

Economic Student Associations Newsletter

The ESA Executive Board has planned an action-packed September for all of you! We have planned a field trip, three general meetings, and three social events, as our way of starting the semester with bang.

The **Federal Reserve Field Trip** is returning this semester! Last year more than 25 students and faculty visited the *Los Angeles office* of the San Francisco branch of the FED! We are returning this year so students can see the work behind the monetary policy tools our government uses to control and regulate the U.S. economy. Future research, careers, or even internships could spawn from this unique experience. The Federal Reserve trip will be on *Thursday September 26th at 10am*, you must sign up for the trip by September 11, in order to attend.

ESA has arranged for the **Center for International Trade and Transportation (CITT)** to present at an ESA general meeting on September 17, from 3:30-4:30pm in SSPA-108. CITT is a research institution on campus that advises public policy, contributes to academic literature, and implements programs designed to improve communities. CITT's Executive Director, Director of Research & Workforce Development, and Research & GIS Coordinator will all be speaking about how their work relates to economics and what it is like to work at an institution like CITT. Currently an ESA member works as a research assistant at CITT and many more have worked there in the past. Additionally, our own department chair, Dr. Steimetz, conducts research with CITT.

The **Economics Mentorship Program (EMP)** is starting up again this semester thanks to economics master's students Megan Anaya and Lesly Carrillo. The original intent of this program was to create a conduit for undergraduate economics majors to be mentored by graduate economics students. This mentorship traditionally helped students plan their class schedules, explore career opportunities, and learn about graduate economics programs. The program is now expanding to help undergraduate students gain experience and develop skills as economic researchers. If there is serious interest in this program, some faculty members may also become involved so dedicated students can work with faculty. To learn more about this program, come the ESA General Meeting on *September 23 from 12:30-1:30pm in SSPA-211*.

We are focusing this semester on developing academic conversation outside of the classroom. We are starting an **Economics Book Club** where we will all meet to discuss research articles, podcasts, or maybe even books in the field of economics. This will allow us to tackle challenging ideas without the pressure of a grade. The first meeting for the book club will be *October 3 from 2-3pm in SSPA-103* and you can help choose our first discussion topic at the first general meeting or by emailing the board.

We also have our first **Coffee with the Professors** on *September 10, from 1:30-3pm on the Outpost Lawn*. This event has always been a great way for students to get to know their faculty in a more relaxed environment.

Being the detail-oriented economist you are, you may have noticed that we have not solidified a standard meeting time and day for the semester. Being the data-driven executive members we are, we figured we should collect data on what meeting times our members prefer. Once we have enough information on your "willingness to attend", we can maximize club utility constrained to conflicting work and life schedules. If there is a meeting you'd like to attend but cannot, please let us know at the email below so we can figure out how to schedule future meetings that work with your schedule.

ESA Events in September

1. Week of Welcome (September 4th and 5th, 11am-2pm, Central Quad)
2. Nugget Social (September 4th, 5pm, Nugget Grill & Pub)
3. Coffee With the Professors (September 10th, 1:30-3:00pm, Outpost Lawn)
4. First Meeting (September 11th, 3:30-4:30pm, SSPA-108)
5. Center for International Trade and Transportation Presentation (September 17th, 3:30-4:30pm, SSPA-108)
6. Economics Mentorship Program Presentation (September 23rd, 12:30-1:30, SSPA-211)
7. Federal Reserve Field Trip (September 26th)
8. Economics Book Club (October 3rd, 2-3pm, SSPA-103)

Feedback or questions?:

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