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Dear Ec Concentrators,

Welcome back! We hope you had a worthwhile summer and that you’re ready to dive into the fall semester.

The doors to the new and improved Littauer Undergraduate Advising Wing are open! As you settle into the semester and come in for advising, you’ll be greeted by a renovated lobby and two new faces; Greg Bruich (Littauer 113) and Jonas Poulsen (Littauer 116) have joined the Department as our newest concentration advisors. Greg will be advising economics concentrators in Dunster and Mather Houses, and Jonas will be advising those in Dudley, Leverett, and Quincy.

Advisors are assigned to concentrators by House. While you are encouraged to get to know your advisor, feel free to meet with any available advisor during office hours. Each of you can expect to hear from your advisors by the beginning of the semester. Advising details, course information, job opportunities, and much more can be found on the Economics Department’s website.

As you browse the new course catalogue, you may notice some new courses this fall. These offerings include:

- Ec 9800, “Measuring and Modeling Social Networks”, with Benjamin Golub
- Ec 980Y, “The Psychology and Economics of Beliefs,” with Matthew Rabin
- Ec 980Z, “Empirical Research on Economic Inequality,” with Maximilian Kasy
- Ec 1034, “Networks”, with Benjamin Golub
- Ec 1053, “Understanding Altruism,” with Erez Yoeli and Moshe Hoffman

Juniors: The Fall Ec 980 lottery will be held the week before classes begin. Submit your lottery selections no later than August 27th at 5pm.

Seniors: Take the time to meet with your advisor during this semester to check your concentration requirements and to declare your track. All thesis writers must attend the meeting on September 3rd in the Littauer 3rd Floor Lounge to register for an Ec 985 thesis seminar. Thesis seminars will meet for the first time the week of September 8th.

We all wish you the best of luck with your upcoming year and hope to see you soon!

Regards,

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