paper):

Clio Flikkema, Siena Harlin '18,
Xinru (Sarah) Qin (Twelve College Exchange)

The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Econometrics:

Jamie Yang, Christina Chiu '18,
Carolyn Liu '18

The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Economics (Best 300-level Papers):

Leah Plachinski, Sydney Bai '18,
Margaret Liu '18

The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Public Finance Economics:

Rose Burnam

The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Applied Economics:

Kelsey Moran

The Joseph Lambie Economic History Prize:

Katharine Liang

The Natalie Bolton Student Prize:

Rose Burnam

**2016 - 2017 ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT
FACULTY AND THEIR ACTIVITIES**

Ama Baafra Abeberese '04 was happy to be back at Wellesley in the spring. She welcomed her second son in the summer and was on parental leave in the fall. She now has to match the energy of two very energetic little boys. She still found lots of energy though, because of the enthusiasm and energy of students, to teach two sections of Econ 102 in the spring. On the research front, she was delighted to have her paper "Electricity Cost and Firm Performance:

Evidence from India" accepted for publication in the *Review of Economics and Statistics*. She was also excited to finally complete firm surveys in Ghana on strategies for coping with electricity shortages funded by the International Growth Centre. She is looking forward to finalizing the paper from those surveys this summer and to working on a project analyzing the impacts of trade barriers on consumer welfare.

Kristin Butcher '86 had an interesting and enjoyable fourth year as Chair of the Economics Department. She taught Economics of Immigration (311) in the fall and Econometrics (203) in the spring. Both of these courses involve overseeing lots of interesting empirical work, which she finds very gratifying. She also supervised Kelsey Moran's honors thesis. She was delighted that her students were awarded Department prizes: Kelsey Moran won the Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Applied Economics for her honors thesis "Low-Skilled Immigration and the Elderly: How Immigrants Influence the Living Arrangements and Health Outcomes of Elderly Individuals in the U.S.," and Leah Plachinski, Sydney Bai, and Margaret Liu won the Bolton Faculty Prize for best paper in a 300-level class for their work entitled "The Effects of an English-Intensive Education on Immigrant Labor Market Outcomes." On the research front, Kristin received a grant from the NIH to examine the relationship between immigration, and the health and well-being of the elderly. She also had a paper published in *Education Finance and Policy*, and presented other work at invited seminars and conferences, including at the Brookings Institution in a conference on public investment. She was particularly thrilled at the annual meetings of the American Economic Association as she got to be one of the honored guests on the dais when Sir Angus Deaton -- one of her PhD advisors -- was celebrated for receiving the Nobel Prize in Economics!

Courtney Coile taught only in the fall, as she also served as Director of the Knapp Social Science Center and on the College committee that makes tenure and other appointment decisions. In the latter role, she enjoyed working with the College's new President and learning more about the terrific work of many faculty members across the College. In her health economics course, she taught about the Affordable Care Act right after the presidential election, an experience that reminded her and her students of the critical need to use economics to understand policy issues that have enormous consequences for people's lives. Her research continues to focus on retirement and disability programs. She took on two new leadership roles at the National Bureau of Economic Research, as Associate Director of the Retirement Research Center and Co-Director of the International Social Security (ISS) Project. She was very happy when the ISS work took her to Paris in the fall and Venice in the spring, particularly as her husband and kids Nathaniel (14) and Meredith (10) were able to join for the Italy trip, dramatically increasing her gelato consumption.

Dan Fetter had a fun and busy 7th year at Wellesley. He enjoyed teaching Advanced Econometrics in the fall and Principles of Micro both in the fall and the spring, all to great groups of students. Things progressed well for his research too; along with his co-author Lee Lockwood, he was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to pursue questions about the historical expansion of government support to the elderly. Most importantly, he and his wife Heidi had tons of fun with their now almost-two year old son John, who has already learned the name of seemingly every construction vehicle. Dan and Heidi are also expecting a second child, another boy, to arrive in July!

