



# NEWSLETTER

**Wellesley College Department of Economics**

**June 2018**

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

The academic year 2017-2018 was a good one in the Economics Department. We have over 100 Economics (and IR-Econ) majors graduating this year, as well as over 30 minors. The purple class of 2018 put all of their hands to work decorating the Department for LDOC with the theme of “Purple Panic” a looming economic crisis, with faculty members “appearing” (thanks to photoshop) in major newspapers doling out some interesting economic advice.

This year was “Sustainability Year” at Wellesley and we tied our two named lectures in with that theme. The (25<sup>th</sup> annual) Goldman Lecture was given by N. Gregory Mankiw, a professor at Harvard University and author of a best-selling textbook. Professor Mankiw spoke about market-based solutions to climate change. In the Spring, Professor Anna Aizer (Brown University) continued with the theme of the environment, presenting her work on the links between exposure to low levels of lead and children’s test scores in the Calderwood Lecture series. Both talks were well attended by our students, who always amaze our speakers with their insightful questions and make us very proud.

Our students continue to do excellent work in Economics. We had eight students who wrote honors theses in Economics this year. Two of these, Victoria Angelova and Lingjun (Lotus) Xia, won the College’s competitive Schiff fellowships to support

their research. In addition, Wellesley continues to do our part to address the “pipeline” issue of not enough women with PhD’s in Economics. Hannah Ruebeck (W’16) and Amy Wickett (W’16) are beginning PhD programs in Economics at MIT and in Public Policy at Harvard, respectively, in the Fall. Hannah Ruebeck received a prestigious and competitive National Science Foundation graduate research fellowship to support her studies.

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, committee work, and teaching initiatives undertaken by our faculty members. Our research endeavors were given a boost this year by a generous gift to support faculty research from the Fleming Foundation. This gift is given by Nancy McAdam Fleming and her sister, Barbara McAdam Muller (W’60) in honor of Mary Ellen (M.E.) McAdam (W’67) and Professor Carolyn Shaw Bell’s influence on her. We were touched at this moving tribute to the faculty student relationship, and by the belief the gift shows in the importance of scholarly research.

There were many changes in the Economics Department as well this year. I’m delighted to report that Baafra Abeberese (W’04) was reappointed for a second three-year term as an assistant professor. She will be on sabbatical next academic year. Dan Fetter was granted tenure by the College, and will be on leave at Stanford next year. Robin

McKnight was promoted to the rank of full professor.

The Economics Department looks forward to a busy summer. We have expanded the number of students working in the Department either as research assistants through the Social Science Summer Research program or supported by faculty members' grants. We have further expanded the Case Summer Fellows program where students work for a group of faculty on research or curricular innovations.

Although 2017-2018 was a good year in Wellesley's Economics Department, we were saddened by the loss of Marshall I. Goldman, Professor Emeritus. Marshall passed away on August 2, 2017 and his life at the College was celebrated in a memorial service in the Chapel on October 29, 2017. Family, friends, former students, faculty, and administrators shared warm remembrances of Marshall and his powerful legacy. The Department gave his family a gift comprised of all of Marshall's entries in this Newsletter series over his remarkable career at the College. They make for inspiring reading.

As always, if you have news you would like to share with the network of Former Economics Majors (or FEMs, as Carolyn Shaw Bell used to call us), please send it along for next year's Newsletter.

We hope to see many of you at reunion – our reception will be from 3:30 - 4:30 pm on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

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The joint Williams/Amherst/Wesleyan/Wellesley College cocktail reception at the American Economics Association meetings in Philadelphia, January 5-7, 2018 brought together alumnae, former faculty, and current faculty. Next year's meetings will be held in Atlanta on January 4-6, 2019. Please follow this link to learn more about the annual meeting: <https://www.aeaweb.org/conference/>

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This year, the Economics Department Annual Senior Dinner was held on Monday, May 7, 2018 in Tishman Hall with 97 of our 140 majors and minors in attendance. Award winners for 2018 were announced at the dinner.

