



Iowa State University Department of Economics

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Announcements

By the numbers: Campus efforts to manage the pandemic

COVID-19 data from the fall semester tell a story of the tremendous effort to manage the pandemic on campus.

Free face coverings for students on Jan. 22, 25

Free Iowa State branded face coverings will be distributed to students Jan. 22 and 25 at two central locations.

Department Highlights

Feng joins department

Hongli Feng has joined the economics department as assistant professor, beginning Jan. 1, 2021. She is the Endowed Professor for Excellence in Agricultural Economics and Director of the MSAE program.

Grant boosts ICC program reach

A \$500,000 Wells Fargo grant has enabled Iowa Community Capital to increase its capacity to help small businesses, according to board chair Emeritus Professor Mark Edelman.

Kedagni paper accepted for publication

Desire Kedagni, assistant professor, has had his paper, “Does Class Size Matter? How, and at What Cost?” (joint with Kala Krishna, Rigissa Megalokonomou and Yingyan Zhao), accepted for publication in *European Economic Review*.

Recent presentation by Cheng

Nieyan Cheng, PhD student, made a recent Zoom presentation at the 29th Camphor Economics Circle Seminars.

Jensen: Economy will be depressed for several years

Helen Jensen, professor emerita, was interviewed for a Jan. 15 *Oskaloosa News* article, “Iowa food pantries weather COVID, face unprecedented storm coming this winter.”

Orazem: Some businesses may close with a \$15 minimum wage

Peter Orazem, university professor, was interviewed for a Jan. 21 WOI-TV story, “Fight for \$15 minimum wage continues into Biden administration.”

Swenson media contacts

Research scientist David Swenson’s recent media contacts.

Gleisner new student worker for department

Ayah Gleisner has started as the new student worker in the economics department.

Job Opportunity

Congressional Budget Office

The Congressional Budget Office has posted its listing for (paid) graduate student summer interns at this link.

Upcoming Events

Launching Your Term Faculty Career at ISU

Term Faculty Workshop Series

Thursday, January 28, 2021

11:00 am to 12:00 pm

CALS Virtual Town Hall

Friday, January 29, 2021

12:00 pm

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