Eric Hilt had a very nice year, and taught economic history, finance, and the ERS. He attended a bunch of different economic and business history conferences, and as a result is becoming a connoisseur of hotel

conference food. He's proud to say that his paper with his longtime co-author Carola Frydman on investment bankers in the early 20th century was accepted at the *American Economic Review*. He continues to work on a number of interesting projects related to American economic and financial history, focused on early financial crises, liberty bond sales during World War I, and the impact of the introduction of securities ratings in 1909. Also, his daughter is now three, which is a delightful age, but it seems to have happened in far less than three years somehow. Time flies.

Erin Johnson was thrilled to join the Economics Department this year. She taught Principles of Micro and Industrial Organization in the spring semester. It was great to get to know the Wellesley economics students, who are hard-working and curious – a joy to teach! She found the intellectual environment of the economics department to be energizing and a truly enjoyable place for teaching and research. During the year Erin pushed forward her research program, studying the decisions physicians make and how they impact health costs and patient health, especially in childbirth. She also enjoys spending time with her husband and three boys (2, 5 and 7).

Joe Joyce has had a busy year. He taught classes on the principles of macroeconomics, intermediate macro, financial markets, and international macroeconomics. In his research he deals with the causes and effects of financial globalization. Last summer he participated in the Workshop on Macroeconomics Research at Liberal Arts Colleges held at Williams College. In September he traveled to the UK to present a paper at the Conference on Financial Development and Stability at Durham University. He also participated in the Madeleine Korbel Albright Institute for Global Affairs' 2017 program.

Pinar Keskin had a gratifying and productive year while on leave from Wellesley College. She spent the first half of her sabbatical at the Toulouse School of Economics working on her ongoing project on the impacts of education on the prevalence and intergenerational transmission of domestic violence. She also spent several months enjoying the amazing flavors of Southwestern French cuisine, developing her palate for good wine and traveling in Europe. Pinar was a visiting scholar at the Boston University's Institute for Economic Development in the spring semester. Her coauthored work with Kartini Shastry and (incredible Wellesley alumna) Helen Willis on the health-behavior responses to arsenic contamination in drinking water in Bangladesh was published in the *Review of Economics and Statistics* in May. On the home front, Pinar and her husband are trying to keep up with their two daughters: four-year old Maya, who cannot wait to be a student at Wellesley College one day; and fifteen-month old, Arya, who is trying to imitate every single thing her older sister does, while singing non-stop in a very high pitch.

Sari Pekkala Kerr has had a busy academic year with both research and teaching. She greatly enjoyed teaching her Women in the Economy class again at Wellesley, and the end of the spring semester nicely coincided with the publishing of her two studies on the dynamics of gender earnings gap. Some of the study findings were highlighted in the media (e.g. the New York Times and Boston Globe), making it clear why more research on the topic is needed. The next phase of the work, joint with Claudia Goldin, Claudia Olivetti, and Erling Barth, focuses on the changes in household earnings dynamics around the arrival of children. This year Sari also visited the MIT Economics Department to teach a class related to microeconomic theory and public policy. After all the teaching, the summer will provide plenty of time for exiting new research projects on immigration, entrepreneurship and family economics, and requires splitting time

between the National Bureau of Economics and Wellesley Centers for Women. Last part of the summer will be spent in Sari's native Finland where Saku (6) and Sara (4) get to reconnect with family and keep up their second language skills.

Phil Levine spent a lot of time this year teaching statistics. He taught 3 different sections of Econ 103 over the course of the year. That's a lot of students who are sick of hearing him talk about hypothesis testing! He also taught his standby upper level elective, Economic Analysis of Social Policy Class (Econ 318). He continues to focus on social policy in his research. He completed one paper with Melissa Kearney focusing on the "marriage premium for children," which investigates the circumstances in which marriage is helpful to children's long-term well-being. Phil and his Wellesley colleague, Robin McKnight have also made substantial progress on a paper examining the impact of spikes in gun sales, like the one that followed the Sandy Hook school shooting, on accidental firearms deaths. Along with his research activities, Phil continues to make progress expanding the use of the simple financial aid calculator he created, My inTuition. As of this spring, 15 schools now use the tool. The recent expansion received coverage in the [New York Times](#). Outside of school, Phil and his wife, Heidi moved into a new house in Newton Centre and they are enjoying life as empty nesters.