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### **2018 Economics Department Award Winners**

#### **The Wall Street Journal Award:**

Ziyu Wang

#### **The Peggy Howard Fellowship:**

Amy Wickett '16

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

Shrunothra Ambati '20

#### **The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Econometrics:**

Madeline Ganey '19, Emily Moss '19

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

Chistina Chiu, Gloria Samen,  
Fabiana Vivacqua

#### **The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in International Economics:**

Victoria Angelova

**The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Domestic Economics:**

Marissa Caldwell

**The Natalie Bolton Faculty Prize in Theoretical Economics:**

Lotus Xia

**The Joseph Lambie Economic History Prize:**

Lauren Mostrom

**The Natalie Bolton Student Prize:**

Victoria Angelova and Arela Haluci

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**2017 – 2018 ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT FACULTY AND THEIR ACTIVITIES**



**Ama Baafrā Abeberese '04** enjoyed the year teaching international trade theory, development economics and principles of macroeconomics, supervising an honors thesis by Mary Chen on the impact of transportation infrastructure on firm product scope, starting new research projects and trying to keep up with her two boys. It was rewarding to introduce new projects for the trade and development classes and to see the interesting work that students did on topics ranging from the effects of tariffs on Chinese steel to the economic implications of gang violence in El Salvador. She is looking forward to being on research leave next year and working on her new research

projects including one on democracy and firm productivity, which she just had the chance to present at a workshop on institutions, trade and development at Syracuse University.

**Kristin Butcher '86** completed her fifth year as Chair of the Economics Department. She taught two sections of econometrics (Econ 203) in Fall 2017. She continues to enjoy teaching students how to pose an important question and use data to try to answer it. She also supervised Marissa Caldwell's honors thesis. She was delighted that Marissa won a Nathalie Bolton prize for her thesis, "The Heuristics of Obesity: Influences on Physician Decision-making." On the research front, Kristin continued working on her National Institutes of Health-supported work examining the relationship between immigration and the health and well-being of the elderly. She had a paper examining differences in men's and women's sentencing outcomes published in the *Journal of Labor Economics* (co-authored with fellow faculty member Kyung Park and long-time collaborator Anne Piehl (Rutgers), whose mother, sister, and niece are all Wellesley alums!). At home, she is amazed that she is now the mother of daughters who are 16, 14, and 12, and who do not appear to be small children any longer. Her household now includes three children, one of their grandfathers, two dogs, three kittens, one fish, and one husband.

**Courtney Coile** is ready for summer after another busy year! In the classroom, she worked to incorporate more "active learning" by reorganizing some material so students can teach it to themselves and polling students via cell phone. She had the privilege of participating in another round of appointment decisions in her third and final year on the College's tenure committee. This year also marks her eighth and final year of service as the inaugural director of the Knapp Social Science Center. On the research front, she explored why we are working longer and how social security

incentives have changed over time as the co-editor of two volumes (forthcoming and in progress) in the National Bureau of Economic Research's *Social Security and Retirement Around the World* series; she also wrote a chapter for a National Academy of Sciences volume on the demography of aging. At home, she relishes family dinners with her husband and kids (Nathaniel, 15, and Meredith, 11) as well as any time she can spend running, playing the piano, or reading.

**Dan Fetter's** labor supply curve shifted in last summer, as he, his wife Heidi, and their first son John welcomed the newest addition to their family, Joshua. In the Fall he taught one course, Advanced Econometrics, and in the Spring he taught two sections of Principles of Micro, both to great groups of students. Dan learned in December that he was awarded tenure, and he looks forward to teaching Wellesley students in the years to come! Next year he will be on leave at Stanford, focusing on his research on the historical expansion of social insurance in the United States.

**Eric Hilt** taught economic history, finance, and the ERS this year, which he really enjoyed. There were eight thesis students in the ERS, and he had a lot of fun working with them. He's looking forward to teaching those classes again next year, and he's also going to teach a section of Introduction to Macroeconomics (Econ 102), which he hasn't done in a while. Eric also really loves working on his research projects, all of which are focused on American economic and financial history. During the year he presented his work at several economic history and business history conferences, which enabled him to get a lot of interesting feedback on his research. His daughter is now four, and has asked if she can switch from her preschool to Wellesley College ("I'm a girl, so why can't I go there?"). He suggested that perhaps she might want to wait a few years...

