

faculty

Faculty research and teaching interests in the Department of Economics span a broad range of fields. In addition to strengths in microeconomics theory, macroeconomics and econometrics (Bayesian and classical), the department has expertise in many applied fields including economic history, industrial organization, international economics, labor economics, public choice and public finance, transportation economics, and urban economics.

Marianne Bitler (Ph.D., MIT)
public and labor economics, econometrics

Daniel Bogart (Ph.D., UCLA)
economic history, infrastructure, economic development

William Branch (Ph.D., University of Oregon)
macroeconomics

David Brownstone (Ph.D., UC Berkeley)
econometrics, transportation economics

Jan Brueckner* (Ph.D., Stanford University)
urban economics, public economics, industrial organization

Jean-Paul Carvalho (Ph.D., University of Oxford)
game theory, culture, norms, institutions

Jiawei Chen (Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins University)
industrial organization, econometrics, finance

Linda Cohen (Ph.D., Caltech)
political economy, industrial organization, government policy toward research and development

Yingying Dong (Ph.D., Boston College)
applied econometrics and microeconomics, labor, education, health

Michelle Garfinkel (Ph.D., Brown University)
macroeconomics, political economy, conflict

Amihai Glazer (Ph.D., Yale University)
political economy

Ivan Jeliazkov (Ph.D., Washington University, St. Louis)
econometrics, simulation-based inference, computation

Igor Kopylov (Ph.D., University of Rochester)
microeconomic theory, decision theory, game theory

Michael McBride (Ph.D., Yale University)
microeconomics, game theory, political economy

Fabio Milani (Ph.D., Princeton University)
macroeconomics, monetary economics, time-series econometrics, international money, finance

David Neumark** (Ph.D., Harvard University)
labor economics

Min Ouyang (Ph.D., University of Maryland, College Park)
macroeconomics, industrial organization, computational economics

Dale J. Poirier (Ph.D., University of Wisconsin)
econometrics, theoretical and empirical, specializing in bayesian economics

Priya Ranjan (Ph.D., Columbia University)
international trade

Gary Richardson (Ph.D., UC Berkeley)
economic history, immigration, economic development

Guillaume Rocheteau (Ph.D., University of Pantheon Assas, Paris II)
macroeconomics, game theory

Jose Antonio Rodriguez-Lopez (Ph.D., UC Berkeley)
international macroeconomics

Donald Saari (Ph.D., Purdue University)
mathematics, applications of dynamical systems to social sciences

Manisha Shah (Ph.D., UC Berkeley)
development economics, health

Stergios Skaperdas (Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins University)
economic theory, political economy

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ECONOMICS

graduate program in

investigate

What factors influence market booms and busts? In tough economic times, what best sustains a local economy: corporate employers or small businesses? Does innovation in the uranium enrichment process put us at greater risk for nuclear proliferation? Will airline mergers lead to higher airfares? These are the kinds of research questions UCI economists ask. Other research topics of high policy relevance include effects of freeway toll lanes and minimum wages, the use of “social safety net” programs by legal immigrants who aren’t yet citizens, and factors influencing fuel-efficient car purchases.

innovate

UCI economics faculty provide a friendly and supportive atmosphere for Ph.D. students through committed involvement in student progress. A second-year writing requirement ensures an early start on research, and continuing faculty oversight helps to produce well-trained economists who possess the tools to pursue successful careers. The department encourages interdisciplinary collaboration; students pursuing the Ph.D. may earn a concurrent master’s degree through UCI’s Department of Statistics and participate in research activities through the Center for Economics & Public Policy, Institute for Mathematical Behavioral Sciences, Institute of Transportation Studies, and Center for Global Peace & Conflict Studies.

impact

UCI economics research has influenced public policy from Sacramento to Washington, D.C. Faculty research is regularly published in top economics journals and is often featured in the local and national media.

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Kent Hymel, '09, currently works with the U.S. Department of Transportation. As a grad student, he studied how crowded roads stifle job growth and slow workers' commutes. His research has been published in the *Journal of Urban Economics*. Photo by Daniel Anderson, University Communications.

inspire

Alumni have gone on to pursue careers in academic and professional environments including:

- PricewaterhouseCoopers
- Public Policy Institute of California
- SUNY Buffalo
- Tulane University
- U.S. Bureau of the Census
- U.S. Department of Justice
- U.S. Department of State
- University of Oklahoma
- Virginia Commonwealth University
- World Bank

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Adjacent to Newport Beach's Back Bay, with its miles of scenic nature trails leading to the stunning Pacific Ocean, UC Irvine has been named one of the country's happiest campuses. Located in Irvine, California, a hub for arts, technology and innovation, the area boasts a beautiful and temperate climate year-round and is within an easy drive of both Los Angeles and San Diego. With up to five years of guaranteed financial support for its admitted graduate students, the School of Social Sciences offers an intellectually vibrant community in a sunny, Southern California setting.