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**Economics**

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## Summer 2017 Newsletter



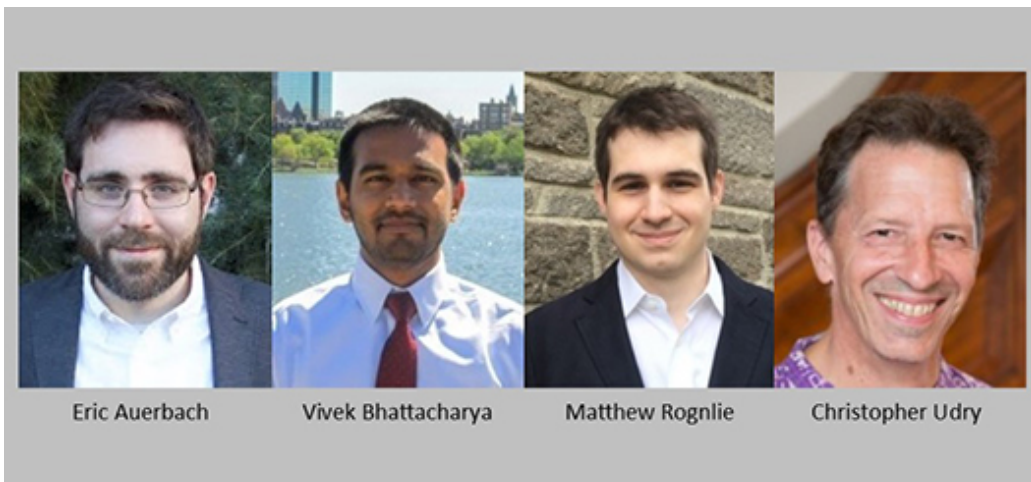
### **Happy in a New Home**

In March, the Department moved into its new home in the Kellogg Global Hub at 2211 Campus Drive. Innovative, collaborative, open spaces characterize the building and faculty and students alike are enjoying the benefits of state-of-the-art technology, expanded study and meeting rooms spaces and magnificent views of Lake Michigan and athletic fields. If you find yourself on campus, please come visit us - a walk through the light-filled building is definitely worth the trip.

## Top Spanish Economist under 40



Professor Mar Reguant received the 2017 Banco Sabadell Award for Economic Research in recognition of her research in energy and environmental economics. Mar has studied the role of auctions in electricity markets, as well as the mechanisms aimed at reducing pollution in greenhouse gas emission markets. [Read more.](#)



Eric Auerbach

Vivek Bhattacharya

Matthew Rognlie

Christopher Udry

## Welcome to New Faculty

The Department is delighted to welcome aboard four new faculty members this Fall. Eric Auerbach completed his Ph.D. at University of California, Berkeley and is interested in econometrics and network economics. Vivek Bhattacharya received his Ph.D. from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), with interests in industrial organization, theory and the economics of innovation. Matthew Rognlie also joins us from MIT, and his doctoral work was on savings, investment and monetary policy. Christopher Udry is a development economist whose research focuses on rural economic activity in Sub-Saharan Africa. He comes to us from Yale University, where he directed the Economic Growth Center and taught graduate courses on development economics, and undergraduate courses on economic development in Africa.



## Congratulations to our Ph.D. graduates

We wish all our job market candidates well as they continue their teaching and research pursuits at fine institutions and firms throughout the world:

Germán Bet: University of Florida

Sofya Budanova: International College of Economics and Finance

Sergey Gitlin: Uber, San Francisco

Erik Hovenkamp: Harvard Law School

Andreas Kropf: Cornerstone Research, New York

Victor Luo: Stevens Institute of Technology

Teddy Mekonnen: CalTech

Jeffrey Mensch: Hebrew University

Cecilia Peluffo: University of Florida

David Rodina: University of Bonn

Amy Wagner: Sphere Institute, Washington DC

Anthony Wray: University of Southern Denmark



## **Class of 2017 - Onward and Upward**

Another talented class of undergraduates launched from Economics this June. At the Senior Lunch on Commencement Day, Professor Mark Witte awarded prizes and honors to 24 students:

***Departmental Honors:*** Daniel Baker, Alec Blumenthal, Ross Chu, Jonathan Corin, Tory Do, Burkett Evans, Alex Gordon, Gavriel Hirsch, Sara Johns, Sang Rae Kim, Wooyoung Lee, Hak Lee, Max Levine, Aidan McLoughlin, JuJu Miao, Spencer Oh, Kelsey Pukelis, Priyanka Saha, Kathir Sundarraj, Lauren Thomas, Alec Wrubel, Edwin Wu

***Robert Eisner Award for Undergraduate Research:*** Tory Do

***Frederick S. Deibler Award for Distinguished Honors Thesis:*** Ross Chu, Gavriel Hirsch, Sara Johns, Sang Rae Kim, JuJu Miao, Lauren Thomas

***Frederick S. Deibler Award for Excellence in Economics:*** Jonathan Corin, Tory Do, Benjamin Lim, Arkira Tanglertsumpun

Best of luck to all of our graduates!



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