**Erin Johnson** taught Principles of Micro and Industrial Organization in her second year at Wellesley. She continues to find the Wellesley economics students hard working and curious – a joy to teach! The student projects in Industrial Organization were a highlight again this year, with students applying the theory they learned in class to find and share insights into large mergers, new pricing systems, and firm competition. 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 enjoyed spending time with her husband and three boys (3, 6 and 8).

**Joe Joyce** has been busy in the classroom and with his research. He taught classes on the principles of macroeconomics, intermediate macro, the economics of globalization, and international macroeconomics. In his research he deals with the causes and effects of financial globalization, and writes about these issues in his blog, [Capital Ebbs and Flows](#), which has been named one of the top 100 economics blogs for 2018. Last summer he presented his work at a conference at the Universitat de València in Spain. He also participated in the Madeleine Korbelt Albright Institute for Global Affairs' 2018 program, and spoke at a talk organized by the International Relations Council.

**Pinar Keskin** was thrilled to be back to teaching in the Fall after a sabbatical and parental leave. She taught two sections of an Introductory Microeconomics course, a 200-level seminar on Environmental Economics, as well as a brand-new 300-level elective on environmental issues in developing countries. Being back in the classroom with brilliant and enthusiastic Wellesley students made Pinar remember why she loves being a member of this department so much! Outside the classroom, Pinar continues to work on her research projects on the short and long-term economic impacts of drinking water access as well as pursuing a new line

of research on the determinants and consequences of domestic violence. Her co-authored work with Bilge Erten on the causal effects of education on the prevalence of domestic violence, which exploits a change in the compulsory schooling laws in Turkey, was published in the American Economic Journal: Applied Economics in January. When not at work, Pinar and her husband, can be found building Lego castles, working on crazy art projects and playing piano with their daughters Maya (5) and Arya (2).

**Sari Pekkala Kerr** has had a busy academic year with both research and teaching. She taught her Women in the Economy class during the Fall semester, and spent the Spring semester focusing on research related to immigrant entrepreneurship in the U.S. Sari hosted a student intern at the Wellesley Centers for Women (WCW) to investigate differences in policy approaches that different countries have regarding immigrant entrepreneurs and high-skilled immigrants. In addition, Sari hosted three student research assistants who helped her with various parts of the research focusing on entrepreneurship and immigration. Throughout the academic year Sari also submitted several research grant proposals that would fund her work on the changes in household earnings dynamics around marriage, the arrival of children and as families migrate to optimize their location. During summer Sari is hoping to make lots of progress with her on-going research projects, which requires spending most of the week at the National Bureau of Economics where all the data is located. August will again be spent in Sari's native Finland with the whole family, including husband Bill and children, Saku (7) and Sara (5). Despite this rather hectic sounding schedule, Sari has kept up with her CrossFit practice and is hoping to obtain her Level 1 Trained Certification.

**Phil Levine** made substantive contributions in the classroom, in his research, and as an entrepreneur this year. In the classroom, he

went back to his roots and taught Econ 101 (intro micro) for the first time since 1995. Supply curves still slope up and demand curves still slope down, but virtually everything else about the class changed in the last 23 years (CDs are now a terrible example!). Phil's research also kept him busy this year. His major accomplishment was a paper coauthored with Wellesley colleague, Robin McKnight, examining the impact of the Sandy Hook school shooting on gun sales and the resulting incidence of accidental deaths. That paper was published in *Science* and received considerable publicity. Phil further diversified his work portfolio this year by starting a small business. MyinTuition is the simplified financial aid calculator that Phil originally developed for Wellesley College to help low and middle income students more easily understand the true cost of college after factoring in financial aid. Now it is organized as a non-profit (501c3) corporation (MyinTuition Corp.) with Phil as the founder and CEO. Currently 32 schools are using MyinTuition and that number continues to grow. Check it out at [myintuition.org](http://myintuition.org)! Outside of work, Phil's passion for the Red Sox continues; he is thrilled by the team's early success this season!