David Lindauer was on leave in the fall and taught Economic Journalism in the spring. The final assignment is to interview an academic economist. David's students continue to land big names, this semester including Alan Krueger, Alberto Allesina, Amy Finkelstein, and Simon Johnson. David also continues to direct the Calderwood Seminars in Public Writing program, which is modeled after his Economic Journalism course. The success of the program – 84% of the program's recent alumnae rate it as one of the three best courses they completed at Wellesley – has encouraged David to

expand it to other liberal arts colleges. With support from the Calderwood Charitable Foundation, David made presentations at Bard, Middlebury, and Wesleyan and is now working to introduce Calderwood Seminars on their campuses. In October, David spoke to the Wellesley Club of Los Angeles on “International Trade and U.S. Workers: Who Does It Hurt & Who Does it Help?” He was delighted to meet with over 30 alumnae and to catch up with former students from the classes of 1988 through 2016.

Julie Matthaei has been on sabbatical for the past academic year, working on her book in progress, *From Inequality to Solidarity: Co-Creating a New Economics for the 21st Century*. Meanwhile, her [short summary](#) of the book was accepted for publication in the Union for Radical Political Economics reader. She was inspired by the Women’s March on Washington and wrote a blog about it, which was published on [Common Dreams](#), and picked up by three other progressive outlets. She attended the 2017 World Social Forum in Montreal, where she presented on “System Change and the Solidarity Economy,” and participated in a panel discussion on teaching about the solidarity economy. At the Commonbound conference, organized by the New Economy Coalition, Julie addressed the question, “[Is System Change Possible? Long-Term Strategies](#),” (her presentation starts 24 minutes in), and also co-led a session introducing the solidarity economy with Emily Kawano. Julie continues to serve on the board of the U.S. Solidarity Economy Network. She loves to hear from her former students, or other alumnae interested in her area of research.

Patrick McEwan completed his 15th year at Wellesley, teaching two sections of 101 as well as courses on education and Latin American development. He happily directed the Latin American Studies program, working with faculty in several departments to revamp the major and add a minor. Next year he will team-teach a new course

(Introduction to Latin American Studies) with a colleague in the Spanish Department. He also continues to do research on Latin American education and social policy, including projects in Chile and Honduras.

Robin McKnight has been on leave this academic year, which has allowed for some new and different pursuits in both research and teaching. During the spring semester, she has been a visiting faculty member at MIT. She has been teaching undergraduate Public Economics there, which has been a lot of fun. With a new administration in the White House, it has been a great time to talk about a wide range of policy issues including, of course, health reform. Robin has also been working on a new research paper about firearms with Phil Levine. She looks forward to returning to the Wellesley classroom in the fall, and trying to make sense of any new health care legislation in time for her Health Economics course in the spring!

Seth Neumuller was glad to be back at Wellesley after a semester of paternity leave taking care of his daughter Emma Jo, who is now 18 months old and continuing to grow up too fast. As usual, this year Seth taught courses in Intermediate and Advanced Macroeconomics. He also continued work on several research projects related consumer finance and financial sophistication, which have important implications for stock market participation rates, portfolio choice, and annuitization of wealth at retirement. Next year, he will be on leave taking care of his second child (due early this summer) in the fall and then focusing exclusively on his research during the spring semester.

