



HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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Dear Ec Concentrators,

Welcome back! We hope you had a great summer and are ready to dive into the Fall semester. **Ec Advising office hours will resume Thursday, August 29**, from 10am-4pm, Monday-Friday for the rest of the semester.

Over the summer, we bid farewell to Dani Doyle, our Undergraduate Program Coordinator (UPC) for the last five years. Dani is now at the Registrar's Office. We are excited to introduce **our new UPC, Kate Baier**, located in Littauer 112. You'll get to know Kate through emails and at various events, but please come by her office to say hello as well.

To kick off the new year, please talk with an Ec Advisor to have your advising hold lifted by the September 9 Course Registration Deadline. While we encourage you to get to know the Ec Advisor assigned to your House—both now and throughout the year—feel free to meet with any advisor during office hours. You can find [advising details](#), [course information](#), [job opportunities](#), and more on the [Economics Department website](#).

As you browse the course catalogue, you'll see some **new economics offerings** this year, such as:

- New Econ 980 Junior Seminars: *The Libertarian Perspective on Economic Policy* w/Jeffrey Miron (F), *Field Experiments* w/Amanda Pallais (S), *Understanding Consumption: Microeconomic Determinants and Macroeconomic Relevance* w/Ludwig Straub (S).
- Econ 1084, *The Causes and Consequences of Inequality*, David Deming (F)
- Econ 1088, *Financial Markets for the Poor*, Emily Breza (F)
- Econ 1436, *Economics and Morality*, Benjamin Enke (F)
- New Spring Courses: Econ 1052, *Game Theory*, Shengwu Li // Econ 1078, *Analyzing Education Policy*, Michela Carlana // Econ 1163, *Data Science for Social Scientists*, Isaiah Andrews // Econ 1412, *Research in Macroeconomics*, Robert Barro // Econ 1550, *International Macroeconomics*, Jeffrey Frankel

We're also excited to announce that we are offering **Econ 1010b this Fall**, taught by Thomas Baranga. This is in addition to the Spring course with Professor Chris Foote.

Sophomores: Drop by office hours or attend a declaration event (watch for email invitations in October) to get your questions answered about the concentration. The Economics Department requires a [three-step process to declare Ec](#). Please visit our website to ensure you've done everything you need to **declare by November 14**.

Juniors: Take an [Ec 980 Junior Seminar](#)! There are 10 seminars this year, covering a diverse set of topics. This is an excellent way to get to know a faculty member and to prepare for potentially writing a senior thesis.

If you need to take an [Ec 970 Sophomore Tutorial](#), come to the **mandatory Ec 970 Meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 2:30pm** (Room TBD) to learn how to lottery into an Ec 970 course.

Seniors: Please meet with your Ec Advisor this semester to check your concentration requirements and declare your track. All thesis-interested seniors must attend the **Thesis Interest Meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 4:30pm** in the Littauer 3rd Floor Lounge to register for an [Ec 985 Thesis Seminar](#).

On behalf of the entire Economics Advising team, we wish you all the best for the upcoming year and look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards,

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