**David Lindauer** taught Economic Journalism in the spring. This year's Op-eds included everything from the benefits of Amazon locating its HQ2 in Boston to how individual states undermined the benefits of Obamacare. Most of David's time is devoted to directing the Calderwood Seminars in Public Writing program. After building the program for the past five years at Wellesley, David secured a new grant of over \$2 million from the Calderwood Charitable Foundation to introduce Calderwood Seminars on other campuses. In 2018-19, over 30 such courses will be taught at seven colleges and universities: Amherst, Bard, Georgetown, Middlebury, Smith, Wellesley and Wesleyan. What began as one course, Economic Journalism, taught to 12 Wellesley students is set to reach close to

300 students next year, about one third of them at Wellesley. David manages the program and also enjoys serving as a teaching coach to participating faculty. In November, David spoke to the Washington Wellesley Club and was delighted to meet with so many alumnae and to catch up with former students.

**Julie Matthaei** continues to focus her research, speaking, and teaching on illuminating and elucidating the way forward to a more just and sustainable economic system, a “solidarity economy.” She conceptualizes this process as “r/evolution”: deep-seated systemic change, which is happening gradually, in all parts of our economy and society, driven by the four great social movements (feminist, anti-racist, anti-classist, and ecology). Julie spent the fall semester on leave, working on her book in progress, *From Inequality to Solidarity: Co-Creating a New Economics for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (write her if you are interested in receiving and commenting on draft chapters). In the spring, she taught Econ 243, The Political Economy of Gender, Race and Class, to a wonderful, diverse group of brilliant, engaged, and concerned students. Their student projects included a [“dis-orientation” guide to Wellesley, student perspectives on the proposed tuition hike](#), a [zine](#) introducing the solidarity economy, and interviews with Wellesley alumnae in socially responsible careers. All of their projects, and those of past years, are posted on [WellesleySolidarityEconomy.com](#). Julie’s article [“From Inequality to Solidarity”](#) was published in the *Imperiled Economies 2018* collection in January. Her “Feminism and Revolution” essay was featured in the Tellus Institute’s “Great Transition Institute” online forum in May 2018 and will be published soon on their [website](#). She continues to be on the board of the U.S. Solidarity Economy Network and invites you to check out their [website](#). Julie will be speaking on her research at this year’s Reunion, and hopes to see some of you there! She loves to hear from alums – former students or not – and

invites you to contact her, especially if you are a r/evolutionary alum!

**Patrick McEwan** taught courses in introductory microeconomics, Latin American development, and the economics of education. He also team-taught a new course (Introduction to Latin American Studies) with his colleague in Spanish, Koichi Hagimoto. It was a welcome opportunity to dabble in the other social sciences and to guiltlessly read novels for class preparation. He continues to direct the Latin American Studies program, which has over 20 affiliated faculty across 14 departments. He is looking forward to a research sabbatical in 2018-19. Besides his ongoing work on Honduran social policy, a new research project will assess the causal impact of Wellesley College on students’ choices of mathematically-intensive majors (including Economics).

**Robin McKnight** has had a good, productive year. She has taught Statistics, Intermediate Microeconomics and an elective in health economics. She advised Meg Babikian’s senior thesis about the impact of the Affordable Care Act on hospital finances. She was happy to have a research article published in *Science* in December; the article is about the relationship between firearms exposure and accidental firearms deaths and was co-authored with Phil Levine. Robin and Phil also published an op-ed on CNN.com about spikes in firearms sales after mass shootings (<https://www.cnn.com/2017/12/13/opinions/gun-sales-mass-shootings-opinion-levine-mcknight>). In addition, Robin has been participating in a Trustee-led working group focused on the college’s energy strategy, which is very interesting, on-going work. She was happy to receive news from the college recently that the Committee on Faculty Appointments has recommended her promotion to full professor.

**Seth Neumuller** spent the Fall semester at home taking care of his daughter Scarlett, who was born in May 2017 and is working

as hard as she can to catch up with her older sister Emma Jo. Seth was also on leave during the Spring semester, which allowed him to focus on several research projects related to his interests in financial sophistication, retirement savings, and the racial wealth gap. Next year, Seth will again be on leave during the Fall semester before returning to teaching in Spring 2019.