Kyung Park has had another enjoyable year. He continued to teach 201, 203, and 327. In the latter, he added a couple of compelling new papers. Interested alums should search for “Divergent Paths” by Buyer and Charles, and “Acting Wife” by Pallais and co-authors. He also worked with Madeline Stern ’17 on her thesis that

examines the gender promotion gap among lawyers. Baby Yejin is now two years old and can string together phrases like “Where’s the ice cream? On vacation?! OK!” She will become an elder sister sometime in early June. On to year 4!

Casey Rothschild taught Strategy and Information and Intermediate Micro and Macro—the latter for the first time in several years—he continued his research on taxation and insurance, he joined the editorial board of the *Geneva Risk and Insurance Review*, he chaired the College’s Budget Advisory Committee, he helped get the department’s WISE program off the ground, he continued to direct the Social Science Summer Research Program, and he watched his three girls (Adele, 7, Mabel, 4, and Lottie, 1) grow up fast. All-in-all a busy and rewarding year!

Olga Shurchkov ’01 had a chance to balance her professional activities this year, teaching behavioral economics and intro to macroeconomics in the fall, and focusing exclusively on research while on leave in the spring. These two aspects of the job were linked nicely throughout the year, as Olga worked closely with her student, Clio Flikkema, on her honors senior thesis that investigated the gender bias in the consideration of ideas in the workplace. In the spring, Olga joined her co-author at Harvard Business School in running experiments that shed light on gender differences in manager evaluations and incentive provision. She also co-wrote a chapter on gender differences in behavioral traits and labor market outcomes for the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook on Women and the Economy*. Olga is training for her next rank in Taekwon-do (5th Dan). She is also looking forward to taking her 3-year-old son, Evan, to Europe for the first time this summer.

Dan Sichel spent the year on sabbatical. Accordingly, he was able to devote more time to research and writing as well as traveling for conferences. Dan gave talks in

Paris, Atlanta, Philadelphia, Chicago, Ann Arbor, Washington, D.C., as well as several in the Boston area. His next trip is to give a talk in Canberra in August. He also spent about a day a week during the year as a Visiting Scholar at the Boston Fed. On the research and writing front, Dan published a paper making the case that semiconductor prices are falling faster than captured in official government statistics; another that provides evidence that pace of innovation in the digital economy is faster than implied by official statistics; and a review of Robert Gordon’s book on the history of American economic growth. He completed a draft of a paper that takes a new look at measuring prices of tablet, laptop, and desktop computers as well as a paper investigating the measurement and implications of cloud computing. He also co-organized an NBER/CRIW conference in Washington, DC, on how innovation should be measured in a rapidly changing economy. Intended for a broader audience, Dan began writing for EconoFact, a fact-based blog about economic issues started after the presidential election and wrote an essay about the prospects for an American productivity revival. Dan is grateful to the College for providing this research time. Outside of Wellesley, he continues to build furniture, and he and his husband have had a blast with their now one-year old black lab puppy as well as with their older chocolate lab. Dan is looking forward to teaching again in the fall and spending more time back in the Department.

Susan Skeath (van Mulbregt) taught both Intermediate Micro and Games of Strategy each semester this year. She is continuing work on her textbook with Ann Velenchik and her research into information transmission in public goods games. She finds it extremely hard to believe that she has just finished her 28th year at Wellesley, that her daughter (Emily) is graduating from college and that her son (Pierce) is finishing his sophomore year at Dickinson and will be participating in Wellesley's Summer Science Research Program this summer!

Corri Taylor continues to direct the College's Quantitative Reasoning Program, which focuses on introductory and intermediate applied math, logic, and statistics. She is delighted that the QR Program is now complemented by the College's Quantitative Analysis Institute, focusing on upper-level applied statistics and headed by Casey Pattanayak, and that the Mathematics Department has hired statistician Qing "Wendy" Wang. Beginning next year, students will be able to minor in Statistics, an attractive option for some of our Economics Majors (and others).