**Kyung Park** was on leave in Fall and tried to teach his newborn son how to drink from the bottle. After a rough start, Jemin may have learned a little too well as he now won't stop eating and drinking. Seriously -- competitive eating -- it could be his thing. In the Spring, he taught Econ 203 and Econ 327 which was a wonderful experience as usual. Research wise, he's excited about a new project with Kristin Butcher and Anne Piehl that applies synthetic control methods to administrative criminal sentencing data and is also working to finish ongoing projects on voter bias in elections and gender differences in fertility timing. At home, Yejin is now 3 years old. She loves drawing with chalk on the pavement and claims to love bananas too, just like Pete the Cat, although the data doesn't support the latter - she refuses to take a bite of one. Jaehee is doing well too especially since everyone is now finally sleeping through the night. Another fun year - on to year 5!

**Casey Rothschild** had a busy 7<sup>th</sup> year at Wellesley, teaching his usual suite of Intermediate Micro and Strategy and Information for the department and Contemporary Economic Issues for the first year writing program. He continued to chair the College's Budget Advisory Committee and was recently elected to serve as the future president of the Risk Theory Society (the coolest society out there for insurance economists and actuaries!). His three daughters (Adele, 8, Mabel, 5 and Lottie, 2) get bigger every day and continue to make cameos on problem sets and exams.

**Kartini Shastry** enjoyed her ninth year at Wellesley College, her first year as a tenured faculty member! In the Fall, she taught one section of econometrics as well as her 300-level seminar on Development Economics. In the Spring, she was on research sabbatical but stayed in the department, allowing her to continue interacting and working with students on their current and future thesis projects. On the research side, Kartini spent this year revising two papers on anemia prevention through school meals in Orissa, India, with a number of co-authors, including Hannah Ruebeck '16, and starting a few new projects. A particularly exciting new project, joint with Lotus Xia '18 and Olga Shurchkov, looks at how women and men react differently to feedback including selecting into competition and attributing negative feedback to luck or ability. Kartini's two little boys, Jai (5.5 years old) and Samir (3.5), are growing up fast and may already be faster and stronger than she is, despite her renewed commitment to go to the gym!

**Olga Shurchkov '01** had a very busy and productive academic year. In the fall, she taught Intro to Macroeconomics and Behavioral and Experiment Economics, while in the spring she taught Intro and Intermediate Macroeconomics. Olga also added a surprising new course to her teaching portfolio: a Taekwon-Do PE class! She enjoys sharing this life-long passion with Wellesley students and is looking forward to teaching Taekwon-Do on a regular basis. On the research front, this year was dedicated to finishing old projects and starting up new ones. Olga supervised an honors senior thesis by Lotus Xia '18 who conducted an online experiment to explore the gender differences in attribution of feedback to luck and skill. Olga will be presenting the findings at a workshop at the University of Tampere, Finland, this June. Olga also ran lab experiments at Harvard Business School in order to investigate the role of confidence and gender bias in the contribution and consideration of ideas. In terms of new service responsibilities, Olga

will be taking on the role of the Director of the Knapp Social Science Center this summer. On the personal front, having received her 5<sup>th</sup> Dan in Taekwon-Do in November, Olga is looking forward to helping her husband, Mike, train for his 6<sup>th</sup> Dan test coming up in July. Their 4-year-old son Evan is looking forward to going to North Carolina and other fun places to visit family and friends this summer.

**Dan Sichel** had a great year back from sabbatical. In the fall, he taught two sections of 202, and in the spring a section of 102 and his 300-level seminar on U.S. macroeconomic policy. Between President Trump's economic policy moves and the Fed's on-going normalization of interest rates, there's been plenty of interesting (!) macro material for all of these classes. In January, Dan gave a talk at the Albright Institute on technological disruption and the future of work; he'll reprise the talk at reunions this year. On the research front, Dan has continued to push forward his work on economic measurement and productivity growth. Dan's co-authored paper on why the recent slowdown in productivity growth is even more puzzling than it appears received an award for the best paper published in *Business Economics* in 2017. And, he co-wrote an essay on how to improve GDP statistics for the 21<sup>st</sup> century that won a joint first for the UK-based Indigo Prize. Dan also continued to write for [EconoFact](#), including a piece on why now could be the time to raise gasoline taxes. Outside of Wellesley, Dan continues to build furniture and is looking forward to more kayaking time during the summer.

**Susan Skeath (van Mulbregt)** continues to teach microeconomics (Econ 201 and Econ 301) and introductory game theory (Econ 222). She taught her smallest but most invigorating class ever at Wellesley in the fall, when she taught Advanced Micro Theory to five enthusiastic and talented students. She continues to use the draft of her *Intermediate Microeconomics* text, co-authored with colleague Ann Velenchik, as

the text for her Econ 201 and plans to improve the draft this summer with the help of a student research assistant. She is also looking forward to adding some new speaking assignments to her Games of Strategy course, which will be an Ann E. Maurer Speaking Intensive Course next year. For the record, Emily did graduate from Ursinus last year and is working as a keeper (with the pygmy hippos and gorillas) at Franklin Park Zoo right now. Pierce is finishing his junior year at Dickinson and heading to Pasadena for the summer, where he will be working in the Planetary Ices group at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab.

**Corri Taylor** completed her twentieth year at the College this year. How time flies! She continues to direct the Quantitative Reasoning Program and to teach Introductory QR and Statistical Analysis of Education Issues. She enjoys her research on pedagogy, with a focus on the intersections between QR and environmental sustainability. Daughter Rebecca, '17, is applying her Wellesley education at her job nearby, collecting and analyzing patient data at the Greater Rosindale Medical and Dental Center.

**Ann Velenchik** is still in exile in the Provost's office, having just completed her third year as Dean of Academic Affairs. She makes it to Economics department events as often as she can, including this year's fabulous Department Dinner, and appreciates every opportunity to spend time with colleagues and students. She is doing all she can to make everyone in the administration think more like economists. It appears that not everyone wants to. Who knew? Apparently, the Wellesley network extends to sons, as Ann's son Nate (21) works at Northwestern's Institute for Policy Research, headed by fabulous alumna Diane Whitmore Schanzenbach (W'95). Becca (17) is starting the college search process, but is not interested in Wellesley -- she says Ann "takes up too much space" here. Huh.

**Akila Weerapana** This has not been the



best year for me professionally so I don't have many accomplishments to contribute to this newsletter. I also fell behind in my emails at one point and never got back on track. So if you sent me emails, visited campus, called me and found me to be less accessible, I apologize. Those of you who took classes with me will remember that I always allowed you a 'free drop' - one assignment that could be skipped or done to less exacting standards with no questions asked. So I hope you let me use this year as my 'drop year.' In spite of my bad communication skills, I would still ask that you please keep me posted about all the great things YOU are doing with your lives! I hope to see many beloved former students at reunions and during Wellesley Alumnae Club visits. On the home front, my daughter is 'graduating' to middle school and my son will be a 4th grader as of this fall. They have turned out to be happy, active, fun-loving, kind kids who love both sports and academics. Keeping their positive energy up and keeping up with their positive energy have been my best accomplishments this year.

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#### FACULTY EMERITI

**Ann Dryden Witte** This has been a busy year. Remodeling a condo is not for the faint of heart. However, "Certificate of Completion" in hand Ann is again able to lay back and enjoy life. She continues to run a financial and economic consulting firm ([ADW Consultants, LLC](#)) that provides financial advice & financial education. On the personal front, Ann's grandson Basil Dryden Witte is now seven and his little brother, Cyril, is a three-year-old. Ann is an active member of Wellesley Alums' Palm Beach Book Club and on the Board of both her condominium ([The Victoria](#)) and the [Melbourne Chamber Music Society](#). A book highlight was [A Gentleman in Moscow](#), good old fashion read, and a music highlight

the [Smetana Trio](#).

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#### ALUMNAE NEWS

**Katherine Collins '90** started the first socially responsible investment fund at Fidelity, where she was head of research. She left that position to found an independent research firm, earned her MTS at Harvard Divinity School, and wrote *The Nature of Investing: Resilient Investment Strategies Through Biomimicry*. Recently she became the first head of sustainable investing at Putnam Investments and is managing their first two funds in this area, with assets of nearly \$5 billion. See her TED Talk [here](#).

**Helen Cantwell '92** is in private law practice in New York.

**Sumi Kailasapathy '94** taught Women's Studies at Eastern Michigan University after graduating; then got her CPA, and served two terms on the Ann Arbor City Council.