Among this year's Wellesley College graduates are several students who took Corri's Econ 101 class in their first year, spring semester. Another graduate is someone many alumnae may remember well from her childhood: Rebecca Taylor. Yes, Corri's daughter transferred from Beloit College to Wellesley College and thoroughly enjoyed her junior and senior years back on the campus where she grew up. Rebecca created an individual major in Health and Social Justice and minored in... (you guessed it!)... Economics. We think Rebecca is the first child of an Econ faculty member to graduate from the College -- Alumnae can let us know if there was a prior -- and we are taking bets on who will be next!

Ann Velenchik continues to toil in the Dean's office, where she has come to appreciate her wonderful Economics colleagues even more. She is learning a lot about science, engineering and architecture, as she leads the process for renovation of the Science Center. She misses teaching every day. Her husband and kids (Nate, 20 and Becca, 16) are well and happy, and all seem to be enjoying the fact that Ann spends more time at work.

Akila Weerapana completed his third and penultimate year as Faculty Director of the PLTC, working with new faculty to help them transition to teaching at the College and doing data-driven evaluation of various academic initiatives at the College. This

year the research continued to focus on shadow grading and academic achievement gaps at the College but with planned summer excursions into the worlds of "What is the value of a Wellesley Degree?" and "How do First-Years Choose Courses?" Akila did teach two courses in the department this spring and said it was nice to be back in the building with colleagues although he felt he did not participate in the department as fully as he would have liked to. He looks forward to full-time teaching again, perhaps with a sabbatical intervening in between.

In contrast to Akila's academic reputation, on the home front there is steady monotonic growth and increasing signs of maturity and sophistication. His daughter Anya will be entering her last year of elementary school (5th grade next year), and is pretty much ready to go to middle-school, get a cell-phone, and hang out at coffee-shops drinking mint frappuccinos. The binding constraint remains an annoying father who refuses to let her do any of those things until the time comes. Soccer, trumpet, geography and feminism remain her most passionate interests. His son Kiran is going into 3rd grade and continues to try to be as different as possible from his sister in most things. He loves soccer, chess, math, building things and remains devoted to his five closest buddies.

Akila is looking forward to seeing the Classes of 2002, 2007 and 2012 at reunion this year. He went to several Wellesley alumnae clubs this year, attended a couple of former student weddings, met up with some alums in different cities and remains forever convinced that the best thing about this job is the time he spends with you and the occasions on which he gets to relive it.

FACULTY EMERITI

Marshall Goldman and his wife, Merle, now spend most of their time in Cambridge.

They spend time with friends, their four children and twelve grandchildren. He welcomes letters from students and friends.

Ann Dryden Witte This has been a busy year. As the developers moved in, Ann headed “north” to Vero Beach, FL. She would be happy to show alums around if they get down the Vero way. Ann continues to run a financial and economic consulting firm ([ADW Consultants, LLC](#)) that provides financial advice & financial education. The [MOOC on personal finance](#) that Ann developed jointly with Wellesley IT staff was offered again in the fall of 2016. As for the first running of the course, enrollment was large, from many countries and the course received excellent reviews. No news on when the course will be offered again or whether Part 2 will be completed. All course materials are available in what edX.org call archive mode; so, feel free to look through them. On the personal front, Ann’s grandson Basil Dryden Witte is now six and his little brother, Cyril, is a big two-year-old. Ann is an active member of Wellesley Alums’ Palm Beach Book Club. Highlight for this year were [American Pastoral](#) and Mervyn King’s [The End of Alchemy](#). If you are still interested in economics, you should definitely read King’s book!

ALUMNAE NEWS

Laura Parkhurst Hale ('93) is a co-founder of Ladder Life, an online company that sells life insurance.

Alejandra Kindelán Oteyza '93 is Head of Research and Public Policy at Banco Santander in Madrid, Spain.

Wallis Tsai '01 has started an online service, AboveBoard (<https://www.aboveboardfinancial.com/about>), designed to help people navigate the world of finance with confidence.