**Laurie Stempler '03** is a partner at the law firm Desmarais LLP.

**Brianna Carlisle '04** works in the fund management group at the Carlyle Group in Washington, DC.

**Heather Long '04** is an economic correspondent with the Washington Post. You can follow her at: [https://www.washingtonpost.com/people/heather-long/?utm\\_term=.a1819059936c](https://www.washingtonpost.com/people/heather-long/?utm_term=.a1819059936c)

**Catherine Charles '10** is enrolled in NYU's Stern School of Business.

**Satomi Ginoza '11** is enrolled in the MPA/International Development program at Harvard's Kennedy School.

**Erica Augustine '12** has joined Emily's List in their Run to Win program.

**Lukiih Cuan '12** moved to the DC area last year and is in a new role at Capital One working as a Product Manager for mobile apps.

**Divya Gopinath '12** will be starting a PhD in Educational Leadership and Policy at Vanderbilt University in fall 2018.

**Rifaiyat Mahbub '12** is completing her first year in the MPA-ID program at the Kennedy School of Government.

**Meaghan Maher '12** will be attending the Sloan School of Management in fall.

**Cailey Stevens '12** is currently working in the U.S. Trade Representative's (USTR) trade enforcement center in Washington, DC.

**Bonner Campbell '13** has been working for Netflix. She will enter the MBA program at Stanford in the fall.

**Joanne Concessao '13** works at a private equity firm, Eagletree Partners, in NYC.

**Hannah Galin '13** is enrolled in the MBA program at Wharton.

**Kate Kemmerer '13** works on public pension issues at the Pew Charitable Trusts.

**Nuha Khan '13** will be entering the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago in the fall after five years at Compass Lexecon.

**Melda Salhab '13** is pursuing a Master's degree in Spatial Data Science and Visualization at the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analytics of University College London.

**Sarah Schwartzmeyer '13** worked in IT after graduating, then moved to Mozambique to work with USAID's Feed

the Future Agricultural Innovations Activity. She is now in the process of applying to graduate programs.

**Rayah Al-Farah '14** is a Research Analyst at the Middle East and Central Asia department of the IMF.

**Camille Gardner '14** (and MAief at Brandeis '15) will be starting a pre-doctoral program at NYU's Stern School of Business in the fall of 2018.

**Becca Kimball '14** is a Manager of IT Strategy at Indiana University Health.

**Hailey Lee '14** joined CNBC as an economics news producer.

**Alexis Liu '14** is Corporate Counsel at Oscar Health, a tech oriented health insurance company.

**Marisa Mahlenkamp '14** works for Bank of America.

**Samantha Malambo '14** works for the World Food Programme in Social Protection in Zambia, while also engaged in a master's program in economics and finance.

**Cherry Shen '14** works for Facebook in California.

**Annabelle (Qiaoling) Zhang '14** is enrolled in the MBA program at the Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago.

**Noorah Al-Eidi '15** is a Global Transaction Banking Analyst for Deutsche Bank in Dubai, covering the Middle East and Africa region.

**Maanika Keesara '15** is enrolled in the post-baccalaureate pre-medical program at the University of Virginia.

**Nari Savanorke-Joyce '15**, who worked for a few years at Liberty Mutual, recently moved to a programming position at Harvard's Center for Biostatistics in AIDS Research.

**Hiba Abdulrazzak '16** worked in Timor L'Este for 3 years with development organizations, focusing on food issues. This past year she studied development at SOAS, The School of Oriental and Asian Studies.

**Taylor Cranor '16** will be attending Yale Law School in the fall.

**Hannah Ruebeck '16** won the National Science Foundation (NSF) graduate research fellowship and is attending MIT in the fall.

**Mariajose Rodriguez Pliego '16** is in a PhD program in comparative literature at Brown University.

**Soo Jin So '16** was forced to leave the U.S. by the immigration department in October, after spending almost half of her life in the U.S. She has relocated to Singapore where she is working with Ernst & Young as a consultant.

**Ioana Economos '17** is working at a local Greek elementary school through a Fulbright English teaching assistantship.

**Jessica Forden '17** is a Program Associate at the Roosevelt Institute in NYC.

**Lamisa Hossain '17** is a Production Analyst for the Technology Group at Blackstone Alternative Asset Management in New York.

**Susannah Perkins '17** is a Research Assistant at Economic Consulting Services in D.C.