Kate Kamm '04 is a Portfolio Manager at Partners HealthCare in Boston.

Petrina Chan '07 lives in Hong Kong, where she is a lawyer, She and her husband recently had their first baby, Rosamund.

Tamira Gunzburg '07 is enrolled in an MBA program in Cape Town, South Africa.

Tarini Mohan '08 suffered a traumatic brain injury in 2010 while riding in a motorcycle taxi in Kampala, Uganda. Tarini fought back from her injury and just completed her first year in the MBA program at Yale's Management School. You can read Tarini's remarkable story here: <http://som.yale.edu/blog/dreams-don-t-work-unless-you-do>.

Joanne Wong '08 works for Microsoft.

Becky Chan '09 works for Google in Product Operations.

Marissa Pelliccia '09 works for Google in the Finance Department.

Chanda Wong '09 lives in Seattle, where she works for Microsoft.

Jess Kim '09 also lives in Seattle and works for Microsoft.

Andrea Liang '09 is a data scientist at Grab (the Uber competitor in Southeast Asia) in Singapore.

Annie Zhou '09 works for the International Rescue Committee as a Nutrition Specialist.

Lisa Abraham '10 is enrolled in the economics Ph.D program at Harvard.

Hilary Gram '10 is enrolled in the MBA program at the Sloan School at MIT.

Halimatou Hima '10 is a PhD candidate in the Centre for Development Studies at Cambridge University.

Soumya Srinagesh '10 works for Twilio on Business Operations and Strategy team.

Dana Trail '10 works for Aetna in Hartford in Investor Relations. She is a Fellow in the Society of Actuaries.

Min Yi '10 is a PhD student in Sociology at Cornell.

Debbie Chen '11 works as a Planner and Real Estate Project Manager at Asian Community Development Corporation in Boston's Chinatown.

Tess Delean '11 will return to the Boston area from San Francisco to start the MBA program at Harvard Business School.

Allison Kwan '11 is graduating with a MBA from the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business, and is headed to Seattle to work for Microsoft.

Alexis Liu '11 is a M&A corporate attorney in New York.

Sara Minkara '11, founder and president of Empower Through Integration, was named to the Forbes 2017 30 Under 30 list.

Anagha Vaidhyanathan '11 is married and works at Morgan Stanley in San Francisco.

Diana Wang '11 works in Tokyo for Red Hat, a software enterprise company.

Catherine Wu '11 graduated with an MBA from the Yale School of Management.

Rifaiyat Mahbub '12 will begin the MPA-ID program at Harvard's Kennedy School in fall.

Pasinee (Op) Panitnantanakul '13 is in the MSc in Economics and Management at LSE.

Lena Cardoso '14 will begin the Masters in Public Policy program at Duke University in fall.

Soomi Kim '14 is a PhD student at the Sloan School at MIT, in the Technology, Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Strategic Management program.

Michelle Lam '14 is finishing her first year in U of Michigan's Econ Ph.D. program.

Kate Lonergan '14 is working in New York at Ernst and Young in the Financial Services group.

Reffat Manzur '14 is in her first year in a Scientific Computing masters program at UPenn.

Sophie Sun '14 is finishing her second year in MIT's Econ Ph.D. program.

Laura M Schiemichen '14 will enroll this September in the Master of Arts in Transatlantic Affairs program at Tufts University, where she will spend one year at the Fletcher School and one year in Bruges, Belgium.

Narayani Gupta '15 is an Investment Banking Analyst at Bank of America Merrill Lynch in Sydney, Australia.

Allison Leow '15 is working at BlueLabs in Washington, D.C., an analytics and technology firm founded by the analytics team that worked on President Obama's 2012 re-election campaign.

Victoria Wang '15 completed a Masters in Economics from McGill University.

Taylor Cranor '16 is working as a research assistant at Stanford University.

Mariajose Rodriguez Pliego '16 works as a Data Analyst for Amazon Alexa in Cambridge, MA.